

the old Emperor's death, and then she will seek for her long-wished-for revenge. Germany, by allowing France to choose her own time in this manner, gives unmistakable proof of a desire to prolong peace. Turning now to the other great powers, we may remark that we have lately been favoured with a plentiful crop of anticipations and prophecies that an Austro-Russian war is looming on the political horizon. This is, however, a very old story, for there never was, and probably never will be, a time when some cause for such prophecies did not exist, and the rumour is purely the manufacture of newspaper correspondents. We may observe, *en passant*, that Austria and Russia have never crossed swords yet, and we see no possible reason at present why they should. Italy has found vent for her superfluous energy in Abyssinia, and has entered upon that expensive luxury which we know only too well under the name of a little war."

Militia General Orders (No. 21) of 23rd December, 1887.

No. 1.—MILITARY ARTICLES FREE OF CUSTOMS.

Adverting to General Orders (20) 25th November, 1887, it is requested that "Duplicates" or "Certified Copies" may be sent in to headquarters of each invoice forwarded for the purpose of obtaining remission of customs duty.

No. 2.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883—PERMANENT CORPS. *Flag and Gun, daily, Victoria, B.C.*

Adverting to paragraph 517, Regulations and orders for the Militia, 1883, the battery stationed at Victoria, B.C., will maintain a flag at the barracks, Victoria, and fire a gun at noon daily, also at 9 p.m. in winter and 9.30 p.m. in summer. Each charge of powder used not to exceed one pound and a half.

No. 3.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1887. *Correspondence—Covering Letters.*

Courts-martial papers, Reports of Boards, Size Rolls, annual or other periodical reports, etc., should contain in themselves all information required.

Special attention of officers transmitting documents to headquarters is therefore requested to paragraph 960, Regulations and Orders, 1887, which reads as follows:—"Mere covering letters should not be used as they add to the bulk of documents without conveying any additional information."

No. 4.—DISTRICT STAFF.

Captain Arthur William Jones, from No. 2 Battery, British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery, has been appointed Paymaster and Superintendent of Militia Stores for Military District No. 11, from 16th September, 1887.

No. 5.—COMMISSIONS IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY TO ACTIVE MILITIA OFFICERS.

The Imperial Government have agreed to grant six commissions in the cavalry or infantry of the line to officers of the active militia of Canada, under the following regulations, viz.:

1. Commissions in the cavalry or infantry of the line will be granted to officers of the local military forces of certain colonies, to be specified from time to time, under the conditions hereinafter prescribed as to age, physical and moral fitness, length of service in the colonial forces, literary and military qualifications, and a general eligibility for an officer in Her Majesty's regular forces.

2. A candidate will be required to have served at least 15 months as an officer in the local military force of the colony from which he is nominated, and must have attended two annual trainings, or have seen active service in the field. A certificate to this effect from his commanding officer must be attached to the candidate's papers.

3. The candidate must be within the ages of 19 and 22 on the 1st January of the year in which he is allowed to present himself for the examination hereinafter specified. A certificate of birth, or a declaration of his exact age, made by the candidate's parents or guardian before a magistrate, must be attached to his papers when forwarded to the War Office.

4. He will be required to undergo an inspection by a medical board, to be convened by the Governor of the colony, or other proper authority, and will not be allowed to proceed further with his candidature unless certified by such board to be physically qualified, in all respects, for a commission in the army.

5. An intending candidate must apply for a nomination to the Governor through his commanding officer, or such other channel as the Governor may prescribe, in sufficient time to allow of arrangements being made for his undergoing the military examination before he has exceeded the limit of age specified in paragraph 3.

6. A candidate will not be allowed to enter upon his examination until he has satisfied the Governor of the colony, in which he is serving, that he is of good moral character, and, in all other respects, a fit and proper person to hold a commission in Her Majesty's army.

7. The candidate will be required to undergo a qualifying literary examination in the following subjects:—

(1) Mathematics—viz. (a) arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions, proportion and simple interest; (b) Euclid, book I.; (c) algebra, up to and including simple equations.

(2) French, German or some other modern language; the examination being limited to translation from the language, and grammatical questions.

(3) Writing English correctly, and in a good, legible hand, from dictation. English composition, tested by the power of writing an essay, letter or précis.

(4) The elements of geometrical drawing; including the construction of scales, and the use of simple mathematical instruments.

(5) Geography.

In addition to the foregoing, the candidate will be required to select and qualify in two, and not more than two, of the following subjects:—

(a) Mathematics—viz., algebra, up to and including the binomial theorem; the theory and use of logarithms; Euclid, Books I to IV and VI; plane trigonometry, up to and including the solution of triangles; and mensuration. (b) Classics (Latin or Greek). (c) English history—general. (d) Frechand drawing.

8. The candidate will be exempted from the above examination, except in geometrical drawing, if he can produce a certificate from the proper university authority that he has taken his degree in arts, or has passed the examination for the degree of B.A. or M.A., at one of the following universities, viz: Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, London, Dublin, Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, the Royal University, Ireland, or from one of the chartered Colonial Universities; or if he has passed one of the university examinations specified below, viz: Oxford, "Moderations"; Cambridge, "the Previous Examination"; Dublin, "the Final Examination of the Senior Freshman year", or "the Final Examination of the School of Engineering"; Durham, "the First Year's Examination"; The Royal University, Ireland, "the Second University Examinations in Arts or the second professional Examination in Engineering"; Scotch Universities, "the Examination for Candidates for the Army"; London University, the "First Examination" for the degrees of B.A., LL.B., or M.B.; or if he has passed some other test which is accepted by the university as exempting from the above examinations. An equivalent examination at one of the chartered Colonial Universities will likewise be accepted as a sufficient ground for exemption.

9. The subjects of the military examinations and the maximum marks obtainable in each subject will be as follows:—

	Marks.
1. The Elements of Field Fortification.....	600
2. Military Topography.....	600
3. The Elements of Tactics.....	600
4. Military Law.....	600

The scope will be that embraced by the synopsis of the course of instruction (in the subjects specified in paragraph 9) at the Royal Military College. There will, however, be no practical out-of-door examination in any subject. The text books will be those in use at the time of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which, for the present, are as follows:—

1. The Elements of Field Fortification.—Phillips' Course of Artillery and Fortification.

2. Military Topography.—Official Text Book of Military Topography.

3. The Elements of Tactics.—Field Exercises; Cley's Minor Tactics.

4. Military Law.—Army Act; Queen's Regulations; Elements of Military Administration and Law (Boughey).

10. Sets of papers for the examination in both the literary and military subjects will be forwarded in due course, in sealed envelopes, to the Governors of the respective Colonies, who will convene Boards, the duty of which will be to see that the papers are fairly worked by the Candidates. The papers will then be returned without delay to the Director General of Military Education, War Office, London, for adjudication.

The Governor of the Colony will notify to the War Office, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as early as possible in each year, whether he has any duly qualified Candidates to nominate, and will, at the same time, state how many sets of papers he will be likely to require for their examination.

11. In the event of the number of Candidates nominated by the Governor in a Colony at any time exceeding the allotted number of Commissions, the selection will be decided by competition in the military portion of the prescribed examination.

No. 6.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

Gov.-Gen's Body Guard.—To be Vet.-Surg., Frank Alex. Campbell, V.S., vice John Pratt Bond, left limits.

Toronto F. B. of Art.—To be Major, Capt. Joseph Hooper Mead, G.S., vice Gray, appointed brigade major.

Surgeon Arthur Wellington Bigelow resigns.

Sydney F. B. Art.—To be 2nd Lieut. (super.), specially and prov., Daniel Lewis McDonald.

1st Brig. Gar. Art.—Capt. J. D. Story retires retaining rank.

To be Lieutenants, Lieut. W. M. Botsford, R.S.A., from Montreal B.G.A., vice Adams, promoted.

2nd Lieut. J. C. De Wolfe, R.S.A., vice J. P. Fairbanks who resigns.

To be 2nd lieutenants, prov., Walter Philip Brown, vice Little, promoted.

Foster Elliot, vice De Wolfe, promoted.

6th Batt.—To be Major, Capt. Jeffrey Hale Burland, R.S.I., vice John Gray who retires with rank of Captain.

8th Batt.—To be Major Capt. John Elton Prower, R.S.A., vice Pentland, retired.

11th Batt.—To be Major, Capt. Isaac Jekill, M.S., from No. 3 Co.

No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd Lieut., prov., Sergt. Malcolm McCallum, vice H. Jekill transferred to and promoted in No. 3 Co.

No. 3 Co.—To be Captain, 2nd Lieut. Henry Jekill, S.I., from No. 1 Co., vice Isaac Jekill, promoted.

12th Batt.—No. 1 Co.—2nd Lieut. Wm. K. McNaught retires retaining rank.

No. 6 Co.—Lieut. Thos. Booth having left limits his name is removed from the list of officers of the Active Militia.

13th Batt.—2nd Lieut. James Walker Hendrie resigns.

21st Batt.—No. 4 Co.—To be Capt., Lieut. Alanson Wm. Botsford, S.I., vice James Templeton who resigns.

33rd Batt.—No. 5 Co., Capt. John Leckie resigns.

Lieut. Wm. Roddick having failed to attend annua' drill his name is removed from the list of officers of the Active Militia.

35th Batt.—No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd Lieut. prov., Drum-Major John Francis Deane (S.I., 2nd B.) vice Crease.

37th Batt.—No. 4. Co.—2nd Lieut. Wm. Anderson resigns.

To be Asst.-Surg., David Thompson, vice Edward Aiken, left limits.

39th Batt.—Adverting to No. 2 of General Orders (19), 11th November, 1887, add "from 16th September, 1887" after the words "To be Lieutenant-Colonel," as the date of Lieut.-Col. Coombs' promotions.

46th Batt.—No. 7 Co.—To be Lieut, prov., Corpl. John Robert Burn, vice Robert Armstrong who resigns.

To be 2nd Lieut. prov., Pte. Jas. Alex. Trew, vice Peter Fenwick McDermid, left limits.

49th Batt.—No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd Lieut. prov, John Wesley Blair, vice Ketcheson, resigned.

56th Batt.—No. 6 Co., 2nd Lieut. Wm. Henry Stephenson resigns.