

garret to cellar, is rotten. Now, I think the Minister should be willing to tell the committee whether he is going to adopt the recommendation of the Major-General with regard to the alterations. We ought, by all means, to know what the scheme is with regard to the appointment. It is clear the Major-General does not refer to the appointment of that officer. Here he has outlined clearly, and laid before the Minister, a scheme, the acceptance of which he urges in the strongest terms, for the reorganization of the whole force, and we respectfully ask: What is that scheme, and does the Minister intend to adopt it?

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). The fact that I incorporated in my departmental report the report of the Major-General, which I might have treated as a confidential report, is sufficient guarantee to this House and the country that I intend to act on the Major-General's advice. I have gone over with him a scheme for the reorganization of the headquarters staff and the district staff. I will now give the outlines of the Major-General's scheme, which I have adopted: though, at the same time, I may say that I have not yet obtained the consent of Council to the adoption of the scheme, as it will require a vote of money. For this reason, I had some hesitation in laying it before the committee, but, with the permission of the Prime Minister, I will go on and explain the scheme of the Major-General, which I have adopted on his recommendation as a military man.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Does the Council interfere with departmental management?

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). They interfere with money matters; they interfere with new appointments.

Mr. DALY. The hon. member from Prince Edward Island (Mr. Davies) has never been in the Council.

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). Up to the present, there have been five Deputy Adjutants-General, eight Brigade-Majors and seven Commandants of schools. I propose to have four Deputy Adjutant-Generals commanding schools of instruction, who will receive \$1,825 each, as salary. There will be six not commanding schools of instruction, who will receive \$1,700; there will be an Assistant Inspector of Artillery, commanding Military District No. 3 of Kingston; there will be an Assistant Inspector of Artillery, commanding the School of Artillery at Quebec. Two Brigade-Majors will be retained, and two will be temporarily retained, one at Montreal and one in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Temporarily retained?

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). Well, nothing will be done without the knowledge of this House in that regard. He will be main-

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tained during the present year, until the end of June, 1894. It is considered necessary that two of these officers should be retained. The Adjutant-General in Montreal does not speak both languages; a large proportion of the force there speak only the French language, and on that account I am retaining the Brigade-Major at Montreal. Then, at headquarters, the only proposed change is the appointment of an Assistant Adjutant-General at headquarters. That is considered desirable in the opinion of the Major-General, who thinks it would facilitate the more frequent and better inspection of the military schools throughout the country, and the various camps of instruction when they are formed for annual drill; also, the inspection of the military stores throughout the country, and other details of that nature.

Mr. LISTER. You are dismissing how many officers altogether, and you are appointing how many?

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). Dismissing six, and appointing one at headquarters.

Mr. LISTER. Is that the whole scheme?

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). Yes.

Mr. LISTER. Is it the intention of the Government to allow the military stores and supplies to be purchased by another department, or to continue the present pernicious system of the Militia Department purchasing and looking after the stores? I see the General recommends that another department should purchase.

Mr. PATTERSON (Huron). That means that another branch of the Militia Department should look after the stores. The Quartermaster will look after that branch of the business. He will have that in charge, and the stores will not be purchased by the parties in charge of the stores.

Mr. LISTER. I do not understand that stores have ever been purchased by the parties in charge of the stores. Does the hon. gentleman give the committee to understand that stores have been purchased by the individuals in charge of the stores?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. Never.

Mr. LISTER. I understood the Minister to say that stores had been purchased by the Militia Department, and have been stored and inspected.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. By the storekeepers. The storekeeper and the General made up the list of stores required, and that was submitted to the Minister, and the order was given by the department for the purchase of such stores.

Mr. McMULLEN. The Adjutant-General recommends that, by a committee of the staff officers, the militia stores should all be bought and inspected. Is it the Minister's intention to adopt that recommendation? We know that the duty of awarding tenders for con-