

of the first Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. T. H. Elliot. The regiment, during his tenure of office, was always his first consideration and officers and men alike ever received his most earnest attention. Under his care, the regimental brass and bugle bands reached a high state of efficiency as did the four Companies which then comprised the Battalion. His successor Lt. Col. J. R. Gordon increased the strength to eight companies and his zeal and devotion as well as that of his Staff and Company officers aided in bringing the Command to a high state of proficiency.

Two equally zealous friends of the regiment are the Honourary Lt. Col. A. E. Dymont ex M. P. and Honourary Captain and Paymaster C.A. McCool ex M.P. to both of which gentlemen the 97th owes a very great deal. Nor is it a less happy condition of things which finds the whole Force of Canada under the direction of Sir Frederick Bordon the Minister of Militia whose untiring efforts on behalf of the Dominion's soldiery have resulted in a well-equipped, well clothed, splendidly trained and enthusiastic volunteer army full of unbounded faith and confidence in those at the head of affairs military.

The men of the 97th have proved themselves worthy successors of the old time