



LIEUT.-COL. HAMILTON.

Col. Denison was at the same time appointed Commandant of the District.

The Brampton Company, though originally intended as part of this Battalion, was for some reason exchanged for the Whithy Company.

The Field Officers and Staff appointed were: Capt. and Brevet Lieut.-Col. Wm. S. Durie, from No. 1 Co., Lieut.-Col.; Capt. Geo. Brooke, from No. 2 Co., Major; Capt. A. M. Smith, from No. 4 Co., Major; Major R. B. Denison, unattached list, Paymaster; Capt. Henry Goodwin, from No. 5 Co., Adjutant; Capt. and Brevet Major John Nickinson, from No. 3 Co., Quartermaster; Surgeon James Thorburn, from late 4th Rifle Co., Toronto, Surgeon; Frank Bull, M.D., Asst. Surgeon.

Upon Lieut.-Col. Durie devolved the task of getting the Battalion into shape, and under his popular command it thrived, and grew in strength and reputation.

During the visit of the Prince of Wales, in September, 1860, the first four companies were reviewed by His Royal Highness, in the Queen's Park, Toronto, being the only occasion on which either of the outside companies, Barrié or Whithy, were present at headquarters.

In the latter part of 1861, and the beginning of 1862, several independent companies were organized in the city, some of which