

be accorded to these officers and to Capt. and Bt. Lt.-Col Cotton, Lt. Bt.-Major Holmes of "A" Battery, to whose faithful services Lt.-Col. Irwin bears testimony. Lieut. and Bt.-Major Frazer has performed the arduous duties of Adjutant since the transfer of an excellent officer, Capt. Oscar Prevost, to "A" Battery. Lieut. Imlah has acted as Quartermaster to my entire satisfaction, and Lieut. Bt.-Major Hebert as musketry instructor. Lieut. Bt.-Major Tascherau was appointed to "B" Battery before he had completed his long course of instruction at the Gunnery School, but I have no reason to complain of the manner in which he performed his regimental duties. I have placed him in command of the detachment at Fort Henry, consisting of two officers and 40 non-commissioned officers and men. I have been obliged to send them there to make room for the large number of short-course non-commissioned officers and men who have joined the school, whom I think advisable to place in two barrack-rooms by themselves, under specially selected non-commissioned officers, with a view to greater opportunities for reading and study. Dr. Neilson has performed his duties to my entire satisfaction, and reports very favorably of the Hospital; Sergeant Labat, a man of superior education. Lieut. Donaldson, who performs the duties of master gunner, as well as superintending the correspondence relative to artillery armament over the whole of the Dominion (and to the artillery association of which also he is secretary), has by his untiring energy well earned the rank of lieutenant conferred upon him. He has of late imposed upon himself the task of conducting a night school for non-commissioned officers and men, for which an allowance of stationery, but no pay, has been sanctioned.

He also superintends the meteorological observations, which would be of incalculable value to the science of weather probabilities were it extended to the sentries of that army whose beat is said to surround the globe. It cultivates the habit of observation among soldiers, the monotony of whose ordinary "sentry go" habit of observing nothing, often makes them defective outposts to an army opposed by the keener savage.

I cannot forego mention of the sergeant-major of the Gunnery School, Sergeant-Major Lavie; to his modest, manly character is mainly due that feeling of loyalty to the corps among the non-commissioned officers, which is almost beyond the direct influence of officers. I trust he will some day meet the reward it is apparently beyond my power to bestow. He has been supported by the assistant gunnery instructors, Staff-Sergeants Lyndon and Howard, and two veterans of the English and French armies, Pay-Sergeant Stewart, of H.M. Guards, and the Quartermaster-Sergeant Robert "ci devant zouave," who both wear Her Majesty's medal for the Crimea. They are typical of a typical corps which represents a military system bequeathed to Canada by the two most historically chivalrous nations of the world. I have never seen in any corps a kinder spirit of that comradery which is a main-spring of efficiency.

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