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Editorial.

MEDICAL OFFICERS AND THE CANADIAN MILITIA.

The various Infantry Battalions forming the Canadian Active Militia, up to the present time, consist of from four to eight companies, with one or two of ten companies. The strength of the eight company Battalions is in the neighborhood of three hundred and sixty-eight of all ranks; one, however, viz., the 1st Prince of Wales Fusiliers, has an authorised roster of six hundred and sixty-eight. These facts at once show that they are all skeleton Battalions, with a complement of officers sufficient to run it when made up to its war strength of one thousand men. The regimental system of medical officers has been, and practically is, the one now followed. A Surgeon-Major and a Surgeon-Lieut. or Captain appeared on the strength of each Battalion up to 1894, when Major-General Herbert, in making up the establishment list, dropped the Junior-Surgeon as unnecessary. This action was resented by Commanding Officers, as being injudicious, as it removed an officer who contributed to expenses, which unfortunately are high. When Major-General Gascoigne assumed command of the militia this Junior