

## OLD BOYS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(Second List.)

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. D. OTTER,

Canadian Permanent Military Service,

IN COMMAND OF FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

The College register shows that William Dillon Otter entered the preparatory form in 1856. He must have had the soldier's instincts, in a strong degree for five years later he joined the militia force in Toronto, and in three years time held a Lieutenancy in the Queen's Own Rifles. In 1865 he became Adjutant. In the Fenian Raid of 1866 he saw active service at Ridgeway. In June, 1869, he became Major, and in 1874 received his brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy, and the same year assumed command of the Queen's Own. In 1883 he was chosen commandant of the Wimbledon team, and was subsequently sent to Aldershot to acquire information in connection with the conduct of military schools. In December, 1883, he became Commandant of the School of Infantry, Toronto, and organized "C" Co. of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, with the School of Instruction in connection therewith. In the North-West Rebellion he commanded the centre or Battleford column, making a forced march across the prairie from Sackatchewan Landing to Battleford, a distance of 190 miles, in five days and a half. Subsequently, he was in command of the successful reconnaissance against "Poundmaker" and at Cut Knife Creek (medal and mentioned in despatches). The citizens of Toronto presented him with a purse of \$700 accompanied by an address, as a token of public appreciation of his military services. In 1895 he was attached for seven months to the regular army in England, and underwent a course of instruction in the three arms of the service, passing examinations as Lieutenant-Colonel in the British Army. He took part in the autumn manœuvres at the New Forest, and also attended the manœuvres of the German Army in the vicinity of Cologne and Strasburg. He is the author of "The Guide," a manual of military interior economy.

He was in command of the Canadians at the Battle of Paardeberg, and was specially mentioned by the war correspondent of the *London Times* for the coolness and ability that he displayed under the hottest fire.

Though absorbed in his profession he has found time to interest himself greatly in athletic sports, at one time was President of the National Lacrosse Association of Canada. At the present time he is President of the County and Hunt Club.

NOTE.—Col. Otter's name was unfortunately omitted in the Xmas issue.