

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 12th January, 1872.

GENERAL ORDERS (1).

ACTIVE MILITIA.

No. 1.

Regulations and Orders, &c., 1870.

Adverting to Paragraph 56 of "Regulations and Orders for the Active Militia &c., 1870," the rank of Brevet Major will be also granted to Adjutants who have held the rank of Captain in a Corps of Active Militia five years, and are duly qualified.

STAFF.

To be Brigade Major for the 6th Brigade Division, Province of Ontario: Major and Adjutant Henry Smith, M. S., from 40th Battalion, vice A. Patterson, deceased.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of Absence for 10 days from 10th instant is granted to Lt.-Col. Taylor, Deputy Adjutant General, Military District No. 1.

Lt. Col. Moffat, Brigade Major 1st Brigade Division, will take over the command of the Militia in Military District No. 1, during the absence on leave of Lt. Col. Taylor.

Leave of absence, for three months from 23rd December, 1871, is hereby granted to Major Irvine, commanding the companies of Riflemen on Active Service in the Province of Manitoba.

No. 2.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

7th Battalion "The London Light Infantry."

No. 3 Company.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

William Mackieth Noble, Gentleman, vice McBeth promoted in No. 4 Company.

20th "Hullion" Battalion.

This Battalion is hereby changed from Infantry to Rifles.

No. 7 Company, Milton.

To be Ensign:

Serjeant James Wotenhall Robinson, M. S., vice Hutcheson resigned.

22nd Battalion "The Oxford Rifles."

No. 5 Company, Norwich.

To be Captain from the 20th September 1871.

Lieutenant Montieu M. Nesbitt, M. S., vice John W. Nesbitt, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

To be Lieutenant from 20th September, 1871.

Ensign Bolivar A. Mullins, V. B., vice M. M. Nesbitt, promoted.

BREVET.

To be Lieutenant-Colonels:

Brevet Major and Captain James Wood, V. B., 2nd Troop Frontenac Squadron, from 5th July, 1871.

Major Thomas Scott, V. B., 42nd Battalion, from 9th November, 1871.

To be Majors:

Captain and Adjutant Henry Smith, M. S., 40th Battalion, from 5th October, 1871.

Captain and Adjutant Melville D. Dawson, V. B., 7th Battalion, from 5th October, 1871.

Captain and Adjutant Donald A. Macdonald, M. S., 59th Battalion, from 26th October, 1871.

Captain John Bradford Cherriman, M. S., 2nd Battalion, from 7th December, 1871.

Major Cherriman's five years service, not being complete for a few months, Brevet promotion is granted him as a special mark of favor in consideration of his services in the Active Militia.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

B" Battery, School of Gunnery, Quebec,

The following officers are authorized to join the School of Gunnery at Quebec, on probation, for a three months course of instruction, from 15th instant.

Major J. E. M. Taschereau, Quebec Provisional Battalion.

Captain George Holt White, No 1 Battery Quebec, B. G. A.

3rd Battalion or "Victoria Rifles," Montreal.

Captain William H. Stanley is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

BREVET.

To be Major:

Captain and Adjutant Samuel Macdonald, V. B., 11th Battalion, from 3rd June, 1871.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

2nd "Halifax" Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Captain David Macpherson, No. 3 Battery, and Captain James Reeves, No 4 Battery, confirmed in their ranks by G. O. (16) 28th June 1871—being reported by the Acting Deputy Adjutant General, Military District No 9, to "have been trained and qualified Naval Brigade Officers, since 1866," in consideration of their being so "trained and qualified" and as a special case, their ap-

pointments as Captains are hereby made substantive from the dates thereof: Captain Macpherson, from 10th September, 1869, and Captain Reeves, from 20th November, 1870.

BREVET.

To be Major as a special case:

Captain and Adjutant Charles J. Macdonald, Q. F. O. and M. S., 66th Halifax Battalion, from 31st October 1869.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor-General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel.

Adjutant-General of Militia,
Canada.

ARTILLERY TACTICS.

The following instructions relative to the employment of Royal Horse and Field Artillery are ordered by the Duke of Cambridge, Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to be observed in future manoeuvres:—1. General officers commanding divisions or detached brigades should indicate to the officers commanding Artillery under their orders the general object of the movements about to be executed, and these officers will give directions to captains of batteries as to the best mode of co-operating with and supporting them. 2. Officers commanding batteries should be permitted (under the direction of their own commanding officers) to use their own judgment in selecting the best positions to enable them to operate with advantage either in covering an attack or retreat, conforming, of course, as much as the nature of the ground will permit, to the movements of the corps to which they are attached. 3. Any special directions received by the officer commanding Artillery from the general or other officer in command of troops, relative to any change in the disposition of the batteries during the movements, will, of course, be promptly carried out. 4. No battery ought to be exposed to the risks of infantry fire, unless under unavoidable circumstances, which occasionally occur in action. *Broad Arrow.*

Messrs Spencelyh and Archer, of the Medway Iron Works, Chatham, have just completed the manufacture of 500 of the largest kind of torpedoes, each to contain a charge of 4 cwt. of gun cotton, the whole of which have been delivered at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. A large quantity of torpedoes each to contain explosive charges of 3 cwt. of gun cotton, have likewise been manufactured and forwarded to Woolwich; and the same firm have now taken a contract for the manufacture of a large number of a new description of torpedo, each intended to contain a charge of 1 cwt. of gun-cotton.

The Russian fortifications at the railway stations of Radziwillow and Woolley are being rapidly proceeded with. The former is the last station towards the frontier of the Brest Boryczew Radziwillow Railway. Both stations are of the utmost strategical importance, and have an uninterrupted communication with the Galician network of railways. At Radziwillow a citadel with detached forts will be erected. The fortifications are to be completed within three years. A similar course has been adopted at Wolocysk. Other fortifications are already nearly completed, notably in the extension of the works at Lithuan Brest and Kieff, and their strengthening by detached forts.