

Annual Report on the State of the Militia  
for 1875.

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APPENDIX No. 1.

MILITARY DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Head Quarters,

Montreal, 4th Dec., 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you, for the information of the Major General Commanding, that owing to the camps being all held at the same time in Military District No. 6, and as I could not possibly find time to inspect them all, Lieut. Colonel D'Orsonnens, Brigade Major of the 4th Brigade Division, took command of the two Battalion Camps in his Brigade Division, and inspected these battalions at the termination of the annual drill.

One of these battalions is the 64th, under command of Lieut. Col. Prudhomme, and the other is the 76th, under command of Lieut. Col. P. A. Rodier.

Both of these battalions entered into camp on the 12th July last; the 64th at Beauharnois, and the 76th at Ste. Martine.

Lieut. Colonel D'Orsonnens had to go from one to the other camp leaving the respective colonels in command during his absence.

At the inspection of the 64th, which took place on the 22nd July last, there were present at inspection 18 officers and 179 non commissioned officers and men. During camp the general conduct of the corps was good.

The drill in camp was made according to the Adjutant General's instructions.

On the 22nd July last, the 76th (Lieut. Colonel Rodier) was inspected at Ste. Martine. There were present at inspection 16 officers and 216 non commissioned officers and men.

The general conduct of that corps was good, and the drill in camp was made according to Adjutant General's instructions. It made very good progress in drill during the camp.

On the 2nd December, I inspected at the City Hall, here, in the evening, the 65th Battalion, under the command of Lieut. Col. Napoleon Labranche.

This corps has only just commenced its annual drill, and as I have to forward my report for the 5th instant, I thought it advisable to inspect it before the termination of its twelve days' drill—moreover, the room in the City Hall is to be given also to other city corps that have not, as yet, finished their drill.

There were present at inspection 14 officers and 242 non commissioned officers and men.

The men are a fine body of men, and under Lieut. Colonel Labranche will soon become one of the most efficient corps in the Militia.

Their arms were in good order, but the men are almost all without clothing and accoutrements. They have just received a new issue of great coats.

The 65th Battalion has a very good band.

The few movements they made at the inspection were very good, and bid well for the future.

The three independent Companies of Lavprairie, Beauharnois and St. Jean Bte. Village, have not performed their annual drill.

In accordance with your telegram of the 27th September last, I gave orders to the Brigade Major of the 4th Brigade Division,

Lieut. Colonel D'Orsonnens to countermand their drill.

In the 5th Brigade Division, the Joliette Provisional Battalion, under Major Shephard, met in Camp at Joliette on the 9th July last, for twelve days' drill. There were present at inspection 15 officers and 210 non commissioned officers and men.

The general conduct of the corps was good. Fair progress in drill made.

The Three Rivers Provisional Battalion, under Major Lambert, met in camp at Rivière du Loup (*en haut*), also, on the 9th July. There were present at inspection 15 officers and 210 non commissioned officers and men. The conduct of this corps was good, and real progress in drill made.

I was well pleased with both these corps, which I inspected myself.

I regret to say that in Military District No. 6 there is only one rifle Association. It is situated in the 5th Brigade Division, under Lieut. Colonel Hanson, Brigade Major. To that officer great credit is due for the efforts he makes to keep it up.

In the 4th and 6th Brigade Divisions, it has been found impossible until now to get up a Rifle Association.

However, I trust that next year I will be able to show some improvement in that quarter.

On the 12th and 13th October last, a rifle match was held at Berthier (*en haut*). There was some very good firing. I have the honor of forwarding you, with this report, a return of this rifle match.

In the 6th Brigade Division the 80th Battalion, under command of Major Desfoye, entered into twelve days' camp at Nicolet on the 8th of July last. 16 officers and 252 non commissioned officers and men were present during this camp. The general conduct of the corps was good, and fair progress made in drill.

The Provisional Battalion of St. Hyacinthe did not drill this year, for the following reasons:—

Major St. Jacques having resigned this summer, some difficulties arose among the officers as to whom would succeed him. The summer passed, and late in September Major J. H. Doherty was appointed to the command of the battalion.

It was then thought rather late to go into camp.

Under these circumstances, application was made to Ottawa to allow the companies to drill at their respective head quarters.

A few days after a telegram came to me, dated 27th September, 1875, containing the following order: "Owing to lateness of season it is directed that all rural corps not already drilled be relieved from drill this year."

The companies of Arthabaska, Wotton and Bulstrode have not performed their annual drill.

It is unfortunate that the corps in each Brigade Division of this District do not come together in Brigade Camps. They seem to prefer going to drill battalion by battalion in different places, without wishing to come together; and it is almost impossible to get the officers to consent to join together in Brigade Camps. When I say the officers, I do not mean the Brigade Majors. With them I am highly pleased. They do all that lies in their power to promote the interests of the force.

These different Battalion Camps were all held about the same time.

They were far away from each other, and I could not possibly find time to visit each of them.

I fear you will find this report comparatively short, but unless I repeated the ro-

marks and suggestions to be read in my former reports, nothing more could I say.

Had there been three Brigade Camps in this District, a more extensive and, no doubt, a more interesting report could have been furnished you.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Respectfully yours,

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Lieut Colonel.

Deputy Adjutant General,  
Military District No. 6

The Adjutant General  
of Militia, Ottawa.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 7.

Head Quarters, Quebec.

26th November, 1875

SIR,—In compliance with General Orders of the 23rd April last, I have the honor to submit my report for the military year 1875 76, on the state of the Militia in Military District No. 7, of which I have been in command since Colonel Casault's illness.

The establishment of the different corps was reduced to two officers and 42 non com. officers and men per company to meet the amount voted in the Militia estimates, thereby reducing the force in Military District No. 7, which have drilled up to this date, from 216 officers, 3,122 non commissioned officers and men, to 175 officer and 2,479 non commissioned officers and men.

Artillery.

The Quebec Field Battery went through a course of 16 days' drill; 12 at the Brigade Camp, Lévis, and remaining days carrying out shot practices at the Island of Orleans. This battery was instructed and mustered by me in the absence of Lieut. Colonel Strange Inspector of Artillery. This Battery mustered its full strength, and was well mounted and officered. The guns and carriages were in good condition the harness, saddlery, &c., in very good order and well fitted. I remarked the absence of spurs, in consequence of which the drivers failed to make their horses answer promptly to the words of command.

The field manoeuvres, under Major Baby, the officer commanding the battery, were well performed considering the nature of the ground, which was very rough and limited. The gun drill was good, and the officers and men appeared to well understand their different duties. No injury to horses occurred, except in the instance of one horse which was kicked on the leg or otherwise injured. Major Baby, who commands this battery, is an indefatigable and very competent officer.

The Grosso He Detachment of Artillery, commanded by Captain Montizambert, was also inspected by me. The manual and firing exercise were performed very creditably; the non commissioned officers and men were very efficient in gun drill, and answered readily and willingly to the details of their several duties.

Infantry.

The 9th Battalion, and the Kamouraska, Temiscouata and Rimouski Provisional Battalions performed their annual drill in Brigade Camp, at St. Denis Wharf, Rivière Ouëlle. The Staff composing the Brigade were as follows: Commandant the Acting Deputy Adjutant General of Military District No. 7; Musketry Instructor, Major T. E. Amyot, 9th Battalion; Brigade Major, Captain Duchesnay, "B" Battery; Orderly