

INSPECTION REPORT OF CORPS which have

MILITARY DISTRICT No. 9, Colonel J. W. LAURIE, D.A.G.M.			Establishment.	Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.			Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Distance the several Corps had to proceed to Muster, and mode of transport.	
Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Headquarters.	Corps.	Corps.		Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed		Miles.	Mode.
			Officers.	N - C. O. and Men.	Officers.	N - C. O. and Men.					
King's County Troop Cavalry	1	Captain J. Ryan Kentville.....		55	2	33	Kentville.....	Sept. 20	10		Marched.
Halifax Field Battery.....	1	Bt.-Maj. J.R. Graham, Halifax.....	5	100	4	61	Halifax.....	Oct. 19	10		Local Headquarters.
1st Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery.....	6	Lt.-Col Mowbray, Halifax.									
No 1 Company		Capt. Ronne, Halifax.....	3	55	1	24	Halifax.....	Oct. 19	10		Local Headquarters.
No. 2 do		Capt. Garrison, Halifax.....	3	55	2	24	do	do	19	10	
No. 3 do		Capt. Curren, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do	19	10	
No. 4 do		Capt. Oland, Halifax.....	3	55	1	29	do	do	19	10	
No. 5 do		Capt. McCrow, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do	19	10	
No. 6 do		Capt. Oxley, Halifax.....	3	55	1	24	do	do	19	10	
		Staff.....	6		6						
		Total.....	24	330	15	185					

performed the Annual Drill for 1880-81—Continued.

Time required to concentrate the Battalion or Corps.		Cost of rations per head, per diem, at encampment.		General conduct of Corps.		If any, and what casualties.		Whether in possession of Band. Number of Musicians and proficiency.		General State of Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements.		Nature of Movements at Inspection, and how performed.		Whether the men of the several Corps were <i>bond</i> , <i>fide</i> enrolled members thereof, according to the Militia Act.		Target Practice.		Date of Inspection.		Date when drill was completed.		REMARKS.							
1 hour.		6 hours.		Good.		None.		No.		Clothing, arms and accoutrements, good.		Field movements with the 68th Battalion, very creditable.		Stated to be so.		None.		200, 400 and 500 yards.		200 and 400 yards.		23-09		Sept. 20		Sept. 20		Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to train 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of staff and band.	
Good.		None.		No.		Serviceable.		Field movements with Division, good.		Stated to be so.		None.		200, 400 and 600 yards.		27-25		22-06		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Full strength of establishment, but only authorized to muster exclusive of band and staff.	
Yes; 17; bugle band very serviceable.		Clothing, arms and accoutrements, serviceable.		Formed in division of two brigades with the regular troops, and took part in field movements. Attack and defence of Halifax, under General Sir Patrick McDougall, who pronounced the movements to be done in a precise and soldierlike way.		Names on acquittance roll in all cases correspond with those on service roll.		None.		200, 400 and 600 yards.		27-25		22-06		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Oct. 19		Full strength of establishment, but only authorized to muster exclusive of band and staff.	

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[MILITARY DISTRICT No. 9—Continued.]		Establishment.		Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.			Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Distance the several Corps had to proceed to Muster, and mode of transport.	
Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Corps.	Corps.						Miles.	Mode.
			Officers.	N.-C. O. and Men.	Officers.	N.-C. O. and Men.	Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.		
2nd Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery.	6	Lt.-Col. McPherson, Halifax.									
No 2 Company ...		Capt. Stairs, Halifax.	3	55	2	36	Halifax.	Oct. 19 10			
No. 3 do ...		Capt. Brown, Halifax.	3	55	2	39	do	do 19 10			
No. 4 do ...		Lieut. Johnston, Dartmouth.	3	55	1	25	do	do 19 10			
No. 5 dp ...		Capt. Purcell, Purcell's Cove.	3	55	2	42	do	do 19 10			
No. 6 do ...		Capt. Lockhart, East. Passage.	3	55	1	40	do	do 19 10			
		Staff	4		4	2					
		Total	19	275	12	184					
Lunenburg Battery	1	Captain Brown, Lunenburg.	3	55	2	39	Lunenburg.	Oct 14 10	do		
Digby Battery		Captain J. Daly, Digby.	3	55	2	39	Digby.	June 26 10	do		

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								Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.			
								Ranges.				
								Battalion.				
								Company.				
1 hour.	Good.	Good.	None.	No.	Clothing good; arms undergoing repairs.	Company drill, steady.	Stated to be so.	None.		53.41	Oct. 14	Oct. 14
2 hours.	Good.	Good.	None.	No.	do	Company and gun drill, very fair.	do	do		24.47	June 26	June 26
								2, 4 and 500 yards.				do
								200, 400 and 600 yards.				
												Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to train 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of staff and band.

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Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officers and Head Quarters.	Corps.		Corps.		Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.		
			Officers.	N.-C. O. and Men.	Officers.	N.-C. O. and Men.					
Pictou Battery..	1	Capt. Gordon, Pictou.....	3	55	2	44	Pictou.....	July 16	10	Local Headquarters.	
Yarmouth Battery.....	1	Capt. Jolly, Yarmouth.....	3	55	1	25	Yarmouth....	Oct. 27	10		do
63rd Battalion ...	6	Lt.-Col. Mackintosh, Halifax.								Local Headquarters.	
No 1 Company ...		Capt. McInnis, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	Halifax.....	Oct. 19	10		
No. 2 do ...		Capt. Heckler, Halifax.....	3	55	2	41	do	do 19	10		
No. 3 do ...		Capt. Bond, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do 19	10		
No. 4 do ...		Capt. Power, Halifax.....	3	55	2	40	do	do 19	10		
No. 5 do ...		Capt. Eagan, Halifax.....	2	55	2	42	do	do 19	10		
No. 6 do ...		Capt. Milsom, Halifax.....	3	55	2	41	do	do 19	10		
		Staff.....	8		8						
		Total.....	26	330	20	248					

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Time required to concentrate the Battalion or Corps.	Cost of rations per head, per diem, at encampment.	General conduct of Corps.	If any, and what casualties.	Whether in possession of Band, Number of Musicians.	General State of Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements.	Nature of Movements at Inspection, and how performed.	Whether the men of the several Corps were <i>bona fide</i> enrolled members thereof, according to the Militia Act.	Target Practice.		Date of Inspection.	Date when drill was completed.	REMARKS.
								Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.			
								Ranges.				
								Battalion.				
								Company.				
1 hour.		Good.	None.	Yes.	Good.	Company and gun drill.	Stated to be so.	None.	41-04	July 16	July 16	2 officers and 39 men.
								200, 400 and 500 yards.				
1 hour.		Good.	None.	No.	Clothing good; arms undergoing repairs.	Company and gun drill, very fair.	Stated to be so.	None.	20-11	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to train 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of staff and band.
								200 and 300 yards.				
		Good.	None.	Yes; 24 musicians; good.	Clothing, arms and accoutrements, serviceable.	Formed in division of two brigades with the regular troops, and took part in field movements. Attack and defence of Halifax, under General Sir Patrick McDougall, who pronounced the movements to be done in a precise and soldierlike way.	Names on acquaintance roll in all cases correspond with those on service roll.	None.	27-21	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	
								200, 400 and 600 yards.				
									40-09	do 19	do 19	
									27-57	do 19	do 19	
									18-95	do 19	do 19	
									33-72	do 19	do 19	
									24-95	do 19	do 19	

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MILITARY DISTRICT No. 9—Continued.		Establishment.		Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.			Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Miles.	Mode.
Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Officers.	N. - C. O. and Men.	Officers.	N. - C. O. and Men.	Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.			
66th Battalion Princess Louise Fusiliers.....	9 Lt.-Col Bremner, Halifax.										
No 1 Company	Captain Weston, Halifax.....	3	55	2	41	Halifax.....	Oct. 19	10	Local Headquarters.		
No. 2 do	Capt. Hart, Halifax.....	3	55	2	39	do	do 19	10			
No. 3 do	Bt.-Major Watt, Halifax.....	3	55	2	38	do	do 19	10			
No. 4 do	Capt. Putner, Halifax.....	3	55	2	41	do	do 19	10			
No. 5 do	Capt. Dence, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do 19	10			
No. 6 do	Capt. Salter, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do 19	10			
No. 7 do	Capt. Humphrey, Halifax.....	3	55	2	42	do	do 10	10			
No. 8 do	Bt.-Maj. Reeves, Halifax.....	3	55	2	41	do	do 19	10			
	Staff.....	8		8							
	Total.....	32	440	24	326						
68th Battalion ...	9 Lieut.-Col. Chipman, Kentville										
No 1 Company	Capt. B. Dodge, Kentville.....	3	55	2	40	Bill Town...	Sept. 20	10	do		
No. 2 do	Capt. E. Beckwith, Canard...	3	55	2	39	do ...	do 20	10	do		
No. 5 do	Captain C. Bill, Bill Town.....	3	55	1	39	do ...	do 20	10	do		
No. 9 do	Captain D. Ross, Buckley's Corners.....	3	55	1	41	do ...	do 20	10	do		
	Staff.....			2							
	Total.....	35	495	8	159						

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Time required to concentrate the Battalion or Corps.	Cost of rations per head, per diem, at encampment.	General conduct of Corps. If any, and what casualties.	Whether in possession of Band. Number of Musicians and proficiency.	General State of Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements.	Nature of Movements at Inspection, and how performed.	Whether the men of the several Corps were <i>bond fide</i> enrolled members thereof, according to the Militia Act.	Target Practice.		Date of Inspection.	Date when drill was completed.	REMARKS.
							Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.			
							Ranges.	Battalion.	Company.		
1 hour.		Good.	None.	Yes; 24 musicians; good.	General state of clothing, good; arms require repairs; accoutrements require to be completed.	In division of two brigades. Field movements, attack and defence of Halifax, steadily and creditably performed.	Names on acquittance roll in all cases correspond with those on service rolls.	None.	200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.	34-67	
								46-40	Oct. 19	Oct. 19	Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to muster 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of band and drums.
								26-28	do 19	do 19	
								30-35	do 19	do 19	
								35-24	do 19	do 19	
								29-10	do 19	do 19	
								27-35	do 19	do 19	
								47-09	do 19	do 19	
								33-92	do 19	do 19	
6 hours.		Good.	None.	Yes; 15 musicians; fair.	Clothing good; arms undergoing repairs.	Field movements with Kentville Troop, very creditable.	Names on acquittance roll correspond in all cases with those on the service rolls.	None.	200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.	35-08	
								36-66	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to train 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of staff and band.
								34-52	do 20	do 20	
								26-41	do 20	do 20	
								45-10	do 20	do 20	

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Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Officers.	N. - O. O. and Men.	Officers.	N. - O. O. and Men.	Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.		Miles.	Mode.
69th Battalion...	9	Lt.-Col. Staratt, Paradise										
No 3 Company ...		Captain Wade, Granville	3	55	2	39	Bridgetown.	Sept. 23	10	Local Headquarters.		
No. 4 do ...		Capt. Charlton, Port Lorne.....	3	55	2	41	do ...	do 23	10			
No. 8 do ...		Capt. Turnbull, Bear River	3	55	2	39	Bear River...	do 24	10			
No. 9 do ...		Capt. W. Harris, Clementsport...	3	55	2	39	do ...	do 24	10			
		Staff			2							
		Total	35	495	10	158						
72nd Battalion...	6	Lt.-Col. B. Parker, Wilmot....										
No 2 Company ...		Capt. Roach, Port Georg	3	55	2	38	Middleton ...	Sept. 23	10	do		
No. 3 do ...		Capt. Bowlby, Margaretville..	3	55	2	40	do ...	do 23	10	do		
		Staff			2							
		Total	25	330	6	78						
75th Battalion...	6	Lieut.-Col. Kaulback, Lunenburg.....										
No 5 Company ...		Capt. J. Langill, Martin's River..	3	55	2	36	Marten River	Oct. 7	10	do		
No. 6 do ...		Capt. G. Windrow, New Ross.	3	55	2	39	New Ross....	Oct. 30	10	do		
		Staff			1							
		Total.....	22	330	5	75						

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Time required to concentrate the Battalion or Corps.	Cost of rations per head, per diem, at encampment.	General Conduct of Corps.	If any, and what casualties.	Whether in possession of Band. Number of Musicians and proficiency.	General State of Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements.	Nature of Movements at Inspection, and how performed.	Whether the men of the several Corps were <i>bona fide</i> enrolled members thereof, according to the Militia Act.	Target Practice.		Date of Inspection.	Date when Drill was completed.	REMARKS.		
								Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Ranges.					
													Battalion.	Company.
6 hours.		Good.	None.	Yes; 14; fair musicians, but have had very little training as a military band.	Clothing good; arms undergoing repairs.	Battalion drill in close and extended order, very fair.	Names on acquaintance roll correspond in all cases with those on the service rolls.	None.	200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.	34.46	26.46	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Full strength of establishment, 3 officers and 55 men, but only authorized to train 2 officers and 39 men, inclusive of staff and band.
do	do	Good.	None.	No.	do	Battalion drill in close and extended order.	do	do	2, 4, 5 & 600 yards.	38.41	48.64	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	
do	do	Good.	None.	Yes; 25 musicians; fair.	Clothing good; arms undergoing repairs.	do	Stated to be so.	None.	2, 4 and 500 yards.	28.61	31.58	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	
										25.87	Sept. 30	Sept. 30		

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Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Officers.	N.-O. O. and Men.	Officers.	N.-O. O. and Men.	Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.		Miles.	Mode.
78th Battalion....	7	Lt.-Col.- Blair, Truro.										
No 1 Company		Capt. Lawrence, Truro	3	55	2	35	Truro	Nov. 4	10	Local Headquarters.	8	Marched.
No. 2 do		Capt. O. Rayne, Onslow	3	55	2	41	do	do	4			
No. 4 do		Capt. Barnhill, Shubenacadie..	3	55	2	38	Shubenacadie	do	5			
No. 5 do		Captain Burgess, Windsor	3	55	2	42	Windsor	do	15			
No. 6 do		Brevet Major G. Sutherland, Mill Brook	3	55	2	39	West River	do	5			
No. 7 do		Capt. W. Sutherland, Mt. Thora	3	55	2	38	do	do	5			
No. 8 do		Capt. McLeod, New Laing	3	55	2	42	do	do	5			
		Staff	7		1							
		Total	28	385	13	234						
Cumberland Provisional Battalion	6	Major Harrison, Amherst.										
No 1 Company		Captain Carter, Amherst	3	55	2	39	Amherst	Oct. 29	10	do		
		Staff			2							
		Total	3	55	4	39						
Victoria Provisional Battalion	5	Lieut.-Col. Bingham, Baddeck.										
No 3 Company		Capt. McNeil, Grand Narrows	3	55	2	38	Baddeck	Oct. 12	10	do	12	Marched.
No. 4 do		Capt. McRae, Middle River	3	55	2	39	do	do	12	do	5	
		Staff	5		2							
		Total	20	275	6	77						

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							Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.						
							Ranges.	Battalion.	Company.					
1 hour		Good.	None.	Yes; 17 musicians.	General state of clothing, good; arms require general repairs.	Battalion and Company drill, close and extended order, very fairly performed.	Stated to be so.	None.	200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.	44-28	Nov. 4	Nov. 4	These seven companies drilled by permission, without expectation of pay but were subsequently permitted to receive pay.	
6										28-55	do 4	do 4		
6											do 5	do 5		
1											do 15	do 15		
6											do 5	do 5		
6											do 5	do 5		
6											do 5	do 5		
6 hours.		Good.	None.		do	Company drill, close and extended, very fairly performed.	do	do		Oct. 29	Oct. 29			
6 hours.		Good.	None.		do	Battalion drill, close and extended order, very fairly performed.	do	do		19-28	39-05	Oct. 12	Oct. 12	
										9-76	do 12	do 12		

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MILITARY DISTRICT No. 10—Continued.		Establishment.	Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.			Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Distance the several Corps had to proceed to Muster, and mode of transport.
Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Officers.	N. - O. O. and Men.	Officers.	N. - O. O. and Men.	Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.
Kildonan Infantry Co.....		Captain David McIntosh, Kildonan.....	3	42	2	24	Kildonan	July 17	10
									Drilled at Company Headquarters.
Battleford Infantry Co.....		Capt. William J. Scott, Battleford, N.W.T.....	3	42					
Prince Albert Infantry Co.....		Captain Thomas McKay, Prince Albert, N.W.T.	3	42					
St. Jean Baptiste Infantry Co.....		Capt. Théophile Thibault, St. Jean Baptiste ..	3	42	1	32	St. Jean Baptiste.	Nov. 11	10
									Drilled at Company Headquarters.

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							Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.			
		Good.									
		None.									
		No.									
				Clothing, new; arms and accoutrements, indifferent.							
				Marching and wheeling in line and column, manual exercise, indifferent.							
					Stated to be.		14				
							200, 400, 500 and 600 yds.				
								37-21	July 17	July 17	
											Selected for drill but not yet inspected — drill not completed.
											do
				Clothing, new; arms and accoutrements in fair order.							
				Line and column extended order and firing, fairly.							
					Stated to be.		200, 400, 500 and 600 yds.				
											Target Practice Returns not yet received.

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MILITARY DISTRICT No. 10— <i>Concluded.</i>		Establishment.		Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.		Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Distance the several Corps had to proceed to muster, and mode of transport.	
		Corps.	Corps.	Corps.	Corps.	Place.	Date.		Miles.	Mode.
Battalion or Corps.	Companies. Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Officers.	N. - C. O. and Men.	Officers.	N. - C. O. and Men.			Number of days' drill performed.		
Emerson Infantry Co.....	Captain W. Hill Nash, Emerson	3	42							
St. Boniface Infantry Co.....	Captain L. A. Prud'homme, St. Boniface	3	42							

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							Number of Non-exercised Men, if any.	Figure of Merit.			
							Ranges.	Battalion.	Company.		
											Relieved from drill in consequence of expiration of enlistment and fresh issue of clothing not yet received.
											Arms and equipment only just received, not yet uniformed.

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MILITARY DISTRICT No. 11, Lt.-Col. C.F. HOUGHTON, D.A.G.M.			Establishment.	Actual strength present at Inspection.		Muster.			Whether in Camp or otherwise.	Miles.	Distance the several Corps had to proceed to Muster, and mode of transport.
Battalion or Corps.	Companies.	Commanding Officer and Head Quarters.	Corps.	Corps.		Place.	Date.	Number of days' drill performed.			
			Officers.	N. C. O. and Men.	Officers.						
Victoria Battery Garrison Artillery.....		Capt. C. T. Dupont, Victoria..	6	85	6	48	Beacon Hill, Victoria.	Aug. 2 10	In Camp.		
Seymour Artillery, Half Battery		Capt. Pittendrigh New Westminster.....	2	30	1	8	Drill Shed at New Westminster.	Nov. 8 10	Local Headquarters.		
Victoria Rifles... No 2 Company ...	2 ...	Capt Wolfenden. Capt. Fletcher, Victoria	2 2	40 40	1 2	19 24	Beacon Hill, Victoria.	Aug. 3 10 do 3 10	In voluntary Camp and Local Headquarters.		
		Total	4	80	3	43					

performed the Annual Drill for 1880-81—Continued.

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performed the Annual Drill for 1880-81—*Continued.*

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APPENDIX No. 3.

REPORT OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL T. B. STRANGE, INSPECTOR
OF ARTILLERY AND WARLIKE STORES.TÊTE-DU-PONT BARRACKS,
KINGSTON, 9th December, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that during the past year, I inspected those Batteries of Artillery in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, shewn in the annexed parade state; also such forts, armaments, and warlike stores as are referred to under their respective headings. Appended are the reports of Lieut.-Col. Irwin for certain batteries in the Province of Quebec, and Lieut.-Col. Price Lewes on the Artillery of the Maritime Provinces.

PARADE STATE of Batteries inspected in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec by Lieut.-Col. Strange, Inspector of Artillery.

Name of Battery.	Name of Commanding Officer.	Armament.	Distribution.	Field Officers.	Staff Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Surgeons.	Vet. Surgeons.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Bombardiers.	Gunners and Drivers.	Trumpeters.	Artificers.	Bandsmen.	Recruits.	Total.	Horses.	1st Class Certificate.	2nd Class Certificate.	3rd Class Certificate.	4th Class Certificate.	Remarks.	11 efficiency badges for last year.	60 efficiency badges for last year.	Band.	Attendance certificates for last year.	Major R. King, absent.
1st Provisional Brigade Field Artillery.	Major A. H. Macdonald.	..	Present on parade.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 No. 1 Battery.....	Capt. W. Nicoll.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade.	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	3	4	4	29	1	..	..	..	..	69	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Employed.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sick.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 No. 2 Battery.....	Capt. D. McCrae.	..	Present on parade.	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	4	4	4	29	1	..	..	..	..	47	28	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Absent with leave.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			On guard.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	28	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 London Field Battery.	Bt.-Maj. J. Peters	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade.	..	..	2	1	3	..	2	4	3	3	24	1	..	..	..	..	59	28	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
			On guard.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	28	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Collingwood Battery Garrison Artillery.	Bt. Lt.-Col. John Hogg.	32 pr. S. B.	Present on parade.	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Welland Canal Field Battery.	Bt.-Capt. Frank King.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade.	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	3	3	24	1	..	..	..	..	39	29	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Absent with leave.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			On and off guard.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Employed.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sick.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	29	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..

PARADE STATE of Batteries inspected in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, &c.—Continued.

Military District.	Name of Battery.	Name of Commanding Officer.	Armament.	Distribution.	Field Officers.	Staff Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Surgeons.	Vet. Surgeons.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Bombardiers.	Gunners and Drivers.	Trumpeters.	Artificers.	Bandsmen.	Recruits.	Total.	Horses.	1st Class Certificate.	2nd Class Certificate.	3rd Class Certificate.	4th Class Certificate.	Remarks.	
2	Toronto Garrison Artillery.	Captain Donald Gibson.	32 pr. S. B.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	132	1	1	14	55	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	Absent without leave, 2 gunners. 24 efficiency badges for last year.	
2	Toronto Field Battery.	Bt.-Major J. Gray	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. On and off guard. Absent with leave. Employed..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	4	26	1	1	14	44	30	2	1	1	1	1	Band in the ranks. Absent without leave, 1 gunner. 11 efficiency badges 21, no uniform fit to wear.	
3	Kingston Field Battery.	Captain Henry Wilmot.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. On guard..... Employed..... Horses in stable..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	25	1	1	44	26	5	8	3	2	1	1	1	Absent without leave, 16 gunners.
3	Port Hope Garrison Artillery.	Bt.-Major Forbes W. Guernsey.	32 pr. S. B.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	16	1	1	5	28	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	Absent without leave, two lieutenants.	
3	Durham Field Battery.	Captain W. M. Graham.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. On guard..... Employed..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	1	50	1	1	56	27	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	Absent without leave, 24 efficiency badges for last year.

3	Cobourg Garrison Artillery.	Captain J. H. Dumble.	18 pr. S. B.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	29	1	1	41	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	24 efficiency badges for last year.
4	Gananoque Field Battery.	Bt.-Major W. McKenzie.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. On guard..... Employed..... Sick..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	4	40	1	1	60	18	5	9	1	1	1	1	24 efficiency badges for last year.
4	Ottawa Field Battery.	Captain John Stewart.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	64	28	6	2	2	2	2	2	Inspected by Lt-Col. Montzambert.
4	Prescott Garrison Artillery.	Captain Patrick Caughlin.	9 pr. S. B.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Sick..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	21	1	1	32	1	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	4 bandmen present belonging to No. 2 Battery, Lévis G. A., and 4 belonging to No. 3 Battery, Q. G. A. Absent without leave, 2 gunners.
7	Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries Quebec Garrison Artillery.	Capt. H. Roy. Capt. T. L. Boulanger. Capt. Bt.-Major C. L. Hamel.	Armament of Quebec.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Sick..... Employed..... Total.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	9	9	9	85	3	20	133	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	No parade state.
7	No. 3 Battery Quebec Garrison Artillery.	Capt. the Hon. Chas. Ruthven.	Armament of Quebec.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	32	1	36	7	36	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	Inspected by Lt-Col. Montzambert.
7	No. 2 Battery Lévis Garrison Artillery.	Capt. G. L. Vien	Armament of Quebec.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	39	1	43	3	43	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	19 efficiency badges for last year.
7	Quebec Field Battery.	Capt. Crawford Lindsay.	9 pr. M. L. R.	Present on parade. Absent with leave. Sick..... Total.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	69	30	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	76 30

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FIELD ARTILLERY GENERALLY.

With regard to the Field Artillery of the Province of Ontario, I regret to notice a marked deterioration since my inspections three and four years ago. The 1st Provisional Brigade, Major Macdonald, I never before inspected as a brigade, nor the Welland Canal Field Battery, Captain Frank King. These corps can hardly have deteriorated, as I have reported their efficiency at what I think the maximum of Militia Field Artillery, considering the circumstances in which such corps are placed. They have energetic commanding officers, but a one man battery is not a reliable war machine. The military qualities of the Field Artillery of Canada are their own, their defects for the most part are due to causes beyond their control. The causes of deterioration in the Field Artillery of the Province of Ontario, I will state to the best of my belief, with a view to their remedy at but little trouble, and slight, if any, cost to the Militia Department, bad systems being really more costly than good ones. Year after year of defective training, and equipment made defective by non-attention to trifling points by the Department dishearten volunteers.

1st. The inefficiency of Field Artillery instruction at the Gunnery School is mainly due to the inadequate number of horses—eight.

2nd. Deficient tactical training of subaltern officers at the A Battery school. A manual with full instructions has been provided, but their attention has not been directed to the point, that fighting tactics are the end and object of drill. The cup presented by His Excellency the Governor-General for the most efficient Field Battery has directed the attention of officers to this point already.

3rd. The inadequate number of pupils permitted to attend the schools at one time, ten officers and twenty men for a force of ten Field Batteries and ten Garrison Batteries (*i.e.* one man from each battery). It is a mistake to maintain a school of 157 of all ranks, and to allow only thirty pupils. Lieut.-Col. Irwin has recommended the closing of the schools for artillery every alternate year on the plea that all the available men have been through the school. A reference to the parade state shows only two and a half per cent. with certificates. The term of enlistment is only three years, and many men do not remain the whole period; new men certainly require training. I would recommend the number of short course men to be doubled each winter, when men have the leisure to attend, with a corresponding decrease in summer, when men cannot attend from press of employment; but it would be of no avail to increase the number of Field Artillery short course men attending the school without increasing the establishment of horses.

4th. The rule requiring officers provisionally appointed to attend the schools within one year from date of appointment should be carried out. Unfortunately, there are a number of officers commanding batteries who (as they devote time and money to their commands) are difficult to deal with when they shelter themselves under certificates obtained from twelve to fifteen years ago from the Royal Artillery. The plea is absurd, a complete revolution having taken place in that period; and in the then early stage of militia organization, an elementary knowledge of gunnery, artillery material, with standing gun drill was considered sufficient for a militia artillery officer. Unfortunately, these officers can state that since the removal of the Royal Artillery there has not been a complete Field Battery of instruction in the Dominion, and with some show of reason despise the training of a Field Artillery School, with eight horses, where one sick or lame horse stops the entire field instruction. Were there a complete and attractive School of Field Artillery, I believe there would be no want of applicants and consequent efficiency.

5th. It has been said that officers engaged in civil pursuits cannot find time to attend a Gunnery School. I have known many who take an annual holiday make that excuse, and officers who do not consider the honorable position worth qualifying for, might be dispensed with. Good batteries seem to find little difficulty in obtaining officers who will qualify. Major Macdonald submitted to me a proposition for opening the schools to a special class of cadets, young gentlemen not in the militia, with a view to their qualifying for commissions during the period between leaving school

and entering business. The plan deserves consideration; but it is a question whether the cost would be worth the results anticipated. Such young gentlemen could enter the ranks of a Militia Artillery corps, attend the school, and obtain a third-class certificate, which would enable them to hold a 2nd Lieutenant's commission. Many have done so; but I am told many more do not like to encounter the roughness of barrack life, stable duty, and the necessary hardness of military discipline. I fear such are not the stuff for soldiers, and a rosewater element disturbs discipline among real soldiers. Every provision is made for their comfort, and opportunities for study, that an ordinary barrack-room does not present. The short course men at the Kingston school are in two separate barrack-rooms under a specially selected non-commissioned officer, and I find already there are more applicants than I have room for.

6th. With regard to the inefficiency in equipment, there is a certain wear and tear inseparable from field artillery for which provision is impossible, due to the rule that no expense is to be incurred without previous authority. A few stitches ripped in harness, broken nuts in a gun carriage, a saddle stuffing that is causing a sore back, require immediate attention. Artificers, a collar maker or saddler, a shoeing smith or a generally handy man should be enlisted in each battery with fifty cents extra, per diem, working pay, providing their own few necessary tools, to be carried in a valise strapped to the limbers. The material, hemp, leather, iron, &c., to be paid for on certified contingent bills to be sent in by the commanding officer. Painting the gun carriages biennially or triennially would be economy.

7th. Inefficiency is caused by apparently trifling but important mistakes in the issue of articles from the Store Department. I found one battery was sent no key required for unscrewing the plugs from the fuze hole of the 9-pr. S.B. shells, another without fuze borers, a third without priming irons or vent drifts. I note in the report of the Inspector of the Maritime Provinces, serious deficiencies in the equipment of the Newcastle Field Battery—30 men without accoutrements, which he reported last year. Four years ago I reported this, and a board was held in accordance with General Orders, of which I was a member, explaining that seven or eight years ago the battery had been an infantry company of 40 men, when changed into a field battery of 70, only the original number of accoutrements were issued, and fully explaining the unavoidable loss of other equipment on actual service. The Deputy Adjutant General of the District reported in the same sense; and yet from that day to this, the Store Department have not remedied the serious deficiencies. It is not that the articles in question would have to be purchased; I see them growing obsolete in the militia stores all over the Dominion. Lieut.-Col. Irwin reports on the necessity of battery commanders keeping store ledgers, but they have not all been supplied with these books, nor always with the forms necessary to send in returns of all stores in their charge. Such ledgers and returns are no slight tax on the time of battery commanders who have no clerks and receive no allowance for stationery, as is allowed to the commanding officer of a battalion. Such returns have been tried with as little effect as boards, requisitions, and every form of correspondence with reference to the issue of artillery equipment. Irrespective of the actual inefficiency to the battery, it is perhaps unnecessary to explain that such treatment kills military enthusiasm among officers and men. My constant surprise is the efficiency of the Militia Field Artillery generally, and the credit is all their own. I notice the Inspectors of Artillery this year as usual comment on the non-issue of spurs, and the desirability of a riding boot or legging. I have recommended the latter, a pattern of which I lately submitted to headquarters. Long boots would be more expensive. If returned into store at the end of the training they would be too hard to wear, would fit only the man who wore them the year previously. If left in charge of the man they would be worn out at their civil occupations. Leggings would form part of the battery equipment. There is no officers' saddlery issued, except in a few instances. If even the universal pattern trooper's saddle were issued for the use of artillery officers it would answer all practical purposes, and save them the alternative of a very heavy outlay, or an incongruous and sometimes ridiculous appearance.