

unable, on account of the shortness of time and the impossibility of sending away the only pattern I had, to invite competition in the contract from other places. I accepted tenders from Mr. James Tattersall and Mr. Thomas Morris, for 500 caps and tunics each. These numbers have been by both parties punctually delivered. I do not see anything to object to in the quality or make of the caps, but I feel bound to report that the material of which the tunics are made is not, in my opinion, the same, nor in most cases equal to, that of the pattern.

I may here mention that an agreement has been made with a working tailor to attend daily at the Camp.

Such stores as seemed absolutely necessary have been provided, and will be issued by the Quartermaster as required.

The Contracts have in all cases been drawn up either by the Attorney General or, (in his absence), by Mr. J. J. Fraser, M. P. P.

As it will probably devolve on the Quartermaster General or myself to restore at the end of the Camp the Buildings and Grounds to the state in which they were previous to our occupancy, to sell the old or surplus stores, and to close the Contractors' accounts, I do not here tender any detailed statement, (for it would be a very imperfect one), of the expenses incurred in these transactions. No expense has been, I think, incurred beyond what a desire to secure complete efficiency would justify.

I should wish to add that Colonel Cole has placed fatigue parties at my disposal whenever I required them; and that from Mr. Fraser, the Quartermaster of the 15th Regiment, I have received valuable information and advice.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

HARRY MOODY,

*Acting Quartermaster General.*

[ Enclosure 2. ]

Captain Moody to Colonel Hallows.

*Fredericton, 4th August, 1865.*

SIR,—For the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief I have the honor to make the following report on the proceedings of the Quartermaster General's Department during the continuance and since the termination of the Camp of Instruction.

The arrangements, of which a detailed account was given in my previous report, have worked satisfactorily. This result is due, I consider, more to the practical knowledge and energy of Mr. Fraser, the Quartermaster, in carrying out the details, than to any merit in the arrangements themselves.

The number of men (exclusive of Officers and the Officers' Company) assembled in Camp varied from 834 on the second day to 770 on the last day. This difference was caused, I believe, almost entirely, by men being discharged under a medical certificate of their unfitness for the work of the Camp.

The accommodation that I had provided proved to be sufficient.

The whole of the First Battalion and half of the Second Battalion were lodged in the Exhibition Building, the remainder in the out-buildings. Though so large a number of men (650) were under one roof, the ventilation at all times was perfectly good.

In addition to the straw palliasses and bolsters, field blankets were obtained and issued to the men on the third day after the commencement of the Camp.

The Building that was set apart for the Officers' Mess was only used for that purpose for two or three days, as the Mess was suddenly broken up and never re-established. More accommodation had been provided for Officers than was actually required, as most of those comprising the Officers' Company did not sleep in Camp.

The Reading Room was well supplied with books and newspapers, and was much frequented by the men.

I have great satisfaction in reporting that scarcely any damage beyond "reasonable wear and tear," (provided for in the lease), was done to any of the Buildings. So that, excepting in the case of a few Officers who had torn down some boards for flooring their tents, I did not feel justified in making any demand whatever on any men for Barrack Damages. The total cost of replacing the Buildings and

Grounds in the state in which they were previous to our occupation has been but \$84.90, of which sum more than one third is covered by the receipts from the sale of old materials, stores, and the sum for damages charged on the Officers.

Having been served with a copy of an Injunction, granted by a Judge of the Supreme Court, restraining me from paying any money to the Agricultural Society, I have not been able to close the account finally for the lease of the Building.

Messrs. Hatt & Son have satisfactorily carried out the contract for rations. There has not been occasion to reject any article furnished by them. The scale of rations adopted at first has been adhered to, with the addition of an allowance of butter (1lb to 16 men) daily.

Considering the shortness of the time in which Mr. Baxter had to make his arrangements and procure his staff of cooks, it is creditable to him that so very few complaints were made about the cooking. The opinion which I expressed in my former Report in favour of cooking the rations by contract, is very much strengthened by the result of the experiment on this occasion. Were sufficient time allowed to arrange some cooking apparatus less costly than a number of stoves, the charge per man might, of course, be reduced.

I have received no complaints about the Canteen, either from the Commandant or the men.

The contractors for clothing having disputed the correctness of the decision pronounced by myself and a Board of Field Officers on the tunics supplied by them, the question was referred by consent to arbitrators, who approved of all those supplied by Mr. Tattersall and nearly all of those supplied by Mr. Morris. The money has been paid in accordance with that decision.

The total amount expended by me in preparing the buildings for the Camp and restoring them to their original state, on rations, on cooking, clothing, freight, Hospital and Barrack stores, and general expenses, amounts to \$7,344.50. A detailed statement, with vouchers, accompanies this Report.

On Friday morning, July 28th, the men from Saint John, King's County, and Saint George, embarked on board the "Sunbury;" and those from Carleton and Saint Stephen, on board the "Highlander." The embarkation was effected in perfect order, and with great rapidity. Both Steamers left Fredericton at 6.15 A. M.; good discipline was maintained during the voyage.

I beg leave to call the attention of His Excellency the Commander in Chief to the services of Colour Sergeant M'Kenzie, 64th Regiment, who efficiently discharged the laborious duties of Quartermaster Sergeant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HARRY MOODY.

#### MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, FREDERICTON, 9th Aug. 1865.

No. 45.

COMMISSION Signed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief:—

*Third Battalion Charlotte County Militia.*

Robert W. Brown, Gent. to be Captain, 9th Aug. 1865.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to permit the undermentioned Officer to retire, retaining his present rank:—

*Second Battalion Gloucester County Militia.*

Captain James G. C. Blackhall.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by the undermentioned Officer:—

*Second Battalion Gloucester County Militia.*

Lieutenant Elias Romerill.

No. 46.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to direct that the Competition for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' Challenge Cup shall take place at the Range, at Torryburn, near Saint John, commencing on Wednesday, 18th October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.