

33. And the next man?—I may say that Major Adams has not been the only Adjutant I have had, but he is the Adjutant at the present time. My first Adjutant was Captain Andrews, New Zealand Staff Corps.

34. For how long was he Adjutant?—During the period of the Second Reinforcements.

35. Did he leave with the reinforcements?—Yes, he left with the Second Reinforcements; he would be with me from the 19th October till the 12th December.

36. He was the Adjutant of the camp?—Yes.

37. That was from the beginning?—Yes.

38. Who followed him?—Captain Eastwood, an Imperial officer of the Rifle Brigade, and A.D.C. to the Governor.

39. And he also went away with the Expeditionary Forces?—Yes; he was with me for a short period.

40. How long?—About a month.

41. And the next?—Major Pinwill, Imperial General Staff.

42. And he also has gone?—He left with the Third Reinforcements.

43. But these officers can scarcely be said to have been on your permanent staff?—Those are the officers I had to use; you must have an Adjutant in camp.

44. Who was the next one?—The present officer, Major Adams.

45. Then you have had four Adjutants acting as your chief executive officers since October last?—Yes.

46. What other officers have you?—The next is the Camp Quartermaster.

47. Who is he?—Captain McCristell.

48. Have there been a series of Quartermasters?—No, the same Quartermaster from the beginning of the camp.

49. What are the duties of the Quartermaster?—He is the man responsible for the clothing, equipment, sanitation, and everything connected with the camp.

50. Feeding?—No, we have a Supply Officer for that.

51. He is responsible for the clothing, equipment, sanitation, but not for the food-supply?—It does come under him, but he has another officer under him to attend to that—the Supply Officer.

52. Who is he—the Supply Officer?—Lieutenant Petty, an Imperial officer.

53. Have you had him all the time?—Yes.

54. What others are there?—There are the permanent non-commissioned officers and my Training Branch.

55. But the chief administrative officers are those you have named?—Yes, except the P.M.O.

56. Now, as to the medical branch: who is the Principal Medical Officer?—Well, I have had different ones; the present one is Colonel Morice.

57. He was appointed only about a fortnight ago?—About three weeks ago.

58. That was since Dr. Valintine?—Yes.

59. Who was the Principal Medical Officer before him?—Major Stout.

60. For what period?—From the 12th June.

61. Who was the P.M.O. before Major Stout?—Major McCara. He was with me from the 19th May till the 12th June.

62. Did he leave camp?—He went with the reinforcements.

63. Who was P.M.O. before that?—Major McGuire, from the 22nd April till the 19th May.

64. And he also then left with the reinforcements?—Yes.

65. And before him?—Major Fyffe. He had charge of the camp during the period that the Fourth Reinforcements were in camp. They left on the 17th April. The next was Major Holmes.

66. He also went with the reinforcements?—Yes, with the Third Reinforcements, which left on the 13th February. My first P.M.O. was Major McKillop.

67. That would be from October till December?—Yes; he went with the Second Reinforcements.

68. Therefore you have had no permanent P.M.O. at all: they have only been there temporarily while they were getting ready to go with the Expeditionary Forces?—That is so.

69. *The Chairman.*] There is no continuity except as an apostolic succession?—I want to explain that the Director of Medical Services was continually there.

70. Over all these Principal Medical Officers there was a Director of Medical Services?—Yes, Colonel Purdy. Although he did not sleep in camp he was out there three or four times every week.

71. *Mr. Salmond.*] He was there the whole day?—No, I would not say that: about three or four hours a day three or four times a week. He comes under the Adjutant-General's branch of the Defence Department.

72. *The Chairman.*] Then your order is—Adjutant-General, Director of Medical Services, and P.M.O.?—Yes.

73. Who is the Adjutant-General in the Defence Department?—Colonel Pilkington.

74. Has he been in that position all through the period since October?—Yes, he took Colonel Chaytor's place when he left for the front.

75. Is he a medical man?—No.

76. *Mr. Salmond.*] Is Colonel Purdy still occupying the same position?—No.

77. What change has taken place?—Colonel Valintine, of the Health Department, has now taken Colonel Purdy's place.

78. *Dr. Martin.*] He is not D.M.S. now?—No; they created a new position, which is Director of Military Hospitals.