

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

GASPESIAN MILITIA OFFICERS
OF
125 YEARS AGO

The origins of Militia lie far back in time. In New France the Captain of Militia was an Officer of authority and respect in the community.

When the War of the American Revolution brought recurrent threats of sea-borne invasion to the shores of Gaspesia, the role of the Militia was one of active defence.

Through the years, in times of peace and of war, Gaspesians have had a fine record of support for both the Militia and the Armed Forces of Canada on Active Service.

It is this tradition that "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" recalls in the following article, "GASPESIAN MILITIA OFFICERS OF 125 YEARS AGO".

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OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA OF LOWER CANADA

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Lt.-Col. Hon. Melchior Alphonse de Salaberry, Adjutant General of Militia for Lower Canada.

Lt.-Col. Walker Powell, Deputy Adjutant General of Militia for Upper Canada

MILITARY DISTRICT No.1.

STAFF

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Colonel	J.C.Belleau	27 Dec. 1855	Gaspé.
Major	Philippe Vibert	" " "	New Carlisle
	A/Adj.General		
Major	G.LeBoutillier		Gaspé
	A/ Q.M. General		
Major	-----	-----	-----
	Brigade Major		

FIRST BATTALION, GASPÉ

Lieut-Col.	J.LeBoutillier	9 March, 1853	Gaspé
Major	Philip Bechervaise	3 March, 1854	"
Major	-----	-----	-----
Pay Master	-----	-----	-----
Quarter-Master	Lieut. Joseph J. Kavanagh	3 March, 1854	Gaspé Basin
Adjutant	Lieut. Antoine Painchaud	2 May, 1862	
Surgeon	Henry Greggs Moody	2 May, 1862	
A/ "	Frederick Coffin	3 March, 1854	
Captain	John Eden	" " "	Gaspé South
"	Lawrence Kennedy	" " "	Douglastown

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Captain	William Annett	3 March, 1854	Peninsula
"	Michel Bond	" " "	Fox River
"	Frederick Coffin, Jr.	" " "	York
"	William Hyman	" " "	Grand Grève
"	Nicholas Dumaresq	" " "	Gaspé Basin
"	Charles Veit	2 May 1862	Douglastown
Lieu-tenant	William Baker	3 March, 1854	Gaspé Basin
"	Horatio LeBoutillier	" " "	" "
"	Joseph J. Kavanagh	" " "	" "
"	William West	" " "	St. George's Cove
"	Charles Esnough	" " "	Grand Grève
"	John Ascah	6 March, 1856	Peninsula
"	Ant. Painchaud	2 May, 1862	.....
"	James Kennedy	" " "	Douglastown
Ensign	John LeBoutillier, Jr.	3 March, 1854	Anse au Griffon
"	James Boyle	" " "	Gaspé South
"	James Languedoc	" " "	York
"	Martin White	" " "	Douglastown
"	Philip Bechervaise, Jr.	6 March, 1856	Gaspé South
"	George Coffin	" " "	.....
"	John Short	2 May 1862	.....
"	Charles LeBoutillier	" " "	.....
"	Henry George Perchard	" " "	.....

SECOND BATTALION, GASPÉ

Lt.-Col.	Peter Mabe	3 Sept. 1857	Percé
Major	Germain Dupuis	19 May, 1854	.....
Major	Andrew Fergusson	13 June 1862	L'Anse au Beaufile
Pay Master	Donald McGillivrey	" " "	.....
Adjutant	John Driscoll	19 May, 1854	Percé
Q/Master	James Collas	13 June 1862	.....
Surgeon	William McIntosh	19 May, 1854	Percé
A/Surgeon	Owen T. Cormick, M.D.	13 June 1862
Chaplain

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Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Captain	John Beck	1 Dec. 1847	Cape Désespoir
"	Fabien Blondin	19 May 1854	Percé
"	J.B.Couture	" " "	Grand River
"	Joseph Cass	" " "	Cape Cove
"	James Rooney	" " "	Percé
"	Pierre Belliveau	" " "	Grand River
"	Nazaire Dupuis	13 June, 1862	Pabos
"	James M. Remon	" " "	"
"	John Baker	" " "	Cape Cove
"	Jacob S, Packwood	" " "	Point St. Peter
Lieutenant	John Vardon	19 May 1854	Point St. Peter
"	John Hunt	" " "	" " "
"	Robert Moir	" " "	L'Anse au Beaufils
"	Xavier Dupuis	13 June, 1862	Pabos
"	Charles Beck	" " "	Cape Désespoir
"	John Ross	" " "	Barachois
"	Christopher Cass	" " "	Cape Cove
"	Peter Fergusson	" " "	L'Anse au Beaufils
"	Elias Collas	" " "	.....
"	John Fauvel	" " "	.....
Ensign	Josiah Mabe	" " "	.....
"	Moses F. Gibaut	" " "	.....
"	Thomas Savage	" " "	.....
"	Thomas Remon	" " "	.....
"	Thomas Cain, Jr.	" " "	.....
"	Edward Packwood	" " "	.....
"	John LeGresley	" " "	.....
"	Thomas Carberry	" " "	.....
"	Joseph Beck	" " "	.....
"	Joseph S. Tuzo	" " "	.....
"	James Collas (Q/M)"	" " "	.....

THIRD BATTALION, GASPÉ
(Magdalen Islands)

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Lt.-Col	Louis Bouffard	31 Dec. 1856	Etang du Nord
Major	.....	.....	.....
Major	.....	.....	.....
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Lieut. F.J.B. Painchaud	12 April 1852	.....
Q/Master	Hilaire Nadeau	2 August 1847	.....
Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
A/Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	Rev. Ch. Boudreau	12 April 1852	.....
Captain	Jacques Reneau	2 Aug. 1847	Anse du Moulin
"	Henry Shea	" " "	Amherst
"	John Fontana	24 Nov. 1848	"
"	Edouard Borne	" " "	"
"	Charles M. Bourque	12 April 1852	Etang du Nord
"	Alexander Flockart	" " "	Cap aux Meules
Lieutenant	Sixte Lafrance	24 Nov. 1848	.....
"	Ant. Edmond Cherrier	" " "	.....
"	Edouard Paquet	12 April 1852	Havre aux Maisons
"	Pierre Alex. Belleau	" " "	.....
"	F.J.B. Painchaud	" " "	.....
"	Gilbert Cormier	20 Dec. 1855	.....
"	Louis Terriau	" " "	.....
Ensign	John Patton	12 April 1852	Entry Island
"	Achille Bouffard	" " "	.....
"	Onézime Jumph	" " "	Bassin
"	William Johnson	20 Dec. 1855	.....
"	Léon Cormier	" " "	.....

FOURTH BATTALION, GASPE

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Lt.-Col.	Jean Bte. Sasseville	2 May 1862	Ste-Anne des Monts
Major	Louis Roy	7 Nov. 1862	Cape Chat
Major	Eugène Trudeau	.....,	Cape Rosiers
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Lieut. Alp. Sasseville	7 Nov. 1862	Ste-Anne des Monts
Q/?aster	Lieut. Ls.N.Sasseville	" " "	" " " "
Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
A/ "	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	Rev.P.S.Vallée	7 Nov. 1862	Ste-Anne des Monts
Captain	Félix Dugas	" " "	" " " "
"	Joseph Roy	" " "	Cape Chat
"	Michel L'Espérance	" " "	Grand Etang
"	John de Ste.Croix	" " "	Fox River
"	John Sorsoleil	" " "	Fox River
"	John Perrée	" " "	Ste-Anne des Monts
"	Jean T. Lamontagne	" " "	" " " "
Lieutenant	Francois Roy, Sr.	" " "	Cape Chat
	Alphonse Sasseville	" " "	Ste-Anne des Monts
	Ls. N. Sasseville	" " "	" " " "
	Xavier Thibault	" " "	Mont Louis
	Frs. Ls. Parant	" " "	Fox River
	Narcisse Bernier	" " "	" "
	Charles Roy	13 Nov. 1862	" "
Ensign	Louis Roy, Jr.	7 Nov. 1862	Cape Chat
"	Jean Bte. Roy	" " "	" "
"	Rigobert Miville	" " "	Ste-Anne des Monts
"	Alex. Campion	" " "	Mont Louis
"	Frederick Dumanesq	" " "	Fox River
"	Paul Blouin	" " "	Fox River
"	Auguste Trudeau	" " "	Cape Rosiers.

FIRST BATTALION - BONAVENTURE

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Rank</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Lt.-Col.	William Macdonald	7 Nov. 1862	New Carlisle
Major	Etienne Martel	2 April 1857	" "
Major	.....	.....	.....
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Thos. Rees Kelly	2 April 1857	New Carlisle
Q/Master	Lieut. Matthew Caldwell	" "	" "
Surgeon	Louis Robitaille, M.D.	4 April 1862	" "
A/Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	.....	.....	.....
Captain	Simon Talbot	5 May 1847	Hopetown
"	Robert Caldwell	" " "	New Carlisle
"	William Millar	" " "	Port Daniel
"	William McPherson	" " "	" "
"	Henry Caldwell	2 April 1857	New Carlisle
"	John McRae	" " "	Hopetown
"	George Macdonald	" " "	Port Daniel
"	Adam Smith	" " "	Hopetown
"	Charles Kelly	19 May 1854	New Carlisle
"	Andrew N.C. Starnes	13 June 1862	Cox West
Lieutenant	W.B. Munro	5 May 1847	Cox East
"	Jean Langlois	" " "	Port Daniel
"	John Arthur	6 Dec. 1850	Paspebiac
"	Matthew Caldwell	2 April 1857	New Carlisle
"	James Smith	" " "	Chidonac (sic)
"	William Macdonald	" " "	Port Daniel
"	John Secord Beebe	" " "	" "
"	John Asstels	13 June 1862	New Carlisle
"	James Caldwell	" " "	Cox West
"	Barnabus McGie	" " "	Hopetown
Ensign	Benj. Billingsley	5 May 1847	Cox West
"	Alexander Brotherton, Jr.	" "	Port Daniel
"	Alfred Carcaud	6 Dec. 1860	Paspebiac

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FIRST BATTALION - BONAVENTURE (ctd)

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Ensign	Octavius Sherar	6 Dec. 1860	Cox East
"	Hugh Caldwell	2 April 1857	New Carlisle
"	Jos. A. LeBel	" " "	Cox East
"	Robert W. Forbes	" " "	Port Daniel
"	James Gillies	" " "	" "
"	Thomas Rees Kelly	" " "	New Carlisle
"	Johnston Garrett	13 June 1862	.....
"	Charles F. McGie	" " "	.....
"	George Kelly	" " "	.....

SECOND BATTALION - BONAVENTURE

Lt.-Col.	Joseph Meagher	10 Oct. 1854	Carleton
Major	Pierre Thibaudeau	2 April 1857	Maria
Major	.....	.....	.....
Pay Master	Capt. John Harvey	2 April 1857	New Richmond
Adjutant	Ens. W. Montgomery	5 May 1847	" "
Q/Master	James Fallow	" " "	" "
Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
A/ "	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	.....	.....	.....
Captain	Paul Poirier	5 May 1847	Hamilton
"	Louis Sire	" " "	Maria
"	John Doddridge	" " "	New Richmond
"	Andrew Turner	" " "	" "
"	George Poirier	" " "	Maria
"	Ralph W. Dimock	2 April 1857	"
"	Alexis Poirier	" " "	Hamilton
"	John Campbell	" " "	New Richmond
"	J.R. Harvey	" " "	" "
"	Ralph Pritchard	29 Jul 1858	" "
Lieutenant	Aubert Cavanagh	5 May 1847	Hamilton
"	Charles Forest	" " "	"
"	John McCormick	" " "	New Richmond

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SECOND BATTALION - BONAVENTURE (CTD)

Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Lieutenant	William Lynd	5 May 1847	New Richmond
"	Théophile Audette	" "	Maria
"	Léonard Sire	" " "	"
"	William Meagher	2 April 1857	New Carlisle
"	Richard Brash	" " "	New Richmond
Ensign	Francois Bourdages	5 May, 1847	Hamilton
"	Polycarpe Poirier	" " "	New Richmond
"	Francois Sire	" " "	.....
"	Morris Power	" " "	New Richmond
"	William Montgomery	" " "	" "
"	Peter Forest	28 June 1849	Hamilton
"	Narcisse Boissonneault	2 April 1857	New Richmond
"	Napoléon Poirier	2 April 1857	Hamilton
"	William Harvey, Jr.	" " "	New Richmond
"	Hugh Doddridge	" " "	" "

THIRD BATTALION - BONAVENTURE

Lt.-Col.	John Meagher	2 April 1857	Carleton
Major	Charles D. Stuart	" " "	"
Major	John Keays	" " "	Nouvelle
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Lieut. George Foley	" " "	Nouvelle
Q/Master	Romain Landry	5 May 1857	Carleton
Surgeon	Charles LaBillois	5 May 1847	Maquasha (sic)
A/ "	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	Rev. N. Audette	2 April 1847	Carleton
Captain	Pierre Landry	" " "	"
"	Jean Gauvreau	" " "	"
"	James P. Quin	" " "	Nouvelle
"	Frédéric Arseneau	" " "	"
"	Jos. Nap. Verge	" " "	"
"	John Cullen	19 Dec. 1860	"

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Rank	Name	Date of Rank	Residence
Lieutenant	John McBrearty	2 April 1857	Nouvelle
"	Aimé LaBillois	" " "	Maquasha
"	John Lefebvre	" " "	Carleton
"	Archibald McEwan	" " "	Maquasha
"	George Foley	" " "	Nouvelle
"	Peter Allard	19 Dec. 1860	Carleton
Ensign	Théophile Alain	2 April 1857	Nouvelle
"	John A. Meagher	" " "	Carleton
"	Joseph Landry	" " "	"
"	George Landry	" " "	"
"	L. Renaud	" " "	"
"	Edward Meagher	19 Dec. 1860	.....
"	John LaBillois	" " "	.....
<u>FOURTH BATTALION - BONAVENTURE</u>			
Lt.-Col	John Fraser	2 April 1857	Cross Point
Major	Robert Busteed	" " "	Mann
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Alexander Fraser	2 April 1857	Restigouche
Q/Master	Lieut. George Dixon	" " "	"
Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
A/ "	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	.....	.....	.....
Captain	Alexander Busteed	5 May 1847	Mann
"	John G. Fair	2 April 1857	Shoolbred
"	Thomas Wilson	" " "	Mann
"	Daniel Fraser	" " "	Restigouche
"	Henry Lodge	" " "	Matapedia
Lieutenant	George Dixon	5 May, 1847	Restigouche
"	Alex. Chamberlain	2 April 1857	Shoolbred
"	Joseph Olscamps	" " "	Mann

FOURTH BATTALION - BONAVENTURE (CTD)

Rank	Name	Date Of Rank	Residence
Lieutenant	James Sellard	2 April 1857	Restigouche
"	Archibald Fraser	" " "	Cross Point
Ensign	A.Fergusson Fraser	" "	Mann
"	Robert Fair	" "	Shoolbred
"	John Dixon	" "	Restigouche
"	David Ritchie	" "	Matapedia
"	George B. Fraser	28 Nov. 1860	.....

FOURTH BATTALION - BONAVENTURE

Lt.-Col.	John Fraser	2 April 1857	Cross Point
Major	Robert Bunsard	"	"
Pay Master	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant	Alexander Fraser	2 April 1857	Restigouche
Quartermaster	Lieut. George Dixon	"	"
Surgeon	.....	.....	.....
Chaplain	.....	.....	.....
Captain	Alexander Bunsard	2 Nov 1857	"
"	John B. Fair	2 April 1857	"
"	Thomas Wilson	"	"
"	Basil Fraser	"	"
"	Henry Lodge	"	"
Lieutenant	George Dixon	1 Nov. 1857	Restigouche
"	Alex. Chesbrough	2 April 1857	Shoolbred
"	Joseph Gilmour	"	"