

great knowledge of the country. He knows the language, and is friendly with many Chinese of note. He is indefatigable, and takes great interest in the work, in which he has been most successful. I recommend him for your Lordship's consideration.

15. The Medical Department, during this period, has been indefatigable in the prevention of disease. To the constant vigilance of Colonel O'Connor, C.B., Principal Medical Officer, and the Officers serving under him, in attending to everything that could promote the health and secure the comfort of the men, must be to a great extent ascribed the excellent health enjoyed by both troops and followers, and their immunity from outbreaks of plague, small-pox, and cholera which were raging in epidemic form in many districts during the year; while their care, skill, and attention to the sick reduced the death rate in the Force to a remarkably small figure.

16. The health and discipline of the troops, both in Chih-li and Shanghai, has left nothing to be desired.

17. I am glad to say our relations with the other contingents have remained most friendly throughout the year. In maintaining this state of affairs I have been greatly assisted by the Officers of the Staff and Officers commanding regiments. From the nature of their duties in sedentary detached posts these latter have not had any opportunity of doing anything of a special nature beyond, of course, the fact that to them must be attributed mainly the perfect discipline which has characterized the troops during the period under report.

18. The Marine Transport Department did excellent service under Commander Elderton, D.S.O., Royal Indian Marine, an extremely efficient Officer.

19. Besides the Officers mentioned in the above report, viz. :—

Colonel O'Connor, C.B., Principal Medical Officer; Major Ducat, Indian Staff Corps; Major Wingate, Indian Staff Corps Intelligence Officer; Captain Rolland, Royal Engineers; Captain Picton, Royal Engineers; Captain Woods, Royal Artillery Ordnance Officer; Captain Yamakoshi, Imperial Japanese Army; Captain Hoernle, Imperial German Army; Lieutenant Hall, 34th Pioneers; Commander Elderton, D.S.O., Royal Indian Marine.

I would bring the services of the following Officers to your Lordship's notice, for special good work :—

Staff :—

Colonel O'Sullivan, Royal Engineers, Chief Staff Officer, who has had varied and difficult duties, being my delegate on the Provisional Government, from the 1st December, 1901, till its dissolution on the 14th August, 1902.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Bower, Indian Staff Corps, who was my delegate on the Provisional Government, from the 21st July, 1901, till the 30th November, 1901.

Major Drake Brockman, Indian Staff Corps, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, has had much hard work in connection with movement of troops. He is an excellent Staff Officer, who has done excellent work.

Major Grimston, Indian Staff Corps, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, is a tactful and good Staff Officer, whose advancement would be for the good of the State.

Captain Fane, Indian Staff Corps, was Provost-Marshal and Police Commissioner in Tientsin. His duties were of a most anxious, important, and difficult nature, and he carried them out with tact and untiring energy, and contributed greatly to the good relations which have existed between

the various nationalities, military and civil, in Tientsin.

Captain Rose, Indian Staff Corps, similarly did good work at Shanghai; but there matters were in a more settled state than at Tientsin.

Captain Forteach, Indian Staff Corps, and Major Erck, Indian Staff Corps, have done well in the Supply and Transport Department. The latter Officer was very useful in engaging Chinese coolies, and in dealing with the natives of the country.

Captain Axe, Army Veterinary Department, has done good work, and is a most efficient Officer.

Lieutenant Mainprise, Royal Engineers, is an excellent Officer, who has done good work.

Company Sergeant-Major Withers, Royal Engineers. His technical knowledge and tact have been most useful.

Staff-Sergeant Wells, Supply and Transport Corps, has done good work.

20. Of the British Railway Administration, whose work I have succinctly described in para. 9, I desire to bring specially to notice the services of the following Officers :—

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. R. Browne, Royal Engineers, the Director. This Officer's services have been invaluable. He is an able administrator, tactful and discreet.

Of the services of Majors Dunsterville, Indian Staff Corps, Dick, Indian Staff Corps, and Captain Kell, South Staffordshire Regiment, Railway Staff Officers, I cannot speak too highly. Their tact, knowledge of foreign languages and invariable courtesy, at all times and to all people, have been of the greatest assistance in keeping up, uninterruptedly, good relations with all nationalities, and they have carried out their heavy railway and other duties to my complete satisfaction. In the state of affairs which have existed these duties have been as varied as original.

Of the Civil Staff Mr. Biernacki, of the Indian P.W.D., has been most efficient as locomotive superintendent.

To the loyal assistance of Mr. J. E. Foley and Mr. A. G. Cox, Engineer-in-Chief (both in the service of the Imperial Chinese Railway) the Railway Administration is much indebted.

Captain P. G. Twining, Royal Engineers, only served under me from the 21st July, 1901, to the end of August, 1901, but I think it right to bring to your Lordship's notice his work, as, but for his skill in originally organizing the Locomotive Department, patching up engines, &c., with scant materials, and in record time, that department could not have been the success it has been, as it worked on the foundations which he had laid.

I have, &c.,

O'M. CREAGH, Major-General,

Commanding China Force.

Conseil du Gouvernement Provisoire du District de Tientsin.

Tientsin Chine,

Le 20 Decembre, 1901.

Ordre du Jour.

Le Conseil du Gouvernement Provisoire du District de Tientsin adresse ses félicitations au 2e Lieutenant Hall, du 34e Pioneers Adjoint au Chef du District de Chun-liang-Cheng, pour les habiles dispositions qu'il a su prendre le 17 Décembre en vue de la capture d'une bande de 15 brigands qui opérait dans le voisinage du Chef-lieu District.

Ses efforts ont été couronnés de succès: 9 brigands ont été tués, 4 faits prisonniers, 1 est mort dans l'incendie de la maison où ils s'étaient retranchés, et un seul a pu s'échapper.