

515. *Mr. Salmond.*] Was Colonel Morice resident in the camp before it broke up?—Yes.

516. For how long?—Something like three weeks.

517. He could only have been appointed a few days before the camp broke up?—Yes, probably about a week.

518. Can you say how long that new hut was in use for this purpose before the camp broke up?—I could not say.

519. *The Chairman.*] If it were in Colonel Morice's time it could only have been a week before the camp broke up?—That is so.

520. *Mr. Salmond.*] Was any system of inspection adopted to see that sick men were not left in the tents? Supposing they did not come to parade in the morning, would any one know that they were sick?—Certainly; the orderly-sergeant who called the roll: he would visit all the tents in the morning to see that every one was out.

521. What would happen if a man were found?—He would be "crimed" for not being on parade. He would be marched down to the doctor to see if he were sick.

522. But here is a man who lies in his tent and says he is sick, and you say he would be marched down to see the doctor?—He would be asked to come down; if he said he could not walk they would bring a stretcher for him.

523. *The Chairman.*] I suppose you have to meet cases of malingering?—Yes; there is very little of it, but still you have to guard against it.

524. *Mr. Salmond.*] There is no system by which a medical man goes round the camp to see men who do not get up in the morning?—No, certainly not, because if a man is sick he must report himself as sick. His orderly-sergeant would find out.

525. Although there is a dangerous epidemic in the camp?—Even then you would know it.

526. They would march him down to the doctor?—If he were able to walk.

527. Do you not think it would be better to get the doctor to walk up to see him?—But he would have to go to the marquee whether or no.

528. But might it not be advisable for the doctor to decide what is the proper treatment for him first?—The orderly-sergeant would see whether he was seriously ill.

529. And even during the recent epidemic there was no system by which the doctors could go round and see the sick men?—That is so, except in the Trentham Regiments, where the doctors are attached to those regiments.

530. But the doctors are attached to all regiments?—No. The Trentham Regiment is different: they are a unit on their own, and have their doctors attached to them, who are going to the front with them.

531. Can you give the Commission any particulars of the extent of the sickness which prevailed in the camp?—I have them, but I have not got them with me. I can get them.

532. Has there been any typhoid in the camp?—There has not, to my knowledge.

533. Or diphtheria?—Not to my knowledge.

534. A large amount of measles, I believe?—Yes, there was.

535. And influenza?—Yes.

536. How long have measles existed in the camp—right from the start?—No, I think it was introduced with the Third Reinforcements.

537. What date would that be?—In February.

538. *The Chairman.*] To what extent were the measles present?—There were very few cases—isolated cases.

539. Were they sent to the Wellington Hospital?—To the best of my knowledge they were.

540. I suppose we can get a return showing all the cases that have occurred: the hospital authorities or somebody else will have the information, so that we can see what was the amount of sickness as well as the mortality?—A summary can be got of all the cases that were admitted to the hospital.

541. There may have been a number of cases of sickness where the men recovered?—It is quite possible.

542. However, there have been only isolated cases up till June?—Yes.

543. *Mr. Salmond.*] Did the epidemic of measles suddenly become serious?—To the best of my knowledge it gradually increased.

544. Was not there a very considerable increase in May?—About April, I think—the latter part of April to the beginning of May.

545. Was it a sudden increase?—Yes, I think so; but that, again, I can get from my returns.

546. And do the medical people keep any reports?—They should do so, because we get sick-reports in triplicate, one copy being kept by the unit. I have a sick-file, and the Medical Officer has a sick-file.

547. We will be able to get those returns?—Yes, I will make a note of them.

548. The number of cases of illness that have occurred during the camp?—Yes; that can be got from my sick-reports.

549. *Dr. Martin.*] It might come better from the P.M.O., the course of treatment followed in each case, and such particulars?—That would come from the P.M.O.

550. *Mr. Salmond.*] What attempt was made to isolate the cases of measles or prevent the spread of them?—The medicos used to isolate the whole tent into what we called the isolation camp. If a man had measles the whole tent was put into quarantine. It was a portion of the camp set apart from the remainder of the camp. The tent was completely disinfected with formalin.

551. *The Chairman.*] This quarantine camp was a tent-camp?—Yes, put over on the far side of the ambulance lines.

552. The man who was ill was sent to the Wellington Hospital, and the contacts were put in the isolation camp?—Yes.