

## NEW COMMANDANT AT PETAWAWA.

Lieut.-Col. R. W. Gregory, of St. Catharines, Ont., is the new commandant at the Petawawa internment camp. This position, as our local readers know, has been vacant for some time past. Lieut.-Col. Irving, of Pembroke, first received the appointment from Gen. Sir Wm. Otter, but some conflict of authority soon manifested itself and as a consequence Col. Irving, whose appointment was a most popular one, on the day he went to the camp to take up his duties received instructions to mark time until further orders would be received. The Colonel, of course, will not speak for publication, but it is understood that he is still awaiting news from the Militia Department. In the meantime the appointment has been given to Col. Gregory, who arrived in Pembroke on Tuesday, and was duly installed by Lieut.-Col. Ogilvie, of Kingston, that afternoon. It is no reflection upon the newly-appointed officer to say that the course followed by the authorities in this matter has been a most peculiar one and that the displacing of Col. Irving, savoring as it does of political bitterness which it was hoped had disappeared from the Militia Department, particularly at this time, when all the people of Canada, and especially those connected with military matters, were thought to be united in a common cause, has aroused much feeling. Sir Wm. Otter was above politics and made the appointment thinking that Col. Irving was best fitted for this position, but such considerations apparently do not weigh with the powers that control the situation in Ottawa, who apparently did not hesitate to do a gross injustice for political considerations.