

make and to sustain, and it will be interesting to watch how he does it. We are told, however, that nothing succeeds like success, and Mr. Witheford has had his share of it recently. His diplomacy and business ability came prominently to the front in his successful negotiations with the Admiralty in regard to the Calliope Dock. The Northern City has not hitherto had cause to boast overmuch of either the ability or the energy and push of

Contingents sent from this Colony to South Africa. None can say that the lamentation is groundless; for there is much that is antagonistic to the principles upon which the Imperial forces are officered, in the preferment of any but those who have gone through the regulation course for subalterns. The British Army makes a soldier in ten years; New Zealand an officer in ten minutes. The paradox is hideously unfair to the Imperial



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LIEUT. R. J. SEDDON.

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the members, either of her municipal or political government, there is, therefore, all the more scope for a new man to distinguish himself, and Mr. Witheford is not one to allow such an opportunity to pass without turning it to good account.

SAGES have wagged the head and bewailed the preferment of raw **LIEUTENANT SEDDON**, and inexperienced youths to commissions with the last two

subaltern who, under the new system of offering commissions to the Colonies, may expect in a year or so to rank with the Colonial mushroom officer. Kipling's lines, intended for a different acceptation, will be doubly pregnant—

“Two thousand pounds of education
Drops to a ten rupee jazail.”

Nevertheless there is much to be admired in the spirit in which the Premier sends his son,