

VANCE, John E. (Lt.-Gen.)

Vance named cadet chief

TWEED — Tweed native and now retired resident (Lt.-Gen.) John E. Vance, has been given the honorary appointment as titular head of the army cadet movement in Canada.

In a telephone interview, Vance explained that his official title is "colonel commandant, Royal Canadian Army Cadets."

The appointment takes effect Sept. 1 and runs for three years. Gen. Vance takes over from Lt. Gen. James Quinn of Ottawa, who has held the position for the past 10 years.

The position is one made by the Minister of National Defence on the recommendation of the Chief of Defence Staff, General Paul Manson, to a retired senior officer or prominent civilian.

Born at Tweed, Gen. Vance began his military career in 1952 as an officer cadet at Royal Military College, Kingston.

His career includes service with the Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, West Germany as a company commander at Soest and com-

mander of No. 3 Mechanized Commando at Baden-Soellingen, director of training at National Defence Headquarters, director-general of recruiting, education and training for the Canadian Forces and commander of No. 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Lahr, for four years. He was promoted to major-general in 1980 and named chief of personnel careers and senior appointments and promoted to lieutenant-general in 1983 until his appointment to vice-chief of the Defence Staff in June, 1985. He retired in August of last year.

Vance said that while he is aware of the extensive involvement of The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (militia) in cadet sponsorships' with six groups alone, his office will be on a far broader scale, dealing with between 1,800 and 1,900 cadet corps across Canada and at overseas bases.

His main role, he said, will be "ceremonial," often involving taking salutes at official parades or inspections.

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