

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

**BILL 27.**

An Act respecting the Department of National Defence.

**H**IS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The National Defence Act, 1922.* 5
- Definitions. **2.** In this Act and in any orders and regulations made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
(a) "Minister" means the Minister of National Defence.  
(b) "The Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of National Defence. 10  
(c) "Department" means the Department of National Defence.  
(d) "Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act, or by regulations made hereunder.
- Department and Minister of National Defence. **3.** There shall be a department of the Government of 15 Canada which shall be called the Department of National Defence, over which a Minister of the Crown shall preside, who shall be the Minister of National Defence.
- Services included. **4.** The Minister shall be charged with all matters relating to Defence, including the Militia, the Military, 20 Naval, and Air Services of Canada.
- Deputy Minister. **5.** (1) There shall be a Deputy Minister of National Defence, who shall be appointed by the Governor in Council and who shall hold office during pleasure.
- Officials. (2) Such officers may be appointed as are necessary for 25 the carrying on of the business of the department, all of whom shall hold office during pleasure.
- Appointment of officer to exercise powers of the Deputy (3) The Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, may appoint an officer who shall, in relation