Honorary rank on retirement. 52. The honorary rank of Major General may be conferred on retirement upon Colonels who have held the higher executive appointments on the headquarters staff or in the department for valuable services rendered to the country.

Staff officers.

53. The Governor in Council may appoint officers to the staff of the Militia as is, from time to time, deemed necessary for the efficiency of the Militia; and the duties and the authority of such officers shall be fixed by the regulations.

Relative rank of officers.

54. The relative rank and authority of officers in the Militia of Canada shall be as prescribed.

ARMS, CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Arms and equipment of militia.

55. The uniform, arms, clothing and equipment of the Militia shall be of such pattern and design as is from time to time prescribed and shall be issued under regulations.

Uniform and equipment of officers.

56. Officers of the Militia shall provide their own uniform and equipment, with the exception of mounted corps, to whom 15 saddlery may be issued as prescribed.

Importation free of duty.

57. All military clothing, saddlery, arms and equipment, imported into Canada for the bona fide use of the Militia or any part thereof, shall, on the certificate in writing of the District Officer Commanding that they have been imported for such 20 purpose, be admitted free of customs duty.

Responsibility for damages.

become deficient or damaged, while in possession of any corps, otherwise than through fair wear and tear or unavoidable accident, may be recovered by the Minister of Militia, or by 25 any other person authorized by him, from the officer in command of such corps; and the officer commanding any corps may recover the value of such articles of public property, or property of the corps, as have become deficient or damaged while in possession of his corps, otherwise than through fair 30 wear and tear or unavoidable accident, from the officer, man or men who is or are responsible therefor.

Men leaving Canada to return clothing, etc.

Penalty for

Penalty for default.

Proof.

59. Every man serving in the Militia about to leave Canada, shall first return to the captain or senior officer of his company all articles of public or corps property which he has in his 35 possession, and shall obtain a written discharge from such officer, which discharge shall also be recorded in the books of the corps; and any person who leaves Canada with any articles of public clothing or other public or corps property in his possession, is guilty of embezzlement, and may be tried therefor 40 at any time; and a record in the books of a corps of his having so received and not having returned any articles of public clothing or other public or corps property, shall be evidence of possession.

When only men may appear in uniform. 60. No corps and no non-commissioned officer or man shall, 45 at any time, appear in uniform or armed or accoutred, except when actually on duty or at parade or drill or at target practice,