

The active militia was to be composed of volunteers, of the regular militia and of the marine militia. The reserve militia would be composed of the men who would not be called to serve in any one of these capacities. The militia in general would be composed of the male inhabitants of the Dominion between 18 and 60 years of age, who would all be liable to be called out in case of a *levée en masse*. The militia would be divided into four classes. The first would comprise all male inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 30, unmarried, or widowers without children; the 2nd class would comprise those from 30 to 45 unmarried or widowers without children; the 3rd class would comprise male inhabitants from 18 to 45 married or widowers having children; the 4th class would comprise the very respectable class consisting of male inhabitants from 45 to 60 years of age. The Bill permitted the organization of volunteers as under the existing laws. A certain time would be allowed within which volunteers might enrol themselves, and then if the number was not sufficient the bill proposed for the filling up of service Companies, so that the number of trained men throughout the Dominion should not be less than 40,000, while at the same time the officers of the reserve Militia or such proportion of them as the Governor General might fix, should be obtained to train along with the service company men. If any regimental division did not furnish its full quota of active service men by means of volunteering, then the necessary number of service men should be drawn by ballot from the regimental division. The Bill provided that the Dominion should be divided into nine military districts, of which New Brunswick should form one and Nova Scotia one, while Quebec should be divided into three, and Ontario into four districts. At the head of each district there would be a District Deputy Adjutant General, with a sufficient staff to help him to see that the militia laws were properly carried out in his district. The Bill also provided that the Dominion should be divided into such number of regimental divisions as may be thought proper, with power to increase or alter them whenever circumstances might appear to require it. If it should be determined that the Dominion should be divided into two hundred regimental divisions, then, according to our present population, Ontario would have 88, Quebec, 68, Nova Scotia 24, and New Brunswick 20. Besides the regimental divisions there would be a topographical company division. The Bill provided for the appointment of a lieutenant-colonel and two majors for every regimental division, with captains, lieutenants, ensigns, and such non-commissioned officers as might be necessary. From the regimental divisions