

An Act respecting the Volunteer Force.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows : Preamble.

1. The Governor shall, by virtue of his Office, be Commander in Chief of the Canadian Volunteer Force. Governor to be Commander in Chief.
2. The Commander in Chief may raise, organize, arm, uniform and equip a Volunteer Force to serve within the Province for the defence of the same in case of need, and in aid of the civil power as hereinafter mentioned ; and such force shall consist of not more than thirty-five thousand men, exclusive of Commissioned Officers ; and the Commander in Chief may call out the Volunteers or any part thereof for actual service, whenever it is in his opinion advisable so to do, by reason of war, invasion or insurrection, or imminent danger of any of them ; Provided that the several Corps of Volunteers organized and gazetted prior to the passing of this Act, shall be and continue as if organized and gazetted under this Act, and shall constitute part of the Volunteer Force before mentioned. He may raise a Volunteer Force not exceeding 35,000 men.
Calling out.
Present corps continued.
3. The Volunteers may consist of Troops of Cavalry, Military Train, Field Batteries of Artillery, Garrison Batteries of Artillery, Companies of Engineers, and Battalions or Companies of Rifles and of Infantry, and Naval Companies, to be armed and equipped according to their respective services, and to be formed at such places and in such manner as may from time to time be ordered by the Commander in Chief. Of what corps Volunteers may consist, &c.
4. All Companies or Battalions of Volunteers shall be formed and may be disbanded by authority of the Commander in Chief, as may in his opinion best tend to further the purposes of this Act and the public good. Power to disband Volunteers.
5. Each Troop of Cavalry, Military Train, Garrison Battery of Artillery, Company of Engineers, or Rifles, or Infantry, shall consist, according to its respective service, of a Captain, a Lieutenant, a Cornet, Second Lieutenant or Ensign, three Serjeants, three Corporals, a Trumpeter or Bugler, and not exceeding forty-eight Privates, except in cases where the Commander in Chief may specially sanction a greater number of Privates not exceeding seventy-five : Force of Volunteer companies respectively, Cavalry and Infantry.