

claimant: Provided that in respect to seafaring men, who may be registered in the marine militia, as required by the one hundred and thirteenth section of this Act, the production by any person therein mentioned of the certificate of registration to the commanding officer of the company, within the limits whereof he resides, shall be sufficient to exempt him for a period of twelve months from the date of such registration.

MILITIA DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS.

11. The commander-in-chief may from time to time by any militia general order, divide Upper and Lower Canada respectively into such number of military districts as he deems expedient, and to be designated as he sees fit; and may from time to time by any militia general order, alter such division of the province into military districts, and increase or diminish the number thereof.

12. To each military district a colonel shall be appointed, who shall command the militia in such district, and all communications shall pass through him in reference to all corps and battalions within his command.

13. The commander-in-chief may from time to time, by any militia general order, divide the military districts respectively into regimental divisions, and the regimental divisions into sedentary battalion divisions, and the sedentary battalion divisions into sedentary company divisions, and may designate such divisions by such names or numbers as he sees fit.

14. All militia districts and divisions existing before the passing of this Act shall remain in force until altered under the provisions of this Act, and such of them as are allowed to remain unaltered shall be held to have been made by the proper authority under this Act, and for the purposes thereof.

15. Each regimental division shall furnish one regular battalion and one reserve battalion of active militia from the male population of such division, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

16. Each company of a regular battalion and each company of a reserve battalion shall be taken from within the limits of a defined territorial division, the boundary of which shall be identical with that of a sedentary battalion division, or of a distinct portion of such division, such portion to be regulated by militia general order.

17. All volunteer and regular battalions shall be numbered from one upwards, the numbers to be drawn by lot; and all reserve battalions shall have the same numbers as the regular battalions taken from the same sedentary battalion divisions as the said reserve battalions respectively.

OFFICERS.

18. The commander-in-chief may, from time to time, place on a retired list of officers all officers who have arrived at, and whenever they may hereafter arrive at the ages in each rank as follows; that is to say, field officers under the rank of colonel, at sixty years of age, and captains and subalterns at fifty years of age; and who hold commissions in the active militia at the time of the passing of this Act, or who may hold commissions in the active militia under this Act; and the commander-in-chief may give a step of honorary rank to each such person as may be placed on the said retired list.

19. Nothing in the next preceding clause shall be held to prevent the commander in chief from transferring such retired officers to the sedentary militia, either with the service rank or the honorary rank, as he may think proper.

20. All commissions of officers in the militia shall be granted by the commander-in-chief, and during pleasure.

21. All non-commissioned officers in the militia shall be appointed by the officer commanding the corps or battalion to which they belong, and shall hold their rank during pleasure.

22. No person shall be an officer of militia unless he is one of Her Majesty's subjects by birth or naturalization.

23. Commissions in the militia and appointments of non-commissioned officers existing immediately before the passing of this Act shall remain in force, such commissions being subject to be cancelled by the Commander-in-chief, and such appointments by the officer commanding the battalion, or the same may be placed on the retired list as herein-before mentioned; but no person shall be bound to serve in the militia in a lower grade than he has once held, unless he has resigned his commission or is reduced by sentence or order of some lawful court or authority; nor shall any person who has been a non-commissioned officer in Her Majesty's army, be bound to serve in the militia in a lower grade than he held in the army, unless he had been reduced as aforesaid.

24. The next preceding section applies to and includes the battalions embodied in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the said battalions are still lawfully embodied, and commissions in them are valid under the said section; and the said battalions are subject to all the provisions of this Act as sedentary militia, and may be called out as such by the Commander-in-chief.

25. No person shall be appointed or commissioned to any rank below the rank of field officer in the active militia, nor shall any officer below such rank be promoted to a higher grade or rank unless and until he shall have passed a practical military examination before, and obtained a certificate of fitness from a board to be named and appointed by the commander-in-chief, and to consist of three officers of Her Majesty's service or of the active militia, or partly of Her Majesty's service and partly of the active militia service, one of whom shall be of the rank of field officer; provided that for the period of three years after the passing of this Act, such board may consist and be composed of three officers

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Commissions
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How non-
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officers shall be
appointed.

Officers must
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Her Majesty.

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Battalions em-
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