Regiment of Veterans, the Royal Canadian Rifles, in existence for thirty years, the Cape Mounted Rifles, and others; but all these organizations were enrolled solely to serve and defend the colonies in which they were raised. This Canadian corps was to be incorporated in the British Army as one of Her Majesty's regiments of foot, for general service in any part of the Queen's possessions to which it should be ordered.

The proclamation for the raising of the regiment was issued at Toronto, March 3rd, 1858, by Sir Edmund Walker Head the Governor-General, who was empowered to grant commissions to one major, on condition that he would raise two hundred men; to six captains who would be responsible for eighty; to eight lieutenants who must bring forty men each; and to four ensigns, who were required to be college graduates, of good standing, and to pass a qualifying examination. These were to be Canadians from the active militia with the exception of the four ensigns, who were to be young then educated in Canada. The rest of the officers were to be appointed from English regiments and the strength of the regiment to be 1200 men. Later, when the formation of the corps was completed, two alterations were made: five, instead of six, Canadian captains and five ensigns instead of four. The complete list of these Canadian officers, commissioned at the formation of the regiment, is as follows:

Lieut.-Colonel—Col George, Baron de Rottenburg, C. B., Adjutant-General, Upper Canada, Toronto.

Major—Alex: Robt. Dunn, V. C., 11th Hussars.

Captains—John Clarke, 20th Regiment, Montreal. T. W. W. Smythe, Rifle Corps, Brockville. Geo. Macartney, Rifle Corps, Paris. Chas. John Clark, Yorkville Cavalry, Toronto. Richard C. Price, Rifles, Quebec.

Lieutenants—John Fletcher, Volunteer Rifles, Montreal. Louis Adolphe Casault, Rifles, Quebec. L. C. A. de Belleseuille Vaudreuil Rifles. Philip Derbishire, York Militia. Alfred E.