

tioned officers, and men of the militia so called out for active service shall be paid at such rates of daily pay, and shall receive such allowances in every respect, as are paid and allowed to officers and men of the relative and corresponding rank or grade in Her Majesty's army.

CORPS FOR GENERAL SERVICE.

10. The commander-in-chief may, in the event of war, raise, in addition to the active and sedentary militia of the province, regiments of militia by voluntary enlistment for general service during such war, and for a reasonable time after its termination ; such regiments to be subject to all the provisions of the said Act respecting the militia as hereby amended.

DRILL ASSOCIATIONS.

11. The commander-in-chief may sanction the organization of associations for purposes of drill, and of independent companies of infantry composed of professors, masters, or pupils of universities, schools, or other public institutions, or of persons engaged in or about the same, or of reserve men, but such associations or companies shall not be provided with any clothing or allowance therefor, nor shall they receive pay.

12. This Act shall be construed as forming one Act with the said Act respecting the militia, and all words and expressions in this Act shall have the same meaning as they have in the said Act.

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REPORT of the Commissioners appointed to report a Plan for the better Organization of the Department of Adjutant General of Militia, and the best means of Re-organising the Militia of this Province, and to prepare a Bill thereon.

To his Excellency the Governor General.

We, your Excellency's commissioners appointed, firstly, to report a plan for the better organization of the department of adjutant general of militia ; secondly, to investigate and report upon the best means of reorganizing the militia of this province, and of providing an efficient and economical system for the defence of the province ; and, thirdly, to prepare a bill or bills on the subjects hereinbefore mentioned respectively, with a view to submission of the same to Parliament at its next session, do most respectfully report to your Excellency, as follows :—

ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MILITIA.

- 1. We recommend that the department of adjutant general of militia shall consist of an adjutant general, two deputy adjutants general, a paymaster, and a sufficient staff of clerks.
- 2. That the general commanding Her Majesty's troops in Canada shall from time to time, as circumstances may require, be requested to nominate officers of the regular service to inspect the active militia, and that such officers shall receive, while so employed, the allowances provided by the present law.

Adjutant General's department. Inspectors of militia.

REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA.

Preamble.

- 3. In framing our recommendations as to the best means of re-organizing the militia of Canada we have taken for the groundwork of our considerations the following facts, which must be self-evident to all who consider the circumstances and position of the province.
- 4. Firstly, that Canada presents a frontier, upwards of 1,000 miles in extent, assailable by land or water at every point.
- 5. Secondly, that she possesses a population amounting to little more than 2,500,000 souls (less than the population of London), thinly but unevenly scattered throughout her full extent.
- 6. Thirdly, that the adjoining country is powerful,—contains a population vastly superior in numbers to that of Canada,—possesses great resources, and abounds with excellent means of communication, both by land and water, diverging from the heart of the nation, and leading to all the most vulnerable points on the frontier of this province.
- 7. Fourthly, that as the revenue of a country must depend in a very great degree upon the amount of her population, the extent of the frontier in this province to be defended must necessarily be disproportioned to her income.

Ground work of considerations.
Extent of frontier.
Population
Neighbouring country.
Revenue small.

Amount of Force required.

8. In order to provide an efficient force for the defence of the province, we are of opinion that a far greater number of trained men will be required than have hitherto been sanctioned, and recommend the organization of an active force amounting to about 50,000 men of all arms, with a reserve of the same number. A reference to the map of Canada will, we think, clearly point out that even this number of men would be insufficient without the co-operation of a strong body of regular troops and a powerful fleet of gun boats on the lakes.

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