

REPORT.

STATE OF THE VOLUNTEER FORCE.

On the 3rd May, 1862, the Deputies Adjutant General reported, for the information of the House of Assembly, that there were then organized in the Province 13,390 Volunteers, of these 29 Companies were reported by Lieut.-Col. Wily, after his tour of inspection, as having failed in their organization, and were disbanded; these 29 Companies represented 1,450 Volunteers, leaving as efficient at that date, 11,940. Since then Companies representing 13,070 Volunteers have been organized in different Sections of the Province, making in all, up to this date, a total of 25,010.

Taking population as a basis, these Volunteer Corps are distributed as follows:

Population all Canada, (census 1861) 2,506,752,—present Volunteer force, 25,010 or say 10 Volunteers for each 1,000 inhabitants.

Population—Lower Canada

1,110,664 Volunteers, 10,230,—or say 9½ for each 1,000.

Upper Canada

1,396,088 Volunteers, 14,780,—or say 11½ for each 1,000.

2,506,752

25,010

Population all Canada, shewing proportion of Volunteers in Cities and Counties.

Cities, 257,273 Volunteers, 8,525,—or say 33 for each 1,000.

Rural, 2,249,479 “ 16,485,—or say 7½ for each 1,000.

2,506,752

25,010

Population of Cities.

Lower Canada, 153,389 Volunteers, 5,500,—or say 36 for each 1,000.

Upper Canada, 103,884 “ 3,025,—or say 29 for each 1,000.

257,273

8,525

Population of Rural Parts.

Lower Canada, 957,275 Volunteers, 4,730,—or say 5 for each 1,000.

Upper Canada, 1,292,204 “ 11,755,—or say 9 for each 1,000.

2,249,479

16,485

It will thus be seen that in the cities of Canada, those in the Upper Section of the Province contribute less, in proportion to their population, than do those in the Lower Section; while in the rural parts, Upper Canada contributes a larger number for each 1,000 inhabitants than does Lower Canada.