

tions shall be allotted to those in the next lower grade who are most successful in competitive examinations. The standards and manner of holding such examinations shall be prescribed in the regulations. All books required for such examination shall be issued to candidates without charge.

#### THE DEFENCE FORCE.

"The Defence Force shall consist of the Naval and Military Forces of the Commonwealth, and shall be divided into two branches, called the Permanent Forces and the Citizen Forces.

#### PERMANENT FORCES.

"The Permanent Forces shall consist of officers who are appointed officers of those forces, and of soldiers, petty officers, and sailors who are bound to continuous naval or military service for a term.

"No permanent Military Forces shall be raised, maintained or organized except for Administrative and Instructional Staffs, including Army Service, Medical and Ordnance Staffs, Artillery Fortress Engineers, and Sub-marine Mining Engineers.

#### PROMOTION OF OFFICERS.

"21. (1) Except as provided in this section, no officer below the rank of Lt. Col. in the Military Forces or below the rank of Commander in the Naval Forces shall be promoted unless he has previously passed the prescribed examination for promotion to a higher rank.

"(2) Where an officer has had no opportunity of passing the prescribed examination he may be provisionally promoted, subject to his passing such examination within the prescribed time.

"21A. An officer of the Military Forces, other than an officer of the Cadets, shall not be promoted, except probationally, to any rank higher than that of Captain, until he has passed, as prescribed, a course of practical and theoretical instruction by the members of the General Staff to perfect him in the practice of his own arm of the forces, and to accustom him to the uses and possibilities of other arms

(2). An officer of the Military Forces shall not be promoted above the rank of Major until he has passed, as prescribed, a course of instruction by the members of the General Staff, during which he shall have shown himself fitted to command in the field a force of all arms.

"Provided that sections one hundred and forty-nine and one hundred and fifty shall not apply to officers of the Medical, Veterinary, Ordnance, and other Departmental Services.

"(3) This section shall not apply to officers of the Medical, Veterinary, Ordnance, and other Departmental Services.