

*An Act to amend the Act respecting the Militia.*

Whereas it is expedient to make the following provisions in amendment of chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled "An Act respecting the Militia," therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The following paragraph shall be added to the 20th section of the said Act, and shall make part thereof:—

"The commander-in-chief may, whenever he deems it necessary, order that a corrected roll of every company of the sedentary militia be made out; and it shall be the duty of every officer commanding a company, within ten days after such order has been received, to make out such corrected roll and to cause a copy thereof to be transmitted as provided by the foregoing provisions of this section."

2. The 22d section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section shall be substituted for it, and bear the same number:—

"22. The active militia of the province, in time of peace, shall consist of volunteer troops of cavalry, military train, field batteries of artillery, garrison batteries of artillery, companies of engineers, and companies of infantry and marine and naval companies, to be armed and equipped according to their respective services, and to be formed at such places and in such manner as may from time to time be designated or ordered by the commander-in-chief; but except as herein-after provided the total strength of such volunteer corps shall not exceed 10,000 officers and men in class A."

3. The following paragraph shall be added to the 31st section of the said Act, and shall make part thereof:—

"3. Each volunteer militiaman shall, in the discretion of the commander-in-chief be supplied with uniform clothing while on drill or service, or receive such sum not exceeding six dollars per annum in lieu thereof, as may be directed by the commander-in-chief; such clothing or money to be delivered to the non-commissioned officers and privates, on such conditions and upon such security as the commander-in-chief may direct; and in all cases, uniforms, arms, and accoutrements, the property of the officers of battalions or companies, issued prior or subsequently to the passing of this Act, shall be received, held, preserved, and recovered in all respects, as if the same were the property of the Crown, and shall have all the privileges incidental thereto."

4. The 32d section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted for it:—

"All arms lent by the Imperial Government to the province, and all accoutrements furnished by the Province, and distributed to the officers and men of the active and volunteer militia shall be accounted for by those who have received them; and in those localities where there are no public armouries, the commander-in-chief may prescribe such precautionary measures as he deems expedient for the safe keeping and in good order of such arms and accoutrements, and for the re-delivery thereof to such officer as may be appointed to receive them, whenever the commander-in-chief for any purpose directs such re-delivery."

5. The commander-in-chief may appoint brigade majors not exceeding one for each military district, and may from time to time regulate and prescribe their duties.

Each of the said brigade majors shall be paid by the province at a rate not exceeding 600 dollars per annum, and travelling expenses.

6. The 40th section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section shall be substituted for it and bear the same number:—

"40. The non-commissioned officers and men of the active militia (Class A) shall be paid for each day of actual and *bonâ fide* drill (not exceeding 12 in number) the sum of 50 cents per diem, and a further sum of 1 dollar per diem for each horse actually and necessarily present belonging to and used for such drill by such non-commissioned officers and men."

"2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the 38th section of this Act, such days of drill need not be consecutive, unless so ordered by the commander-in-chief, who may also determine the manner in which such number of days of drill shall be computed."

7. The 43d section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section shall be substituted for it, and bear the same number:—

"43. Each serjeant-major of a volunteer field battery of artillery shall, on account of the great responsibility attached to the office, be paid by the province, at the rate of 200 dollars per annum; and the commander-in-chief may from time to time appoint musketry instructors, non-commissioned officers or other competent persons to be employed in drilling and instructing the officers, non-commissioned officers and men in the several corps of active and sedentary militia:

"Each of such musketry instructors, non-commissioned officers and other competent persons so employed, shall be paid by the province at a rate not exceeding 1 dollar and 50 cents per diem when so employed."

8. The active militia shall be paid on such proof of the performance of drill required by the said Act, at such times and in such manner as the commander-in-chief may from time to time direct.

9. In the time of active service in the field, and whenever the militia or any part thereof shall be called out by reason of invasion, insurrection, or imminent danger thereof, the officers, non-commis-