

to approve fixes the pay according to the scale adopted by the British Government for the army. It will be seen, by referring to the schedule, that the pay is not at all extravagant. It must be remembered that we keep up in Canada what I consider to be a most efficient force. I consider the Militia force of Canada is a credit to this country, and would be, as I have already had occasion to remark, a credit to any country; and the pay we now propose to give them by a statutory enactment, is the same that is given the rural corps when serving in their camps of instruction. Considering the number of days during which our citizen soldiers are called upon to drill, I consider that pay is really not extravagant, and that it is merely meeting the requirements of the force. I may state, and all gentlemen connected with the force are aware of the fact, that this pay does not at all cover the expenses which officers in both city and rural corps are called upon to meet. We all know that officers going to camp are called upon to provide out of their own pocket, for the efficiency not only of their bands, but also for the maintenance of the efficiency of the various battalions, and they will be still called upon to contribute a great deal to keep the Militia force of Canada in the state of efficiency in which it is to-day. Hon. members will see, on looking at the resolutions, that a lieutenant-colonel only receives \$4.87; major, \$3.90; paymaster, \$3.05; adjutant, with rank of lieutenant, \$2.44; adjutant, with rank of 2nd lieutenant, \$2.13; surgeon, \$3.65; assistant surgeon, \$2.43; quartermaster, \$1.94; captain, \$2.82; lieutenant, \$1.58; 2nd lieutenant, \$1.28; sergeant-major, \$1; quartermaster-sergeant, 90 cts.; paymaster's clerk, 90 cts.; orderly room clerk, 90 cts.; hospital sergeant, 90 cts.; pay sergeant, 80 cts.; sergeant, 75 cts.; corporal, 60 cts.; bugler, 50 cts.; private, 50 cts.; for each horse taking part in such drill, \$1. The pay of the Quartermaster-General at headquarters, shall be at the rate of \$2,600 per annum. While my Bill was met, as I believe all important measures should be met, by the criticism of hon. members who have had much experience in regard to the Militia force, I consider it was criticised in a very friendly spirit. My reason for introducing it is that I believe it is necessary to place the whole Militia force of Canada in that state of efficiency which it should and would occupy under the new regulations. Some discussion took place when the Bill was introduced, and at its second reading in regard to the appointment of a Quartermaster-General. It is not the intention at present to increase the expense of the Department by adding an additional officer to those we possess to-day. But hon. gentlemen will see that the amount specified to be paid as salary to the Quartermaster-General is exactly the sum which has always been voted for the Adjutant-General. In introducing this measure, it was necessary to provide for the possibility of the Department changing the Adjutant-General, or replacing him, although we would not like to do so, and never would do so, so long as I preside over the Department, for I would like neither the Department nor the country to be deprived of the services of the Adjutant-General, who has taken a deep interest in Militia matters, and who is known to be a most efficient officer; still, if it was considered desirable for the efficiency of the service to give him a different designation and to have him called Quartermaster-General instead of Adjutant-General, we would have, under the provisions of this Act, power to do so. I think those who have studied the matter will know that if a case of emergency arises the most important officer in the organization of the Militia force is the Quartermaster-General, and it might happen, from various reasons which it is not requisite to-night to discuss, to have a different name given to the efficient officer whom the Department possesses to-day. That is the reason why I have inserted this provision, and hon. gentlemen, as I have already pointed out, will observe that the

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salary is exactly the same as that which is annually voted for the Adjutant-General. So far as regards the clause:

"That the officers and men of the Marine Militia, and the officers of the Reserve Militia, when called out and drilled, under sections forty-six and forty-seven of the said Bill (No. 31) shall receive for each day's drill the pay of their respective ranks, according to the foregoing schedule."

I may state to hon. gentlemen, and they know as well as I can explain it, that this branch of the Militia is only paid in case of emergency; and in such cases, when all the different sections of the force are called out for active service, it is only right they should be placed on a footing of equality, and all be paid according to rank. There is, in paying the force according to rank, more than the question of money involved; there is the question of paying a man for the responsibility which he is called upon to assume. If a lieutenant-colonel, who is in command of a battalion, receives, as under the old regulations, \$1 per day, as does every other officer, such a condition of things tends to sap the very foundation of the whole structure of the Militia force, in so far that the officer is not paid for the responsibility which he is called upon to assume. In regard to the reserve force, we have carried out the same principle, for the purpose of making it one system, applicable to the whole Militia force, because it is admitted that we have only one force in Canada. We have no distinction between classes, we have not got one body which is superior to another, they all belong to the active Militia force of Canada, and for the purpose of instructing the men who take an interest in the force, the rank and file, the non-commissioned officers and officers, we have been endeavoring to give them means of instruction by this Bill which they did not formerly possess; and when hon. gentlemen look into this Bill, as I have no doubt they have, it will meet their approval. I have received letters from the great Province of Ontario, from Quebec and other Provinces, all suggesting changes and amendments which it will be my duty to submit to this Committee when we come to the different sections. I must say that all the amendments suggested are altogether in the sense of the measure as it was originally proposed; but they are not of any great importance, except as coming from gentlemen who take any interest in the Militia force, and who have taken the trouble to read and study the Bill; and they made suggestions which I consider my duty, as taking a deep interest in the future of the force, and as head of the Department, to submit to the House. These are resolutions which provide for the pay according to rank; and this Bill, as I have already stated, accords the pay which has always been given to the rural corps and to the force which drills in camps of instruction instead of at headquarters; and there is no reason why this should not be extended to the other corps. The sum required to defray this expenditure will amount to between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per annum; but I must state that in according this privilege to the city corps, we grant it to corps who perform many more days' drill than do the rural corps. In cities, as hon. gentlemen who live in large cities know, during winter, when young men who are engaged in banking or commercial business can get away from their business earlier than during the summer months, when business requires more of their attention, take advantage of this fact to improve their knowledge of drill, and the efficiency of the force, owing to these extra drills, for which they receive no pay at all, is greatly increased; and I thought it only right to recognise what these men have done, by placing them exactly on the same footing with other corps, which, not in cities, but in country towns, and in various parishes, as in the Province of Quebec, are called upon to drill in camps. I think that these resolutions will meet with the approbation and approval of the House; and I am perfectly certain that the hon. gentlemen who have looked into them will see that the expenditure now proposed is in the right