

serve as Battoe-men, whenever they shall be thereunto required by the Captains of militia.

Senior officer shall present order to Captain of Militia, or other senior officers of the parishes, who thereupon shall hillet the troops, furnish carriages, &c. Fine, 20 shillings, 2nd offence 5 pounds.

—1 or 2 soldiers in each house—shall furnish a straw bed, coverlets or blankets, and a pair of sheets, to be changed once in every month, with room at their fire and by their lights and with permission to cook their victuals.

(Extended to the Militia when embodied, &c., by Prov. Stat. 34, Geo. III, c. 4, sec. 30.)

- (g) To explain and amend an Act intituled "An Act or Ordinance for better regulating the Militia of this Province and rendering it of more general utility towards the preservation and security thereof."—(Repealed by Prov. Stat. 34, Geo. III., Cap. 4, Sec. 31.)

We then come to the important Act which superseded the above mentioned ordinances and which played so important a part in saving Canada to the British Empire.

## CANADA, 1808.

### MILITIA ACT—UPPER AND LOWER CANADA — 1808.

Extracts from "Statutes of Upper Canada"—in the 48th year of the reign of George III.—Francis Gore, Esq., Lieut.-Governor, A.D. 1808.

An Act to explain, amend and redact to one Act of Parliament the several Laws now in being for the RAISING and TRAINING the Militia of this Province.—(Passed 16th March, 1808.)

Whereas, a well regulated Militia is of the utmost importance to the defence of this Province; and whereas the laws now in force for the training and regulating thereof are in some respects defective; Be it therefore enacted, &c., &c.:

- I—Shall and may appoint a sufficient number of Colonels, Lt.-Colns., Majors, and other officers, to train, discipline and command the Militia of this Province.
- II—The Commanding Officer of each Regiment or Battalion to specify to each Capt. the limits from within which the militia-men of such Captains of Companies shall be enrolled.
- III—That every male inhabitant from 16 to 60 years of age