

nada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same; That there shall be to every battalion of Militia now or hereafter to be formed in this Province, (the strength of which will admit thereof) two flank Companies, to consist of not more than one hundred men each, nor in any case to compose more than one third of the strength of such battalion, and also all Independent Companies belonging to any County, Riding or Place, shall provide their quota, to compose one or more flank Company or Companies, but in no case to exceed one third of such Independent Company or Companies, to be selected and formed from among such Militia men, as shall at any meeting or meetings of any such Battalion or Independent Companies, volunteer for that purpose. And if it should so happen that a sufficient number of persons shall not at any such meeting or meetings, volunteer for the purpose aforesaid, then and in such case the deficiency shall be made up by ballot from the Militia men of such Battalion, or Independent Company or Companies, who shall be under the age of forty years.

Two flank Companies of not more than 100 men each to every battalion, but not to compose more than one third of the strength of the battalion.

Independent companies shall provide their quota.

How such flank companies shall be formed.

II. *Provided always nevertheless,* That when it shall happen that two or more persons shall be called upon service from one family, that one of them shall be excused for that time, unless it shall appear to the Officer Commanding such Company of Militia, that there is another person living in the same house, capable of taking care of the said family, who is not then called into actual service; and also that when a widow or aged person, shall at the time of making the said ballot, depend for her, or his maintainance on a Son, Grandson or Apprentice, such Son, Grandson, or Apprentice, shall be excused from service, while supporting such widow or aged person.

How when two or more shall be called upon from one family.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when any such flank Company shall be formed, it shall and may be lawful for the Captain or Officer Commanding the same, to call out such Company, and he is hereby required so to do, six days in each Month, for the purpose of being trained and exercised, as may be directed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person

Captain to call out his company six days in each month, and the company shall continue its training six days in every month till found duly instructed.