

## 9. Moved by Lieut. Colonel Hon. J. H. Gray—

That it is desirable that non-commissioned officers and men of the Militia omitting to attend the muster and inspection of their respective Battalions, as provided by law, should be liable to a fine of \$— per day; and that Officers of the Militia omitting to attend in proper uniform be liable to a fine of four times the amount imposed upon non-commissioned officers and privates;—

And that it is further desirable that the above fines be paid in to the Battalion Fund.

Moved by Lieut. Col. Thurgar—That the blank be filled with the word *two*.

## 10. Moved by Lieut. Colonel R. W. Crookshank—

That it is desirable that all exemptions and fines not specially applied to particular purposes, and all fees for Commissions, be paid to the Adjutant General, to constitute a Militia Fund, to be applied to the support of the Militia.

## 11. Moved by Lieut. Colonel Hon. John Robertson—

That it is desirable that the New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, and other Corps of Volunteers authorized by the Commander in Chief, shall receive a capitation grant of — dollars a head for every man attending 30 drills during the year, (of which 24 shall be Company and 6 Battalion drills,) in lieu of the allowance now granted.

## 12. Moved by Lieut. Colonel Wetmore—

That the Oath of Allegiance should, in the opinion of this meeting, be taken by every officer and man belonging to the Militia Force of this Province into whose possession arms shall be entrusted for Militia purposes.

## 13. Moved by Lieut. Colonel Otty—

That it is the opinion of this meeting that the annual muster of the Militia Force of the Province should not take place until after the Camp of Instruction be dismissed; that a Drill Instructor for each Company, to be selected by the Adjutant General from the most efficient men in Camp, should be appointed to drill the Companies of the respective Battalions from which they may have been taken; and that each Instructor producing a certificate from his Commanding Officer that he has discharged his duty satisfactorily, should be entitled to receive the sum of —.

## 14. Moved by Lieut. Colonel Baird—

That Sections 36 to 43 inclusive of the Militia Law of Nova Scotia, which have reference to the preservation of subordination at Militia musters; be recommended for embodiment in the Law to be proposed for this Province.

## The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant Governor.

*Downing Street, 4th February, 1865.*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 12th January, enclosing copies of Resolutions adopted by a Commission appointed by you to consider the changes which it may be desirable to make in the Militia Law of this Province.

I am glad to observe the warm interest you are taking in this subject, and I trust that your advisers will adopt effectual measures for the improvement of the Force.

I have, &c. (Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Odell, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—