

AFFIDAVITS TAKEN OVERSEAS.

The attention of solicitors is directed to an amendment of the Ontario Evidence Act, by which certain officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces on active service, out of Canada, are permitted to administer oaths and affirmations for use in Ontario.

The amendment is contained in sec. 13 of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916, 6 Geo. V. ch. 24, as amended by sec. 68, of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1917, 7 Geo. V. ch. 27.

Section 13, as amended, reads as follows:—

13. In addition to the classes of persons named in section 38 of the Evidence Act, an oath, affidavit, affirmation or declaration for use in Ontario, may be administered, sworn, affirmed or made out of Ontario by a Colonel or Lieutenant-Colonel or Major of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces on active service, out of Canada, and shall be as valid and effectual and shall be of like force and effect to all intents and purposes as if it had been administered, sworn, affirmed or made in Ontario before a commissioner for taking affidavits therein or other competent authority of the like nature.

Solicitors who send to soldiers overseas documents to be executed should instruct them to go to these officers for the purpose. The ordinary notarial charges in England are high.