

and to obey such instructions as may be lawfully given him by any Magistrate in regard to the suppression of any such actual riot or disturbance or other emergency, or to the suppression of the same, or to the aid to be given to the civil powers in case of any such riot, disturbance, or other emergency; and every such requisition in writing as aforesaid shall express on the face thereof the actual occurrence of a riot, disturbance, or emergency, or the anticipation thereof requiring such service of the Active Militia in aid of the civil power for the suppression thereof; and every officer, non-commissioned officer, and man of such Active Militia, or any portion thereof, shall on every such occasion obey the orders of his commanding officer; and the officers and men so called out shall, without any further or other appointment, and without any oath of office, be special constables, and shall be considered to act as such so long as they remain so called out; but they shall act only as a military body, and shall be individually liable to obey the orders of their military commanding officers only."

From the foregoing you will observe that the Parliament of Canada has clearly defined the course to be adopted when the civil powers require to be aided by the militia in preserving peace and maintaining order in any community, and it would be manifestly illegal for the Federal Government to interfere in the preservation of the public peace in any manner unauthorized by the laws of the country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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Your Deputation cannot conclude without placing on record their indebtedness to the M.W.G.M., Bro.