

An Act to amend the Laws respecting the Militia.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the Militia, 27 Victoria, chapter 2, and to provide for the protection of widows; who in the event of the strict enforcement of the provisions of the said Act, relating to the enrolment of the Service Militia, might be exposed to extreme hardship by being utterly deprived of their only source of protection and support; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. The third section of the Act respecting the Militia, twenty-seven Victoria, chapter two, is amended by the addition of the following proviso:

Proviso added to third section of Militia Act.

“But the only sons of widows, and on whom alone their mothers are dependent for support, who would otherwise be enrolled among the First-class Service Men, shall be enrolled as Second-class Service Men only, during the lifetime or widowhood of their mothers.”

2. And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said Act in respect of the system of balloting for Service Men, the twenty-fifth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following shall be substituted therefor and read in lieu thereof:

Twenty-fifth section of the said Act repealed.

26. The Sheriff, County Judge and Warden of the said County in Upper Canada, and the Registrar, Warden and Officer or Officers, or Militia designated as aforesaid, in Lower Canada, shall then proceed to prepare for each township, parish, city, town or incorporated village mentioned in the order of the Commander-in-Chief requiring the organization of a battalion or relief, a separate list or service roll, inserting in each such list the names of such persons as may appear by the service rolls for the county to be resident in such township, parish, city, town or incorporated village, and such lists being certified under their hands, they shall then transmit the list prepared for each such local municipality to the mayor or chief officer thereof, at least ten days before the day fixed for the drawing of the ballot, informing him at the same time of the number of men resident in his municipality who are required to serve, such number being calculated in the ratio the number of number of names inscribed in the list for such township, parish, city, town or incorporated village bears to the number on the service roll of the county.”

New section substituted.

Service rolls for each parish.

3. It shall be the duty of the mayor, on receipt of such list and notification, at once to give public notice, in the manner required for public notices in municipal matters, that on the day appointed by the Commander-in-Chief and at a certain place to be designated in such notice, the drawing of the number of persons required from the

Mayor to give notice of time and place for drawing.