[Extracts from the Blue Book for the year 1845.]

BY COMMAND.

RETURN OF MILITIA.

Battalions.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.
34	66	365	726	118	1060	55	26,151

The Law regulating the Militia, passed 17th March, 1825, and is intituled "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

By this Law the Militia are liable to be called out three days in each year, one for General Muster, and two for Company Drill.

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The Force was called out only one day during the year 1845; two days having been dispensed with by order of the Lieutenant Governor.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Return of all Public Works, Civil Roads, Canals, Bridges, Buildings, &c. &c., not of a Military Nature, which have been undertaken during the Year.

[The following information is expected to be inserted in this Return:—1st. A description of the Work and its situation; 2. Whether constructing or under repair; 3. Its estimated expense; 4. The authority under which it is executed; 5. The Fund from which the expense is defrayed; 6. The date of commencement; 7. Whether finished or unfinished; 8. If finished, the actual amount of Expenditure; 9. If unfinished, the amount of Expenditure up to the date of the Return.

The information actually inserted is as follows:—]

Description of the Work, and where	Amount			
situated.	appropriated			
Situated.	in 1845.			
ROADS.				
Saint John to the Nova Scotia Line,	£1,400			
Saint John to Saint Andrews, and Bridge over the Bocabec,	360			
Fredericton to Saint John, via Nerepis,	400			
Nerepis to Gagetown,	35			
Dorchester to Shediac,	80			
Shediac to Petitcodiac,	20			
Richibucto to Chatham,	500			
Newcastle to Bathurst,	425			
Bathurst to Campbeltown,	750			
Fredericton to Woodstock,	700			
Woodstock Corner to Arestook,	300			
Arestook to Grand Falls,	300			
Fredericton to Finger Board,	200			
Bellisle to Saint John,	75			
Fredericton to Newcastle,	600			
Fredericton to Saint Andrews,	300			
Salisbury to Harvey,	250			
Shediac to Richibucto,	300			
Woodstock to Houlton,	25			
Waweig to Saint Stephen,	150			
Oromocto to Gagetown,	120			
Oak Bay to Eel River,	225			
Fredericton to Bend of Petitcodiac,	225			
Grand Falls to the Canada Line,	400			
Bathurst to Miramichi, via Pokemouche	200			
Forks of Marsh, Saint John, to Quaco,	125			
Hampton to Bellisle,	50			
Bridge over the Arestook,	750			

Carried forward,

£9,265

There are no Public Works in the Province which are conducted on a system which would admit of the Return being filled up.

REMARKS.

Annual Appropriations are made by the Legislature, and are expended upon the Roads and Bridges specified in the Act granting the money. These Works are executed under the superintendence of Supervisors and Commissioners, appointed annually by the Executive Government, under the authority of Acts of the Provincial Legislature, and the Funds are expended in opening, altering, or repairing the Roads, as may appear to be most required.

As these works are not estimated before hand, and are carried on from year to year, from the application of the sums granted, and of the Statute Labour to which the inhabitants are liable, the aggregate expense per mile incurred in the formation of any Road, cannot be precisely ascertained, but the prevalent opinion of those best informed on the subject is, that good Winter Roads can be opened through the green Woods for 3s. sterling per Rod, and that common Turnpike Roads 24 feet wide and with sufficient skirting, can be constructed at an average cost of 10s. per Rod, exclusive of Bridges.

Under the Acts appropriating the necessary Funds, the Contracts for constructing or repairing Roads or Bridges are necessarily given to the lowest bidder, but for small repairs, power is conferred on the Supervisors or Commis-