

the Adjutant General; and the decision of such Board shall be final, if approved by the Commander in Chief.

20. The articles of engagement of all Volunteer Corps shall be subject to the approval of the Commander in Chief; and such Volunteer Corps shall be drilled and exercised at such times in each year, not exceeding ten days, and at such places as the Commander in Chief may order; and such Corps shall be subject to inspection, from time to time, by such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Commander in Chief for that purpose.

21. The men of Class B and Class C of the Active Militia shall be carefully enrolled, and shall, when not exempted, assemble for muster upon one day in each year, at such time and place as the Commanding officer of each Battalion may direct with respect to each Company therein, interfering as little as possible with seed time and harvest; but no person shall be required to travel more than twelve miles from his usual place of residence, to attend such muster.

22. The Commander in Chief may, by a General Order, dispense with the annual muster of the Active Militia, or any part thereof, either in any one year or until further order, and may in like manner again direct such muster to be held; and all persons belonging to the Militia shall be bound to obey such orders.

DRILL AND EXERCISE.

23. Companies of the Active Militia, to the number of at least fifteen, shall be annually exercised at such convenient time and place as may be appointed by the Commander in Chief.

24. The Commander in Chief shall, by General Order, designate the Battalions from which the Companies so to be exercised shall be drawn, and shall appoint the time for assembling and dismissal of such Companies; but no Company shall be compelled to serve for a longer period than twenty eight days, and no Battalion shall be obliged to furnish more than one such Company in each year.

25. The Commander in Chief may form such Companies into Battalions, and such Battalions into Brigades, and appoint officers thereto.

26. Any Militiaman of the Active Militia desirous of serving in any Company called out for exercise under the twenty fourth Section of this Act, shall notify the same to the Captain of his Company District, or to the Adjutant of the Battalion to which he belongs, and such Captain or Adjutant shall forthwith report his name to the Commanding officer of the Battalion. If in any Battalion designated as liable to furnish such Company, a sufficient number of men to form such Company should not volunteer to serve, the Company shall be completed by a draft upon the men of Class A and B belonging to the Battalion; such draft to be conducted by ballot, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commander in Chief; care being taken that the men so to be drawn shall be taken equally from the different Company divisions of the Battalion.

27. Any man drawn under the provisions of the preceding Section may provide a substitute for service in the Company; provided such substitute is a Militiaman of the Active Militia, residing in the same County as the man for whom he serves, and that he is approved as effective and fit for service by the Commanding officer of the Battalion furnishing the Company. Any Militiaman serving in any such Company either voluntarily or by draft, shall be exempt from similar services during the period of seven years.

28. Every Company furnished for exercise by any Battalion under the foregoing provisions, shall be of the following strength, namely,—one Captain, two Subalterns, one Bugler, and sixty rank and file.

1. The officers of such Company shall be selected by the Commanding officer of the Battalion from among the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the Adjutant General.

2. The pay of any officer shall not exceed that of a Captain in Her Majesty's Infantry Regiments, to be determined by the Governor in Council.

3. The non-commissioned officers and privates of such force shall receive, besides rations, such rates of pay as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor in Council, provided that the same shall not be less than fifty cents per day for each man during the period of service, to be paid in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct.

4. Stoppages from such pay may be made by sentence of any General or Battalion Court Martial, in the case of any officer, non-commissioned officer or private wilfully neglecting to perform his duty, or in cases where stoppages of pay are directed by the Articles of War; and no officer or non-commissioned officer while under arrest, and no private while a prisoner, shall be entitled to pay.

5. The Commanding officer of any Battalion assembled for drill and exercise under the twenty fourth Section of this Act, shall have power to confine to Barracks or Camp for a term not exceeding three days any Militiaman under his command for wilful neglect of duty, and to stop his pay during such confinement.

29. The Commander in Chief may make arrangements for the transport of such Companies to the place of assembly, and for their return thence; and may pay such reasonable expenses of transport as the Governor in Council may direct.

30. Every officer, non-commissioned officer and man belonging to the Companies called out for exercise under the twenty fourth Section of this Act, shall, while proceeding to and from the place of assembly, and during his continuance there, and until his dismissal after the completion of his term of service, being subject to the Articles of War, and to the provisions of the Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, so far as the same are not inconsistent with this Act; provided that no Militiaman shall be subject to any corporal punishment except imprisonment, for any violation of such Mutiny Act or Articles; and provided also, that the Commander in Chief may, by General Order, direct that any of the provisions of the said Act or Articles of War shall not apply to the Militia.

31. Every officer, non-commissioned officer and man assembled under the twenty fourth Section of this Act, shall, within three days after arriving at the place of assembly, take the oath of allegiance in the following form:—

"I, A. B., do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors.—So help me God."

Such oath may be taken before the officer commanding the Brigade, or the Captain of the Company.

SEDENTARY MILITIA.

32. The Sedentary Militia shall consist of all the male inhabitants of the Province of the age of forty five years, and