

CANADA.

Canada has two Militia Acts: the Act cap. 2, 27 Vict., styled the "Militia Act," relating to the Service and Non-Service Militia, and to the Militia generally,—the Amendment Acts are cap. 10, 27 and 28 Vict., and cap. 6, 29 Vict.; and the cap. 3, 27 Vict., styled the "Volunteer Act," relating solely to the Volunteer Force,—the Amendment Acts are cap. 10, 27 and 28 Vict., and cap. 12, 29 and 30 Vict.

There are three Forces in the Militia: the Volunteer, Service, and Non-Service.

The "Volunteer" is composed of corps raised by voluntary enrolment; the "Service," of all male persons, with special exceptions, between the ages of 18 and 45, periodically enrolled by ballot; the "Non-Service," of all male persons, with special exceptions, between the ages of 45 and 60, and of those between 18 and 45 not taken by ballot for any Service Militia Battalion.

The "Volunteer" Force of Lower Canada consists of 2 squadrons of cavalry and 4 separate troops, 2 field batteries of artillery, 3 battalions garrison artillery and 1 battery, 3 companies of engineers, 6 battalions infantry, and 52 separate companies, now organized into administrative battalions, 7 battalions rifles and 14 separate companies.

The "Volunteer" Force of Upper Canada consists of 2 squadrons of cavalry and 8 separate troops, 6 field batteries, 2 battalions garrison artillery and 13 batteries, 3 naval companies, 14 battalions infantry and 157 separate companies, 4 battalions rifles and 46 separate companies.

Of the "Service" Militia there have been balloted 51 battalions in Lower Canada, giving 40,545 men, and 61 battalions in Upper Canada, giving 48,496 men.

The "Volunteer" Force is estimated at about 10,620 men in Lower Canada, and 19,380 in Upper Canada; total, 30,000. The whole Militia Force is estimated at about 170,000 in Lower Canada, and 280,000 in Upper Canada.

Boards of Examiners, composed of officers

of Her Majesty's Regular Army and of the Volunteers sit the first Tuesday in every quarter at Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, and London, for the examination of candidates for commissions or promotion in the Volunteer Force, and of granting certificates thereof.

To enable parties to qualify for commissions in the "Service" Militia, Schools of Military Instruction are established at Quebec and Montreal in Lower Canada, and at Kingston and Toronto in Upper Canada. The certificates granted are of two classes—First and Second. The Second, which must be first obtained, qualifies for a Company Officer's commission, and carries with it a gratuity of fifty dollars and travelling expenses, according to a mileage allowance scale. A First class qualifies for a Field Officer's commission. Each School is attached temporarily to a regiment of Her Majesty's regular army, stationed at the city where the School is held, and the Cadets, while at the School, are under the "Queen's Regulations for the Army."

The certificates from the Board of Examiners for Volunteers are somewhat similar to those granted for the Service Militia, but there is no pecuniary allowance.

The greater portion of the officers in the Volunteer service have already passed this board, and the morale and the bearing of the force has been greatly improved thereby.

Commander-in-Chief—His Excellency the Governor General.

Minister of Militia—Hon. John A. Macdonald, L. C.

HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF.—Adjutant General, P. L. MacDougall, Col.; Deputy do., Lower Canada, Hon. M. A. de Salaberry, Lt.-Col.; do. do., Upper Canada, W. Powell, Lt.-Col.; Medical Staff Officer, G. P. Girdwood, Surg., at Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Militia of the Province is divided into four classes.

CLASS A consists of Volunteers or Active Militia, of which there are of Cavalry, four troops in King's County; of Artillery: seven batteries of Foot Artillery, four of which are in Saint John, one in Fredericton, one at St. George, and one at St. Andrews. Of Engineers: one company at St. John, (well drilled as infantry). And of Infantry: twenty-one companies, six of which compose the St. John Volunteer Battalion, the remaining fifteen being independent companies, under the control of the officer commanding the battalion to which they belong. This Class numbers 1,791 officers and men.

CLASS B consists of unmarried men and widowers without children, between the ages of 18 and 45, numbering 18,480.

CLASS C consists of married men and widowers with children, between the ages of 18 and 45, and numbers 16,932.

The total of the classes B and C is 35,412. They are contained in twenty-two regiments, which are divided into forty-two battalions, thirty-three of which assembled for muster during the past year.

CLASS D, Sedentary Militia, comprises all

the male inhabitants of the Province, (with a few exceptions,) between the ages of 45 and 60. They are enrolled as the Act prescribes, but are not called upon to muster. Their number is 7,184.

A Camp of Instruction was formed at Fredericton on the 5th July, 1865, and was continued for one month. The number of militia assembled was 950. The drill, discipline, and routine of the camp was the same as practised in the Regular Army. A company of officers was formed to act as privates during the continuance of the camp. The whole camp were highly complimented for the progress they had made, and for their good conduct.

The cost of the Militia for the year ending the 31st October, 1865, amounted to \$30,000.

A Camp of Instruction was formed at Torryburn, near St. John, during the present year, and continued for the same time as last year, with about the same number of men.

The cost of the militia for this year will be much greater than the last year, as a number of the volunteers were called out on active service during the Fenian troubles on the border.