

The male population so liable to serve in the militia, is divided into four classes :

The *first* class comprises those of the age of eighteen years and upwards, but under thirty years, who are unmarried, or widowers without children ;

The *second* class comprises those of the age of thirty years and upwards, but under forty-five years, who are unmarried, or widowers without children.

The *third* class comprises those of the age of eighteen years and upwards, but under forty-five years, who are married, or widowers with children ;

The *fourth* class comprises those of the age of forty-five years and upwards, but under sixty years ;

And the above is the order in which the male population will be called upon to serve.

#### DIVISION OF MILITIA.

The Militia is divided into active and reserve militia.

The *Active Militia* consists of the *Volunteer Militia*, the *Regular Militia*, and the *Marine Militia*.

The *Volunteer Militia* is composed of corps raised by voluntary enlistment ;

The *Regular Militia* is composed of men who voluntarily enlist to serve in the same ; or of men balloted to serve ; or of men who voluntarily enlist to serve with the balloted men, and of men balloted to serve ;

The *Marine Militia* is composed of seamen, sailors, and persons whose usual occupation is upon any steam or sailing craft, navigating the waters of the Dominion ;

The *Reserve Militia* consists of the whole of the men who are not serving in the *Active Militia* of the time being.

The four Provinces of which the Dominion is composed, have been divided into nine military districts, viz : one comprising the Province of Nova Scotia ; one comprising the Province of New Brunswick ; three in the Province of Quebec, and four in the Province of Ontario. These nine Military Districts have been divided into 22 Brigade Divisions, and are again subdivided into 186 Regimental Divisions, officers appointed thereto, as directed under section 15 of the law, and the enrolment of the Militia throughout the Dominion, provided for in section 16, has been taken,

The law provides for annual paid drills of 40,000 officers and men in addition to officers of Reserve Militia, for not less than eight nor more than sixteen days, the number being regulated by the money vote of Parliament each year.

The men required for drill may be comprised entirely of volunteers, or if the required number is not furnished in that way in the several divisions, the men can be drawn from the reserve by ballot, subject to the exemptions, which it will be observed are reduced to the minimum.

2. The following persons only, between the ages of eighteen and sixty years, are exempt from enrolment, and from actual service at any time, viz : the Judges in all the Courts of Law or Equity in the Dominion of Canada ; the Clergy and Ministers of all Religious denominations ; the Professors in any College or University and all Teachers in Religious orders ; the Warden, Keepers and Guards of the Penitentiaries, and the Officers, Keepers and Guards of all Lunatic Asylums ; persons disabled by bodily infirmity ; the only son of a widow, being her only support ; and the following, though enrolled, shall be exempt from actual service at any time except in case of war, invasion or insurrection, viz : Half-pay or retired officers of Her Majesty's army or navy ; seafaring men and sailors actually employed in their calling ; pilots and apprentice pilots during the season of navigation ; masters of public and common schools actually engaged in teaching.

The men to be organized from time to time are called the *Active Militia*, and are clothed, armed with breech-loading arms, and equipped ready to take the field at short notice.

As regards the *Reserve Militia*, from which such numbers of men as may be required for drill or for active service are to be taken, the following plan is contemplated by the law. The several Regimental Divisions which with few exceptions, are identical with the electoral divisions for representation by members of the House of Commons, are divided into company divisions and the officers appointed thereto are resident within their company limits, thus securing to a large extent a personal knowledge of the men enrolled, and also being a guarantee that the ballot when called into use, will be conducted with fairness and impartiality.

3. The Command in Chief is vested in the Queen, and shall be exercised and administered by Her Majesty personally, or by the Governor, as her representative.

The Minister of Militia and Defence is responsible for the administration of Militia affairs, including all matters involving expenditure, and of the Fortifications, Ordnance, Ammunition, Arms, Armouries, Stores, Munitions and Habiliments of War belonging to Canada.

The Adjutant-General is charged under the orders of Her Majesty with the command and discipline of the Militia, and is assisted by a Deputy Adjutant-General at headquarters.