

composed of men raised either by voluntary enlistment or ballot, and the reserve force consists of the whole of the men not serving in the active militia of the time being.

Period of service.

664. The period of service is three years.

Military Districts.

665. The Dominion is divided into twelve military districts, in each of which a permanent military staff is maintained, under the command of a Deputy Adjutant General.

Permanent corps.

666. The permanent corps and schools of Instruction consist of "A" troop of Cavalry at Quebec, "A," "B" and "C" Batteries, Schools of Artillery at Kingston, Quebec and Victoria, B.C.; "A," "B," "C" and "D" Infantry School Corps, at Fredricton, N.B., St. Johns, Q., Toronto and London, Ont., and a School of Mounted Infantry at Winnipeg. The total strength of these permanent corps is limited to 1,000 men. The present strength is 1,015 men, including officers.

Royal Military College.

667. The Royal Military College at Kingston, which is under the control of the Militia Department, was founded in 1875, and has proved a most successful institution. The present number of cadets is 80, which number is likely to be shortly increased to 96. The total number of cadets who have joined has been 254, of whom 129 have graduated and 69 have been gazetted to commissions in the Imperial army. Besides the four commissions annually offered by the Imperial Government, six others were offered during the year, proving that the Imperial Government is fully satisfied with those graduates who have already obtained commissions in the service. Five cadets received commissions in the Royal Engineers, three in the Royal Artillery, one in the Cavalry, and one in the Infantry.

Strength of the Active Militia, 1888.

668. The following is a statement of the numbers of the Active Militia, showing the strength of the different arms of the service :