

1358. The number of men available for active service in Canada, between the ages of 18 and 45, is about one million. There is, at present, no active marine militia, the naval defences of the country being under the care of the Imperial Government. There are eleven ships on the North America and West India stations, and eight on the Pacific station.

1359. Since Confederation the active militia of Canada have been called upon for service on the following occasions:—(1) Anticipated Fenian raid, when 6,000 men were under arms for ten days, April, 1870. (2) Manitoba contingent, under Colonel Wolseley, May, 1870; 750 men, afterwards increased to 1,000. (3) Fenian raid (Eccles Hill, etc.), May and June, 1870; 13,489 men with 18 guns were under arms for about 10 days. (4) Fenian Raid into Manitoba, 3rd October, 1871; 942 men for a few days. (5) In anticipation of disturbance at the interment of M. Guibord (under Imperial Privy Council decision) in Roman Catholic Cemetery at Montreal; November 16th, 1875; about 1,100 men, for a few hours. (6) Anticipated riot in St. John, N.B., 12th July, 1876; 45 men, one day. (7) Grand Trunk Railway disturbance, 31st December, 1876; 240 men, two or three days. (8) Quebec riot between ship labourers, 20th June, 1878; 1,300 men two or three days. (9) Montreal, to maintain peace on 12th July, 1878; 3,000 men for a week. (10) Montreal riots on Ottawa and Occidental Railway, 31st August, 1878; 239 men, four days. (11) Anticipated riots, St. Andrew's, N.B., 17th January, 1879. 45 men two or three days. (12) Quebec riots, ship labourers, 15th August, 1879; 800 men, three days. (13) Anticipated riots, Long Point, county Norfolk, Ontario, prize fight, 18th January, 1880; 71 men, one day. (14) Port Dover, county Norfolk, one day. (15) Riot at Lingan Mines, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, miners, 24th March, 1883; 100 men, 2 1-2 months. (16) Anticipated election riot at Rat Portage, 25th September, 1883; 42 men, one day. (17) Pontiac and Pacific Railway, near Aylmer; anticipated disturbance between farmers and labourers, 28th July, 1884; 45 men, one day. (18) Disturbance at Tamworth, Ontario, railway labourers, 6th October, 1884; 45 men, one day. (19) Anticipated riot in Winnipeg, 11th November, 1884; 247 men, one day. (20) North-west rebellion, on actual service, March, 1885; 5,400 men about three months. Besides these, 1,140 men were held in readiness under canvas, and 942 (at different dates during the rebellion) in barracks at Toronto, Kingston, Prescott and Quebec. (21) Visit to Skeena River, B.C. (from Victoria); anticipated Indian troubles, July 16th, 1888; "C" Battery Canadian Artillery, 41 days. (22) Strike of Italian