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LAWS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

An Act to add to and amend the Act for the regulation of the Militia and Volunteer Forces.

[Passed May 17, 1867.]

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to add to and amend the Act of the Twenty-ninth Victoria, Chapter Two, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Militia and Volunteer Forces," as hereinafter mentioned.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows, that is to say:—The Commander-in-Chief may appoint officers with acting rank who shall have the powers and authority of their rank and shall be subject to the same penalties as commissioned officers for every breach of duty.

II. The Commander-in-Chief shall, from time to time, and at such time or times as he shall see fit, appoint a Board of three competent persons to examine all officers, whose commissions are by the said recited Act continued, and may transfer any officer failing to pass such examination to the Sedentary Force, or place him on a retired list with or without a step of honorary rank.

III. Effective members of Volunteer Companies, of all ranks, shall be exempt from serving on Juries or in the office of Constable, except such Volunteers who have already been appointed Constables for the current year, but who shall also be exempt after the termination of their present office of Constable.

IV. The members of the several Charlottetown, Summerside and Georgetown Fire Engine Companies shall be exempt from attending Muster, and from actual Muster at any time,

except in case of war, invasion or insurrection, and that whenever such exemption is claimed, the burden of proof shall always be upon the claimant, provided that the number so exempted shall not exceed Eighty for the Charlottetown Companies, and Twenty for the Summerside Company; and Twenty for the Georgetown Company, and that the senior members of the said Companies shall have the first privilege of such exemption; and each Company shall have a just proportion according to number exempted.

V. All members of Fire Engine Companies, claiming exemption under this Act, shall not be entitled to the same until they have filed a certificate, signed by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department in Charlottetown, or the head officer of the Fire Companies in Summerside and Georgetown, in the office of Adjutant General of Militia in Charlottetown, at least fourteen days previous to the time appointed for Muster.

VI. Fire Wardens of Charlottetown, Georgetown and Summerside shall be exempt from Militia duty or Training.

VII. The qualifications of effectives shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief, but no Volunteer who is not uniformed, or who has not taken the oath of allegiance, or not perfected himself in training as far as instruction has been offered, or who shall not maintain his efficiency in training to the satisfaction of the Commander-in-Chief, the Inspecting Field Officer and his Commanding Officer, or who shall fail to attend any inspection in uniform, or who shall not have attended sixteen drills in the year, of not less duration than one and a half hours each drill, irrespective of Target practice, without leave of absence, shall