

Hon. Mr. McNab.

DEFENCE ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Defence Act, 1886.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Defence Act, 1886 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) The definition of "corps" in section two of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

Corps redefined.

"Corps" means a regiment of mounted rifles, a battery of artillery, a division of garrison artillery, or a battalion of infantry; and includes a portion of a battery or division of artillery, a company of engineers, rifles, or mounted infantry, a transport corps, a bearer corps, and a reserve corps forming part of the Defence Forces.

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(2.) Paragraph (2) of section two of the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after the words "Volunteer corps" wherever they occur in paragraph (1) the words "or a reserve corps."

Section 39 of principal Act amended.

4. Section forty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "Field Officer," and substituting therefor the word "Captain."

Section 42 of principal Act amended.

5. Section forty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "five" wherever it occurs, and substituting therefor the word "three."

Section 45 of principal Act amended.

6. (1.) If any officer of Volunteers or any Volunteer fails without reasonable excuse to appear at the annual inspection parade

Failure to attend annual inspection.

of the Inspector-General or other officer appointed to hold the annual inspection, the Inspector-General or the commanding officer of his corps or district shall order him to pay a fine of *five* pounds in the case of an officer, or of *one* pound in the case of a Volunteer.

(2.) If such fine is not paid within seven days after notice of the order is served on him (either personally or by leaving the same at his last known place of abode or business), it may be recovered in the manner provided by section forty-nine of the principal Act. 5

Repeals.

(3.) Section fifty-two of the principal Act, and paragraph (13) of section two of the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900, are hereby 10 repealed.

Section 53 of principal Act amended.

7. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "January or July" in paragraph (1), and substituting therefor the words "March or September."

Capitation allowances.

8. (1.) There shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for the benefit of Volunteer corps an annual capitation allowance in respect of every efficient officer and efficient Volunteer, other than those for the time being entered on the reserve list mentioned in section forty-five of the principal Act, and in respect of every efficient member of a reserve corps. 15

(2.) Out of the capitation allowance payable in respect of each Volunteer, a sum to be prescribed by regulations shall be paid to the officer commanding the division, regiment, or battalion to which the Volunteer belongs, and shall be applied by such officer in providing and maintaining the necessary uniform for that Volunteer. The remainder of the capitation allowance shall be paid to and be the property of the corps to which the Volunteer belongs. 20

Repeal.

(3.) Section fifty-eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Section 76 of principal Act amended.

9. Section seventy-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "Board of inquiry," and substituting there- 30 for the words "Court of Inquiry."

Section 77 of principal Act amended.

10. Section seventy-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Board" wherever it occurs, and substituting therefor the word "Court."

Right to discharge of Permanent Militiaman modified.

11. The right conferred by paragraph (4) of section thirteen of the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900, on members of the Permanent Militia shall not be exercisable during any period in which members of the Permanent Militia are on actual service. 35

Section 18 of Amendment Act amended.

12. (1.) Section eighteen of the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "President" 40 the words "to inquire into any matter relating to discipline or Government property which in the opinion of the Minister requires investigation, or."

Section 19 of said Act amended.

(2.) Section nineteen of the last-mentioned Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "examine into the truth of certain 45 charges to be preferred against E. F., of the _____," and substituting therefor the following: "[Here state the object of the inquiry]."

Repeal.

13. (1.) Section twenty-four of the Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900, is hereby repealed. 50

Definition of "Volunteer purposes" amended.

(2.) Section three of the Volunteer Drill-sheds and Lands Act, 1888, is hereby amended by omitting the words "other than a rifle range" in the definition of "Volunteer purposes."

14. In every case where trustees have been or are hereafter appointed under section ten of the Volunteer Drill-sheds and Lands Act, 1888, the officer commanding the district for the time being shall be *ex officio* a trustee, notwithstanding that the number of
5 trustees may thereby exceed the number prescribed by the said section.

Trustees of
Volunteer
drill-sheds, &c.