

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND MUSKETRY.

254. Proposed that a school of instruction for the officers and Volunteers of the two Islands be formed at Wellington. That it be also the duty of the Adjutants and Sergeant-Instructors to afford the necessary instruction in their respective districts to those officers and Volunteers who are unable to proceed to Wellington.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

255. Honorary members are of two classes,—

- I. Persons who contribute to the funds of a corps, but are not enrolled for service;
- II. Persons who have served as enrolled members, have been returned as efficient at least six times in the annual returns of the company, battery, or troop, and who, being willing to re-enrol should occasion require their services, may be placed on the list of Honorary Reserve members, without payment of subscription.

256. Honorary members will not be included in the muster-roll of the corps to which they belong.

257. Honorary members are not subject to military discipline, nor allowed to interfere with the military duties of the corps; but they may attend "plain-clothes" drill, when approved by the Commanding Officer. They are permitted to wear the uniform of privates of the corps, with such distinguishing mark on the sleeve as may be sanctioned by the Commanding Officer. They are not, under any circumstances, liable to be assembled for actual service, unless they join or rejoin as enrolled members.

BANDS.

258. All bandmen present on parade in Volunteer uniform must be enrolled Volunteers.

259. Bands of Volunteer regiments will not appear in uniform for any purpose without the consent of the Commanding Officers of their regiments.

260. Only one band will be allowed to appear with a regiment. The number of bandmen will not exceed five for each company actually present.

261. Bandmen of seventeen years of age and upwards must qualify for certificates of efficiency, according to the conditions for members generally. Bandmen who do not qualify are liable to the payment of 10s. per man to the funds of their respective companies. Their attendance as bandmen at a brigade or battalion drill may be counted as attendance amongst the battalion drills required; but not more than five bandmen for each company of those companies actually on parade will be allowed to count such attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

262. Any Volunteer changing his address must notify such change to the Officer Commanding his troop, battery, or company within seven days of removing, or shall pay a fine of 5s.

263. Volunteers, not being officers or non-commissioned officers, may exchange from one troop, battery, or company to another by making written applications to their Commanding Officers, who will forward such to the Officer Commanding the regiment for his approval, and by him, through the usual channel, to the Commandant.

264. Previous to the issue of blank rifle ammunition, Officers in Command of parades will cause the men's pouches to be inspected and all ball cartridges removed; and before the men are dismissed all unexpended cartridges are to be collected, and the arms examined.

265. On the necessary signals being made, either by day or by night, all Volunteers within reach thereof will be required to assemble immediately at their appointed alarm-posts, fully armed and equipped; and every man is strictly enjoined to keep his arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and clothing in a state of readiness to turn out at a moment's notice. Volunteers turning out improperly armed or equipped will be considered absent.

266. No Volunteer will be buried with military honors unless he shall have expressed a wish to that effect previous to his decease, or unless his immediate friends shall do so on his death. Commanding Officers are authorized to make the necessary arrangements for military funerals when occasion requires.

267. *Unattached List.*—Officers who have held commissions in the Volunteer Force for a period of at least nine years, and have during that time exhibited much zeal in the discharge of their duties, may, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, when desirous of retiring from active employment, be placed upon the unattached list, retaining their ranks and being liable to serve when required, but forfeiting all claim to promotion by reason of seniority.