

REGULATIONS FOR VICTORIAN VOLUNTEER CADET CORPS.

(AMENDED.)

LAI D BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN PURSUANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF
SECTION 4 OF ACT 266 AND SECTION 2 OF ACT 814.

REGULATIONS FOR VICTORIAN VOLUNTEER CADET CORPS.

1. Cadet Companies may be established in schools, in detachments of not less than 20 at any one school. For the purpose of these regulations, the word "school" shall mean any place or establishment in which young persons are instructed, or any association of young persons for the purpose of promoting the study of arts, sciences, languages, or any species of learning, or the cultivation of the mind, and which is determined by the Council of Defence to be a school.

2. Detachments or companies shall only be formed in schools where a teacher is qualified to instruct (the qualification to be a certificate from the Military School of Instruction or the Commanding Officer), or where the services of a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer of the Permanent Staff of Militia are available at least twice a week.

3. No boy shall be enrolled under the age of 12 years in State Schools, and 13 years in Grammar Schools, except with the approval of the Commandant, and he must have the consent of his parents or guardian.

4. The detachments or companies shall be drilled twice each week, each drill to be not less than half-an-hour, or once each week of one hour's duration, with arms.

5. The various detachments shall be formed into companies, and battalions shall be formed in suitable localities, to consist of not less than four companies.

6. The various companies shall assemble for battalion drill not less than six times a year, two of which shall be half-yearly general inspections by the Commanding Officer or Staff Officer.

7. Arms and accoutrements shall be kept in the school, and be used only for drill purposes. The Head Master shall be held responsible for the preservation of all Government property issued to the Cadet Corps in his school, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

8. No cadet shall use the carbine or rifle issued to him for any other purpose than parades, drills, or target practices, in each case under command of an officer.

9. The Cadet Companies shall be under the command of the Military Commandant, and shall be inspected at least once every six months by an officer detailed from Head Quarters.

10. The course of training shall be as prescribed by orders issued from Head Quarters.

11. Cadets must appear (on all occasions) either in the authorized uniform of the company or in purely civilian dress.

12. The various companies shall be under the general command of an officer duly appointed, who is designated the Commanding Officer.

13. Officers may be appointed by the Governor in Council on the nomination of the Military Commandant. The Commanding Officer may, subject to the approval of the Military Commandant, also appoint acting subalterns. Officers of Cadet Corps (acting officers excepted) will rank with officers of Militia, as junior in their grades; but such rank will not entitle any officer of Cadet Corps to assume command over any officer of another branch of the service. The Commanding Officer shall appoint Non-Commissioned Officers.

14. All applications for the formation of companies or detachments must be forwarded by the Commanding Officer through the Military Commandant to the Minister for the approval of the Governor in Council.

15. Applications for enrolment must be sent for approval to the Commanding Officer, stating name and age of each boy. The Commanding Officer will be held responsible that the provisions of Sec. 3 are complied with.

16. Members of any Cadet Company may, after leaving school, still remain members of the company until they are 19 years of age ; or, if above the age of 17 years, may be enrolled in any corps of Militia or Mounted Rifles, provided they fulfil the regulations as regards height and physique, and have served in a Cadet Corps for not less than two years. Boys who have left school may be allowed to join the Cadet Corps of any school, provided they are below the age of 19 years. They are, however, on no account to remain members of the Corps after that age.

17. Arms and stores issued by the Government shall be inspected by order of the Military Commandant at least every three months ; and, where there is any evidence of neglect or wilful damage, the stores may be at once called in, and the person responsible for such damage be called upon to defray the cost of all repairs.

18. Every member shall deliver up to the appointed officer, in good order and condition, fair wear and tear alone excepted, any Government property which may have been issued to him.

19. The Non-Commissioned Officers of the Cadet Companies shall be appointed from the ranks of the force, and shall have distinguishing badges to designate their rank.

20. In the case of any company being unfavourably reported on at the half-yearly inspection, the Military Commandant may debar such company from taking part in any rifle or other military competition till the next inspection.

21. Any company which is unfavourably reported on at two successive half-yearly inspections will be disbanded.

22. An officer must be present with the boys at target practice, and must exercise the utmost vigilance to prevent accidents, observing that *each boy handles his rifle with the care necessary to prevent the possibility of danger to himself or others.* (Where no officer is *competent to undertake the work*, it will be necessary to secure the services of a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer of the Permanent Staff of the Militia.) The ammunition must be retained *in the officer's own possession*, only the requisite number of rounds necessary for the practice being handed to each cadet, and at the conclusion of the practice every precaution must be taken that none remains in their hands. Arms and pouches must be examined before leaving the Range.

23. The power in regard to ordinary promotions of Non-Commissioned Officers, and to reductions to a lower grade or to the ranks, will be exercised by the Commanding Officer. The power of dismissal from the company for misconduct, &c., will also be exercised by this officer, subject to the approval of the Military Commandant.

24. All correspondence relative to Cadet Companies shall invariably be addressed to the Commanding Officer.

25. Uniform—

According to that approved by the Council of Defence for the several battalions. In the case of Unattached Corps, the Commanding Officer to decide the uniform to be worn, subject to approval by Council of Defence.

26. Accoutrements—

Officers—Swords (steel scabbards) and black or brown sword-belt.
Cadets—Black or brown waist-belt and pouch.

27. Minimum establishment of company—

3 Lieutenants.
1 Colour-Sergeant.
3 Sergeants.
4 Corporals.
1 Bugler.
60 Privates, of whom 4 may be Lance Corporals, if required.

Total 72 All ranks.

Proportionate numbers in detachments or companies allowed officers and non-commissioned officers *pro ratâ.*

28. Cadets on leaving the companies, provided they have also left school, may obtain from the Commanding Officer a certificate of discharge, specifying length of service and general conduct.

29. The Officer in charge or (where there is no officer) Head Master of each school in which a detachment or company is formed will keep the Muster Roll Book of the prescribed form, and be responsible that such returns as are required by Head Quarters be forwarded to the Commanding Officer.

30. When Battalions are established in accordance with Sec. 5 the Battalion staff shall consist of—

1 Battalion Commander with rank of Captain.
1 Adjutant.

Approved by the Governor in Council the 29th day of August, 1887.