

Privy Council, hereby direct the substitution of the said draft scheme of amendment forming the schedule to this Order annexed, for the aforesaid Order in Council of the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, as amended by the Orders in Council bearing date the fourteenth April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, fifteenth September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, twenty-eighth May one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, thirtieth June one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-first October one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-eighth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, thirtieth April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, seventh August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, fourteenth August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, twentieth October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and fourteenth July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and doth declare His Royal approval of the amendment, and of the cancellation of the aforesaid Order in Council of the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and of the amendments thereto, except the conditions of efficiency for submarine miners and electrical engineers, laid down in the Order in Council of twentieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. *A. W. FitzRoy.*

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Order.

To substitute the accompanying "Scheme relative to and Certificates of Efficiency" for the corresponding Scheme and Certificates now in force:—

1. A Volunteer who is a member of a corps on the 1st November in any year shall be entitled to be deemed an efficient Volunteer during the ensuing twelve months if, subject to the conditions hereinafter prescribed, he has during the preceding year fulfilled the requirements stated in the schedule hereto.

2. In the course of each year ending the thirty-first October, the Adjutant of each corps shall select such Volunteers as in his opinion have fulfilled the requirements and possess the qualifications aforesaid, and submit their names to the Commanding Officer of their Corps, with a view to their being returned as efficient.

3. If the Adjutant refuses to return any Volunteer as efficient, and the Volunteer considers himself aggrieved thereby, the Volunteer may appeal to the Commanding Officer of his corps.

4. If the Commanding Officer differs from the opinion of the Adjutant, he shall refer the matter to the Officer appointed by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to act in that behalf, whose decision shall be final.

5. Where the situation and circumstances of an Artillery Volunteer or Rifle Volunteer Corps in any particular year are such, as in the opinion of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment by any of the Volunteers belonging to that corps of the requirement of attendance at gun or musketry practice, the Secretary of State shall have power to dispense with the requirement from any of the Volunteers belonging to such corps in such year.

6. Where the situation and circumstances of a Rifle Volunteer Corps are such as, in the opinion of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment

by the Volunteers belonging to the corps of the requirement of attendance at battalion parade such number of times within twelve months as may be prescribed, the Secretary of State shall have power to reduce for such corps the number of battalion parades, and to increase proportionately the number of company parades requisite to entitle the Volunteers belonging to the corps to be returned as efficient.

7. Where any corps shall have been precluded by an epidemic from complying with the requirements herein prescribed, or shall in the first year of its service have encountered exceptional difficulties in the completion of its organization and efficiency of its members, it shall be competent to the Secretary of State to modify, so far as applies to such year of service, the stipulated conditions of efficiency of any members of such corps.

8. No Volunteer who is absent from the annual inspection of his corps, except in case of sickness duly certified, or by leave granted in writing for special cause by the Commanding Officer, shall be entitled to be deemed efficient.

9. Where a corps is by its own default not inspected during the year, or where the officer inspecting a Volunteer Corps at the annual inspection in any year reports that the corps is not efficient in training and instruction to his satisfaction, or that irregularities have occurred in its training and administration, then, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall have power to direct that none of the Volunteers belonging to the corps shall be deemed efficient.

10. No corps or individual Volunteer will be exempted from attending a camp for two consecutive years.

11. The Inspecting Officer at the annual inspection in any year shall have power to direct that a Volunteer shall be deemed non-efficient if he considers it proper to do so, on account of the want of efficiency in training or instruction of that Volunteer, or on account of his rifle or other arm being in bad order and condition.

12. In case any alteration in the conditions for efficiency should from time to time appear expedient, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State may make the same by regulation, so as no alteration be thereby made in the amount of the requirements and qualifications, and so as none of the provisions of this Order be thereby altered.

13. Terms used in this Order, or in the schedule hereto, have the same meanings as they have when used in the Volunteer Act, 1863.

The term "recruit" used in the schedule means a Volunteer who has never served either for two months in the Royal Navy, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Royal Marines, or Royal Irish Constabulary, nor has attended the preliminary drill, or drill on enlistment, or annual training of a Militia unit, nor has performed one year's efficient service in the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, or the permanent forces of a colony, nor in the year immediately preceding his enrolment has attended as a member of a cadet corps or cadet battalion, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, the number of drills prescribed for recruits of the arm of the service which he has joined.

14. The provisions herein contained shall take effect from the first November, one thousand nine hundred and one.