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1906, No. 41.

Title. AN ACT to amend "The Defence Act, 1886."
[29th October, 1906.]

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

Short Title. 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Defence Act Amendment Act, 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Defence Act, 1886" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Council of Defence to be appointed. 2. In addition to the powers granted to the Governor by the principal Act, the Governor may, by warrant under his hand and under the public seal of the colony, appoint a Council of Defence (hereinafter called "the Council") in connection with the Defence Forces, consisting of such persons, and for such period or term, and to hold any of the offices hereinafter named, or other offices, as to the Governor may seem fit, and may from time to time reappoint any of such person or persons:

Provided, however, that none of such persons shall be appointed for a longer period than five years at one time.

Minister of Defence responsible to Parliament. 3. The Minister of Defence shall be responsible to the Governor and to Parliament for all the business of the Council.

Business of Council. 4. All business of the Council, other than business which the Minister of Defence specially reserves to himself, shall be transacted in the following principal divisions:—

(a.) The first military member of the Council (the chief of the General Staff) and the second military member (the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General) shall be responsible to the Minister of Defence for the administration of so much of the business relating to the

organization, disposition, *personnel*, armament, and maintenance of the Defence Forces as shall be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time by the Minister of Defence.

- (b.) The finance member of the Council shall be responsible to the Minister of Defence for the finance of the Defence Forces, and for so much of the other business of the Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Minister of Defence.
- (c.) The Secretary to the Council will be charged with the preparation of all official communications of the Council, and with such other duties as the Minister of Defence may from time to time assign to him.

5. The Governor may from time to time appoint some fit person to be an Inspector-General of the Defence Forces, and who shall hold office for a period of not exceeding five years at any one time, but may be from time to time reappointed. Inspector-General.

6. The duties of the Inspector-General of the Defence Forces shall be, under the orders and direction of the Council, to review generally and to report to the Council on the practical results of the policy of the Council, and for that purpose to inspect and report annually upon the training and efficiency of all members of the Defence Forces, on the suitability of their armament and equipment, on the conditions of the fortifications and defences of the colony, and generally on the readiness and fitness of the Defence Forces for war. Duties of Inspector-General.

7. The several members of the Council and the Inspector-General of the Defence Forces shall severally be paid such annual salaries out of the Consolidated Fund as shall from time to time be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose. Salaries.

8. (1.) Any Volunteer may, after one year's service, except when on actual military service, quit his corps on complying with the conditions of section fifty-three of the principal Act. Volunteer may quit corps after one year's service.

(2.) Paragraph fourteen of section two of "The Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900," is hereby repealed. Repeal.

9. Section twenty-six of "The Defence Act Amendment Act, 1900," is hereby repealed. Repeal.