

RECRUIT TRAINING.

33. Between the ages of eighteen and nineteen, fire control, company in attack and defence, field-firing practices, and all duties a man should be proficient in to take his place in a company of the fighting-force.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

34. The training of this Force to consist of all that is essential to good marching, accurate controlled shooting, and the combination of all arms in attack and defence as advised by Lord Kitchener in his Australian memorandum. All branches of the Territorials must train for a period annually in camp; the arranging for time and place for such camps will rest with the corps commander, in conference with the O.C. district, the convenience of employers and of the men being given every consideration.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

35. Officers' training corps at universities and high schools will be valuable training-schools in each of the four military districts, and will be continued as part of the Dominion defence scheme.

CENTRAL TRAINING-GROUNDS.

36. A Board has been set up to select a suitable training-ground in each Island, where all arms can be exercised in battle practice, camp and field training.

MOBILISATION.

37. The present Mobilisation Regulations will be remodelled and extended to suit the new establishments.

HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

38. The *personnel* of the Defence Council is defined in the Defence Act, 1909; the duties of the Headquarters Staff is set out in Schedule I. The remarks by Lord Kitchener in his memorandum on Australian defence generally apply to New Zealand.

The New Zealand Defence Act, 1909, does not add consultative members; it merely gives power to the President to summon expert advice. Provision is also made for the appointment of a Commandant.

DISTRICT STAFFS.

39. The District Commanders and staff will be reorganized as shown in Schedule II, which is practically in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, as the outcome of the Imperial Conference, 1909.

There must be much more decentralisation, and District Commanders held directly responsible for much local matter that is now passed on to headquarters for decision.

ESTIMATED COST.

40. The Budget proposals presented to last Parliament set out that £300,000 would be required for the year 1910–11, with the addition of £50,000 annually for three years for equipment.

A requisition, £50,000 for equipment, principally small arms and armament, including a sample vehicle of each form of first-line transport to be used as patterns, enabling further supply to be made in the country, has gone forward.

The extra cost entailed by the extension of the training in the Territorial Force to twenty-six years of age and the provision of additional officers and N.C.O.s to supply fifty-six areas approximately amount to £50,000 for 1911–12, making,—

For the year 1910–11	300,000
Additional for 1911–12	50,000
Equipment (special for three years)	50,000
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