

time and place for holding the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in each of the several Districts of this Province, and to repeal the several laws now in force for that purpose," as relates to the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Home District, from and after the passing of this Act, shall be holden at the times following, that is to say: on the first Tuesday in the months of January, April, July and October, respectively in each and every year.

CHAP. XXVII.

AN ACT authorising the payment of Pensions to Militia-men, and Widows of deceased Militia-men, under certain restrictions, and for other purposes therein-mentioned.

[Passed 10th February, 1840.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the payment of Pensions to persons who may have been disabled while in actual service, during the late War with the United States; and also from advanced age and impoverished circumstances, are unable to maintain themselves by labour: *And whereas* it is necessary to guard against Frauds, which may be attempted to be practised by persons claiming Pensions for wounds received while in actual service as Militia-men, or as the Widows of deceased Militia-men: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, from time to time, to appoint a Board, consisting of three or more persons, to be assembled in the City of Toronto, whose duty it shall be to examine such persons as shall be required by the Governor to appear before them for that purpose, claiming Pensions for wounds received during the late War with the United States, and to enquire into the nature of such

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Governor may appoint a Board, to examine persons claiming pensions for wounds received in the late war with the United States;

If Board declare party disabled by wounds, he may receive a pension.

wounds, and the circumstances under which they were received; and if such wounds shall be found and declared by such Board to have disabled the person applying for a Pension to maintain himself by labour, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to direct the name of such person to be placed on the Pension List; and such person shall thenceforth receive from the Public Revenues of the Province a Pension of Twenty Pounds annually, in the same manner as Pensions are now paid to disabled Militia-men.

Persons now on the Pension List, may be required to present themselves before said Board;

If Board report person recovered, his pension shall cease.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of the Province, in his discretion, to require persons who now are or who may hereafter be placed on the Pension List of this Province as disabled Militia-men, to present themselves once in each year before the Board herein-before authorised to be appointed, for examination; and if such Board shall Report that such person has recovered from his disability to earn his livelihood by labour, and is then able to maintain himself by labour, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor to direct that the name of such person shall be erased from the Pension List, and such person shall thenceforth cease to receive any Pension for or on account of any wound by him received when in actual service as a Militia-man.

Widows receiving pensions, may be required to produce proof to said Board of their right;

If proof unsatisfactory, pension to cease.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to require any person receiving a Pension, as the Widow of a deceased Militia-man, to adduce proof to the satisfaction of the Board herein-before mentioned, that she is the Widow of such deceased Militia-man, which proof shall not be limited to the oath of such Pensioner; and if the said Board shall be of opinion that such person is not the Widow of such deceased Militia-man, then her name shall be erased from the Pension List, and she shall thenceforth cease to receive any Pension as the Widow of a deceased Militia-man.

Evidence beyond the oath of the widow, may be required.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to require from any person hereafter claiming a Pension as the Widow of a deceased Militia-man, to give such evidence of her being such Widow as he shall from time to time require, besides the oath of such applicant for a Pension.

If pension granted to widow or children of Militia-man, who died after his discharge,

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where a Pension has been heretofore granted, or shall hereafter be applied for or be granted to any Widow or Children of a deceased

Militia-man, such Militia-man having died after his discharge from actual service, it shall and may be lawful for the Board herein-before mentioned to inquire into and investigate the circumstances under which such Militia-man died, and whether his death was caused by disease contracted or wounds received while in actual service; and if such Board shall Report to the Governor of this Province that such Militia-man did not die from disease contracted or wounds received while in actual service, then the names of such Widow or Children shall be erased from the Pension List, and she or they shall no longer receive a Pension from the Public Revenues of this Province as the Widow or Children of such deceased Militia-man.

Board may investigate, and report, on the cause of such death, and names of widow and children may, in certain cases, be erased from Pension List.

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AN ACT to make permanent an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled, "An Act to amend and continue the Act granting Militia Pensions."

[Passed 10th February, 1840.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled, "An Act to amend and continue the Act granting Militia Pensions," is about to expire, and it is expedient to continue the said Act and to make it permanent: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That the said recited Act be and the same is hereby continued and made permanent.

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5th Wm. IV. chap. 36, made perpetual.