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To :- His Excellency
The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honour to represent that by Section 46 of the Militia Act the commissions of the Officers of The Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force are, for purposes of seniority and command, made equivalent to Militia Commissions, when those Officers are serving with the Militia by order of the Governor in Council; that in view of the status and the long service of most of those ~~Police~~ Officers, it is thought desirable that the provision should be amended so as to give some of them higher rank than is prescribed by Section 46, and also to make clearer their status when thus serving; that it is not opportune for Parliament to make the desired amendment during the present Session, so, the undersigned begs to suggest that the change be, in the meantime, made under the provisions of Section 6 of the War Measures Act; he, therefore, advises that Your Excellency be pleased to order that when Officers of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force are regularly placed on active military service, in co-operation with a military body, the commissions and appointments held by them as Police Officers shall, for purposes of seniority and command, be of the same force and effect and shall confer on their holders the same authority as if such commissions and appointments were Militia ones, and that the ranks of their holders, during such active military service, shall be according to the following scale, that is to say:

The Commissioner is to rank as Colonel; and if he has been Commissioner for 5 years he is to rank as Brigadier General.

An Assistant Commissioner is to rank as a Lieutenant-Colonel; and if he has been an Assistant Commissioner for 3 years he is to rank as Colonel.

A Superintendent is to rank as Major; and if he has been a Superintendent for 3 years he is to rank as Lieutenant-Colonel.

An Inspector is to rank as Lieutenant; if he has been an Inspector for 5 years he is to rank as Captain; and if he has been an Inspector for 15 years he is to rank as Major.

A Surgeon is to rank as Captain in the Army Medical Corps; if he has been a Surgeon for 10 years he is to rank as Major in that Corps; and if he has been a Surgeon for 20 years he is to rank as Lieutenant-Colonel in that Corps.

An Assistant Surgeon is to rank as Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps; and if he has been an Assistant Surgeon for 5 years he is to rank as Captain in that Corps.

A Veterinary Surgeon is to rank as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps; if he has been a Veterinary Surgeon for 5 years he is to rank as Captain in that Corps; if he has been a Veterinary Surgeon for 15 years he is to rank as Major in that Corps; and if he has been a Veterinary Surgeon for 20 years he is to rank as Lieutenant-Colonel in that Corps.

Respectfully submitted.

Minister of Militia and Defence.

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