



His Excellency

The Governor General in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to direct your Excellency's attention to the fact that no provision has been made by the Military Service Act 1917 to except from the operation of the Act, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal North West Mounted Police Force. Class 1 under the Act has been called out and there are many belonging to the Force who are within this class. Nevertheless their service in the Force cannot be dispensed with without materially impairing the strength and efficiency of the Force, which must necessarily be maintained for the performance of the police and military duties with which the Force is charged.

The undersigned therefore recommends that the Commissioner of the Royal North West Mounted Police be authorized to make application, under Section 14 of the Military Service Act, to the appropriate local tribunals, for certificates of exemption in respect of all the officers, non-commissioned officers and men actually serving in the Royal North West Mounted Police Force, on the ground that it is expedient in the national interest that such officers, non-commissioned officers and men should, instead of being employed in military service overseas, be engaged in their present work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. Russell

Ottawa,
October 20, 1917.

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The Governor General in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to direct your Excellency's attention to the fact that no provision has been made by the Military Service Act 1917 to except from the operation of the Act, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal North West Mounted Police Force. Class 1 under the Act has been called out and there are many belonging to the Force who are within this class. Nevertheless their service in the Force cannot be dispensed with without materially impairing the strength and efficiency of the Force, which must necessarily be maintained for the performance of the police and military duties with which the Force is charged.

The undersigned therefore recommends that the Commissioner of the Royal North West Mounted Police be authorized to make application, under Section 11 of the Military Service Act, to the appropriate local tribunals, for certificates of exemption in respect of all the officers, non-commissioned officers and men actually serving in the Royal North West Mounted Police Force, on the ground that it is expedient in the national interest that such officers, non-commissioned officers and men should, instead of being employed in military service overseas, be engaged in their present work.

Respectfully submitted,

Ottawa,
October 20, 1917.

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form annexed hereto might lead to
many undesirable applications
from city police forces all over
the Dominion.

That the ^{draft} Order in Council might
be amended so as to authorize
the Commissioner to make
application for exemption to
the appropriate tribunals in
respect of all members of the
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Ottawa, October 11th 1917

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

The undersigned has the honour to direct your *Excellency's* attention to the fact that no provision has been made by the Military Service Act 1917 to except from the operation of the act, the officers, noncommissioned officers and men of the Royal North-west Mounted Police Force. Class 1 under the act is about to be called out and there are many belonging to the force who are within this class. Nevertheless their service in the force cannot be dispensed with without materially impairing the strength and efficiency of the force which must necessarily be maintained for the performance of the police and military duties with which the force is charged^A and the undersigned therefore recommends that it be provided by Your Excellency in Council in the execution of the powers conferred by the War Measures Act 1914, that officers, noncommissioned officers and men actually serving in the Royal North-west Mounted Police Force shall be excepted from the operation of the Military Service Act 1917 as if they had been specially enumerated in the exceptions set out in the schedule.

Respectfully
Humbly submitted,

W. L. Borden
Prime Minister.

Ottawa
October 20, 1917

Minute of Council
is attached.
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Ottawa, October 12th 1917

Dear Colonel Clark,

Referring to our telephone conversation,
I enclose herewith a Report to Council for the
Prime Minister to sign, which, if sanctioned, will
have effect to except the members of the Royal North-
west Mounted Police from the operation of the Military
Service Act.

Yours faithfully,

E. Hewson

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Col. Hugh Clark,

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of
Department of External Affairs,
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and it is hereby ordered and declared that officers non-



AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS attention has been drawn to the fact that no provision has been made by the Military Service Act 1917 to except from the operation of the act, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal North-west Mounted Police Force;

AND WHEREAS Class 1 under the act has been called out and there are many belonging to the force who are within this class;

AND WHEREAS their service in the force cannot be dispensed with without materially impairing the strength and efficiency of the force which must necessarily be maintained for the performance of the police and military duties with which the force is charged;

THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, and under and in virtue of the powers conferred upon His Excellency by the War Measures Act 1914, or any other enabling authority, is pleased to order and declare and it is hereby ordered and declared that officers, non-commissioned officers and men actually serving in the Royal North-west Mounted Police Force shall be excepted from the

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been specially enumerated in the exceptions set out in the
schedule.