

The Canadian Army

1. The first Militia Act of the Dominion of Canada received royal assent on 22 May 1868. It provided for the amalgamation of the four pre-confederation provincial militias into a single organization entitled the Militia of the Dominion of Canada and early in this century it was designated the Canadian Militia. On 1^o November 1940 it was redesignated The Canadian Army and remained as such until absorbed into the Canadian Armed Forces on 1 February 1968.

2. This service was governed by successive Militia Acts until 1950, when the last of them was superseded by the National Defence Act. These acts were implemented by regulations and orders, variously entitled Regulations and Orders for The Active Militia and later The King's (or Queen's) Regulations and Orders for The Canadian Militia (changed to Army 30 Oct 1946). The early editions were hard-covered books, but the later ones were loose-leaf. During the Second World War Militia (Special) Regulations and Reserve Army (Special) Regulations were published. In 1960 the regulations and orders were replaced by The Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces (1968 Revision).

3. Administration was effected by Militia General Orders until 1899, when two series appeared: Militia Orders and General Orders. Militia Orders were discontinued in 1941 and General Orders in 1947. Canadian Army Orders first appeared in 1941 and were published until 1964, after which Canadian Forces Administrative Orders were published.