

&c., and in each succeeding and alternate *fifth* year all the men in the classes 2, 3 and 4 should assemble for the same period and purpose.

9thly. Besides the Adjutant General at Ottawa, there should be as many Asst. Adjutant Generals as there are Military Districts charged with the duties of Inspecting Officers and Paymasters. These officers ought never to be assigned to the districts in which they reside, but their annual tour of Inspection should be designated by the Chief of their department. The advantages of this system are obvious :—ties of neighborhood, intimacy, interest, relationship, politics, or family, would not sway an officer in a strange district. The result would be, that the law and regulations of the service would be rigidly enforced, and correct returns demonstrate the real strength of the Militia. All these officers should be supplied by the State Military College.

10thly. All Rosters, Returns, Accounts, &c., should be verified in the strictest manner on oath, under penalty for perjury.

11thly. No person should be commissioned as an officer until he has passed a satisfactory examination before the examiners of the Military College ;—unless he be a graduate of the College, these last having the preference over all others.

12thly. Compulsory military drill and rifle practice, in all schools throughout the country. The Instructors to be furnished by the State Military College of Canada. It may be objected that the Dominion Government has no power to make use of the machinery of the Provincial Common Schools or Private Schools, without the consent of their Legislatures or the Proprietors. But it has power to order that all boys between certain ages shall be drilled : and if it furnishes the means of training, viz., instructors, pay, arms, &c., the authorities and all parties interested in each Province would find it to their advantage to sanction the drilling of the boys when assembled in their various schools.

13thly. In order to distinguish officers who have faithfully