

As regards the second part of the remedy, let us assume that we are to see decently educated gentlemen come to the Schools of Instruction to pass the examinations in military subjects that will qualify them to hold commissions. The regulations distinctly say that 50 per cent. marks obtained gives a second-class certificate, provided not less than 40 per cent. is obtained in any one subject, and that 70 per cent. obtained entitles an officer to a first-class certificate. Make them *earn* those certificates in accordance with these regulations, not as at present. Go up for a "first" or "second," and always have it given them irrespective of their deserving it, in order to credit the school with the issue of another certificate too often issued from this motive, as well as that of fear of giving offence to the Militia by withholding what has not been earned.

We notice with interest that Sir Michael Hicks Beach, in a recent speech said :—" That Canada must be prepared to take her share in Imperial defence," especially in naval defence. It certainly seems passing strange that a country with 5,000,000 inhabitants should be content to permit the tax payers of the United Kingdom to provide the entire protection for her large and still increasing mercantile marine. The question of naval defence is most important, but many will say: " look at what we have done, observe our 37,000 militia!" We answer thirty per cent. at the lowest computation are on paper only :—do not all the rural battalions coming into camp for their valuable 10 days training, for that is all it is, scour the highways and by ways for so called recruits? It is a notorious fact that the average number of men who have previously attended a camp is not more than 20 per cent. of the required establishment. But this is only a minor matter; we have no genuine organization. Where are trained Brigadiers and Staff Officers except our few permanent Corps Officers, for Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, in case of a sudden attempt at real mobilization? Where are our *cadres* of registered transport services? Where are *adequate* depôts of warlike material? In a country of this extent each district might be administered so as to have, on mobilization, transport and medical staff and services, partially arranged for in times of peace. It is folly to talk of what we have done. We have done nothing! Men—men can always be obtained, but our trained staffs, transport, com-