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71. He does not specify the number of officers whom he would recommend to assist the Assistant Director of Remounts, but I should think that four officers, one each for Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest, would be sufficient in the first instance. But I agree in the advisability of the step. The officers appointed might be Veterinary Officers, but should be very carefully selected, as they would need to be men of general experience as well.

#### ARMAMENT.

72. As regards armament, Sir John French appears to consider the armament now in use, and under order, to be suitable. He doubts, however, whether the nature of the country offers sufficient scope for the number of heavy batteries we possess, and is in favour rather of the provision of a full proportion of howitzers. He notes the need for field telephones with field artillery. He considers the reserves of both gun and small ammunition to be insufficient, and recommends additions to both. The Council are aware of this requirement, and will, no doubt, add to the reserves so soon as finances permit.

73. He considers that the final settlement of the armament of the cavalry requires an early decision. I have always failed to understand why it has been so long delayed.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

74. He was favourably impressed with the Administrative Services, and has no proposals to make in regard to them.

#### FORTRESSES.

75. He was satisfied with the defence works at Halifax, but considered that the arrangements for land defence had not been sufficiently worked out, and that not enough infantry is allotted to the defence. He also doubts whether mobilization arrangements are as complete as they should be, especially as regards engineers.

76. Upon both points he is probably right, though it may be remarked that the infantry garrison is now more numerous than during the Imperial régime. The point will, no doubt, engage the attention of the Chief of the General Staff. It is, perhaps, worth while remarking that the Halifax Defence Scheme is submitted yearly to the Colonial Defence Committee in London, and that their comments thereon do not seem to show that they regard the land defence as insufficiently provided for.

#### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS.

77. Under the heading of Schools of Instruction he considers that the instruction is given too much by old fashioned methods, that too much ceremonial is taught, and that more might be done in the way of tactical instruction. This is quite realized at Headquarters, and that more has not been done is due solely to the paucity of supervising officers.

78. As regard Manufacturing Establishments, his opinion appears generally favourable. The point which he mentions in regard to the manufacture of bayonets has already been taken up.

#### WESTERN CANADA.

79. Part II. of the report is devoted to western Canada. Recognizing that its development is recent, has been very rapid, and is still going on, the Inspector Gener-