

Inspector of Artillery still obliged, on the last day of 1874, to draw attention, as his predecessor had done two years previously, to "the advisability of commencing, even on the smallest possible scale, the manufacture and repair of those warlike stores most needed for the defence of the country."

In any review, however cursory, of the military capabilities of Canada, the schools of gunnery which have been opened at Quebec and Kingston deserve to be mentioned in terms of unqualified praise. These schools are admirably conducted, their commandants labouring assiduously to instruct those who come under their care. The consequence is that considerable numbers of fair, practical artillerymen are periodically turned out by these establishments, and the influence which these men exert on rejoining their corps, throughout the country, is beginning to improve the general tone and efficiency of that arm of the service.

Another institution, although it is still in embryo, demands our notice, as destined to be of the highest value to the army. The authorities have decided on establishing a Military College at Kingston, in which future Canadian officers will receive a scientific military education. That the necessity for this has already been recognized, is the most encouraging sign connected with the defences of the country, and if the idea be wisely and energetically followed out, it will give strength and cohesion to her organization.

At the same time, excellent as these institutions are, and earnest as is the labour which they represent, enough has not been done to hold inviolate the soil of Canada, and compel the attendance of victory on the standards of her untried army. Strong and unremitting efforts are still required. The direction in which these efforts should be put forth, has been clearly indicated by those officers whom we may designate as the military advisers of the Dominion, foremost among whom are General Selby Smyth, Colonel Fletcher, late Military Secretary to the Governor-General, and Colonel Strange, Dominion Inspector of Artillery. These distinguished officers do not consider their recommendations to be absolutely the best that could be acted on, but merely the best that the legislature, in its present economical mood, can be expected to entertain. They recommend two branch Schools of Gunnery, one at Montreal and the other at Toronto, in order that the benefits of artillery