

referred to above if the Government considered such to be desirable. A complete scheme has been prepared whereby two divisions, a cavalry division and certain ancillary troops could in the first instance be mobilized - or any part of them. The balance of the Militia, nearly four divisions and ancillary troops, could later be called out under similar machinery". Does this mean that for the defence of Canada in Canada, the General Staff would advise no more than two divisions and ancillary troops? - in which case we have ✓ apparently been working for years ~~to~~^{on} four divisions and one cavalry division definitely surplus to home defence. How much per year has this been costing us? If the money devoted to this surplus infantry and cavalry had been devoted to coast defence, anti-aircraft defence and air and naval forces, would we not be in a much more effective position today? The six-division scheme has no meaning except on the assumption of an overseas expeditionary force on the 1914-1918 model.

II. Immediate Needs.

Presumably what the Defence Committee required at this time was not a statement of ultimate objectives or programmes for 1942 or 1943, but -

(a) a report on what progress was being made in the provision of the defences for which money has been voted in the past two or three years.

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