

Canadian Militia.—In Canada there are no means available for the supply of colours to the militia, as a charge against the public. (R. and O., p. 64.) Frequently, in Canada, some patriotic person or society has presented a pair of colours to a favored regiment.

How Made.—The colours are made of silk; their dimensions are three feet nine inches flying, and three feet deep on the pike, exclusive of the fringe, which is two inches in depth. The pikes or poles are made of ash $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter, and are eight feet seven and one-half inches in length, including the Royal Crest. The heads are surmounted by a royal crown and lion "passant gardant," and they are shod with a brass ferrule. (R. and O., p. 64.)

Alteration in Colours.—No addition to or alteration in colours can be made without the Sovereign's special permission and authority, signified through the Commander-in-Chief.

New Colours.—In the Imperial service all applications for new colours, or any alterations therein, must be made through the proper military channel to the Secretary of State for War, accompanied by the proceedings of a Board of Survey on those in possession, and should they have not lasted the prescribed period a report must be made of the circumstances under which they have become unserviceable. The period of duration assigned for colours and standards on home service and under ordinary circumstances in the British army is five years in the Guards, and twenty years in other services. On foreign stations the duration of these articles will vary according to the climate and the nature of the service.

Repairs to colours are executed in the regiment, and the expense thereof charged in the pay-list, supported by vouchers and the usual certificates.

Those regiments which bear a royal, county or other title, are to have such designation on a red ground round a circle within the Union wreath of roses, thistles and shamrocks. The number of the regiment in gold characters to be in the centre.