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Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the Provinces are particularly requested to favor us regularly with weekly information concerning the movements and doings of their respective Corps, including the fixtures for drill, marching out, rifle practice, &c.

We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that may reach us in time for publication.

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**NOTICE.**

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GEORGE MOSS.

Ottawa, February 1st, 1868.

**The Volunteer Review,**

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1868.

**THE NEW MILITIA SYSTEM.**

In connection with the subject of Canadian defence, there is no matter which requires more careful and mature deliberation than that of the organisation of the Volunteers and Militia. This subject has been well ventilated in the columns of the Review, and many leading members of the Force throughout the Dominion have expressed their views upon this most important question. We have ourselves, to a great extent, refrained from saying much upon it, as we wished to become more thoroughly satisfied as to the temper of the people with regard to the various schemes proposed; and also

to give it that mature consideration which a question of such importance to the future independence and prosperity of the country demands. In our last issue we gave a resume of the different systems in operation on the European Continent, and their relative merits and defects; but we do not see that any one of them is suitable to the peculiar condition of Canada, socially and politically, although taken together they may perhaps assist us in forming such a modification of each as will enable us to establish a military system which must be cheap and effective. We use the words *military system* because the day of Militia and Volunteer organisation is passing away, and the country must be prepared to undertake the burthen of national defence on the broadest principles. Political exigencies may have for a time retarded the introduction of the long desired and expected Militia Bill, but, it is a measure which cannot be delayed much longer without serious injury to the country. We are not among the number of those who believe a war with the United States an inevitable event which may be postponed for a time but which is sure to occur sooner or later. But nevertheless such a war is possible, and we believe the best way to avert it is to be prepared, for weakness invites aggression, and it is a disagreeable trait, in nations as in individuals, for the strong to oppress the weak.

There are three grand considerations which present themselves to the mind on approaching the subject of Canadian military organisation. The first is the geographical and climatic condition of the country; the second the social condition of the people; and the third the relations existing between England and the colony on the one hand, and the influence naturally exercised over our affairs by our proximity to the Great Republic. Therefore in undertaking to provide an adequate military organisation for the Dominion of Canada, our legislators will need all the wisdom they possess, and all the knowledge gained by experience, that an equitable and permanent system may be adopted. The people of Canada are beginning to grow sick of changes which seem only to lead to fresh embarrassments, and fresh changes that merge into mere repetitions of former complications. The first important consideration is the geographical and climatic condition of Canada in reference to its capabilities for defence, but as this part of the question has been exhaustively dealt with in former numbers, we will merely notice it in connection with the distribution of the population, to insure the mobility of the Militia Battalions when called out for the purpose of defence. It is well known that there are certain points along our frontier which must of necessity become salient in case of invasion, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that they should be well defended. In this respect we hold that corps should be brought to act as much as possible in their own localities; for it is