

it to be harmless to the enemy and no defence to those within. It is without guns in its embrasures, undergarrisoned by awkward squads, and its foundations threaten to give way and bring the mass toppling over.

Success will very much depend in future warfare upon cool firing, accurate aim, well judged distances, ability to adapt movements to the nature of the ground, and fearless exposure or careful concealment at the proper moment.

The materials for a good system of defence for Canada arrange themselves in the following order of importance, and should be secured by us in that order, viz.: Men, Rifles, Ammunition, Targets, educated Officers, exercised school boys, an intelligent Staff, an experienced (in Canadian Militia service) Adjutant General.

Each Battalion division should be charged with the erection of an armory, the lease of parade ground and rifle range, and repairs of the same, purchasing of targets and billeting of men while out for drill;—leaving to the State to supply rifles, guns, ammunition, stores, uniform, (which should be of the plainest and simplest character, and only issued to corps when ordered out for actual service), instructors, and the pay for staff, employees, instructors, officers and men.

The State would have to purchase 50,000 rifles per annum, until each militiaman was supplied,—with corresponding ammunition. For the first year, the 60,000 Snider Rifles, and Ammunition, already in the country, would suffice if distributed equally, more than one man firing with each rifle at practice. The targets, to save expense to municipalities, might be made of stretched and painted canvas of one pattern.

The estimate of expenditure by Dominion for *first* year of working the system, might be roughly estimated as follows:—

100,000 men (1st Class), 2 days, @ \$1 per diem...\$200,000.

25,000 “ (2nd Class), 1 day, @ \$1 “ ... 25,000.