

vious neglects ; so as not to waste the precious lives of our sons and brethren beyond that point which is inevitable. Our people lack nothing but the wisdom and the will necessary to dispose and organize existing military resources in order to make the country secure. We have, physically speaking, the finest men in the world, already leavened with a small amount of military training, which may be turned to advantage. We possess mechanical power. We boast breeds of horses suitable for war, and our finances and our credit are good. With such advantages, we ought to be really powerful, and our continuance any longer in a state of disorganization and unpreparedness, is discreditable to our rulers, and a threatening danger to ourselves. With the proper machinery of war always in active existence, with the organization into able-officered companies and regiments, supplemented by the more advanced organization into brigades and divisions, with stores and *matériel* ready for immediate use, *with constant and universal rifle practice*, our militia force proper *i.e.*, every able-bodied man in the country, would only require a little smart drill to enable them to take the field in anticipation of an enemy, with full confidence, and certain of success.

Canada should, and may in reason, place reliance only in her own *measures* to provide effectually for the safety of the State ; and, in a cause so righteous, put her trust in Almighty God, that he will bless with success the plans formed by human skill, to enable her to repel any unprovoked aggression that may be attempted against her independence, and thus avert from this favored land the greatest of national calamities.

To put Canada in a perfect state of security, we would deferentially offer the following suggestions for a Militia organization :

*Proposed Canadian Organization.*

1st. The Militia should consist of all the male inhabitants of Canada between the ages of sixteen years and sixty ; though all the male inhabitants of the Dominion, capable of bearing arms, ought to be required to serve in case of a *levée en masse*.