

000 voted by the Canadian Parliament for military purposes; and to this sacrifice the people willingly submit. As our neighbors well know, we have no wealthy classes whose elegant leisure might be diversified by "playing at soldiers." Our people are farmers; and it is from that class 75 per cent. of the active force is drawn.

Our English contemporaries would do well to study attentively the lesson; and some of them should remember that we owe the efficiency of our organization to our late Adjutant General.

*From the Boston Globe.*

**CANADIAN MILITIA.**—The report of the Adjutant General of the Dominion has just been published, and, as we have among us certain sanguine people who anticipate at no distant day dabbling in Canadian gore, a definite idea of the military strength of the Dominion, with attendant information, will probably be of interest. The figures in the report relate mainly to the militia force actually present at annual drill, and who would be ready at a minute's call for active service. No reference is made to the immenso body of reserves which could be utilized at short notice in case of invasion, or in event of political troubles looking toward such an event.

Each brigade forms a perfect little army of itself, distributed according to military territorial divisions, and the whole active force rests, we may say, upon a reserve of practically the entire male population of the Dominion, with an organization which, in the words of the report, "has called forth the eulogy and approval of eminent European statesmen and soldiers." The greater part of the cavalry are now provided with Snider carbines, of the same pattern as those used by the British regular cavalrymen.—Scientific instruction in artillery exercise has been provided for, and the field batteries are now being armed with the same description of field guns as those used by the horse artillery of the English army, instead of the old-fashioned field guns. The entire body of infantry is armed with the Snider breech-loading rifles, and use the same kind of ammunition as that in the regular army.

Particular stress is laid in the report upon the ease and celerity with which this force could be called to arms and concentrated in tactical brigades in any desired locality.—The full quota of men authorized to be trained annually in the Dominion is 40,000. As will be seen, the present force falls nearly 10,000 short of that number, though the Adjutant General is firm in the faith that if it were properly encouraged by the country, furnished with the necessary equipment and voted sufficient drill pay, the full quota would be reached, if not exceeded, within the next twelve months. To maintain the militia based on its present organization of 40,000 men, training sixteen days and providing for all necessities and contingencies, an amount of \$1,500,000 would be required annually. Whether this average Canadian would be patriotic enough to put his hand in his pocket, or allow the government to do it for him, for the sake of strengthening the military arm, is a problem yet to be solved.

There is every probability, however, that it will sooner or later be done, even should there be no apparent necessity therefor. The Canadians, though they have had little opportunities of showing it, are eminently a military people; and with their new standing as a nation, and their desire to rank with the United States in power and

importance, they will hardly allow a few hundred thousand dollars to stand in their way. National pride exacts as many and great sacrifices as national necessity. At least it has been so with all governments of which we have any account in history; and we hardly think that Canada is destined to furnish an exception.

The staff and regimental officers of the Canadian army in this city gave a farewell dinner to Colonel P. Robertson Ross, their late Adjutant General, on Monday evening, the 25th ult., at the Rideau Club House.—The officers present were:

Lieut. Colonel Powell, Deputy Adjutant General at head quarters; Lieut. Colonel Jackson, Acting D.A.G., No. 4 Military Div.; Lieut. Colonel Macpherson; Lieut. Colonel Wiley; Lieut. Colonel Dennis; Lieut. Col. Chamberlain, C.M.G.; Lieut. Col. Aumond; Lieut. Colonel Richardson; Lieut. Colonel Stuart; Lieut. Colonel T. Ross, commanding Governor General's Foot Guards;

Major Eagleson, commanding Ottawa Garrison Artillery; Major White, Gov. General's Foot Guards; Major Macdonald; Paymaster Wickstead, Gov. General's Foot Guards; Surgeon VanCortlandt, Ottawa Field Battery; Surgeon Malloch, Governor General's Foot Guards; Major G. H. Perry;

Capt. Stewart, commanding Ottawa Field Battery; Lieut. Wright, M.P., Ottawa Field Battery; Captain Sparks, Ottawa Cavalry.

In consequence of the somewhat sudden departure of Col. Robertson Ross, owing to the illness of his youngest daughter, in Scotland, there was not time to give due notice of this event to the outlying districts.

The dinner reflected great credit on Mr. Kavanagh, and presented all the delicacies of the season. After the health of Her Majesty Queen Victoria had been drunk with all the honours, Lieutenant Colonel POWELL said:—Brother Officers,—I have to propose the health of our distinguished guest; and I do it with regret, as you are all aware that it is his last appearance amongst us previous to his departure for England. There is no necessity on my part to direct your attention to the services of Colonel ROBERTSON ROSS. He has been amongst us for four years, and his reputation is well known to you all; and while we cannot but feel that his departure from amongst us deprives the officers and soldiers of the Canadian army of his valuable experience as a commanding officer, and individually of a kind friend, we cannot find fault with the decision that impels him to seek more active employment and the well-earned rewards of those services he has proved himself so capable of rendering to his Sovereign and country in that army in which he is already achieved honorable distinction. It is hardly necessary for me to say that he leaves Canada amidst the regret of its army, and that we shall at all times rejoice to hear of the distinction he will be sure to achieve. His services to this country are matters of

history too recent for me to enumerate.—We wish Colonel ROBERTSON ROSS and his family all happiness and prosperity.

Colonel ROBERTSON ROSS, in rising to reply, was loudly cheered, and said:—Brother Officers and Comrades,—I have to thank you for the honour you have done me this evening, and to assure you that, in taking leave of the Canadian army, my best wishes remain with its officers and soldiers. During the four years in which I had the honour to command that force, although there was no opportunity for active service in the field I have been enabled to add considerably to my practical knowledge of organization, and to understand thoroughly what is meant by a Citizen Army, which, after all, is the only true and reasonable defence of any country, and which the exigencies of modern warfare render imperatively necessary to every state that would have a chance of maintaining intact its independence. It has always been my desire to discharge the very high duties of my office in the most friendly spirit; and I have always been met by the officers of the Canadian army with a reciprocal feeling. It gives me great pleasure now to look back on the four years of my administration, and to record how ably I have been seconded in all efforts by the efficient departmental and regimental officers of the army of the Dominion. My experience enables me to say that Colonels Powell and Wiley have zealously and efficiently discharged the duties of their offices, and that no departments could be better managed than those under their immediate control. The organization of the Canadian army is now as nearly complete as it can be; and it only requires to keep the present machinery in motion.—This year, and probably next, you may have some trouble with the Estimates; but the camps of instruction should never be lost sight of. By their means your tactical knowledge will be best kept up; and it is only through their neglect that any cause of inefficiency will exist in your ranks. I thank you all, brother officers and comrades, and shall always have a grateful remembrance of your kindness, and rejoice in your prosperity and good reputation.

The gallant Colonel was loudly cheered during the delivery of this speech. The band of the Governor General's Foot Guards was in attendance, and played several appropriate airs.

We are indebted to the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, C. W. EDDY, Esq., for the *London Globe* of 22nd July, containing the following report of the dinner to the Canadian Wimbledon team:—

The Canadian Volunteers, who have been shooting at Wimbledon during the past fortnight, were entertained at dinner last evening (Monday, 21st July), by the members of the Royal Colonial Institute. The gathering took place at the Queen's Hotel, Richmond-hill, on the lawn of which the party were grouped and photographed.