

PREFACE

The Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada

*PREFACE by Major General Hutton, C.B., A.D.C. to the Queen,
Commanding Canadian Troops.*

PRESIDENT of the ASSOCIATION.

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the invitation of the Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada to become its President. I welcome all, and every effort for the welfare and improvement of that Force which it is my great privilege to command, the more so as it is well recognized by every one interested in the development of Canada as a nation that a corresponding development is required in that Force to which its defence is entrusted. Public opinion in Canada as in other colonies with responsible government under the Crown realizes with a growing sense of individuality that each and every part of the empire must not only insure its own defence, but must be prepared, when called upon to share in the defence of that empire to which all owe their birth. If public opinion thus expresses itself with no uncertain sound, we in Canada may look forward to the evolution of a Canadian Army which should be worthy of the Canadian people; a militia army indeed but one which shall be trained, equipped and complete in all its parts, and thus equal to any crises which may call it into being.

The Officers' Association and other kindred institutions can do much to further this consummation, but they can do more by concentrating their energies. It is my privilege to be Patron of the older institution in Canada, the Canadian United Service Club, and in my official capacity with both I commend to the members of the Officers' Association my earnest hope that an amalgamation of the two may be effected.