

"the quarters for Officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, guard-rooms, and other buildings at the *Tête du pont* Barracks, the buildings contained in the new fort, Toronto, and stores at the old fort, when required. The forts and works at Quebec and Point Lévis, with the armament and stores about to be handed over by the Royal Artillery, will in like manner be transferred to the care of the Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Quebec, also the barracks with the mounted guns and stores connected therewith at St. Helen's Island, Montreal.

*"Schools of Gunnery—St. John and Halifax.*

"Arrangements are being made for the formation of Schools of Gunnery at St. John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, the details of which will be announced hereafter in General Orders.<sup>1</sup>

"By command of His Excellency the Governor-General,

"P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,

*"Adjutant-General of Militia,*

*"Canada."*

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON "A" BATTERY, SCHOOL OF GUNNERY.

*"Kingston, Ontario, 1878.*

"During the past year 4 Officers and 122 non-commissioned Officers and men joined this school. Of this number 3 Officers and 72 non-commissioned officers and men joined for a three months' course of instruction, 1 Officer and 23 non-commissioned officers and men were retained for a further service of 12 months, 38 non-commissioned officers and men enlisted or re-enlisted in "A" Battery for three years' continuous service.

"The following certificates have been issued during the year 1878:—

	Long Course.		Short Course.					Total.
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class.	Attendance.	
Officers .....	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	4
Non-commissioned officers and men .....	..	..	7	7	9	9	64	96
Total ....	..	1	9	8	9	9	64	100

"It is to be hoped that the permission granted in recent General Orders for Officers to present themselves for examination at the Schools of Gunnery, and if

<sup>1</sup> Not carried out. Classes for infantry instruction during the winter were formerly carried on at the head-quarters of each military district, a premium of 50 dollars being given to every person obtaining a certificate, but it was found that only a small proportion of those obtaining the premium gave the country the advantage of their instruction by subsequently joining the Militia, while the expense was considerable. The pupils not being placed in barracks, and taught only in drill-sheds, made but little practical acquaintance with military discipline or field exercises. The Artillery Schools having been made partially available for infantry and cavalry instruction the winter classes were done away with, except in New Brunswick and Halifax. The Officers in command of those districts, Colonels Lawrie and Maunsell, being energetic Officers formerly in Her Majesty's regular Army, have no doubt made the best of the means at their disposal.