

"Officers and from 30 to 36 staff sergeants, who are thorough drill instructors; the Quartermaster being charged with the care of arms and clothing, which are thus kept in order, and no loss from neglect or theft permitted. In fact, it is a delusion to believe that an efficient military force can exist in perfection without a trained permanent staff, an unprofitable expenditure of public money being often the consequence of dispensing with it."

Cavalry.

I venture to doubt whether Canada could supply so large or efficient a body of cavalry as has been by some imagined, who ignore the fact that Canadians are not a nation of horsemen. Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec are the only places where foxhounds are followed. The long, hard winter necessitates driving in a well-furred sleigh rather than riding, and in summer fast-trotting sulkies are more prevalent than hacks. Nevertheless the yeoman cavalry of Ontario and along the United States frontiers of Quebec and New Brunswick have before now done good service as outposts: the eyes, ears, feelers and veil of an army.

They have able and enthusiastic cavalry leaders in such men as Colonel Dennison, of Essay celebrity, Colonels Forsyth, Turnbull, Lovelace, Saunders, and others.

The country troops are of course rough in appearance compared to those of cities, who have more opportunities for dismounted drills, while their saddlery and appointments are kept in better order. The rural troops from their knowledge of the country are of course better scouts.

Artillery.

The artillery is perhaps the arm in which the natural military proclivities of Canadians appear at their best. Their efficiency compared with the short period of training has been a constant source of surprise to me. The practical mobility of the field artillery of small country towns is due to its popularity among the sons of yeomen farmers who enrol their own pair of horses and enlist as drivers. Their first appearance would perhaps be painful to the hypercritical glance of a Royal Artilleryman, but familiarity would teach him that, give them time, and they will get their guns almost anywhere for you; their Officers would select good positions, and the fire, judging by their target practice, would be very fairly effective. The cities naturally produce the most intelligent gunners, as the rural districts do the best drivers. The system of selecting artillery marksmen fostered by the Dominion Artillery Association, and introduced into the Canadian Militia before it existed in England, has, I think, produced very good results. I trust I may be excused for quoting my own report which gives a *resumé* of the subject:—