

has had no tendency to make me enviously unjust, nor to presume upon the prestige of a little experience to sneer at, superciliously ignore the suggestions, or attempt to stifle the aspirations of younger, and it may be, better men for distinction in their profession, Colonel Denison must therefore impute my temerity, in attacking a work so highly eulogized as his 'Theory of Cavalry Tactics, to some relics of that professional *clan* which he professes to admire,

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours, SABRRUR.

CAVALRY SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

Sir,—When the 13th Hussars go home in the Spring, the Cavalry School will have to be closed. This will be a great loss to the Country especially to the Volunteer Cavalry Force. Should not something be done to keep it open after their departure? Your Correspondent "Cadet" proposes to name a Cavalry Instructor attached to four of the Infantry Schools. He also suggests that the candidates be examined by an Infantry Officer. This proposition only proves how little "Cadet" knows about the Cavalry service. Fancy an Infantry Adjutant examining cavalry officers and non commissioned officers in the riding school drill, or even in the field work. I would suggest the following, not that I think it likely to be adopted, but merely as a few suggestions of something that if not done now, will have to be done at some future day.

Before the Hussars leave they will be obliged to sell off a number of their horses over a certain age, as the Imperial Government will only incur the expense of transporting such horses as are young and capable of undergoing a long sea voyage. These horses that are sold could be bought for very little in proportion to their value as trained cavalry chargers.

I would propose that the Government place one or two Troops of Volunteer Cavalry of say fifty (50) men each on permanent service under command of an efficient officer, and buy their horses, or let the men purchase for themselves, receiving an allowance per day for the use of them. Have the head quarters at Ottawa, so that they could be used for escort duty for the Governor General at the opening of the House, &c., and have a school in connection with them. Plenty of officers and non-commissioned officers, who have passed through the cavalry school under that able officer Colonel Jenyns, C.B., could be found willing and qualified to act as Instructors. A Cavalry School, would be no school unless the candidates were taught riding which would be facilitated by having well trained horses. The horses of course would be attended to by the men of their troop. What sort of a school would it be and what sort of officers would it turn out, where adets are taught nothing but the theory of

cavalry drill and are passed out without perhaps ever having mounted a horse. It would be far worse than if we had none, as there would be a number of persons through the country who having such a certificate in their pockets, would think themselves qualified to be officers or non-commissioned officers in the Cavalry Force, when totally unfitted for it.

Yours very truly,
TROOPER.

MILITARY SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

Sir—Observing in the REVIEW of Feb. 8th a letter over the signature of Cadet in reference to the continuing on of the Military Schools after the withdrawal of the troops now stationed among us, I wish to make a few remarks in reference thereto.

In general I agree with Cadet in the necessity there is to keep on the Military Schools, and diffusing military knowledge amongst our young men. But I should like to know what Cadet intends to do with cavalry drill instructors at infantry schools. It is well known to every dragoon that horsemanship and fitting of appointments is the most important part of cavalry drill, and, as it cannot be learned at an infantry school, I would suggest that the present cavalry school at Toronto be kept on for the Province of Ontario, where there is a riding school now in operation, and as I understand that the horses of the 13th Hussars will be sold before the regiment leaves for England, it would be well for our Government to purchase a few which are well broken in for riding school purposes. An Adjutant with two instructors would be sufficient. In like manner a school could be established at Montreal for the Province of Quebec, and a joint one for the lower Provinces. The appointment of officers should certainly be given to volunteers who have qualified themselves for it, for nothing can be more injurious to the whole volunteer community than for officers after spending time and labouring to make themselves proficient, to be superseded by retired army officers whose names as defenders of the country have never been heard of. But in the appointment of superintendents, Cadet is decidedly wrong, no officer should superintend a branch of military education to which he does not belong. I have had a little experience as a volunteer, and never remember an unfavourable report of a cavalry inspection when inspected by an infantry officer, and I can reasonably suppose it would be vice versa; there are two reasons for this, 1st, courtesy to that branch of the service to which they do not belong, and secondly a want of sufficient knowledge to understand whether the evolutions were properly performed or not. For superintendents for cavalry schools we want such officers as Lt. Col. Denison, of Toronto, author of "Modern Cavalry" an officer

who has shown to a demonstration that he thoroughly understood the subject about which he was writing. For artillery and infantry there is no doubt that there are plenty of volunteer officers to be found with equal ability. With those few remarks I subscribe myself, Sir,

Yours truly,
A DRAGOON.

CLARKSBURG VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR:—It is but a few weeks since I became a reader of the REVIEW, yet the few numbers I have had the pleasure of perusing has given me such a good opinion of your paper, and of its ability and usefulness that I feel it but right, in justice to you, Sir, and for the benefit and prosperity of our volunteer force, to warmly and heartily recommend it to every intelligent volunteer, and in so doing would say to them subscribe for it at once especially if desirous to know how his brother volunteers in other parts of the Dominion are progressing, not to speak of the able and valuable narratives on things military given from time to time. Aware that you wish to receive all the information possible about the doings of volunteer: throughout the Dominion, I deem it a pleasure to be in a position to contribute a small share of information. should you think such worth a place in your journal. The Clarksburg volunteer corps was but lately enrolled under the new Militia Act, it took but a few days to enrol sixty men, to conform however, with Militia Orders, we had very unwillingly to strike off ten. Our company is full and composed of fine able bodied men. We meet for drill twice a week, and notwithstanding that several of the members have to walk from 8 to 10 miles we get an average muster of 30 each night, which surely speaks well for the patriotism of the men; it is no child's play to walk such a distance through snow drifts to drill for two hours, and then walk home again the same night. I am happy to say that our company is progressing very well indeed, both in drill and discipline, under the able instruction of Sergt. Wardell late of 100th Regt., who is painstaking and attentive to his duties as instructor and exhibits a lively interest in the men, anxious that they should be in efficiency equal to any in the Dominion. We have got a very fine drill shed quite a credit to our little village, it is a substantial building well put together and was expeditiously erected. It was commenced about the 1st October, completed by the first week in December, promptly and carefully inspected by that fine gentlemanly officer, Major Scoble; the township grant of \$250, county grant of \$250, and government grant of \$270, all promptly paid within one month from the time the shed was completed, thus you see our shed was begun, completed, and paid for within the space of four months.