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NO apology is needed, none, at least, will here be made, for attempting a small contribution to the military history of our Island home. There has been a tendency in some quarters to regard our militia as something like the toy soldiers children play with ; pretty to look at, but not to be taken seriously into account as part of the defence of the Empire. Recent events have gone far towards exploding this notion, which the writer takes leave to call a very mischievous one. For if once such an idea were to become universal, or even very widespread in our country, then good-by to any chance of good men enlisting in the militia ; of capable officers putting themselves to the trouble and expense entailed by being properly instructed, and afterwards devoting their time to the force ; or of any real interest being taken in the less showy but not less necessary parts of a soldier's training.

War is a calamity, unjust war is a crime, but none the less it will be a sorry day for Canada if ever we have to proclaim to the world that we have not manhood enough in our country to defend our hearths and homes, and to take a part in the defence of Queen and Empire.

With these remarks as introduction, the readers of the Prince Edward Island Magazine are invited to transport themselves back