

officers and men in lamentably small numbers, indifferently equipped, and at an enormous cost in Canada; and well-trained efficient officers, backed up by competent N.C.O.'s, and trained, well-equipped men, in full strength in the ranks, at a wonderfully low cost, in Switzerland.

The belief that the production of the military law of Switzerland is desirable has not been spasmodic, but it has come to me as an evolution of the necessities of the situation. When in Switzerland in 1905 I was much impressed by the little I then learned of their military system. Subsequent investigation led to present a paper to this Institute, on 12 Feb., 1906, entitled "Switzerland's Citizen Soldier—a military model for Canada."

Further research led me to prepare a second contribution on wider lines, read on 12 April, 1909, and entitled "Patriotic Military Service." Later on, when Australia and New Zealand enlisted Lord Kitchener's co-operation in evolving their present enlightened military systems (largely based on the Swiss model) and having unearthed a copy of our old Military Law of 1808 (which had the same basal principles as the Swiss Law), I was led to make my third contribution, on 21 Nov., 1910, entitled "The old Military Law of Canada, the new Militia Laws of Australia and New Zealand and Lord Kitchener's Report."

Subsequent visits to Switzerland and information acquired from officers and men of their citizen army, and from seeing their troops on service, has served more and more to rivet in my mind the contrast presented by results under their universal system and our own voluntary one.

These considerations must be my excuse for bringing before you a subject with such a dry title as "The Swiss Military Law," &c., and in doing this I shall take the liberty of introducing a somewhat lengthy preface to show something of what this law has accomplished.

The law is reproduced in full further on, and if you refer to it you will see that there was a good deal to translate; I was therefore very glad to accept assistance from a patriotic female member of my family and a friend whose kindness I wish to acknowledge.

NATIONAL SPIRIT.

First and foremost comes consideration of the National spirit for defence. By this, I mean the spirit of the people which results from the system of military training and service in vogue in the country. Such a spirit of personal self-sacrifice as exists in the history of all great people and which not long