

"l'habillement, pour le rassemblement des troupes à certains tems de l'année, &c., une
 "dépense réelle plus grande que celle qu'il faudroit pour tenir sur pied un petit nombre
 "de troupes régulières ?

"Supposing a general militia to be equally expensive with a body of regular troops,
 "yet the militia is preferable ; because the whole being especially disciplined, has nothing
 "to fear from a part.

"Monsieur Franklin croit-il qu'on puisse entretenir en Amérique un corps de troupes
 "sur pied dans chaque province confédérée sans mettre la liberté en danger ?

"Europe was without regular troops till lately ; one powerful prince keeping an army
 "always on foot makes it necessary for his neighbor to do the same to prevent surpr
 "We have no such dangerous neighbors in America. We shall probably keep magazine
 "of arms and ammunition always filled, and no European power will ever find us so un-
 "provided as England found us at the beginning of this war, or can prepare to invade us
 "with a sufficient force in so short a time as not to give us time sufficient to discipline
 "force sufficient to repel the invader. Mr. F. therefore thinks, that to avoid not the ex-
 "pense, but the danger of keeping up a body of regular troops in time of peace, none of
 "the States separately will do it, nor the congress for the whole."

CHAPTER 13.

System of military exercises for Canadian militia proper—Objections to present drill and
 books of instruction—Rifle practice insisted on—Science in modern warfare—Best
 rifles must be procured—Individual skill tells now in battle as it did in old time—
 Physical education must be encouraged and use of weapons made habitual—Efficiency
 in handling rifle of paramount importance.

We have, up to this point, treated only of the training most
 necessary and suitable for the males of our population below
 16,—a class not in ordinary cases to be enrolled in the Militia,—
 and generally of the higher professional instruction or training in
 special duties of officers, to be given by a State Military College.
 We must now, in turn, consider what would be the fittest system
 of military exercises for the rank and file of our Militia proper.
 What is the training now authorized by law for this portion of
 the Canadian Militia :—