

The left hand column in the above table shows the strength of the R. A. Battery of 6 guns and the right hand column the comparative strength in officers, men, and horses, that a Canadian Battery should be, it having only 4 guns.

No Medical or Veterinary officer exists on the establishment of single Batteries, those officers forming part of the Brigade Staff, one of each being detailed for duty with Batteries at outlying stations.

The above tables show that the establishment of gunners and drivers, at present allowed to the Canadian Battery, when called out for service, to be much too small; in other respects it appears to be about correct.

It would appear advisable that all Militia Field Batteries should be kept up to their full establishment in officers and men for annual training, as a supply of trained men cannot be obtained at a moment's notice; and other than trained men are comparatively useless in a Field Battery.

• This fact is even now officially recognized, as the Field Batteries are allowed twelve days annual training, while Infantry are trained but eight.—Would it not be still better to go even further, and make the period of training for Field Artillery at least 24 days per annum.—The first 12 days to be carried on without horses, the men being instructed in standing gun drill, squad drill; and rifle exercises.—The officers, N. C. officers, and drivers sword drill in addition, and all to be thoroughly grounded in a knowledge of ammunition; stores, and of laying ordnance. The last 12 days the Battery to be horsed without wagons, saving a useless expenditure of pay for 16 horses, as the Battery never manœuvres with them, the Battery to be complete in other respects, for the purpose of learning field drill, etc., and carrying out the annual gun practice, which now, thanks to the Dominion Artillery Association, which has inaugurated competitive practice, and laid down rules for the same, is of real benefit to the service, instead of being, as heretofore, a pyrotechnic display at great expense to the public, for the benefit of members of the corps and their friends.

The command of Field Batteries is one which ought to engage the attention of the proper authorities and be arranged without much longer delay. At present all Commanding Officers of Batteries, (except in the Province of Quebec which has a Regimental Command-