

of young men for military purposes was always a means of stirring up a laudable ambition in them to surpass each other in their general turn-out, etc. No man would like to fall behind the rest as regards his horse at any rate. At the end of the training, the usual race meeting, polo, sale, etc., would help to make the service popular, and would also be a help towards buying and selling horses.

In the second place, horse-breeding and horse-breaking would be improved. Canada would become a remount depot for the European market, and a proper system of careful and gentle breaking and handling would be found necessary, and horses broken as yearlings, and two-year olds, instead of being left till they are three or four.

And in the third place, there would arise a social blessing. Military service would teach patriotism and discipline, and the encouragement of manly ideas; all, in fact, that tends to make the British race what it is to-day—the great embodiment of liberty and fraternity.

To turn to the organization and system, we cannot do better than quote the words of the General himself: "I have proposed that we shall have one regiment of mounted riflemen stretching from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains. The head of the regiment to be at Winnipeg. The brigades will consist of two regiments, each regiment will be divided into battalions, one in Manitoba and one in the North West. Each battalion will be divided into four companies of 100, and each company divided into four

troops of twenty five, each officers and men. Each unit shall be a complete unit in itself, battalion, company, or troop complete. Each troop again divided into troops of four men and horses, and that is the least unit of all."

We believe thoroughly in the wise old motto: "Si vis pacem para bellum." It is unlikely that Canada will ever be seriously threatened, especially if she has at hand to help her an organization ready for immediate service consisting of such troops as she is capable of providing, for efficiency and physique second to none in the world. Still there will probably be a day when the Mother Country will be thankful indeed for her help and assistance.

One thing, however, we would lay stress on: the absolute necessity of camping out of reach of liquor stores. Let the Calgary and Macleod contingents be stationed, say, on the south corner of the Sarcee Reserve, and while the training lasts give them all the soldiering that fancy can suggest. In this way, and in this way only, can discipline be maintained.

A suggestion has reached us which seems to have much to commend itself, viz., that the uniform shall be the ordinary cowboy costume, black shirts, and "chaps," high boots, and spurs, and that the saddle shape be the ordinary cowboy saddle.

The recommendation of Gen. Hutton's scheme will in all probability be accepted, and the necessary money placed in the estimates in July.