

## MILITARY AND NAVAL.



THE military and naval sights of Halifax are of themselves enough to repay the stranger for his visit, for they are such as can be seen in no other city on this side of the Atlantic. Halifax is now the only place in North America where a force of the troops of the regular army of Great Britain is garrisoned, and it is also the chief naval station for Her Majesty's ships of war in this western world. Founded by a soldier, it has been a military and naval rendezvous from the first, and it will doubtless continue to be so "till the war drum throbs no longer, and the battle flags are furled" in the era of universal "peace on earth and good-will to men." The troops in Halifax are always in command of a general, and in the history of the city many men whose names shall live in the pages of England's story have held chief or subordinate commands in the garrison. The name most frequently quoted is that of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, who was here about one hundred years ago, and who planned and directed the beginnings of the present mighty citadel. Then there have been other names, of men less exalted in rank, but whose deeds on the fields of battle in other lands will live as long as the world remembers the glorious campaigns which have become an integral part of the world's imperishable record.

The citadel is the chief object to attract the stranger's eye in approaching the city, which it crowns at a height of 265 feet above the level of the sea. It is a massive and wonderful fortification, which has, year by year, been strengthened and improved as the science of warfare has advanced in modern times. A large amount of money has been spent upon it and the other fortifications of Halifax by the Imperial government, and it is safe to say that the expenditure will continue to be freely made as circumstances demand. At this important station all must be kept up abreast of the age, and the work of improving and putting in order is practically a continuous one. The most approved arms and appliances of war are to be found here, and should occasion unhappily arise, Halifax would be found well prepared to meet any warlike emergency.