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HE MILITARY SYSTE

We are in receipt of the an article on this subject of Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley mistake not, is connected we ment of Militia and Defeno now most timely and bears of careful research and wide his subject. It is embellial of the different military a building, all of which a the best taste. Mr. Oxley Canadians are not naturally Canadians are not naturall people. The vast majori far more expert at handling people. The vast majorit far more expert at handlin plough than the sword or rivery much prefer driving a over the counter to win victory on the tented field, this, the warm blood of Engl Ireland and La Belle (may we cose) France has not turned since it crossed the ocean fre lards; and, as past history to fee rashly presuming up to the counter of th

any foe, rashly presuming ticel peace-loving temper "ory havoc and let slip the the unanimous vigor with w dians, would put into effe ngo song:

We don't want to fight,
But—by Jingo! if we do,
We've got the men and we
And we've got the mones could hardly fail to convin-ant of the sound wisdom old adage, "Let sleeping d foregoing words may pe boastful sound, but that it neans an empty boast let of the military system of it is the purpose of this ar-bear witness. Previous to tion of the Canadian Pro sumed almost entire respor country's defence. It held barracks, and military and lands, and maintained garr the provinces, while every more or less efficient volum an auxiliary force. At the has always been a part of the world the imprision of the world the imprision of the chief reasons why the chief reasons why the chief reasons why the chief the chief reasons why the chief to confederation, when inited under one go Canadian colonies would be position to provide adequately defined than when the a chain of independent proin 1867 that confederation mated, and the newly form as always been a part mated, and the newly form of Canada evinced a comme ty in accepting the responsing after herself, by pas later Cartier's famous Milit Act, upon the lines laid d statute the present very complete military organiz gradually built up. From Imperial authorities afford

Imperial authorities afforde ble sisistance, by lending experienced officers, furnis at cost price and otherwise ties, and these important still continued. Moreover, out the work of evacuating out the work of evacuation formed it very gradually, in the people time to accust to the new order of things, 1871 before all the garriso drawn, with the exception at Hulifaxand Victoria. Thoing thekey of the British po Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as attendy fortific at the coasts, as attendy fortific to the coasts, as attendy to the coasts, as a strongly fortific to the coasts. Atlantic and Pacific coasts, tained as strongly fortifie naval stations. The year marks the beginning of Carindependence. Thencefor in the main to be her own though it need hardly bevent of any serious arising the mighty a mother country would be a her as before. While of very flattering and delight they were now to be permit so to speak, the withdrawal troops was much regretted troops was much regretted dian peple. Particularly the fairer portion of the dian peple. Particularly the fairer portion of the whom, ever since soldier coats, that special style of had more potent attract other kind of masculine gathe shopkeepers, who had De Boots and Tommy Attpurchasers, if not always But in due time, with

gone, and the ladies, the si the country generally had than home made warrior The present military sy may be thus summed up:

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2. A permanent militar quarters, presided over officer commanding the fewers some distinguished

officer commanding the forways some distinguished British army lent to Cana There is also a small per each of the twelve militar which the Dominion is div "3. A small number of p whose members enlist for continuous service under doing garrison duty, and moment's notice for file organizations form school organizations form school struction, to which officer missioned officers of the v can attach themselves for missioned officers of the v can attach themselves for ing and study, under r qualify themselves for con militia. A more thoroug course of study is further Royal Military College a Canadian. West Point), years' course for cadets organized staff is obtainable. A The Active Militar cound numbers of 37,000 citizen soldiers in the true are armed and equipped ment, but paid only for the suppression of reb for the suppression of reb for the suppression of reb ordered out in aid of the

of a due strength of activ-lot should that be necessar not. On the contrary, gree have the people in spirit of their ancestor spirit of their ancestors, department has continuou tions for permission to or corps, much in excess whose proper equipment resources of the departm 5. And last is the Ress stating as the extents sisting, as the statut the active militia, the active militia, between the eighteen and sixty, with fined exceptions. It com the entire able-bodied military services gency, but neither mu nor drilled. The strengt nor drilled. The strengt at present, according to t tics, would be about 1,00 the law divides into four of the their age and the strelaims upon them for su that the enrolment may that the enrolment may that the enrolment may that the enrolment may that the divided into military purposes of command, the adviced into military divided into military divided into brigade divided. divided into brigade divisions, and pany divisions. So as to as possible with the ordin as possible with the limits of these regiments divisions are made as nea identical with the limits of divisions for electoral and

requisition of magistrat stance, in the event of a hended riots.

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