

for the annual drill in camp, and various reasons considered, it appears to me expedient that Lieutenant-Colonel Powell's suggestion in the Militia Report, 1868, be carried into effect, viz., that the Militia financial year should close on the 31st December instead of 30th June.

3. I offered some suggestions in order to facilitate the mode of obtaining the Government Grant in aid of the erection of drill sheds. Lieutenant-Colonel Otty refers to the steps taken with the view to ensure the erection of a suitable drill shed at Saint John—the needful thing at that city—and recommends that fresh efforts be made on the part of the Government and the municipal authority, conjointly.

4. Lieutenant-Colonel Otty suggested that qualified Adjutants of Battalions should receive some remuneration for their services, such allowance, of course, not to prevent the payment of grants to captains for private armouries, and for instruction under the existing system.

5. Lieutenant-Colonel McCully submitted some remarks as to the importance of encouraging the instruction of the young, those in schools and colleges, in drill and military discipline.

Several suggestions were also submitted relative to the issue and safe keeping of the clothing and equipments of the force, and some important points respecting their respective departments were touched upon by the District Paymaster and Provincial Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. J. MAUNSELL, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Deputy Adjutant-General.

Mil. Dist. No. 8.

#### MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 9.

OFFICE OF DEPUTY-ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HALIFAX, N.S., 30th November, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my Report on the Inspection of the local forces in Kings, Annapolis and Digby Counties, the Bay of Fundy shore of Lt-Col. T. Milsom or 2nd Brigade Division.

I annex a tabular statement of particulars required, naming dates and corps.

There is a great anxiety on the part of all ranks to get into uniform ; I explained to each command the unavoidable cause of delay on this point.

A considerable number of officers reported their intention to proceed to Halifax this winter to join the Military School, many of them require instruction.

On the whole, the men moved well both in quick and double time.

But the officers and men were all that could be expected at a first muster, all seem to wish to go into camp next year when their progress will be far greater.