

Unless some great and immediate change takes place in the military education of the Canadian people, we may in all seriousness confidently expect, before long, the appearance in the *Official Gazette* of an order similar to the following, which is altered from the *London Punch* :

REGULATIONS FOR THE CANADIAN MILITIA,

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS,

Headquarters, Ottawa, ——— 1875

General Order :

Her Majesty's Government of Canada having decided to refuse the customary grant for the militia, unless that force is put in a proper state of efficiency, the following regulations are to be observed by officers commanding the Active Militia of Canada. It must, however, be understood that these regulations having been drawn up to meet the present exigencies of the case, will be liable to alteration and modification as the force increases in numbers and efficiency.

1. The proportionate numbers of officers and men should be so regulated that the number of officers should in no case exceed that of privates.

2. Strong regiments should be equalised so that there should be only three privates to each officer retained on the regimental books. The remainder should be drafted to weaker regiments, so that their establishments may be completed.

3. It having been considered desirable for the present to appoint no militia officer to a grade senior to that of Lieutenant Colonel, applications for the *bâton* of Field Marshal can no longer be received by this Department.

4. Regiments having regimental bands should (when feasible) maintain an establishment of two musicians, of which the Drum or Bugle Major may be one.

5. A Sergeant Major (when harnessed to the regimental water cart) should never be required to carry more than one of the colors.

6. Annexed to this circular are forms of requisition for arms, which should be properly filled and returned to this Department as quickly as possible. Until further orders, twelve rifles and eighteen bayonets will be allowed to every private, so that the estimates may be adjusted to the satisfaction of the public.

7. Until regiments are recruited to their full strength, squares may be formed in circles, according to the rules laid down in the old *Irish Field Exercises*, part II, edition of 1814, a copy of which work is enclosed for the information of officers commanding battalions of infantry.

8. In cases where regiments are weak, a prisoner may be used as a sentry to guard his own cell, but this practice is only to be resorted to on occasions of emergency, and when an outbreak is imminent from within, at other times the cells will be left unguarded. This regulation will also be found in the *Irish Drill Book*, to which reference has already been made.

9. Squads should be drilled in English or French according to the prevalent