

served for more than ten [10] years, such officers might be authorized to wear, as a mark of distinction, a medal, of material and pattern according to rank. This decoration would at once designate long and meritorious service, and distinguish between officers who accepted commissions merely to avoid other duties and those who take a pride and persevere in their profession at a sacrifice of time, labor, and too often of their means.

14thly. At some healthful, central and otherwise fitting location, a State Military School should be established on a basis similar to that of the United States Military Academy at West Point. The course of study to last for four [4] years, a fair proportion of which time to be devoted to such studies as will fit the pupils for the usual pursuits of life, so that they will have resources in themselves when they leave the State service. The pupils should remain at the disposition of the Government for two [2] years after their studies are completed, as an equivalent for their education; and be employed as Adjutants or in other Staff Offices, as Inspectors and Instructors of the Schools and Militia, Engineers of the public works, and as Professors and Teachers in the Dominion College.

The number of cadets with which the College might be opened should not exceed 25, and thereafter the annual admission should not exceed 25. The pupils to be chosen in the following proportion from the Military Districts of the various Provinces in the Dominion, viz. :—Ontario 4, Quebec 3, New Brunswick 1, Nova Scotia 1, British Columbia 1, Prince Edward Island 1. The number of pupils at any time in the College would in this way never exceed one hundred [100].

The average annual expenditure on West Point Academy being something less than \$150,000 for the education of 250 cadets;—the cost to Canada for a similar institution need not exceed \$80,000.

15thly. The preparation of an Act,—in effect the mere framework or skeleton of a law, founded on mature consideration of