

## INTRODUCTION.



LAST October, Col. T. T. Wright, the representative of Hon. W. D. Bloxham, Governor of Florida, visited Toronto, and invited Mr. S. W. Burne, Public School Trustee, and Major John T. Thompson, Drill Instructor of the Toronto Public Schools, to take a cadet corps of fifty boys from the public schools of this city to Tampa as guests of the State. The company was intended to take part in the Military Convention called by the Governor for February, 1899, for the purpose of considering a reorganization of the militia of the States, and for the purpose of introducing drill into the schools of Florida. Permission for the formation of the corps was granted by the School Board, and a Committee appointed. With the energetic co-operation of Mr. S. W. Burne and the Committee, Major Thompson succeeded in forming, equipping and uniforming the corps. The uniform is the regulation scarlet serge tunic, service cap, and blue serge trousers.