

and painstaking habit. It is the people who have not felt the responsibility suggested in all such training who are likely to create irritations provoking foreign war. The cool, well trained cadet, who knows he will be in the front in any such dire emergency, will never be found in the mobs defying the powers and breaking the windows of unprotected people. They will always be the guardians of order and propriety—true citizen soldiers—neither mercenary warriors nor howling rioters. The workman, more than any other class, will be benefited in his student days by the exercise; and if in the inscrutable course of the future our country should ever have to sound the bugle in alarm, it is likely to be for the cause of our workmen. In nearly every country at the present moment, it is room and sufficient employment for the masses which dictate the policies of governments and their commercial treaties; for if the people cannot sell enough of the products of their labor to live, their rulers will be swept off by revolution in a mad struggle for life. It will then be as in the days of old, the starving hordes will invade the happy countries or perish in the attempt.

Below will be found the outlines of the scheme under consideration; and the views of any one interested will with pleasure be transmitted by the Superintendent of Education to the Council.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY DRILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1. The Nova Scotia Educational authorities will enforce more generally their existing regulations which prescribe the practice of physical training and military drill in all public schools, and will further adopt a system uniform with that of the other provinces of Canada and Great Britain, suitable to the age and sex of the pupils, and will encourage the formation of cadet corps and rifle practice among the boys of high school age, on the understanding that the Militia Council, on its part, will:—

a. Provide competent instructors, at convenient places and seasons, in order to enable teachers, both those now employed in Nova Scotia, and those under training for such employment, to qualify themselves to carry out physical training and military drill; and will also

b. Grant an annual bonus to such qualified teachers as actually impart this instruction, provided that they make themselves eligible for this bonus by becoming members of the Militia Force.

2. As regards the instruction of the teachers already employed, there appear to be four centres, at or near which a sufficient number of teachers are employed to enable classes to be formed and carried on in the evenings, without interference with the ordinary day's work, viz:—Halifax, Sydney, Truro, Yarmouth,

and possibly a fifth at Pictou or New Glasgow or Antigonish, may be added. Each course would be followed by an examination.

3. For the benefit of the large number of teachers working out of reach of these centres, it was agreed that instruction might best be provided during the summer vacation, either at the Vacation School held at Truro, or at the Summer Science School of the Atlantic Provinces, wherever held. It is proposed in these cases to hold two courses of three weeks each, at each place, followed by an examination.

4. The Militia Department will provide the Instructors required, dates and places being settled by agreement with the Education Department of Nova Scotia.

5. In order to provide for the instruction of those students who are qualifying to become teachers, the Militia Department will also provide a competent instructor to conduct a course of Physical Training and Military Drill at the Normal School, Truro, dates to be hereafter arranged with the Education Department.

6. In future the Education Department will, before granting a teacher's license higher than third class, require a certificate of competency to instruct in Physical Training and Elementary Military Drill. This certificate, grade B (military), will, if desired, be issued after examination by the Department of Militia and Defence.

7. The Education Department will within three years from the close of the present school year, give an opportunity (as in 2 and 3 above) for all teachers above the third class who have been licensed without the certificate of grade B (military) to