

larger sum of money than otherwise would have been the case, is now necessary, besides small repairs, the following large ones are required.

TETE DE PONT BARRACKS, KINGSTON.

Repairs throughout: but these barracks are so out of repair altogether that I cannot but look on mere patching up as a waste of money. I believe that if the site and present buildings were sold the money thus gained would go far towards erecting new barracks on the Government property adjoining.

CITADEL QUEBEC.

Large repairs to gateway, walls, and ditches, are seriously needed.

Much economy has resulted, in the case of the barracks occupied by the permanent corps, by the adoption of the plan of placing a small sum at the disposal of the commanding officer in each barracks, for the immediate execution of small and urgent repairs, such as would suffer from the delay entailed by reference being made to headquarters. This expenditure is of course subject to subsequent audit and sanction at headquarters in the usual way.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

A new commandant having been appointed, I do not propose to hamper him in this paper with any recommendations of mine, suffice it to say that from conversation with him, I am satisfied that all his views are in the right direction for the general improvement of the college. But I would add that the one thing especially needed is to hold out to parents a reasonable prospect of professional openings for their sons, both as regards commissions in the permanent corps, and also suitable openings in the other branches of government employ.

The practice of crowning the course of instruction at the college by the execution of an extended survey, by selected graduates, working under the superintendence of the professor of military surveying, has been followed again this year with satisfactory results.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFF.

As already urged by my predecessor, one of the greatest needs of the militia is a systematic organization throughout the whole service. No force which consists merely of a number of individual units such as regiments, battalions, and batteries with no organized staff and without those departments which clothe, feed, arm, nurse, and pay an army in the field, can be looked upon as a force available for war.

I intend to submit proposals to remedy this for your consideration before long.

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