

Maj.-Gen. J.H.MacBrien,

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concerned the Civil Service Commission would no longer have any control over their salaries, and that he proposed to give these men Naval rating. His Deputy raised many objections to such a suggestion, but Ballantyne says he is determined to have his way, and that he will not submit to the salaries of the teachers in the Naval Colleges being settled by this financial firm which is giving advice to the Civil Service Commission.

I immediately suggested that while he was acting Minister of Militia, he would make the same arrangement as far as the Military College is concerned. No doubt he will receive the same objections from the Deputy at Militia Headquarters, for these civilians try, we know, to keep as much as possible under their control.

So soon as Ballantyne's plans regarding the teachers of the Naval Colleges are approved by Privy Council, I think you ought to make immediate representations to have the teachers at the Military Colleges, particularly those who are officers, placed under the Militia Department's Regulations for pay.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,