

Mess Room Yarns.

"That reminds me."

FOOLING THE GUARD.

One evening long, long ago, when the Provisional battalion was stationed at Fort Osborne on the pe-ra-rie near Winnipeg, a few of the boys were anxious to obtain some of the forbidden fire-water wherewith to drink the old year out and the new year in.

Two soldiers, each bearing an empty bucket, to the call of the sentry, "Who comes there?" responded, "Fatigue party going to the Assiniboine for water."

Half an hour later the vigilant sergeant halted the aforesaid fatigue party with "What have you got in those buckets?"

"Fresh water, sergeant."

"Open franks for inspection. Ah! Two bottles! and they smell of whisky. THERE!" And drawing a bottle from each bucket he dashed them to pieces outside the stockade.

With heavy hearts (?) the fatigue party returned to quarters, with two buckets of prime H. B. whisky, leaving two bottles of Assiniboine water to cheer the thirsty ground.

Surgeon Codd's sick list was unusually large next morning.

Where are "the boys" now? and where is their confederate who floated up the stream under shelter of the scrub? Will they come forward and explain?

Militia General Orders, No. 22, of 23rd December, 1886.

No. 1.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Designation, &c., and Pay of Staff.

The authorized designation of the professorial, instructional and other employes on the working staff of the college and the pay and allowance authorized for each are as follows:

Designation.	Pay rate per annum.	Quarters or allowance in lieu if married.
Commandant.....	\$ 3,163	\$ 800
Staff adjutant.....	1,200	300
<i>Superior Staff (Military.)</i>		
Professor mathematics.....	2,500	300
“ military engineering and engineering drawing.....	2,500	300
“ surveying, military topography and practical astronomy.....	2,500	300
“ military administration and law, military history, strategy and tactics.....	2,500	300
“ artillery and instructor mathematics.....	2,200	300
Instructor military engineering and engineering drawing.....	2,000	250
Asst. instructor mathematics and engineering drawing and company subaltern for regimental duty.....	1,000	150
Asst. instructor physics and surveying and company subaltern for regimental duty.....	1,000	150

1. The quarters available for officers' residences are to be used only by those entitled to such quarters. The allowance in lieu is not to be drawn by any officer, professor or instructor for whom quarters can be made available.

2. Unmarried officers not keeping house will, when quarters are not available, be granted an allowance to which they would respectively be entitled as unmarried officers. This to apply to all future appointments.

3. Two dollars per diem in addition to their pay are authorized to be distributed by the commandant amongst the military instructional officers doing regimental duty, the proportion for each to be decided by the commandant.

4. Unless otherwise specified at the time of engagement the first period of service of the officer professors and instructors, will not exceed seven years, but the period may, if approved, be extended under Imperial army regulations for three years on recommendation of the commandant.

5. Pay for the officers of the military staff obtained on loan from the Imperial army commences from date of embarkation and terminates thirty days after ceasing to do duty at the college.

6. Each officer, professor or instructor on loan from the Imperial army will receive free transport for himself, and if married when first appointed, free transport for his wife and children, and baggage not exceeding 60 cwt. from his station in England to the college at Kingston, Ontario. If he resigns his appointment within three years the cost of the transport to Canada to be refunded. On completion of his engagement free transport will be provided as above to England.

7. If the officer resigns his appointment prior to the completion of the period for which he was engaged, return transport to England will not be allowed.

Designation.	Pay rate per annum.	No allowance or quarters authorized.
<i>Superior Staff (Civil.)</i>		
Professor civil engineering.....	\$ 2,500	
“ chemistry and physics.....	2,000	
“ freehand drawing and painting.....	2,000	
“ English language and literature.....	1,000	
“ French.....	1,000	

1. All first appointments to the superior civil staff will be on probation for one year, renewable if approved for six additional years.

2. Pay will commence from the date of joining the college for duty.

Military and Civil, Superior Staff.

1. If a professor or instructor intends resigning his appointment he must give six months notice of his intention and at such date as will allow him to continue his duty at the college to the end of the term, say 30th of June.

SUBORDINATE STAFF.

Designation.	Per diem pay.	Quarters or allowance in lieu, rate per annum.	Allowance in lieu of ration fuel and light per diem.
<i>Subordinate Staff (Military.)</i>			
1 Sergeant instructor, artillery and infantry.....	\$ 1 50	\$ 100	30c.
1 Staff clerk, pay and quarter-master sergeant.....	1 50	100	30c.
1 Sergeant instructor, military engineering.....	1 50	100	30c.
1 Sergeant instructor, infantry and gymnastics.....	1 50	100	30c.
1 Hospital Sergeant and dispenser.....	1 00	100	30c.
1 Assistant staff clerk.....	1 00	100	30c.
<i>Subordinate Staff (Civil.)</i>			
1 Head class servant charge of class, rooms offices, etc.....	\$ 27 00	60	
1 Butler charge of plate, linnen and mess premises.....	27 00	60	
8 Servants (ordinary) \$20 per month.....	20 00	60	
1 Barrack laborer, \$1.25 day.....	\$ 1 25		
4 Soldiers (2 trumpeters) from the battery of artillery stationed at Kingston receive a dollar a day in all and quarters in addition to pay and rations from their corps.....			
Servants for duties as chemical and physical laboratory assistant 25c. additional per diem.			

The engineer and assistant in charge of water supply and heating receive their pay from the Department of Public Works.

2. The six N. C. O. on the list of the subordinate staff, military, will receive uniform clothing annually or compensation in lieu as granted to similar grades in the permanent corps. The compensation payable on the usual certificate of commandant that they have provided uniform, &c.

3. The servants will each receive semi-triennially in addition to their pay, 1 cap, 1 coat, 1 vest, 2 pairs trousers; biennially, 2 white aprons; triennially 2 white jackets of college pattern.

4. The duties of the servants are waiting on table. One servant to nine cadets, four meals a day, washing dishes, cleaning knives, forks, spoons, &c., for same; care of dormitory and cadet sleeping rooms, cleaning class rooms, lecture rooms, laboratories, offices, reading and mess rooms and hospital, and attending cadets in hospital. They are also available for such duties and fatigues as may be required about the college.

MESS.—The furniture, table equipment, and ranges with utensils of the larger kind for cooking will be maintained by, and the messing be paid for by the government. The commandant will direct the days of the week on which meals consisting of certain specified articles of food are to be supplied and judge as to quantity and quality. The messman to have free quarters in the building and to supply all cooking utensils of the smaller kind and light except for the kitchen. He will also furnish all fuel for quarters and kitchen; his own cooks, all necessary kitchen assistants, and articles of food of best market quality. He will receive under existing contract 46 cents per diem for each cadet present from day to day, and thereafter the rate fixed by contract from time to time. The messman's contract will be liable to be cancelled if he fails in any of the conditions of service specified in it; also if he supplies by sale or gift any unauthorised article, or any article at unauthorised prices to cadets, for disrespect towards officers of the college, for drunkenness, or for infringement of college regulations.

DIET SUPPLIED BY MESSMAN FOR CADETS.

Breakfast—Tea or coffee, sugar (brown); milk, not exceeding ½-pint each cadet; hot steak, or chop, sausages or bacon and two eggs each; fish, lake and occasionally sea, not exceeding 1 lb. each cadet; potatoes baked, boiled, or mashed; bread, white or brown; butter, daily. Oat-meal porridge and milk not to exceed ½-pint each cadet, in addition to above half pint, with brown sugar, or syrup, as may be preferred by individual cadets, may be substituted for hot meat, &c., if directed by commandant, but not more often than twice a week.

Luncheon—Bread, 4 oz.; butter, 1½-oz.; cheese, 2 oz. each cadet.

Dinner.—Soup, three times a week; fish (lake and occasionally sea, not exceeding 1 lb. each cadet) not more than once a week; meat pies, or stewed meat, or curry and rice, alternate weeks, not more often than once a week; roast mutton once a week; corned beef with plain pickles, or poultry, alternate weeks, once a week; roast beef twice a week; apple, or preserve, or fruit tart, alternately, four times a week; milk pudding, once a week; vegetables assorted in season; lettuces, or radishes, or celery, or beets in season, on Sunday; butter or cheese on days when no pudding or tart; brown sugar for tarts and pudding only.

Supper.—Tea or coffee; sugar (brown); milk, not exceeding half a pint to each cadet; cold meat, generally and when possible, different from that issued at dinner; white or brown bread; butter; cheese or syrup, as may be preferred by individual cadets; plain pickles, i. e. cabbage, or cucumber, or onion, not exceeding one ounce each cadet; mustard, vinegar, pepper and salt at every meal.