

of her Pacific Coast, and by the exceptional efforts made by the Militia units allotted for the defence of Halifax and Esquimalt, in order to fit themselves for the duties they would have to perform in a time of emergency.

3. He has observed with pleasure a general awakening, throughout the Militia, of a spirit of emulation for practical efficiency, together with a considerable development in rifle-shooting, and a marked desire on the part of those who aspire to the commissioned and non-commissioned ranks of the Militia, to qualify themselves for command by professional study.

4. He has on several occasions expressed officially his appreciation of the excellent material to be found in the Rural Militia, and he will ever cherish a pleasing recollection of the time spent with them in camps of instruction, and of the cheerful manner in which they responded to his efforts to raise the standard of instruction, sobriety, order and soldierlike behavior in those camps.

5. His thanks are specially due to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Regiments forming the Permanent Force of Canada, on whom devolves the arduous duty of instructing the Active Militia. While conscious that he has been exacting in his demands upon them, he can testify with sincerity to the soldierlike manner in which all ranks have met those demands, and to the marked improvement that has been made in the discipline and military training of all arms. He would once more remind these Royal Regiments that theirs is the honorable mission of presenting to the Active Militia as high a standard of military efficiency, and as brilliant an example of good conduct and devotion to duty as were formerly offered by Her Majesty's regular troops when quartered in Canada.

6. He desires to convey to all ranks of the Staff, Permanent Force and Active Militia, his best wishes for their health and prosperity, coupled with the hope that he will be remembered by them with feelings of esteem and respect, akin to those which he will always bear towards the Canadian comrades and fellow-subjects whom he has had the honor to command.

By command,

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