

R.M.C. AND ROYAL ROADS

ON TRI-SERVICE BASIS: "Both Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., and HMCS Royal Roads, Vancouver Island, B.C., will be operated on a tri-Service basis as a major step in the all-important work of training officers", the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Eeroke Claxton revealed today. At the same time the Minister announced details of courses and requirements of admission to both colleges, and said that when referred to collectively the two colleges will be known as the Canadian Joint Services Cadet Colleges.

"Officer cadets will begin combined operations by training together and getting to know each other on a first name basis", Mr. Claxton added.

The duration of the course at Royal Roads is two years and that at Royal Military College, opening next September, will be four years. With the exception of the final year at RMC, which has no summer term, each year includes 11 months of instruction divided into fall, winter and summer terms, and courses will be equivalent at both colleges during the first two years. Subsequently either a general course or an engineering course may be taken at RMC, with specialization starting in the third year.

DETAILS OF COURSES

In the case of Naval cadets of the Executive and Engineering (Marine) branches, the course will be two years in length and may be taken at either college. Other Naval cadets and all Army and Air Force cadets will take the four-year course, the first two years of which may be taken at either college and the last two at RMC. During the fall and winter, 85 per cent of the instruction will be academic, the remainder being service subjects including physical training. The 16-week summer term will be devoted entirely to practical service training at the various Armed Forces' training establishments. Naval cadets will spend a large portion of this time at sea and Air Force cadets will receive aircrew training.

Courses at both colleges are designed to train officer cadets for commissioned rank in any of the three Services, and all accepted candidates will be obligated to serve as officers in either the reserve or full-time forces of one of the three Services, whichever they may elect, if so required.

Service qualifications obtained at the colleges will be dependent upon the particular practical training taken during summer terms, but, subject to this restriction, all graduates will be qualified for commissions in the non-technical branches of the Canadian Army Active Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Officer cadets who elect for service in the executive or engineering branch of the Royal Canadian Navy, and who successfully complete their second year, will proceed for further training as midshipmen with the Royal Navy.

Graduates from RMC, if so recommended by the college, may enter the final year in civil, chemical, mechanical or electrical engineering at certain Canadian universities with a view to obtaining a degree in one year. The Law Societies of certain provinces also admit RMC graduates for the study of law and call to the bar on the same basis as university graduates in the faculty of arts.

All graduates accepted for permanent technical commissions in the R.C.N. (with the exception of marine engineers) and for permanent commissions in the Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, selected graduates in other corps and those accepted for permanent technical commissions in the Royal Canadian Air Force, will be sent at public expense to a university for one year to obtain their degree.

Half of the candidates for Royal Roads and the Royal Military College will be selected on provincial quotas determined by population, and the remainder in open competition. In both cases, selection will be based on academic standing and the recommendations of local boards as to the physical and personal characteristics of the candidates. A Joint Board of Selection will be the final authority.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for admission to either of the Joint Services Cadet Colleges must be Canadian citizens or other British Subjects normally resident in Canada. They must have reached their 16th but not their 20th birthday by January 1 preceding entrance, if they are Army or Air Force candidates, and must be less than 19 on the same date if they are Naval candidates. In all cases a high standard of physical fitness will be required.

Academic requirements for admission call for junior matriculation or its equivalent, including French and chemistry; and senior matriculation or equivalent in English, physics, mathematics and two of either chemistry, history or a language; and a satisfactory standard in a qualifying examination in mathematics and English or French, held during the latter part of May each year.

All applications for entrance must be made before March 31 in the year registration is desired; on application forms obtained from The Registrar, Royal Military College, or from the Commanding Officer, HMCS Royal Roads.

There will be an annual tuition fee at the colleges of \$100 in addition to payments for board, uniforms, books, laundry, etc., of \$450 in the first year and \$200 in each of the subsequent years.

During the summer term, officer cadets will be paid as junior officers at the rate of \$135 monthly, in addition to quarters and board, while training at the various Active Force establishments of the Service selected.