

*Attainment of full Object of Royal Military College.*

(35) Paragraphs 25 to 32 point out that this military knowledge will be spread by the graduates of the college among the officers of the militia and throughout the Dominion generally, and paragraphs 33 and 34 how the advantage of its institution may be extended to corps organizations, and thus the full object of the college to even a greater extent than was anticipated will be attained.

*Services of Staff—Acknowledgement of.*

(36) I desire to offer my special thanks to all the members of the Staff, military and civil, for the manner in which they have aided me, not only in the ordinary work of the year, but in carrying out the improved organization and the changes consequent thereon.

I am aware that in so doing they have been governed solely by the desire to benefit the college, and in several instances have, from a sense of duty, subordinated their private inclinations and ease for its welfare.

*Conduct of Graduates, 1880, while at Royal Military College.*

(37) It is especially gratifying to me to be able to conclude my report with a few words relative to the gentlemen who, for four years, have been entrusted by their country and parents to my charge, and who left the College in June last.

Their conduct throughout has been most excellent, the best of feeling has existed between them and the staff of the college, and between them and their younger comrades.

They have shewn great aptitude for military exercises, and have with promptitude and good feeling, submitted themselves to a discipline and habits of life entirely different to that to which they had hitherto been accustomed, and while so doing have acquitted themselves well.

The character and tone of the first graduates must necessarily influence that of their successors during the early years of an institution, and I am happy to say that the College has just cause to be proud of the example set by those who have now left it.

Though all cannot be equal in ability, the graduates as a whole possess intellectual and physical qualities which can bear favourable comparison with any body of young men in this or the European continent; and far more important than this, I have just reason to know that confidence may be placed in their honourable feeling and conduct.

Some of the graduates will assuredly make their marks in this country in the future, whether their career be in military or civil life.

In using these words, I express the views not of myself only, but of the entire staff.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Commandant, Royal Military College.