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## USE OF MILITIA TITLES.

It has long been a point that has given rise to much difference of opinion, whether a militia officer should carry his rank into his every-day affairs or reserve it for military occasions. Every officer has felt that he should make use of it on all occasions, but with most of us a fear that it might be considered presumptuous has prevented us using the rank title.

The correspondence in another column sets this question at rest. The General Officer Commanding says that not only should the rank be used on all occasions, but he holds that not to do so would imply that the value of the distinction was not held in great esteem. By all means let every officer use his rank on all occasions. But let him remember, if he cares not for his own reputation, that of the rank should be borne with dignity. Let his example be such that civilians at all times will respect the rank he bears. The rank now does not always command respect, because officers have not insisted that gentlemen of standing and ability were recommended for commissions. Officers commanding districts can do much to develop the right kind of officers.

## BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR THE COLLEGE.

NOW that the Liberals are in power we must expect that graduates of the Royal Military College will be treated very differently. If we remember aright, when the college was organized the Premier, the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, stated in the House that graduates would be given positions in the Civil Service. This has been the policy of THE MILITARY GAZETTE. Time and again we have urged the late Government to do so. No attention, however, was paid to the suggestion.

In view of Mr. Mackenzie's statement graduates of the college might almost claim it as a right that they should have the refusal of all vacancies in the Civil Service.

With a new commandant, such as the college sorely needs, and some improvements in the staff, the country should have sufficient graduates in a few years to fill every important position in the Service. If they become too numerous it will be quite an easy matter to limit the number permitted to enter to those obtaining the highest marks.

## CANADIAN MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

CAPTAIN W. M. ANDREWS, secretary of above league, has issued a corrected list of special prizes to be awarded by the association at the D.R.A. meeting. Since publishing the notice of special prizes in our last issue, the Council decided to amend them as follows:

### MINISTER OF MILITIA'S PRIZE.

Presented by the Hon. F. W. Borden, M.D., M.P., Minister of Militia and Defence. This prize is open only to members of a battalion or association which has had a team entered in the League Competition of 1896, and is to be competed for at the Dominion Rifle Association Meeting, 1896. It will be awarded to the highest individual score in the "Bankers' Prize," Grand Aggregate, D.R.A., 1896. Entrance, free.

### THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE.

Presented by Lieut.-Col. F. Massey, president of the league. Open to teams of eight (8) men from any battalion or association having a team entered in the League Competition of 1896. It will be awarded to the team having the highest aggregate in the "Lansdowne Aggregate" matches, D.R.A., 1896. It will be necessary to name five of the team before the commencement of the competition, whose names shall have been given in writing to the secretary of the D.R.A. before one o'clock, p.m., Monday, 31st August. But only individuals who have shot for their battalion or association in the League Competition of 1896 are eligible to compete on teams for this prize. Entrance, free.

Special claim cards will be issued, on application, by the secretary of the D.R.A., for this match; same to be completed and signed by captains of teams, and handed statistical officer within one hour after completion of matches to which they refer, otherwise scores will not be allowed.

## ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

THE undermentioned gentlemen cadets have completed their full period of instruction at the college and been granted "diplomas," dated June 25, 1896:

Bn. Sergt.-Major Arthur Stewart Evans, 47,970 marks, distinguished in five subjects; Sergt. Guy Hamilton Kirkpatrick, 46,548, distinguished in four subjects; Co. Sergt.-Major William Henry Northcote Cantlie, 43,420, distinguished in three subjects; Co. Sergt.-Major Charles Merton Stephen, 42,406, distinguished in two subjects; Corpl. Grant Espie Hardie, 39,842; Cadet Francis Easton Leach, 38,838, distinguished in three subjects; Sergt. Richard Clare Finlow Alexander, 37,503; Co. Sergt.-Major John Hegan Parke, 36,287; Sergt. Charles Carroll Wood, 34,956, distinguished in one subject; Co. Sergt.-Major Frank Delamere Lafferty, 34,243; Cadet John Chine Holden, 33,164; Sergt. Arthur William Roger Wilby, 30,822; Cadet Darcy Weatherbe, 30,381; Corpl. Archibald Montgomery Russel, 29,182; Cadet George Osborn Hayne, 29,161.

The undermentioned gentlemen, having passed the required examination before the Headquarters Board of Examiners, their admission as cadets to the Royal Military College of Canada has been approved:

|                                                         | Marks. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| A. C. Macdonnell, M.D. No. 2.....                       | 8,557  |
| A. L. Bingay, M.D. No. 3.....                           | 7,917  |
| Robert B. Viets, M.D. No. 9.....                        | 6,662  |
| Julian V. H. Ridout, M.D. No. 7.....                    | 6,377  |
| Edward G. Poole, M.D. No. 9.....                        | 5,348  |
| C. P. Holden, M.D. No. 6.....                           | 5,292  |
| H. M. Daly, M.D. No. 6.....                             | 5,103  |
| W. T. Cameron, M.D. No. 6.....                          | 4,713  |
| A. D. Strathy, M.D. No. 2.....                          | 3,999  |
| R. D. Harvey, M.D. No. 2.....                           | 3,936  |
| W. A. Baldwin, M.D. No. 2.....                          | 3,061  |
| John R. Jago, M.D. No. 9.....                           | 3,235  |
| James B. Uniacke, M.D. No. 9.....                       | 2,367  |
| H. A. Kaulbach, M.D. No. 9, university matriculant..... |        |