

nearly every branch of the administration except Engineering and Forestry.

I cannot attempt to give you any accurate information, but what I want do is to try and draw your attention to the excellent openings offered every year to our men which are apparently unknown to them.

Another subject I would like to bring to your notice is the possibility of getting the Indian Government to give to the Graduating Class of the R. M. C. one or two appointments a year in its Engineering Department.

At present the Indian Government has a college of its own at Coopers Hill, England, through which all its men have to pass. But I feel confident that something might be done by our Government at Ottawa, to obtain for us the same concession from the Indian Government as is granted to the College by the Imperial authorities i. e. one or two appointments a year in its Civil Engineering Department.

The Civil Engineers under the Indian Government form a large body of men, who do all the great works in India including Railroads, Canals, Irrigation, Roads, Bridges and in fact all the Engineering work of that vast country, except the Military works done by the R. E. Department.

Their pay, promotion, pension and leave rules run on nearly the same lines as for Royal Engineers, and any young fellow fortunate enough to obtain an appointment to the above branch may be considered as established for life.

From the day of landing in India the pay in either of the above Departments would be enough to allow a man to live fairly well and to marry if he desired in a couple of years. I think if the Canadian Government would communicate with the Viceroy, Lord Lansdowne, that he, knowing Canada and the R. M. C. as he does, would stand a friend to us.

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