

Major-Gen. Sir A.C. Macdonell - 2 -

what you had done you tried to make things right by restoring the ranks. From the cadets with whom I talked I gather that they think the whole process is the College's way of admitting that they have made a mistake and they have done their best to make it up to those punished.. I think you will find that the general public who takes any interest in the matter will look upon it in the same way. Some ex-cadets do, while others believe that the ranks were restored after political pressure had been brought upon you. Personally, I was very disappointed when Marjorie told me about it and I do not agree at all with the Minister or MacBrien.

You may think that I am too hard. Maybe I am, but I do not think so. I think some of the young men were very fortunate in being allowed to remain at the College and the least they could do for that privilege was to work hard and do their best to show that they had learned their lesson. Restoring them to their former rank leaves a wrong impression in the minds of the public and the cadets themselves. The Minister doesn't know much about running a Military institution and he was looking only at the political aspect of the situation and you and I both know that politics won't mix. Guthrie and his crowd will think that they forced you into it and if politics are going to get into the R.M.C. or affect its discipline in any way the sooner the College is closed up the better.

You will think that I am very cross
old man, as I am about this.

Please remember me most kindly to Lady Macdonell and to Miss Alison, and with very best wishes to yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,