



Kingston, Ont.

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My Dear General,

During your tour of the R.M.C. Buildings, on the occasion of your recent visit, the question of the cost of Maintenance of the Royal Military College was broached; and the fact that the Government had voted \$350,000 for the purpose appeared to be accepted as the cost of Maintenance for the year.

It seems to be generally accepted by most people that the amount placed in the R.M.C. Estimates, Voted by Parliament, is the cost to the country of maintaining this Institution. This however, is not the case and I am anxious to expose this fallacy.

The amount required to provide military uniform clothing, all educational material, washing and miscellaneous items, amounting to over \$50,000., (according to the number of Cadets in residence) has to be voted in the Main Estimates; but is repaid by the parents of Cadets from the amount deposited to their individual accounts.

The reason for voting the money in this manner is, that the Militia Department has to assume liability for payment of all the above mentioned material, which is distributed to the Cadets from our stores on repayment. But unfortunately the fact that this amount is repaid does not appear so prominently as the Estimate tabled for Parliament.

Then again each Cadet pays a fee of \$100., per annum, which although a very small amount to cover the tuition received, in the aggregate amounts to over \$16,000., per annum.

So you see that over \$66,000., per annum is recovered by the Government, This fact is not generally known.

Also in making a comparison between the cost of the R.M.C. and other Institutions receiving a Government grant, the fact that we Mess all Cadets is another factor that must be taken into account, this item costs approximately \$30,000 per annum.

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