

poses with the active militia generally ; more especially if, in addition to ordinary regimental work, facilities were offered for the officers to become conversant with the practical working of the Staff and Departmental Offices at Halifax.

This, together with a little special instruction from the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery, and a familiarity with the extensive defensive military works, war-vessels, &c., at Halifax, would (*being grafted on previously prepared minds*) form an excellent finish to the military course of the cadets, by affording practical experience, and preparation for future responsible military employ.

Variety of Employment of Graduates raises Intellectual Standard of Cadets.

(28) Every employment offered to graduates directly increases the competition for admission to the college and among the cadets themselves, and therefore raises the general intellectual standard of the graduates.

The commissions in H.M. Regular Forces, and the promise of employment in the permanent militia organization of the Dominion, are valuable to this end, but other occupations should also be opened for those who cannot obtain, or do not desire *continuous* military employment.

Employment other than Military for Graduates.

(29) The cadets have gained their entrance to the college by *open competition* throughout the Dominion, without favoritism, personal or political, they have improved, maintained, or lost their original position by four years' keen competition among themselves, and I therefore trust that, as it is not possible for Canada to afford permanent military employment to *all* the graduates of the college, she will employ those (at least the best of them) who do not obtain it, in such other capacities as their *college records* denote their being most fitted for.

Temporary Employment for Selected Graduates in Preparation of Military Maps, and Assistant Instructors in Royal Military College.

(30) A few selected graduates might be advantageously employed for a few years in completing the unfinished military maps of the frontier, but more especially of the contoured plans of the ground in the vicinity of Kingston, Quebec, Halifax, Montreal, and Toronto.

This is a work of great importance to Canada, and since the withdrawal of the regular forces no opportunity has presented itself of carrying it out until the present time.

One or two graduates holding militia commissions might be most advantageously employed at the Royal Military College as assistant instructors.

This would not only afford much needed relief to the Professors from some of the elementary work, but afford the very best means for these assistant instructors to become more efficient officers in every respect by being themselves instructors, and at the same time afford them an opportunity of prosecuting to a higher point certain branches of instruction.

This system is followed at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and is allowed to be not the least valued part of the institution.

Instruction at Royal Military College of Militia Officers.

(31) In my annual report, 1879, I represented that the college would shortly be in a position to afford instruction to Officers of Militia in the following subjects, viz :—

Fortification and Military Engineering.
 Military Topography.
 Reconnaissance.