

Academy at West Point, but later, it adopted an admirable policy of its own.

The functions and aims of the Royal Military College of Canada differ in a way from those of any similar institution in the Empire. It is a training school for Cadets as are Woolwich and Sandhurst, but a Graduate does not necessarily adopt the military profession as a career; in fact, the majority go into civil life. Hence, although it is termed "Military," it is in reality as much civil, and its importance is not governed by war conditions only.

To this fact is undoubtedly due the secret of its phenomenal success when the present crisis came, and there is abundant proof that its importance will be greatly increased when peace conditions return again and the necessity of well trained and well disciplined young Canadians becomes evident.

The College in pre-war days was not only a Cadet school but also carried out a series of Officers' Courses each year, some of which were attended by Officers of the Permanent Force and others by Officers of the Active Militia. For the training of these Officers a special Staff of General Staff Officers was attached to the College.

The first Commandant was the late Lieut.-General E. O. Hewitt, C.M.G., R.E., at that time a Colonel, who held the office for ten years. It was he who selected the admirable College Motto of "TRUTH, DUTY, VALOUR," and it is not too much to say that the College owes much to his sound judgment, for the principles and policy he adopted have been maintained with little change ever since.

The original class who entered the College in June, 1876, consisted of eighteen Cadets, and these pioneers are now affectionately known as "The Old