

9th. Any man who may be required in addition to the cadets themselves, for drill purposes, to be taken from corps of the active militia, residing in the vicinity of the respective schools—those detailed for such duty being paid at the rate of twenty-five cents per diem—by this means not only would men be furnished for the practical instruction and examination of the cadets, but additional practice being thus afforded to many of the active militia, a general increase of efficiency would result.

10th. The services of the artillery officer whose appointment to the staff of the militia is recommended in my report of the 14th instant, would be available for the examination of, and granting certificates of qualification to the artillery cadets.

11th. All regulations connected with military schools hitherto in existence, and not inconvenient with this system, to remain in force.

12th. By the above system many advantages would result, and a ready means would be afforded for the practical instruction of officers and cadets, not only in infantry but also in artillery exercises,—a point of great importance in view of the increasing power and value of artillery in modern warfare. The keeping of these schools open during the winter months only would best consult the convenience of the cadets, especially those from the rural districts; the services of the militia staff officers for such purpose during the winter months would be most available. A very important saving of expense to the public would be secured by limiting the period during which such schools shall be in operation each year, and the admissions to what may be considered a sufficient number to secure the training not only of officers now in the force, but also those who may be required to fill vacancies from time to time.

13th. If this plan be approved of, I have the honor to request authority to promulgate the necessary details in General Orders, and take the necessary steps to carry the system into effect.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servant,
(Signed,) P. ROBERTSON ROSS,
Colonel, Adjt. Gen. Militia.

The above is recommended for adoption by His Excellency in Privy Council.

(Signed,) GEO. ET. CARTIER,
Minister of Militia.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, STORE BRANCH,
OTTAWA, December 1st, 1870.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to report, having received over the reserve stores at Montreal, with a few trifling exceptions that the Control Department were not yet in a position to hand over to me. Mr. Pope, storekeeper, Montreal, has been instructed to receive them when ready.

(Signed,) THOS. WILY, Lieut. Col.,
Director of Stores.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, December 5th, 1870.

On the letter of the Commanding Royal Engineer of the 5th ultimo, enclosing a letter from the War Office of the 18th October last, relative to the disposal of the Admiralty