

is being added to those traditions in a manner no old cadet will ever need to feel ashamed of.

As you are aware, at the conclusion of the war the question arose as to what should be done with the service colleges at R.M.C. and Royal Roads. A number of alternative courses were put forward; indeed, the number was so large as to prove somewhat embarrassing.

A committee of outstanding citizens under the chairmanship of Brigadier Sherwood Lett was appointed to look into the matter, and later the present Minister had the advice and assistance of a tri-service committee meeting under the chairmanship of Air Vice-Marshal Stedman.

This study and consideration resulted in our adopting the course of setting up both institutions on a tri-service basis. It seemed to us to be clear that modern conditions require closer co-operation, better teamwork than ever before between all three services. With that, I am sure you will agree.

It seemed to us to be clear that if there is to be the kind of teamwork needed between all three services today, it was important that, as far as possible, all the officers of all three services should have the same general background and the same general standards and the experience of working together in their formative years at the college here and at Royal Roads. On that account we adopted the suggestion that both R.M.C. and Royal Roads should be on a tri-service basis, training young men of good physique, character and general education by working together, living together and playing together.

I am informed that in entrance qualifications and all-round bearing, the cadets of today are, let us say, worthy successors of those who have graduated in earlier years. From the physical standpoint it must be obvious that the College has never been in better shape. In buildings and equipment we see on all sides, changes and improvements which must please every ex-cadet. For these and for the many other improvements, I can assure you the College owes a great deal to the constant interest and boundless energy of the present Minister of National Defence.

The important place of R.M.C. in the life of Canada was recognized in a unique way earlier this year when the leading learned societies of Canada held their annual meetings here. I personally had an opportunity to visit the College briefly while the meetings were going on and to see how successful they were.

We are counting, in fact we know we can count, on R.M.C. turning out young Canadians who will serve their country as faithfully and as well as those who have gone before them. Therefore, in advancing the welfare of these young men and in maintaining that brotherly feeling amongst ex-cadets which has always existed in the past you in the R.M.C. Club are continuing to serve the best interests of the College and the best interests of Canada.

I know that while you are linked together by your association with R.M.C., your common interests are

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