

Company Sergt.-Major Wise might, by seniority, have obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery, but preferred the Infantry.

Company Sergeants-Major McPherson and Spelman might, by seniority, have obtained commissions in the Royal Artillery or Infantry, and any two of the following Cadets might have obtained commissions in the Cavalry or Infantry, but for various reasons these gentlemen did not desire to accept them, viz. :—

Sergt. Davis, W.  
Sergt. DesBrisay, C.  
Corporal Wurtele.  
Sergt. Cochrane.

*Graduates obtaining commissions in Her Majesty's Regular Army—Advantage of.*

(24) The few who may obtain commissions in Her Majesty's Regular Army only leave Canada to gain that most valuable of all educations for any career, but especially for that of a soldier, viz., a practical knowledge of different countries and peoples, and the management of men, and the varied experiences arising therefrom.

In a military point, the advantage of being in direct contact with, or of hearing daily as a matter of immediate interest of highly-trained troops and organizations kept in constant readiness for active service, cannot be overrated.

These officers will most certainly return to Canada, should any emergency require their services in this country.

*Commissions in Militia and Military Employment in Canada for Graduates.*

(25) The notification in the *Gazette* of 7th February, 1880, of the intention to appoint graduates of the Royal Military College to commissions in the Militia, with subsequent regular periodical promotion, provided they annually perform certain military duties, and also to record in the Army List the class of certificate and special honours they have obtained, together with the decision to appoint graduates of the college, *when qualified by the necessary age, rank and seniority*, (but not till then), to all permanent Militia appointments, affords valuable encouragement to, and is a source of emulation among the cadets.

In accordance with this regulation, the whole of the graduates of 1880, except the four who have joined Her Majesty's Regular Army, have been gazetted to commissions in the Militia from 17th July, 1880.

*Dissemination in Canada of Military Knowledge by Graduates.*

(26) There can be no question but that the graduates will not only be (as required by the law of the Dominion) *compulsory* members of the Militia reserve, but will instinctively take their place alongside the more stirring and militarily inclined of their fellow-citizens in the several corps of the active militia; and thus the work of the Military College will be disseminated throughout the entire country.

The graduates fairly represent all classes of the community, and from their interest and position are more certain to remain in Canada than any other young men.

The graduates of June who were respectively 1st and 2nd on the list, happen to be representatives of the great source of wealth in Canada, viz., agriculture, and both are men of high ability, industry, character and physique.

*Selected Graduates Recommended to be Temporarily Attached to Garrison at Halifax.*

(27) If a few graduates holding commissions in militia, and specially selected for their fitness, could be attached temporarily for duty, perhaps a couple of years with Her Majesty's troops at Halifax, it would materially increase their fitness for future employment on the staff of Her Majesty's College, or for instructional and higher staff pur-