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My dear General:

Upon receiving your letter of the twentieth October, I asked all the members of the staff concerned to give the matter their careful consideration, and finally called a meeting of the Committee on Military Instruction, with some additional assessors.

As regards your second paragraph, it is true that we, like you, hoped that the young officers might be of some use with the C.O.T.C. As matters have turned out, however, those who have been successful in their examinations here have found our courses of such a high standard that they have had to devote most of their time to their own studies, and officers commanding the C.O.T.C. have told me that they were never able to employ those officers to the extent that they would like to.

As to your observations about a certain number of failures, which you think is due in part to the distractions of the City, this does not seem to be a sufficient explanation. You will remember that the Committee of the Canadian Universities Conference, consisting of Dean H.M. MacKay, Mr. A.L. Clark and General Mitchell, reported as follows:-

"Graduates of the Royal Military College who have been specially prepared and who have obtained exceptionally good standing and are highly recommended, will be admitted to the fourth year in Civil Engineering, or to the third year in Mechanical, Chemical, Electrical, Mining or Metallurgical Engineering, with the proviso that in certain cases some slight adjustments or reasonable conditions may be required by the University in order to complete the four years course within the available time and to meet or compensate for the requirements prescribed for the regular courses in the respective departments."