

reports and statements of confidential agents, deserters, prisoners, and spies, and the matter of fact journals of officers on special service which have thus been preserved. Rough drafts of some very important despatches may sometimes be profitably compared with the finished documents.

Although dealing in the main with military affairs these papers will be found to contain much useful information relating to the administration of justice and civil government, the construction of bridges, canals, docks, lighthouses, roads, wharfs, and public buildings, immigration and the location of settlers, the management of Indian affairs, the conveyance of mails, the exploration of the country, the provincial marine establishment and shipping on the lakes, the state of political feeling, and relations with the United States.

The classification made by Dr. Brynner has not been disturbed but a few supplementary volumes of important papers have been added since his death.

The letter books of the Commander of the Forces in Canada and his Military Secretary covering the same period which were fortunately acquired in 1904 are the natural complement of these documents without which many of them would be scarcely intelligible. They number one hundred and twenty-three volumes containing copies of most of the official letters written by them. Their letters covering the period from 1795 to 1830 fill seventy-eight volumes. Their letters to England from 1830 to 1870 are comprised in twelve thick volumes their letters to officers and other persons in the Canadas fill no less than thirty-three books of about the same size.

The Military Secretary's General Order Books which are complete from the 11th September, 1811 to the 24th of September, 1870, contain much information respecting the distribution and movements of troops and matters of discipline which can scarcely be found elsewhere.

Not less valuable although unfortunately incomplete are the letter books of the Governor General's Military Secretary, the Chief of Staff, the officers commanding in Upper Canada and Nova Scotia, the commanding officers of Royal Engineers, and the Adjutant Generals of Upper and Lower Canada. It