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have occupied a great deal of time and have been made the subject for discussion by Military Members of Defence Council on several occasions.

11. It has been ruled that both Majors Scott and Coleman are Officers of the Corps of Military Staff Clerks, and although the original Gazettes appointing these officers did not designate them as "Officer Clerks", they were actually gazetted to and are serving in that Corps, and, therefore, there is no other course for them to follow than abide by the conditions laid down for the C.M.S.C. There is no other establishment of the Permanent Force where they can be fitted in.

12. An anomaly was brought to attention whereby their supersession in the Corps of Military Staff Clerks would be incurred owing to certain promotions of other officers serving in the Corps becoming due under the provisions of K.R.Can.193(a) which, on revision, gave preferential treatment to officers of the Corps who had 10 yrs. Permanent Force service prior to the 1st. April, 1924. (See folio 20 of H.Q.C.2722). This representation also applies in the case of Major Scott.

13. As a definite and satisfactory solution, it was agreed by the Chief of the General Staff that, as a special arrangement, promotion to the rank of Major in the Corps of Military Staff Clerks should be recommended as from the 1st. April, 1930, but that the terms of these Officers commissions should be changed to those properly applicable to Officers of the Corps of Military Staff Clerks.

14. The above procedure was not acceptable to the Officers concerned and their cases were again brought under discussion by the Military members of Council on the 27th. March when it was ruled that the decision already given should not be changed.

15. Captain and Brevet Major Scott has been given an appointment as Asst. Director of Records, an employment well suited to his capabilities and physical standard. This appointment carries with it the pay and allowances laid down for the rank of Major.

Captain and Brevet Major Coleman is employed in the Branch of the Adjutant General (Personal Services). He has been offered promotion to the rank of Major from the 1st. April, 1930, in order that he should retain his proper order of seniority in the C.M.S.C.

After a period of approximately 10 yrs. service in the Permanent Active Militia, the advancement provided or offered does not compare unfavourably with other Officers of the Permanent Active Militia.

16. Both have creditable war records and are good officers, but unfortunately are not satisfied regarding the decisions given by the Defence Council regarding their cases.

In view of the circumstances stated the Military Members of Defence Council now recommend that the procedure mentioned in para. 13 be carried out without further delay, viz.:-

(a). That the terms of these Officers Commissions be changed to those applicable to the C.M.S.C. in which Corps they are serving.

(b). That they be given promotion to the rank of Major in this Corps, effective from the 1st. April, 1930, but without antedate for any increase in pay and allowances prior to the commencement of the new financial year, viz., 1st. April, 1931.

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