

## THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

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In view of the magnificent part taken by its Graduates and Ex-Cadets in the world war just terminating, the origin and gradual growth of the Royal Military College of Canada is of particular interest at the present time.

In 1876, during the Governor Generalship of Lord Dufferin, and when the Honourable Alexander MacKenzie was Premier of Canada, the Government decided to establish a Military College. The establishment of the College, as stated in the Act, was: "for the purpose of imparting a complete education in all branches of Military tactics, fortification, engineering, and general scientific knowledge in subjects connected with and necessary for a thorough knowledge of the military profession, and for qualifying officers for Commissions and for Staff Appointments."

In the light of current events, it is evident how prudent such a decision was, as it is not too much to say that the men who learned their early military training at Kingston formed the backbone of the Permanent Force, and thereby contributed directly and in no small measure to the phenomenal success which has followed the soldiers of the Dominion from the moment she entered the war. The title "Royal" was conferred by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in 1878.

Kingston was selected as the position for the College for several reasons: The Government possessed the site of the Old Naval Dockyard, established in 1789, on which there existed certain build-