

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

MONTREAL

October 10, 1925.

The Military Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to call your attention to the attached letter informing this unit that under para.85 of "Instructions for the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, 1924", ~~which reads as follows:-~~

Certificate "B" will not be granted to a cadet until-

- (a) He has received his degree from a recognised Canadian University,
- (b) He has been attached to a unit of the Active Militia as an officer for at least one annual training and received a satisfactory report.

I fear that this will act as a deterrent to men taking their "B" *Examinations*. The cadets point out that for many of the degrees of this University a large number of students have to drop out before completing their courses, for academic and financial reasons which have no bearing on their efficiency as officers. They also point out that it will be difficult for all to comply with requirement (b). It would be very difficult to arrange to commission them all into this unit, because some obtain their "B" certificate only in their graduating year, and after having received their degree leave this district.

The cadets set great value on these certificates, and, if they cannot obtain them after they have passed their examinations, I fear that the majority will drop their military studies after obtaining the "A" certificates.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

R. P. Thompson
Lieut. Col. O.C. McGill Ct., C.O.T.C.