

**FILE 549**

**ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE**

January  
Twenty-ninth  
1920.

Major-General A.C. Macdonnell,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear General Macdonnell:-

I have received your letter of January 19th, containing the suggestion that a series of addresses to the gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College might be arranged on subjects of general educational value; these lectures to be delivered by members of the staffs of the Canadian Universities, and asking for my opinion on this subject.

It seems to me that this arrangement would be of very considerable value to the gentlemen cadets and Lecturers could, probably, be drawn from the Universities' staffs.

I should think it would be necessary, however, to provide, at least, for the expenses of such Lecturers, and if the Royal Military College is prepared to also pay a moderate honorarium, it would probably facilitate the securing of a thoroughly satisfactory course of lectures, such as you mention.

I am sure McGill University would be glad to cooperate with you in this matter, although its staff is at the present time burdened with an excessive amount of teaching, owing to the immense number of students who entered the University at the opening of the present session and the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of teachers thoroughly qualified to undertake the courses of higher instruction provided in the several Faculties.

With best wishes,

I remain, yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.



*Kingston, Ont.*

15th January, 1920.

Dean F.D.Adams, F.R.S.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Dean Adams:-

The thought occurred to me quite recently that our Gentlemen Cadets would profit in general culture by having the privilege of listening to a lecture of about an hour's duration upon some subject of general educational value delivered by a member of the Staff of our excellent Universities in Canada.

The subject might most profitable be left to the discretion of the member selected for the contribution, taking into consideration the age of the Gentlemen Cadets and their interests.

If you feel like co-operating with me in this decision, would you kindly let me know. I would appreciate your suggestions upon the question. I hope to have the Gentlemen Cadets listen to an outsider about once every three weeks on a Wednesday or Saturday evening from eight to nine o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

*A. C. Macdonell*

Major-General.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,

KINGSTON.

26th February, 1920.

The Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.P.Q.

Dear Sir,

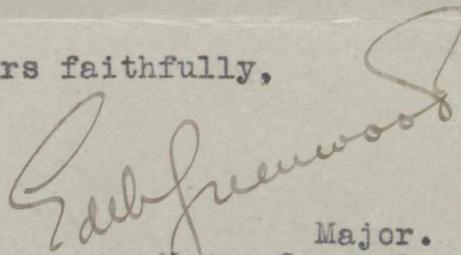
With reference to your letter to General Macdonell of the 29th January, I have to inform you that the General is in Toronto in Hospital and I am forwarding this letter for him.

With reference to para three of the above quoted letter, it was the intention to obtain authority from Headquarters for the payment of the expenses of any Lecturer visiting the College.

With regard to the Honorarium, I would be glad to know if you could please inform me about how much this would probably amount to in order that the matter may be laid before Headquarters.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I am,  
Yours faithfully,



Major.  
for Major-General.  
Commandant, Royal Military College.

March  
Tenth  
1920.

Major Greenwood,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Major Greenwood:-

I have received your letter of February 26th with reference to the lectures which you desire to have delivered to the Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College.

With regard to the honorarium, I should think that if the expenses of the lecturer were paid, together with an honorarium of \$20.00, this should be quite sufficient.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

R.M.C. 3-1-1.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

KINGSTON, 24th March, 1920.

Dean F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Dean Adams:-

With further reference to the question of outside lectures for the Gentlemen Cadets of this College, it has been decided by Militia Headquarters that, as the present session will soon draw to a close, this question be held in abeyance until next session, when I hope to bring the matter up again.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*P. F. Constantine*

for Major-General.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

KINGSTON.

4th May, 1920.

The Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir:-

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*1.8.24*  
*5.1.25*

We have in preparation a new Calendar for the Royal Military College which will be adjusted to a four years' course under improved educational facilities. In the pre-war period we had adopted a three years' course under which you were good enough to recognize the academic standing of our graduates. I would appreciate very much an extract of the authorized status enjoyed by our graduates at your Institution under our former conditions.

We hope to be able to submit for your consideration our new Syllabus of subjects when completed, and ask you to let us know what status you would feel justified in granting to our graduates who might apply to you for the privilege of proceeding to a degree in one of your several Faculties.

Yours very truly,

*A. C. Macdonell*  
Major-General,  
Commandant, Royal Military College.

*Royal M. Col.*

June  
Seventeenth  
1920.

Major-General A.C. Macdonell,  
Commandant, Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter under date of May 4th was received by Dr. Adams some time ago and he regrets that he was not able to answer before.

He has asked me to forward to you the following extract from the Calendar of McGill University, which explains the status of graduates of the Royal Military College:

"Graduates of the Royal Military College of Kingston are admitted to the third year in the several departments of the Faculty of Applied Science above mentioned. They must in all cases take the respective summer schools pertaining to these several courses."

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

April  
Twenty-eighth  
1921.

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge your HQ.74-4-20, dated April 27th, in which you inform me that the Honourable, the Minister of Militia and Defence has done me the honour of submitting my name to His Excellency, the Governor General, as Chairman of the Board of Visitors, Royal Military College for the ensuing year.

I have much pleasure in agreeing to the Minister's wishes and will attend on the dates mentioned. I would like to be informed as early as possible of the programme for the two days.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Maj-General Sir Eugene Fiset, K.C.M.G.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

SB/EL

In reply please quote

No. ~~HC. 74-4-20~~

Ottawa, April 27th, 1921

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable, the Minister of Militia and Defence has great pleasure in submitting your name to His Excellency, the Governor in Council, as Chairman of the Board of Visitors, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year in accordance with para. 24 of the Royal Military College Regulations, copy of which is enclosed.

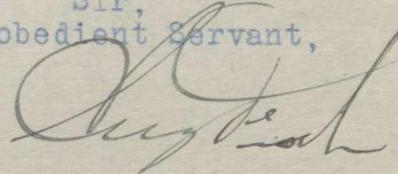
The visit to the College will take place on the 3rd and 4th of June next.

Will you please state for the information of the Honourable, the Minister, if it will be convenient for you to attend.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(Eug. Fiset)  
Major-General,  
Deputy Minister.

Lieut. General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
GCMG. etc. etc. etc.,  
President, McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.



Department of Militia and Defence,

HQ. 74-4-20

Ottawa, Canada,

May 10th, 1921

Sir,-

Adverting to Headquarters' letter of the 27th ultimo and your reply thereto of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to state that you have been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the ensuing year by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

Enclosed, for your information, is copy of the Agenda on the subjects to be discussed at the coming Meeting.

Will you please state from what point to Kingston and return transportation is required, when Railway Warrant will be furnished.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG. etc. etc. etc.,  
President McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

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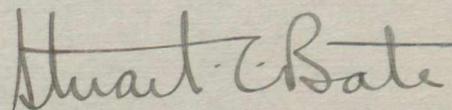
No. HQ. 74-4-20

Ottawa, May 28th, 1921

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and beg to enclose herewith Transportation Warrants from Montreal to Kingston and return, via C.P.R.

I have the honour to be,  
sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG. etc. etc. etc.,  
President McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

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May  
Twenty-sixth  
1921.

The Secretary,  
Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
OTTAWA.

Sir:-

Replying to your HQ.74-4-20 dated  
May 10th, I shall be obliged if you will forward  
me Railway Warrant from Montreal to Kingston. I  
intend leaving here on the morning of Friday,  
June 3rd.

I acknowledge receipt of the  
tentative programme.

Yours faithfully,

June  
Sixth  
1921.

Captain Stuart Bate,  
Secretary, Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
Dept. Militia & Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith Warrants for  
Transport to Kingston and return.

While I am never averse to travelling  
by the C.P.R., the Grand Trunk gives a much more  
direct service between Montreal and Kingston and  
for that reason I travelled by that line. I took  
the precaution to obtain receipts for the cost of  
that transportation. It amounts to \$14.60, and I  
shall be much obliged to receive from your Depart-  
ment reimbursement to that extent.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Fares from Montreal to Kingston, and return.....	\$ 12.20
Parlor Car Seat to Kingston....	1.20
" " " Kingston to Montreal	<u>1.20</u>
	\$14.20

255 Windsor Street Station  
Canadian Pacific Railway

F.L.WANKLYN,

M. INST. C. E.  
M. E. I. C.  
CABLE ADDRESS,  
"WANKLYN."  
A. B. C. CODE.

MONTREAL (CANADA)

June 7th, 1921

Genl. Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
595 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

As promised I herewith attach a few notes which occurred to me during our recent visit to the Royal Military College, at Kingston. My general impression, formed on that occasion, was that perhaps there was an inclination to give too much time and attention to the physical and military end of the training, and owing to the amount that we had to see in this connection we were unable to form any appreciation of the academic work that the Cadets were doing.

While admitting that the R.M.C. is essentially a military academy we cannot overlook the fact that the Cadets graduating from the Institution have to make their way in the world and concurrently with the military training, during their 3 or 4 years at the College, they must be taught subjects that will be useful to them in civilian life after they graduate.

All branches of civil engineering and surveying should be given the ~~the~~ first consideration and in addition a thorough grounding in the French language. There are also minor subjects which would be of great value.

Just imagine the impression of the College that would be created in the mind of a well-to-do farmer in Ontario or the West, if he found that his soldier-son could weld a broken axle, make a horse shoe and fit it to the horse, that he could diagnose and cure the diseases inherent to the tractor motor, that he could readily repair leaky milk cans and fix the windmill that supplied the farm with water. One or two examples of this kind would make R.M.C. the most popular educational institution in the Dominion.

It is all within the bounds of possibility and arts easily learned by the intelligent bunch of boys that go through R.M.C.

I also attach great importance to an intimate knowledge of the design, construction and operation of the Westinghouse Air Brake, and all its accessories, and the necessity of becoming proficient in telegraphy, telephony, stenography and typewriting.

Boys having these qualifications will readily obtain remunerative employment on the Canadian National Railways, and

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added to the other good features of an R. M. C. training, will make them into valuable public servants who would be in a position to repay the taxpayers for the money spent on their education.

If you concur in these views you might be able to introduce the subject to the worthy Commandant, who has the welfare of the Institution so much at heart, *in a palatable manner.*

I have written General Macdonell today to tell him how much we all enjoyed our visit, and I am sure he was glad to see us and to show us what his boys could do, especially on horse back.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

*F. L. Wanklyn.*

Enclosure.

R. M. C. is primarily a military academy and should always be considered as such - having in view the training of young Canadians to qualify for Commissions in the Permanent force, R. C. M. P. and Militia.

Concurrently with the requirements ~~of~~ for military service the Cadets should be given the best possible engineering training to enable them to make good in civilian life.

Physical training is of course essential but the time devoted to it should not handicap the important academic work, nor over-fatigue Cadets to the extent of their being unable to study in the evenings.

Technical Workshops. These should be elementary and no attempt should be made to make mechanics of the Cadets. The apparatus should be of the simplest character. Metal working machine tools should consist of one or more screw-<sup>cutting</sup>~~cutting~~ engine lathes, power drilling machine and planer - just enough to give the Cadet general instruction in the use of these tools, forging, grinding and setting the cutting tools used and to enable him to do any repair work needed about the college.

Several standard blacksmith's hearths connected to fan or blower should be provided with full size anvils, sledge hammers and hand hammers, blacksmiths' tongs and cutting tools. A Cadet should be able to weld a broken waggon axle, make a horse shoe and shoe a horse. He should also be instructed in the art of brazing and soldering.

Wood working tools should also be provided, such as turning lathe,

circular saw, band saw, power driven augur, and of course the necessary power driven grindstone and wet emery wheel of generous dimensions, and all standard carpenters' tools for hand work.

Special attention should be given to the construction, maintenance and operation of all internal combustion engines, the Westinghouse Air brake, and the principles governing the operation of modern turbine wheels, their construction, etc..

I am also of the opinion that Cadets might advantageously be taught -

Telegraphy and telephony

Stenography and Typewriting

Telegraphy and telephony, I understand, already form part of the military training.

Stenography might be taught and practiced in having Cadets take notes when at lectures in shorthand.

And typewriting should be used on every possible occasion.

The importance of becoming proficient in these arts cannot be overestimated and would go a long way in helping Cadets to obtain positions in civilian life after graduating, elementary bookkeeping is also a subject worthy of consideration.

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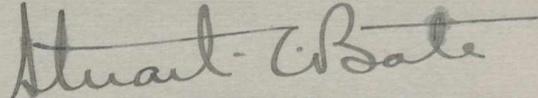
Ottawa, June 17th, 1921

Sir,-

I beg to forward herewith, in duplicate, draft copy of the Report of the Board of Visitors, Royal Military College, for the present year, 1921, for your approval or otherwise.

Should you approve of the draft as it stands, I am to request that you sign one copy and return same to me. If there are any changes which you consider necessary, will you please mark the points in question and submit the corrections you wish made.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG. etc. etc.,  
President McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

June 20th, 1921.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose herewith some remarks that I have made in connection with the Report of the Board of Visitors. These remarks are concurred in by the Chief of the General Staff.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Report, the Militia Council have decided to give Proportional Representation a trial and the proposed new Regulations governing Entrance to the Royal Military College, which have been circulated to the Educational Authorities of the various Provincial Governments have been generally approved. You may remember I showed you a copy of this at Kingston. A copy is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

I hope that you have a pleasant journey to England this Summer.

I have the honour to be,  
Yours very sincerely,

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. G. Currie".

MEMORANDUM.

Ottawa, June 20th, 1921.

To - Adjutant-General.

R.M.C. - Report Board of Visitors, 1921.

One copy of the draft report returned herewith.

The following observations are made. -

1. With reference to the members of the Board. C.B. and M.P. should be inserted after name of Brig.-General W.A. Griesbach.

2. Paragraph 1. As a representative of the Chief of the General Staff, I am in favour of omitting sub.para. 2, paragraph 1, with reference to Proportional Representation. The Provinces are all in favour of proportional representation; the members of the Militia Council are in favour, and it would appear to serve no good purpose by including this sub,paragraph.

3. Reference paragraph 2. The first sub.para. is concurred in. It is recommended that the second sub.para. be rewritten as follows - "The Board are further of opinion that if the universities of Canada grant the above privilege on the understanding that they read, examine, and mark the examination papers of the candidates of the graduating class, who have obtained a standard of 75%, according to the College marking, that the Government be asked to set aside a sum of money to pay examiners chosen from the Staffs of the different universities to examine the papers of the cadets of the graduating class, who have obtained a standard of 75%. It is considered that the annual amount required for this purpose will not exceed \$500.00. "

The Chief of the General Staff concurs in this amendment.

4. Paragraph 3. Concurred in.

5. Paragraph 4. " "

6. The following addition of a sub.para. to paragraph 5, is concurred in. - "As soon as the fact that only fifteen candidates may be admitted to the Royal Military College in 1923, becomes generally known, there will be great dissatisfaction throughout the country. The Board strongly recommend that the Minister of Militia take action at once to have work commenced on the additional accommodation required for Fort Frederick Dormitory, so not only will accommodation be available in the year 1923 to take in the same number of successful candidates as this year, namely, 56, but that the accommodation be increased so that the total accommodation of the College for cadets will be 300, thus permitting the admission of 75 successful candidates in 1923 and subsequent years. "

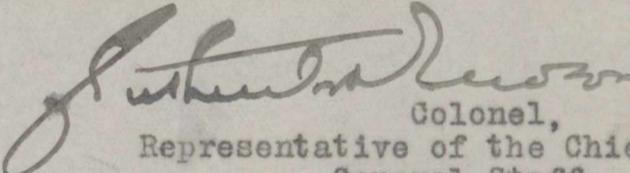
7. Paragraph 6 concurred in with the exception of the last sub.para. which should be amended as follows. - Delete the words "the Canadian Permanent Force" in line 2. At the end of the sub.para. add - "In case an officer of the Permanent Force is appointed to a position on the College Staff, in no case will the pay of his appointment be below his Regimental Pay."

The Chief of the General Staff considers he should not be tied down so that nobody could be appointed to the position of Associate Professor above the rank of Lt.-Colonel. It may be nec-

essary in the future to appoint Lt.-Colonels of the Permanent Force to the positions of Associate Professor. There are a number of Lt.-Colonels in the Permanent Force, whose period of command of Permanent Unit will some time expire and it may be necessary to employ some of them as Associate Professors at the College. The names of some of these officers are - Lt.-Colonel Hill, commanding The R.C.R.; Lt.-Colonel Willets, commanding the P.P.C.L.I.; Lt.-Colonel Sansom, commanding the R.C.M.G.Bde.; Lt.-Colonel Gilman, commanding the R.C.D's.; Lt.-Colonel MacDonald, commanding the L.S.H.(R.C.); Lt.-Colonel Walker, commanding the Warfare School; Lt.-Colonel Roy and Lt.-Colonel Elkins of the R.C.A.; Lt.-Colonel Bogart and Lt.-Colonel Benoit of the R.C.E. It may even be necessary to employ a Lt.-Colonel from the Services and Departments.

8. Paragraph 7 should be amended so that the servants at the College may be enlisted in the Corps of Military Staff Clerks, Section "B", as there is no objection of enlisting men of low category in this Section. They would, of course, be shown on command from the section from Headquarters, so that they could be paid from the R.M.C. Vote.

9. Paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11. No remarks.

  
Colonel,  
Representative of the Chief of the  
General Staff,  
Member, Board of Visitors, Royal Military College

Proposed New Regulations Governing  
Entrance to the Royal Military  
College of Canada.

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1. (a) - To be qualified for admission to the Royal Military College a candidate must have attained a "pass" standard in the examination laid down by the province from which he comes for Junior Matriculation in the Faculties of Arts or Science. These are as follows : -

Nova Scotia - High School Certificate of Grade XI.

New Brunswick - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Prince Edward Island - Second year certificate of the Prince of Wales' College.

Quebec - For English-speaking candidates the Junior Matriculation of McGill University; for French-speaking candidates the Junior Matriculation of Laval University.

Ontario - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Manitoba - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Saskatchewan - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Alberta - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

British Columbia - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

(b) - If sufficient candidates do not qualify under para. 1(a) to fill the vacancies allotted to a Province, the Board of Selection for that Province may select candidates, otherwise eligible under the Regulations, who have passed any Canadian Junior Matriculation Examination in Arts or Science.

2. (a) - The subjects in which a candidate has passed in the examinations laid down in para. 1 must include : -

Mathematics (Algebra  
(Geometry)  
English Literature  
French  
History

(b) - Although French is shown as an obligatory subject, candidates who, without taking it, have passed an examination qualifying them for entrance under para. 1, may be admitted. They are however warned that it is an obligatory subject at the College, and candidates without a knowledge of it at the commencement of their course will find themselves severely handicapped.

(c) - Latin is not an obligatory subject for entrance, nor is it taught at the College, but candidates who propose, upon leaving the R.M.C., to study for professions requiring a knowledge of it, such as medicine or law, are advised to study Latin before entering the R.M.C.

3. (a) - Vacancies at the College will be allotted to the provinces in proportion to population. In the event of any vacancies not being filled by a Province they will be distributed to the other provinces in proportion to population. The allotment of vacancies to the Province of Quebec will be sub-divided for English-speaking and French-speaking candidates in proportion to the English and French population.  
  
(b) - Two vacancies a year will be reserved for Canadians living abroad or in other parts of Canada.
4. Except admissions under para. 3(b), candidates will only be eligible for admission through the province in which they have their permanent residence.
5. Candidates must not be under 16, or over 19 years of age on the 1st of January of the year in which they will enter the College.
6. Before being accepted for admission, candidates must pass a physical examination, the general requirements of which are laid down in Appendix I (not yet attached).
7. Candidates for admission, up to the number of vacancies allotted, will be selected in each province in the order of merit obtained in the examinations laid down for the province in para 1, provided they satisfy in all other respects the regulations laid down for admission.
8. (a) - In each province there shall be a Board of Selection consisting of a Chairman and two Members. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province will be chairman, and the Minister of Education of the Province, or the official holding the corresponding position, one of the members, the other members to be selected by the R.M.C. Club of Canada from amongst its members resident in the province concerned.  
  
(b) - In the event of the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Minister of Education, or the official holding the corresponding position, declining to act on the Board of Selection, a substitute will be appointed by Militia Headquarters.  
  
(c) - The General Staff Officer of the Military District in which is situated the capital of the province, shall be the secretary of the Board of Selection.
9. Applications for entrance to the College will be made to the Board of Selection through the Headquarters of the Military District in which is situated the capital of the province, and dealt with by the G.S.O. as secretary to the Board of Selection.
10. The Department of Militia and Defence will supply each Board of Selection, through its secretary, with full information as to the regulations to be complied with, and the time and place of medical examination for candidates. This examination will be performed by Boards of military medical officers appointed for that purpose at convenient centres.

29  
June  
Twenty-first  
1921.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
Dept. of Militia & Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 17th enclosing suggested report of the Board of Visitors for the year 1921.

I would suggest that this Report be sent to each one of the Visitors with a request that they be asked to make any suggestions which they think should be embodied in the report. I am leaving for England in the morning and I have not had time to go into the matter of this report as I wish. I hope that the Department can allow it to stand until I return, the first week in September.

I am sorry to ask this, but I have had so much to do that I have not had the time to give to this matter that I would like.

Yours faithfully,

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June  
Twenty-first  
1921.

Colonel J. Sutherland Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of 20th of June addressed to Sir  
Arthur Currie.

I have to inform you that Sir  
Arthur left Montreal this morning on his way to  
England, where he expects to remain until September  
1st. Before leaving he wrote Captain Stuart C.  
Bate asking, if possible, that the Department  
allow the matter of the Report of the Board of  
Visitors of the R.M.C. to remain open until his  
return.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary

## MILITIA AND DEFENCE

No. HQ. 74-4-20

Ottawa, June 24th, 1921

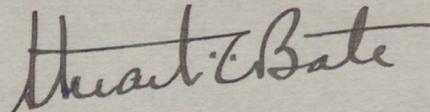
Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing transportation warrants which were not used.

Enclosed please find a Cheque for \$12.73, being the amount allowed for transportation - Montreal to Kingston and return - by the Director of Supplies & Transport.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Curries, GCMG. etc. etc.,  
President McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

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June  
Twenty-seventh  
1921.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 24th, enclosing cheque for \$12.73 in favour of General Sir Arthur Currie, being the amount allowed for transportation - Montreal to Kingston and return - by the Director of Supplies and Transport.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Department of Militia and Defence, SB/EL  
HQ. 74-4-20

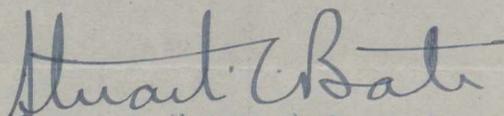
Ottawa, Canada,

August 29th, 1921

Sir,-

Adverting to H.Q. letter of the 17th June last, and your reply thereto, I beg to forward draft Report, together with remarks of Colonel Brown, representative of the Chief of the General Staff, Board of Visitors, R.M.C., 1921, for your concurrence or otherwise.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



(Stuart G. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
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General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG. etc. etc.,  
President McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

C O P Y

Toronto, Ont.  
30-8-21

Sir,-

I have read over and concur in  
the proposed alterations suggested by  
Col.Brown.

W.B.Kingsmill,

Lieut.Colonel.

C O P Y

Montreal, Aug.30th.1921

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th instant, enclosing copy of remarks by Col.J.Sutherland Brown.

Generally, I concur in Col.Brown's findings, although I am not sure that it was the general sense of the Board of Visitors that Proportional Representation in each Province was desirable.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

F.L.Wanklyn, HonLieut.Col.

C O P Y

Ottawa, Sept. 1st, 1921

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, returning to me draft Report of Board of Visitors of the Royal Military College, and a memorandum on same prepared by Colonel Brown.

I regret that I cannot concur in paragraph 1 of this memorandum, as it does not correctly state the decision of the Board of Visitors when at Kingston. The original draft Report as I remember, correctly records their decision.

With regard to other matters contained in Colonel Brown's memorandum, I see no objection to concurrence.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

A. Bowen Perry  
Commissioner,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

C O P Y

Ottawa, Sept. 8th, 1921

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing remarks of Colonel Brown, representative of the Chief of the General Staff, on the Board of Visitors, R.M.C. 1921, and in reply beg to inform you that I do not concur in making the suggested changes and additions to paragraphs 1, 2, 6 & 7. The decision already recorded by the Board of Visitors, as embodied in the copy of report sent to me with your letter of the 17th June last, was a correct statement of the decision reached at the meeting of the Board of Visitors at Kingston, and the various decisions recorded at that time were dictated by General Currie when the different subjects were under discussion.

With reference to paragraph 5, I am of opinion that the suggestion recorded by Colonel Brown should really have been embodied in the report sent to me on the 17th June and I concur in adding this sub-paragraph to the decision already recorded.

Yours truly,

C.L. Panet  
Colonel.



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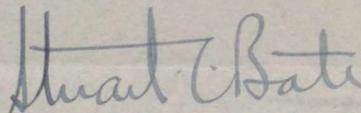
Ottawa, Canada,

September 26th, 1921

Sir,-

With reference to H.Q. letter of the 17th June and your reply of the 21st June last, also H.Q. letter of the 29th ultimo, concerning the Report of the Board of Visitors, Royal Military College, I now beg to request whether you concur in the draft report sent you, or whether you wish some changes made.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,  
October 10th, 1921

Dear Armstrong,-

As you may perhaps remember, Sir Arthur Currie was President of the Board of Visitors, Royal Military College, this year.

The minutes of the meeting of this Board were sent to Sir Arthur for his concurrence last June, just prior to his departure for the Old Country, and since then certain suggested amendments made by the representative of the Chief of the General Staff were also sent him, but we have not as yet received a reply.

I know Sir Arthur is a busy man, but perhaps you could see him and ask him if he could let us have an answer.

I am enclosing copies of letters concerning the remarks made by the representative of the C.G.S., which have been received from four of the members of the Board, and which will, no doubt, be of interest to Sir Arthur.

We have not heard from Sir John Hendrie and General Griesbach, but are very desirous of obtaining Sir Arthur's opinion as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*J. G. Lewis*

Brig.General.C.J.Armstrong, CMG.etc.,  
Commanding Military District No.4,  
Montreal, P.Q.

*P.S. you might tell Sir Arthur that I hope he will  
be in Toronto on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst by priority in Gill's report  
J.G.L.*

October 12th, 1921.

My dear General: -

I have your letter of the 10th inst. with enclosures for Sir Arthur Currie.

Sir Arthur is this week in the throes of the McGill Re-Union, which ceremonies I know will keep him fully occupied until Sunday next.

I will make a point, however, of arranging an appointment with him for Monday next, to obtain the information you are desirous of obtaining.

Yours sincerely,



Maj. Gen. J. H. Emsley, CB., CMG., DSO.,  
Adjutant General,  
Militia Headquarters, OTTAWA.

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New Regulations Governing  
Entrance to the Royal Military  
College of Canada.

1. (a) To be qualified for admission to the Royal Military College, a candidate must have attained a "pass" standard in the examination laid down by the Province from which he comes for Junior Matriculation in the Faculties of Arts or Science, within the year of joining the College. In the case of Resident Schools, candidates may write on the Matriculation Examination of the Province in which the School is situated, but their results or standard reached will be taken and considered as if they had written on the Matriculation Examination of the Province in which they are domiciled.

Nova Scotia - High School Certificate of Grade XI, showing a "pass" of 50 per cent in each subject specified in para. 2(a), or an average of 60 per cent.

New Brunswick - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Prince Edward Island - Second year certificate of the Prince of Wales' College.

Quebec - For English speaking candidates the Junior Matriculation of McGill University; for French speaking candidates the Junior Matriculation of Laval University.

Ontario - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination in Arts

Manitoba - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination.

Saskatchewan - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination, including French, in Science.

Alberta - Grade XI Diploma.

British Columbia - Provincial Junior Matriculation Examination in Arts.

(b) If sufficient candidates do not qualify under para 1 (a), to fill the vacancies allotted to a Province, the Board of selection may select candidates, otherwise eligible under the Regulations, who have passed any Canadian Junior Matriculation Examination in Arts or Science.

2. (a) The subjects in which a candidate has passed in the examinations laid down in para 1 must include

- (Algebra)
- Mathematics
- (Geometry)
- English Literature
- French
- History

(b) Although French is shown as a obligatory subject, candidates who, without taking it, have passed an examination qualifying them for entrance under para. 1, may be admitted. They are, however, warned that it is an obligatory subject at the College, and candidates without a knowledge of it at the commencement of their course will find themselves severely handicapped.

(c) Latin is not an obligatory subject for entrance, nor is it taught at the College, but candidates who propose, upon leaving the R.M.C., to study for professions requiring a knowledge of it, such as medicine or law, are advised to study Latin before entering the R.M.C.

3. (a) Vacancies at the College will be allotted to the provinces in proportion to population. In the event of any vacancies not being filled by a Province, they will be distributed to the other provinces in proportion to population. The allotment of vacancies to the Province of Quebec will be subdivided for English speaking and French speaking candidates in proportion to the English and French population.  
  
(b) Two vacancies a year will be reserved for Canadians living abroad or in other parts of Canada.
4. Except admissions under para. 3(b), candidates will only be eligible for admission through the province in which they have their permanent residence.
5. Candidates must not be under 16, or over 19 years of age on the 1st of January of the year in which they will enter the College.
6. Before being accepted for admission, candidates must pass a physical examination, the general requirements of which are laid down by the Director General of Medical Services.
7. Candidates for admission, up to the number of vacancies allotted will be selected in each province in the order of merit obtained in the examinations laid down for the province in para. 1, provided they satisfy in all other respects the regulations laid down for admission.
8. Only candidates who have qualified in all the subjects required will be considered by the Selection Board, i.e., those who require to take any one or more subject over again will not be eligible for admittance.
9. (a) There shall be a Central Board of Selection, consisting of a chairman and four members. The chairman and two of the members shall be nominated by the Commandant of the Royal Military College; the remaining two members shall be Officers selected, one from the Adjutant General's Branch and the other from the Branch of the Chief of the General Staff, Militia Headquarters.  
  
(b) An Officer of the Adjutant General's Branch will be detailed to act as Secretary.
10. Applications for Entrance to the College will be made in writing to The Secretary, Militia Council, Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, Ont., not later than the 1st. April.
11. The Department of Militia and Defence will supply full information as to the regulations to be complied with, and the time and place of medical examination of candidates. This examination will be performed by Boards of military medical Officers appointed for that purpose at convenient centres.

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AMENDMENT TO  
New Regulations Governing  
Entrance to the Royal Military  
College of Canada

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Para. 1(a), sub-para 5 :-

After "Laval University" add

"or of the University of Montreal".

HO.74-34-2 October 12th, 1921

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Montreal, November 1, 1921.

To - The Chief of the General Staff,  
Militia Department,  
Ottawa.

Sir,-

I have the honour to return herewith the Report of the Board of Visitors of The Royal Military College for the year 1921, to which is attached a Memorandum prepared by Colonel J. Sutherland Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., who attended the meeting of the Board of Visitors as your representative.

Before passing on to a consideration of the different conclusions arrived at by the Board I would like to make some observations.

No one can visit the Royal Military College and come away without being greatly impressed by the excellence of the training there provided, whether viewed from the purely Military standpoint or from the academic standpoint. I consider that when the Militia Department appointed Major-General Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., as the Commandant of the College they did a very wise thing. He possesses in a peculiar degree the qualities of manliness, earnestness, loyalty and devotion to duty and students coming under his influence are bound to be much benefited thereby. The staff of teachers of purely military subjects also impressed me as being capable, earnest and efficient. I am not so well acquainted with the staff of teachers of purely academic subjects, but I formed the impression, which was confirmed by the Report of the Commandant, that they also were discharging the duties of their positions in a very highly satisfactory manner.

The military drills displayed and the military exercises performed left no doubt in the minds of the Board as to the excellence of that part of the training, but I would most respectfully suggest that when the programme for the next Board of Visitors is prepared more time be set apart for consideration and investigation of the courses of study given which are outside the purely military curriculum. The Royal Military College does not exist altogether for the training of officers for the Canadian Military Forces, or the Military Forces of any other country. Yet the manner in which they responded to the call in the late War, and the manner in which they performed the military duties then assigned to them, demonstrates the fact that such military training as they

had received was of the right sort. The high percentage of Royal Military College graduates serving in the War also proves that while at the College the best ideals of citizenship were inculcated. On the other hand, a very small percentage of graduates enter the Army, the great bulk of them taking up civil occupations in the pursuit of which an equal measure of success was won. This shews that the purely civil side of the curriculum provides most useful training, and that as a result of the combination of military and civil studies, a high type of citizen is developed. These conclusions impressed upon me the desirability and the necessity for the Royal Military College receiving from the Government all possible consideration and assistance.

Coming to the consideration of the several paragraphs of the Report as drawn up I would like to observe:

Paragraph 1 I consider this should stand as originally drawn. I note that the General Staff recommend that sub-paragraph 2 might just as well be eliminated. Personally, I do not agree with this. The Board arrived at the conclusion as set out in the original draft and they should not be asked to modify their report because the Militia Council, or any other body, have come to a different conclusion. It does not follow that the Militia Council should adopt the suggestion of the Board of Visitors, and if the Militia Council has decided on proportional representation, that is their own affair. I, for one, do not agree. It is contrary to the principle on which candidates are admitted to college. It may serve a political purpose to allow each province a certain representation at the College, but that reminds me of an occasion in France when I was asked by the Overseas Minister of Militia to recommend the appointment of a different Brigadier than I had already selected, because, as the Overseas Minister informed me, the Government of Canada, would prefer to choose their next Brigadier from the Province of Ontario. I cannot see, as a matter of principle, that geographical boundaries have anything whatever to do with the claims of a man to be admitted to a national educational institution, such as the Royal Military College is. You might, with more propriety, arrange for the number to be admitted by a Province according to the contributions made by that Province to the Dominion exchequer.

Paragraph 2. I think sub-paragraph 1 should stand. This merely approves of a suggestion of the Commandant that he should approach the Universities of Canada with a view to seeing whether or not a certain standard achieved by Royal Military College graduates should be recognized in a certain way by the universities.

I feel that subparagraph 2 did not receive

the consideration it merited. That it did not do so was due to the fact that our conference was a little hurried. On further consideration I am of the opinion that the percentage of marks received by the student has nothing whatever to do with his claim to be admitted into a certain year at the University. That would be governed rather by the contents of the curriculum on which he was examined. At present Royal Military College graduates are admitted to the third year in the Faculty of Applied Science. The Science course at this University is a four year course, during the first two years of which all students take the same subjects. When the students enter the third year they begin to specialize, some taking Mechanical Engineering, some Electrical Engineering, some Chemical Engineering, and so on. Before they can advance into the fourth year they must demonstrate that they have received a certain knowledge in the third year subjects. If they have not taken the third year subjects at all, no percentage of marks in the first and second year subjects would carry them to the fourth year. It is not a question of standard, it is a question of pre-requisite subjects. I think that sub-paragraph 2 might just as well be eliminated so far as this year's report is concerned, unless it is that the Commandant desires to convince the authorities that the standard of teaching at the Royal Military College conforms to a university standard. If that is his idea I believe the reading of the papers by university examiners would serve a useful purpose. If the other members of the Board agree I am willing to recommend that the Department set aside the sum of \$500. this year to cover the expenses of such an examiner.

Paragraph 3. Concurred in.

Paragraph 4. Concurred in.

Paragraph 5. I think the addition of the sub-paragraph suggested by Colonel Brown should form part of the report.

Paragraph 6. I concur in the addition of the clause which Colonel Brown suggests should be added.

Paragraph 7. I have no objection to the amendment suggested in Colonel Brown's Memorandum.

Paragraph 8. Concurred in.

Paragraph 9. I notice in the sub-paragraph on CAVALRY and EQUITATION that Captain Bray's name is mentioned, and in the Assault-at-Arms in the Gymnasium Lieut. Cutbush's name is also mentioned. The work of these two officers did not impress me as being sufficiently outstanding to justify the Board of Visitors in mentioning their names in the Report and leaving out the names of the officers who were responsible

for the instruction in the other Departments. I consider their names should be eliminated.

Paragraph 10.       Concurred in.

Paragraph 11.       Concurred in.

I do not think I have anything further to add, but in conclusion, I would like to express once more the opinion that the Board of Governors next year should be encouraged to give extra consideration to the academic work provided in the College curriculum.

I regret the long delay in forwarding these remarks.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,  
Board of Visitors of Royal Military College

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS 1921

The Board assembled at the Royal Military College on Friday, June 3rd, 1921.

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3. ACADEMIC BOARD, R.M.C.

The Board approved of the steps taken by the Commandant in appointing an Academic Board at the College, which is composed of the Director of Studies as chairman, and the heads of each branch as members. This Academic Board will look over all the written examination papers after they have been marked by the examiner; they will decide whether the marks awarded are fair and they will make a special report to the Commandant as to why a boy who has failed cannot go on.

4. TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT

The Board strongly recommends that all tailoring work of the Gentlemen Cadets should be done entirely by the R.M.C. Tailoring Staff.

5. BUILDINGS. DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION

The Board approves of the recommendation of the Commandant that the Fort Frederick Dormitory building should be completed by the addition of the two wings without delay, and further recommend that the Commandant in re-submitting his request, should mention the following facts, which have been embodied in his Annual Report for the year 1920-21 :-

The present year, 1921, 56 Gentleman Cadets will graduate: therefore 56 successful candidates writing will be admitted to the College.

In 1922 only 39 Gentlemen Cadets will graduate: therefore only 39 successful candidates writing will be admitted to the College.

The following year, 1923, only 15 Gentlemen Cadets will graduate: therefore only 15 of the successful Candidates can be admitted.

As soon as the fact that only fifteen candidates may be admitted to the Royal Military College in 1923 becomes generally known, there will be great dissatisfaction throughout the country. The Board strongly recommends that the Minister of Militia take action at once to have work commenced on the additional accommodation required for Fort Frederick Dormitory, so not only will accommodation be available in the year 1923 to take in the same number of successful candidates as this year, namely 56, but that the accommodation be increased so that the total accommodation of the College for cadets will be 300, thus permitting the admission of 75 successful candidates in 1923 and subsequent years.

6. STATUS OF PAY & RANK OF MEMBERS OF THE SUPERIOR STAFF

The Board of Visitors again recommend that both the Military and Civil members of the Superior Staff be made homogeneous, both as regards rank and pay, and further recommend that the proposition of the Commandant, as submitted last year, be adopted (which is as follows) :-

"For purposes of pay, the various members of the Superior Staff would be graded for pay as under,-

Director of Studies - On appointment, on the basis of a Colonel, Permanent Force, plus \$100 per annum, with annual increase of \$100 per year to a maximum of \$500.

Professor - On appointment on the basis of Lieut. Colonel, Permanent Force, plus \$100 per annum with annual increase of \$100 to a maximum of \$500.

- Associate Professor - On appointment on the basis of a Major, Permanent Force, plus \$100 per annum, with annual increase of \$100 to a maximum of \$500 per annum.
- Instructor - On appointment, on the basis of a Captain, Permanent Force, with additional pay as laid down for an Associate Professor.

The manner in which it is suggested that this change be brought about is that for what may be known as the "Present Civil Appointments" (such as Professor of Mathematics, etc. etc.) to the Superior Staff of the Royal Military College, any gentleman appointed to fill a vacancy who does not already hold a commission would be appointed to the Canadian Militia, given temporary rank, posted to the General List Canadian Militia, and from there shown as an Officer of the Active Militia actively employed on the Staff of the Royal Military College of Canada.

On appointment as above, the suggestion is that the rank should be that of a Lieutenant on first appointment, and the temporary or local rank granted in accordance with the appointment to be held on the College Staff. Gentlemen granted appointments under these provisions would be required to qualify for the rank of Lieutenant within the usual time limit prescribed for Officers appointed to the non-permanent Active Militia.

In the case of Officers of the British Regular Forces, or of the non-permanent Militia, the rank held by an Officer on appointment to the College Staff will have no bearing on the emoluments to be received by him, the ranks suggested above being the determining factor in computing the pay to be enjoyed by the incumbent and also as a guide in appointing those gentlemen to Military rank who, as aforesaid, have not previously held commissions in the Army. It is to be understood that notwithstanding these provisions, an Officer of the British Regular Army or Canadian Permanent Forces, whose rank is below the rank laid down for the appointment which he is to hold, may be given temporary rank of his appointment during the period which he holds the same."

In the event of an Officer of the Permanent Force being appointed to a position on the College Staff, in no case will the pay of his appointment be below his Regimental Pay and Allowances."

#### 7. SERVANTS

The Board was again asked by the Commandant to approve his suggestion concerning Servants at the Royal Military College, which is as follows:-

"The Board concur in the recommendation of the Commandant with regard to Servants, as follows:-

That the Royal Military College servants should be placed on a military basis and that in order to accomplish this, they should be enlisted in the C.M.S.C. Section "B", and shown as on command to the Royal Military College. The enlistment of these servants in the C.M.S.C. is recommended for the reason that it is felt that in some cases the categories of the men employed for this position would not permit of their enlistment in other Permanent Force Units. The Board consider it would be a distinct advantage to the College to place the servants on a military basis, more especially from a disciplinary view. This would be a charge against the R.M.C. Vote.

#### 8. IMPROVEMENT OF COLLEGE AREA

The Commandant submitted a scheme for the planting of trees in the College area, which is recommended by the Board.

#### 9. TRAINING

Cavalry & Equitation. The Board viewed with great pleasure the excellent equitation in the cavalry movements performed by the Gentlemen Cadets, and in the mounted sports.

Artillery. The Battery Gun Drill carried out by the 2nd Class was very smart and very well executed.

Military Engineering. The Military Engineering, bridging and demolitions, as demonstrated before the Board, were considered to be of a very high standard.

Infantry Drill and Ceremonial. The Board viewed with satisfaction the performance of Infantry Drill and Rifle Exercises, which were carried out in a very smart manner. The only comment being that the very difficult operation of saluting with the sword could be improved upon.

Trench Raiding. The Board witnessed with great pleasure the daylight raid on a section of trenches by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes.

Command and Instruction. In the different branches of the service the Gentlemen Cadets not only took actual command of the Squadrons, Troops, Companies, Platoons, etc., but imparted instruction in a very efficient manner. This, the Board understands, is a new departure, and has not hitherto been attempted in the curriculum of training.

Assault-At-Arms in the Gymnasium. The Physical Training in both floor and apparatus work carried out by the whole College was excellent.

#### 10. DISCIPLINE

The Board examined the conduct sheets of the Gentlemen Cadets and found that the discipline of the College for the past year had been excellent.

#### 11. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF GENTLEMEN CADETS

On examination of the Medical Records of the College the Board found that the health of the Gentlemen Cadets during the past year had been very good.

The Board having had the privilege of witnessing the Gentlemen Cadets carry out several phases of their military and physical training, and having made numerous enquiries regarding the academic side of the instruction, and consulted the health and punishment charts and other documents connected with the administration of the Royal Military College, desire to place on record their high appreciation of the services of the Commandant and Staff.

Many useful and valuable innovations have been introduced by the Commandant, which will undoubtedly tend to further increase the welfare and efficiency of all concerned.

The Staff have worked with enthusiasm and devotion, with the excellent results already noted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

54  
November  
Eleventh  
1921.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
Ottawa.

Sir:-

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Sir,

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Department of Militia and Defence, <sup>SB/EL</sup> HQ.74-4-20

Ottawa, Canada,

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS 1921

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Members - Colonel Sir John Hendrie, CMMG. CVO.  
 Commissioner A.B. Perry, CMG. R.C.M.P.  
 Brig. General W.A. Griesbach, CMG. DSO.  
 Lt. Col. F. Wanklyn  
 Lt. Col. W.B. Kingsmill, DSO.  
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 Minister)  
 Colonel J. Sutherland Brown, CMG. DSO. (representing the C.G.S.)  
 Colonel W. Gibsons, CMG. DSO. OBE.

Secretary - Capt. Stuart C. Bate, The R.C.R.

The following members were unavoidably absent, and expressed their regrets at not being able to attend:-

E.W. Beatty, Esq., K.C.  
 Hector McInnes, Esq., K.C.  
 Sir Augustus Nanton, K.B.  
 Colonel A.Z. Palmer, CMG.  
 Dr. A.C. Mackay  
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Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the program, as submitted by the Commandant for the Board of Visitors, was altered.

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April  
Twentieth  
1922.

Major-General Sir Eugene Fiset, K.C.M.G.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Militia & Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear Fiset:-

I have your H.Q. 74-19 dated April  
18th and beg to advise that I shall be very pleased  
to act as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal  
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the 2nd and 3rd of June next.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



SB/EL

HQ.74-19

Department of Militia and Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

April 18th, 1922

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable, the Minister of Militia and Defence, has great pleasure in submitting your name to His Excellency, the Governor in Council, as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year, in accordance with Para. 24 of the Royal Military College Regulations, copy of which is enclosed.

The visit to the College will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of June next.

Will you please state for the information of the Honourable, the Minister, if it will be convenient for you to attend.

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

(Eug. Fiset)

Major-General,  
Deputy Minister.

Lieut. General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
GCMG. etc.etc.etc.,  
President, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

April  
Twenty-third  
1923.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your HQ.74-4-21,  
dated April 18th, I have the honour to inform  
you that I shall be pleased to act as Chairman  
of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College,  
for the ensuing year.

The dates mentioned in your  
letter, namely the 8th and 9th of June, will  
be convenient for me to attend at the College.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Desbarats, Esq.,  
Acting Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.



CANADA

Department of National Defence HQ.74-4-21

(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,  
April 18th, 1923

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable, the Minister of National Defence, has great pleasure in submitting your name to His Excellency, the Governor in Council, as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year, in accordance with Para.25 of the "R.M.C. Regulations & Calendar", copy of which is enclosed.

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May 18th, 1922.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Board of Visitors,  
Royal Military College,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your HQ. 74-4-19 dated  
May 16th, I shall leave Montreal the night of the  
1st-2nd of June and propose returning on Sunday  
June 4th.

I shall, therefore, require one  
round trip ticket from Montreal to Kingston and  
return, one berth Montreal to Kingston and one  
Chair Kingston to Montreal - the latter dated June  
4th. Will you please arrange transportation  
on the Grand Trunk.

Yours faithfully,



SB/EL

Department of Militia and Defence HQ.74-4-19

Ottawa, Canada,

May 16th, 1922

Sir,-

Adverting to Headquarters' letter of the 18th ultimo and your reply thereto of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to state that you have been appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year by His Excellency, the Governor in Council.

Will you please state, by return mail, from what point to Kingston and return transportation is required, when Railway Warrant will be sent you from here.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*Stuart C. Bate*  
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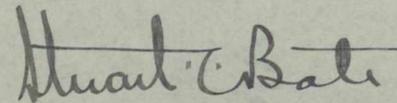
Ottawa, Canada,

May 20th, 1922

Sir,-

Referring to your communication of the 18th instant, I have the honour to enclose, for your information, the Agenda and Time Table for the meeting of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, also Transportation Warrants from Montreal to Kingston and return.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
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July 3rd, 1922.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Advisory Board R.M.C.,  
Dept. of Militia & Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Captain Bate:-

Upon my return to Montreal this morning I found awaiting me your letter of June 15th containing draft copy in duplicate of the Report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College for the present year.

On page 1, paragraph 2 the Board approves of the suggestion of the Commandant that permission be sought from the President of the Conference of Canadian Universities "to have the Royal Military College represented at that Conference by one member of the academic staff of the Royal Military College". It is quite apparent that as the Royal Military College is not a member of the Association of Canadian Universities, it has not the right to detail one of its staff to attend that conference.

On page 2, paragraph 5, Royal Military College Calendar - after the word "candidate" I would suggest adding the words "on application".

Page 3, paragraph 10, Discipline - instead of the words "on examination of" I would prefer "as disclosed by".

I suggest the addition of another paragraph no. 11 on Academic Instruction.

The Board gave earnest consideration to the number of hours per week devoted to academic work as compared to the number devoted to physical training and

Captain Stuart Bate - 2 -

military exercises. The Board also took under consideration the total number of hours per week which the cadets were required to attend for instructional purposes. The Commandant gave the assurance that during the coming year he and the Academic Board would give both these matters their serious consideration, and that a report on them would be submitted to the Advisory Board when they assembled in 1923.

I would suggest that you change the last paragraph altogether:

The Board were very much pleased and very much impressed by all they saw at the College and again wish to place on record their high appreciation of the services rendered the College by the Commandant and Staff.

I note that in some places you say, "the Board recommends" and in other places "the Advisory Board strongly recommend". I think it would be better to use the singular all through.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman  
Advisory Board R.M.C.



CANADA

SB/EL

Department of Militia and Defence HQ.74-4-19

Ottawa, Canada,

June 15th, 1922

Sir,-

I beg to forward herewith, in duplicate, draft copy of the Report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the present year, 1922, for your approval or otherwise.

Should you approve of the draft as it stands, I am to request that you sign one copy and return same to me. If there are any changes which you consider necessary, will you please mark the points in question and submit the corrections you wish made.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD - 1922

The Board assembled at the Royal Military College on Friday, June 2nd, 1922.

Chairman - General Sir A.W.Currie, GCMG.KCB.etc.etc.etc.

Members - Senator, the Honourable, Hewitt Bostock  
Lieut.Colonel R.B.Eaton  
Brig.General D.M.Ormond, CMG.DSO.  
Lieut.Colonel & Canon Ad.Sylvestre  
Lieut.Colonel W.J.Osborne  
Hon.Mr.Justice F.Haszard  
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of Alexandria  
Major-General J.H.McBrien, CB. CMG. DSO.  
(Chief of the General Staff)  
Colonel C.L.Panet (representing the  
Deputy Minister)

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The following members expressed their regrets at not being able to attend:-

Sir Augustus M.Nanton, K.B.  
E.W.Beatty, Esq., K.C.  
Dr.A.C.Mackay  
G.F.Pearson, Esq., LL.B.  
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The Board assembled at the College on the above mentioned date and was met by the Commandant and members of the Staff.

Several changes were made in the programme as submitted by the Commandant for the Advisory Board, owing to the rainy weather.

1. EXAMINATION FOR ENTRANCE, R.M.C.

The Advisory Board gave consideration to the New Regulations governing entrance to the Royal Military College which are now in force for the first year, but was divided in its opinion as to whether in the case of the Province of Quebec the allotment of vacancies should be subdivided between "French" and "English" speaking candidates. In view of all the circumstances, the Board recommends that as there Regulations are now in force and the examinations in some of the Provinces have commenced, that no change be made at present, but that this matter be brought up before the Advisory Board again next year.

2. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Board recommends the suggestion of the Commandant that a member of the Academic Staff of the Royal Military College be detailed to attend the Educational Conference which is to be held in Winnipeg in June this year.

3. SERVANTS

The Board again concur in the recommendation of the Commandant with regard to the Servants at the College, which is as follows:-

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4. INSTRUCTION OF SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING TO 4TH CLASS

The Board is of the opinion that there is not sufficient time available under the present syllabus of training for the recruit class to be instructed in shorthand and typewriting, but decided that this question should be left to the Academic Board to submit a report for the next meeting of the Advisory Board.

5. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CALENDAR

The Advisory Board strongly recommend that there should be an R.M.C. Calendar printed, which could be sent out to all the Educational Institutions in Canada and to the parents and guardians of prospective candidates.

6. BUILDINGS, DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION

The Advisory Board again approve of the recommendation of the Commandant, and strongly recommend that the Fort Frederick dormitory building be completed by the addition of the two wings without delay, and it is further recommended that in re-submitting his request, the Commandant should state the following, which appears in his Annual Report for 1921-22 :-

"This is most essential, since we will be unable to take in the average number of recruits in 1923 unless further accommodation to the College is ~~provided~~ provided. It is pointed out that admission to the College is governed entirely by the number of vacancies caused by Cadets leaving, and only 15 gentlemen cadets will graduate in 1923."

7. COLLEGE TRANSPORT

The Board strongly recommends that steps be taken by Militia Headquarters to procure a motor truck for use at the College to replace the one which is now unserviceable.

8. TRAINING

Military Engineering. The military engineering, demolitions, wiring, rock drilling and diving, as presented before the Board, were considered to be of an excellent character.

Cavalry. On account of the rainy weather and the poor condition of the ground, the inspection of the 1st and 2nd classes, as a cavalry squadron, had to be cancelled.

Artillery. The artillery gun drill, as presented by the 4th class, was very efficiently and well carried out.

Infantry Drill and Ceremonial. The Board viewed with great pleasure the very smart manner in which the gentlemen cadets carried out their performance of infantry drill and rifle exercises.

Gymnastic Display. The Board viewed with satisfaction the excellent work carried out in the gymnastic display, as presented by all the cadets.

9. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF GENTLEMEN CADETS

The Board examined the medical records of the College and found that the health of the cadets for the past year had been very good.

10. DISCIPLINE

The discipline for the last year at the College was found to have been excellent on examination of the conduct sheets for the gentleman cadets.

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The Board having made numerous inquiries regarding the Academic instruction and having seen the Gentlemen Cadets perform several phases of their military and physical training, and consulted the health and punishment charts and other documents connected with the administration of the College, wish to again place on record their high appreciation of the services rendered the College by the Commandant and Staff.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman  
Advisory Board, R.M.C.

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Members,  
Advisory Board, R.M.C.

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University of Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 9, 1923.

The President,  
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 22, 1923 to Dean Mitchell was presented to Council and the matter referred to the Committee on Applications and Memorials, who submitted the following recommendations which were received by Council on April 6;

- "(1) A student who has met the requirements for entrance to the Royal Military College be required to pass in addition the honour matriculation subjects prescribed for entrance to this Faculty, or to complete the first two years of the regular four year course of the Royal Military College in order to be admitted to this Faculty. "
- "(2) For admission to advanced standing, graduates and undergraduates who have completed more than two years of the regular four year course will be admitted on conditions to be determined from time to time, depending upon the standing presented and upon the department the applicant wishes to enter. Graduates with exceptionally good standing might be admitted to the fourth year in Civil Engineering or to the third year in Mining, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering, or to the second year in Chemical or Metallurgical Engineering."

Further, it was the opinion of the Council that the question of admission of students in Engineering Faculties in other Universities in Canada should also be considered. In consequence, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Committee on Applications and Memorials be requested to consider the rules with respect to admission to this Faculty in the case of students entering from the Engineering Faculties in other

The Committee further  
recommends that the present

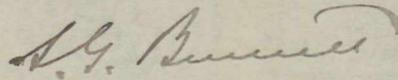
R.M.C. Committee be continued.

The President, University of Toronto.

Universities in Canada."

As soon as there is a report from this Committee I shall send you a copy. It will probably be after the first Council meeting in May.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S.G. Bennett".

SGB/EB.

Secretary.

It makes bold to suggest to the college <sup>authorities</sup> the wisdom of ~~adhering closely~~ to those subjects ~~clearly~~ distinctly allied to military science.

The ~~conclusions~~ conclusions of the committee are that cadet graduates and undergraduates who have completed more than two years of the regular four year course can only be admitted to university courses on conditions to be determined ~~by~~ <sup>and</sup> depending upon the standing determined from time to time and upon the department the applicant wishes to enter. Graduates with exceptionally good standing might be admitted to the fourth year in civil engineering or to the third year in the other branches of engineering.

The principle which ~~underlies~~ well and will be that he will receive all possible credit for the work done at the college;

The committee recommends that the conference approve of this principle and that it appoint a committee of three <sup>one each from Toronto, Niagara and McGill</sup> ~~one each from Toronto, Niagara and McGill~~ <sup>Brig Gen Mitchell Col. A. Macphail</sup> ~~Brig Gen Mitchell Col. A. Macphail~~ whose duty it shall be to visit the ~~colleges~~ and consult with the RMC authorities with a view to determining what credit can be granted the cadet graduate and ~~advised~~ <sup>for the purpose of advising with the RMC as to</sup> measures to be taken <sup>in order to secure greater credit than at present</sup>

Memorandum addressed to the Committee appointed to consider the recognition of advanced standing of Cadets from the Royal Military College.

Whilst entering into the question of the admission of graduate Cadets to the Universities and the standing that may be granted to them it is requested that consideration may be given to the following points:-

In view of the experience in military training gained during the war it was decided in 1919 to increase the length of the course at the R.M.C. from three years to four years and to raise the standard of admission to that of Pass Matriculation of a recognized Canadian University. The effects of these changes will not be seen in full for another two years, but it is expected that they will make a very great difference in the educational qualifications of the Cadets.

The course at the College has recently been under careful analysis with the object of determining the possibility of providing sufficient time to satisfactorily cover the ground covered in the Universities during their first three years. It is believed that this could be done in certain Departments in which the Royal Military College is especially interested. The College is now provided with ample laboratories, draughting rooms, machine shop, and assay room. The apparatus, with the additions now contemplated, is thought to be adequate. It is proposed that the course at the R.M.C. during the first two years will be a general course, prescribed both in its military and civil features by the needs of the military service, the primary object for which the College exists. There will be a certain amount of time particularly in the last year available for specialization in whatever subjects the students may require, and which can be adequately taught, with the staff and equipment which may be available.

It is, then, the intention of the authorities at the College to proceed to improve the course. They believe that in so doing they will satisfy the requirements of the Universities for the first three years of certain courses, but they wish to do this with the full knowledge of the Universities.

The necessity of this can be pointed out very shortly. The young men in attendance at the College are, when they graduate, between twenty and twentytwo years of age. Only about one in ten go into the Permanent Services and the remaining great majority must seek employment in civil life. Many consider the education and training received at the College to be sufficient, but an increasingly large proportion seek to improve themselves by taking what is for them a post-graduate course in the Universities. It is particularly on behalf of the latter that this appeal to the Universities' representatives is now made and it is requested that the same generous spirit that is shown towards the post-graduate student from other Institutions may be shown towards the Ex-Cadet in placing him to the best advantage in the Undergraduate body. It is also hoped that the Universities will recognize the importance of this matter from a national point of view. Only through the successful accomplishment of this aim can the Royal Military College hope to secure the necessary number of recruits each year and hold them throughout

- 3) Greatly increased <sup>2</sup> laboratory facilities are now available at R.M.C. There are in chemical laboratory, machine shop, assay room, and drafting rooms particularly.
- 4) The lengthened course and the revised curriculum permit a greater degree of specialization particularly in the fourth year.

Generally speaking the universities grant to the graduate cadet two years standing in any branch of applied science, though some universities are considering the revision of this somewhat arbitrary agreement.

The committee <sup>takes</sup> ~~has~~ into consideration the fact that cadets may ~~matriculate~~ enter at 16 yrs of age ~~whereas~~ ~~it is~~ and that the entrance requirement is only pass matriculation—a standard which it approves for the kind. It recognizes the necessity and importance of the service which the College is rendering and <sup>believes</sup> ~~is~~ ~~even~~ that every encouragement should be extended to it by the universities. The committee knows that many of the cadets look forward to a university course on graduation and believes they should receive all possible consideration for the work done at the college <sup>and be placed to the best advantage in the university under a suitable</sup> yet ~~it feels~~ <sup>it feels</sup> that the standard and value of the university degree must be maintained.

the period of four years that has been considered necessary for a complete military education, and so attain the object for which the College was established.

Report of Committee appointed to consider  
request of Royal Military Colleges.

The Committee met at Queen's University on

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>. There were present:

Sir Robert Falconer, <sup>Principal</sup> ~~Principal~~ <sup>Queen's University</sup> Bruce Taylor, Dean <sup>Queen's</sup> Fox  
Western, Dr. Colin, Montreal, Professor Dawson <sup>Queen's</sup> R.C.  
Brig Gen. Andrew Macnaughton C.M.G. D.S.O. General Staff  
Military College  
Ottawa. and Sir Arthur Currie Convenor.

The Royal Military Colleges authorities ask the  
Universities of Canada to consider the possibility of  
granting to cadet graduates, three years standing  
in the following departments of applied science:

Civil engineering <sup>and</sup> mechanical engineering. Mention  
was made of granting the same credit in the departments  
of electrical engineering and chemical engineering  
but this was not pressed. because of

The Dept. have their request ~~the~~ the following changes  
in their curriculum.

- 1) The course has been extended from three yrs to four years.
- 2) The military curriculum has been revised <sup>increasing</sup> ~~increasing~~  
proportion number of hours given to civil subjects

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The Royal Military College of Canada

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PROGRAMME

FOR THE OPENING OF

The Sir Arthur Currie Hall

By

THE HONOURABLE G. P. GRAHAM

Minister of Militia and Defence

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Wednesday, May 17th, 1922

## PROGRAMME

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1. The Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence and General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., are received with a General Salute by the Gentlemen Cadets of the 1st and 2nd Classés.
2. "O Canada" (to be sung standing)

O, Canada! our home, our native land,  
True patriot love, thou dost in us command.  
We see thee rising, fair dear land,  
The true North strong and free,  
And stand on guard, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee

O, Canada! O, Canada!  
O, Canada! We stand on guard for thee.  
O, Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
3. Opening Prayer—Major the Very Reverend Dean G. L. Starr (Honorary Chaplain, R.M.C.)
4. Address—Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant, R.M.C.
5. Address—The Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence  
(Who declares the Hall open by undraping the portrait of General Sir Arthur Currie)
6. Address—General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
7. Recessional Hymn - - (By Rudyard Kipling)

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle-line.  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The Captains and the Kings depart:  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

Far called, our navies melt away,  
On dune and headland sinks the fire;  
Lo! all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre.  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

If drunk with sight of power we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe  
Such boasting as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the law.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust,  
In reeking tube and iron shard.  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard.  
For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

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8. Benediction—Captain the Rev. Father F. J. Nicholson, M.C.
9. God Save the King.
10. The Gentlemen Cadets give a General Salute as the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence and General Sir Arthur Currie leave the Hall.

## The Sir Arthur Currie Hall.

The Hall to be opened was designed as part of the Educational Building by the Department of Public Works (Mr. T. W. Fuller, Asst. Chief Architect). On the completion of the Hall in 1920, the present Commandant, Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., obtained the permission of the Department of Militia and Defence to name the Hall, The Sir Arthur Currie Hall, "In honour of General Sir Arthur W Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., the victorious native-born Commander of the Canadian Corps in the Great War."

His aim was that the Hall in addition should commemorate every unit which comprised the Corps. Major D. Stuart Forbes, M.C., R. C. M. G. Brigade, generously offered to paint the badges of the Units composing the Canadian Corps.

Professor P. E. Nobbs, M.A., R.C.A., A.R.A.I.C., of Messrs. Nobbs and Hyde, Architects, Montreal, designed the decoration of the Hall, and certain funds were voted by the Government for such decorations as have been accomplished to date. Mrs. D. S. Forbes assisted her husband and worked the design on the lambrequin, and Lieutenant E. T. Adney, R.O., C.E.F., made the Provincial Shields.

All the work in the Hall has been accomplished since the beginning of March. Prior to then, the walls and ceilings were of white distemper and only six of the badges had been completed.

T. Loxton Rawbon, Esq., of Kingston, copied the paintings of Sir Arthur Currie and the Divisional Commanders, the originals of which were lent to the College by the Directors of the National Art Gallery through the kindness of Sir Edmund Walker.

The badges from which the designs were copied, were obtained through the kindness of many Canadians throughout the Dominion.

May 11th, 1923.

TO:-  
The Commandant,  
Royal Military College.

Sir,

With further reference to the paragraph in my report in which I suggested the desirability of broadening out the course during the last two years at the Royal Military College, and in order to place the results of the discussion held on May 8th in a concrete form and so to make possible a further analysis of the proposition, I beg to lay before you the following suggestions and considerations:-

Optional Courses.

At the beginning of their third year, Cadets will be given the option of following, during the remaining two years of their course, one of the following four courses.

- (1) Civil Engineering.
- (2) Mechanical Engineering.
- (3) Chemical Engineering.
- (4) Business and Commerce.

The courses will be the same for all during the first two years and will be the same for all during the last two years in military subjects, in physical training and in riding.

Alterations in the present Course.

The objective that it is desired to attain is that at the end of the four years' course at the Royal Military College a Cadet will have completed a course which will equal the first three years in any of the above mentioned Courses in any University, and still retain without the slightest detraction the efficiency in military training that exists at present. I outline the changes in the course, as at present organized that must be made in order to gain the time necessary. I believe that these involve no sacrifice of efficiency, but will lead to better results all round.

- (1) The subject of Artillery to be dropped during the Academic Year of the Fourth Class. The remaining three years of the Course in Artillery to remain as at present, but commencing after the final examinations in May of the first year of the Course.
- (2) Lectures in Military Engineering to be held in abeyance until the Cadets have studied Mechanics. The practical work in M.E. to continue as now with the addition of the hours now given to Signalling in the Fourth Class.
- (3) Signalling for the Fourth Class to be dropped and the Course in Signalling to be restricted to the Morse code and study of the instruments with their care.
- (4) The Fourth Class to have three periods a week in P.T. instead of four, as now.
- (5) The subject of Mechanics to be thoroughly studied during the First year.
- (6) One hour a week more Drawing in the Fourth Class.
- (7) One two hours period in Practical Chemistry per week given to the Fourth Class.
- (8) One two hours period in Mathematics to be given over after Christmas to Descriptive Geometry for the Third Class.

- (9) The Second Class to have four periods a week in Mathematics instead of six as at present - to make up for the two periods a week in Mechanics gained by the Fourth Class - these two periods to be devoted to D.G. or special subjects.
- (10) The time now allotted to the Department of Physics and Chemistry for the two senior classes to be reduced by giving up one period a week in Chemistry for the Second Class and one period in Physics, two periods in Chemistry and one Laboratory Period for the First Class, - these periods to be devoted to special subjects.
- (11) Both periods in P.T. and both periods in Riding in the present programme for the First Class to be made optional - hours for the optional P.T.'s and for one optional Ride to be provided in the Programme of Studies.
- (12) French to be no longer required from students in the First Class following one or other of the Engineering options but to be an important subject for those following the fourth option.
- (13) Workshops and M.E. for the Third Class to be dove-tailed subjects.
- (14) Economics to replace one period in French for the First Class.

Specimen Programme of hours.

I attach sheets which give some indication of the study and drill programmes for the four classes. These sheets do not give correct indication of the sequence of subjects as I have not yet worked that out.

Comparative statement of the Aggregate Number of Hours in the Proposed Courses compared with corresponding courses at the named Universities, taken from their published calendars.

Hours in CIVIL ENGINEERING in proposed Course at the Royal Military College compared with the hours devoted to the same course at Queen's, at S.P.S. and at McGill.

SUBJECTS.	PROPOSED R.M.C.	PRESENT. R.M.C.	QUEEN'S.	S.P.S.	McGILL.
Mathematics. (3 years)	193		286	130	297
Mechanics.	<u>104</u>		<u>52</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>156</u> 182
	297	297	338	279	453
X Physics and Laboratory.	208	260	264	193	260
X Chemistry and Laboratory.	260	302	234	208	156
Surveying and Astronomy.	274 (camp)	248	316	332 (Camp)	104 (Camp)

SUBJECTS.	PROPOSED R.M.C.	PRESENT. R.M.C.	QUEEN'S	S.P.S.	McGILL.
Workshops.	78	52	78	52	195
Drawing & D.G.	366	299	338	1012	501
General Eng'r'g.	312		308	178	336
Mechanical "	180		78	0	0
Hydraulics	78		52	97	37
Structural "	52		156	0	60
Municipal "	26		30	74	0
Railway. "	52		115	0	208
Electrical "	26		41	59	0
	<u>1066</u>	<u>1002</u>	<u>1512</u>	<u>1856</u>	<u>1441</u>
Geology, Min., Met <del>xxxxxxx</del>	(Included in	Chemistry)	26	167	60
Least Squares.	0	0	0	15	0
Business.	16	16	0	15	0
Economics.	26	0	0	26	30
Commercial Law.	0	0	0	26	0
Public Speaking.	10	10	0	11	0
French.	91	143	0	0	0
English.	91	91	52	26	52

In making the above comparison, subjects must be grouped, since the same work is placed under different designations in different Institutions, as workshops at McGill covers Mechanical Engineering in part.

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Hours in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING in proposed course at the Royal Military College compared with the hours devoted to the same course at Queen's, at S.P.S. and at McGill.

Mathematics.	193	<del>308</del>	308	119	297
Mechanics.	104		104	167	178
Chemistry and Laboratory.	260		234	182	156
Physics and Laboratory.	208		212	234	260
Electricity and Elect. Eng'r'g.	78		41	152	130
Surveying and Astronomy.	274		212	81	104 (& camp)
Workshops	78 (and hrs at Survey Camp)		156	0	195
Drawing & D.G.	366		338	751	579

SUBJECTS.	PROPOSED R.M.C.	QUEENS.	S.P.S.	McGILL.
General Engineering.	182	208	---	26
Mechanics of Mat.	52	---	97	97
Structural Eng. and Stress Graphics.	---	---	132	60
Hydraulics.	78	52	97	0 <i>John</i>
Mechanical Engineering.	---	353	---	156
Machine Design.	156	---	272	52
Steam, Heat Eng. and Thermodynamics.	104	115	208	52
Theory of Mechanism.	52	---	<del>26</del> 91	---
Mechanics of Machin.	52	---	26	123
Shop Processes.	26	---	---	104
Metallurgy.	---	26	45	---
French.	91	---	---	---
English.	91	52	26	---
Business.	11	---	15	---
Economics.	26	---	26	30
Commercial Law.	---	---	26	---

Hours in the proposed course in CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
at the R.M.C. as compared with the corresponding  
course at Queen's, at S.P.S. and at McGill.

Mathematics. (Three Years)	193	286	97	297
Mechanics.	104	104	134	156
Physics and Laboratory.	247	182	260	260
Chemistry and Laboratory.	819	870	1230	576 (4 wec. summer course)
Drawing and D.G.	366	312	318	468
Surveying and Astronomy.	196	212	0	52 (Camp)
Thermodynamics.	26	22	95	0
General Engineering.	52	208	74	123
Hydraulics.	0	52	79	0
Structural Eng.	0	0	0	60
Mechanical Eng.	52	55	26	175
Workshops.	78	0	0	195
Electrical Eng.	0	41	33	0
Geology.	0	52	0	0
Biology.	0	0	78	0
Mineralogy.	0	78	45	118
Metallurgy.	52	67	75	22
Ore Dressing.	52	41	0	22
Fire Assaying.	0	60	45	0
Commercial Law.	0	0	0	0
Business.	11	0	15	0
Economics.	26	0	26	30
English.	91	52	26	52
French.	91	0	0	0
German.	0	0	78	0

Summer Course for Cadets in Geology, Mineralogy, Metallurgy, approximately 17 days of 8 hours each or 136 hours.

In order to equalize the proposed course with other named course, the Professor of Chemistry considers that he must have a Class on Wednesday afternoon - Industrial and Fire Assay Laboratory.

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Proposed course in BUSINESS AND FINANCE.  
Hours compared with the hours devoted to the complete course at McGill leading to the degree of Bachelor of Commerce.

SUBJECTS.	PROPOSED R.M.C.	MCGILL.		
		1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.
		Lecture hours.		
Accountancy, 2nd Class.	52			
Accountancy, 1st Class.	156	78	78	156
Stenography, 2nd Class.	52			
Stenography, 1st Class.	52	0	0	0
French, 3 Junior Classes.	91			
French, 1st Class.	104	78	78	78
Mathematics, 3 Jr. Classes.	193			
Mathematics, 1st Class. (half study)	208	78	156	78
Economics, Engineering.	26			
Economics.	130	78	78	78
English, 3 Junior Classes.	91	78	78	0
Chemistry, 3 Junior Classes.	208			
Chemistry, 1st Class.	52	0	78	0
Physics, 3 Junior Classes.	130			
Physics, 1st Class.	78	104	0	0
Elem. Engineering Lab.	52	0	0	0

Owing to the need of advancing certain subjects into the Second Class, specialization would have to take place at the beginning of the third year. This specialization would not be very great since the Cadets would follow the same course, in the main, throughout the Third Year.

CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

These courses would remain the same until the beginning of the Fourth Year, when the two sections would have to separate for many classes in their special subjects.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.

Cadets selecting this course would have to follow special classes during their third year in order to obtain the necessary amount of Laboratory experience. In place of taking up the subjects of Elementary General Engineering and Elementary Mechanical Laboratory with the Civils and the Mechanicals, would have special classes in Chemistry and Chemistry Laboratory as shown in the attached programmes. During their First Class, they would take the subjects missed, taking them with the Second Class.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE.

The course to be followed by those selecting this course should receive further consideration before being finally determined. I have drawn up the course submitted herewith after careful study of corresponding or similar courses in the different Universities, but I am in doubt as to the advisability of placing Stenography as an essential part of the course. It is true that in the time available in the proposed syllabus, the students should acquire considerable facility in its application and that knowledge and ability would be of use to them in after life, but I have found it present in no other syllabus. It is a question if the time could not be used to better advantage if devoted to other subjects, such as Accountancy. The Mathematics proposed in this course is what commonly goes under the designation of Mathematics of Investment and Actuarial Mathematics. The study of this subject would be valuable. The study of French has been made an important part of the course. The French to be studied would be business French, embracing commercial correspondence.

In order to get the necessary grounding in Accountancy and in Stenography, if taken, specialization would have to take place at the beginning of the Third Year. I would cancel the Engineering Laboratory in the Second Class, for these specialists, and give them Accountancy and ~~Stenography~~ stenography instead.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

For the Engineering courses, a blacksmith shop with at least six forges, and the necessary tools would be needed.

The present Laboratory equipment should be increased by:-

- (1) 50000-lbs Universal Testing Machine.
- (2) Steel tank and flume for Hydraulic Experiments.
- (3) Storage tank for water, placed 60 to 80 feet above the Laboratory floor.
- (4) 5 Fuel Calorimeters.
- (5) 2 Pressure Gauge Testers.
- (6) 2 Steam Engine Indicators.

The approximate cost of the above is \$5000.

For Chemical Engineering, the following is a list of apparatus that is considered necessary:-

<u>Models of Industrial Equipment.</u>	Hacketted kettle.	\$100.
	Vacuum pump and pan.	500.
	Double effect vaporator and crystallizer.	1000.
	Shelf drier.	300.
	3 wooden vats.	75.
	Dow thickener.	75.
	Nelson cell.	50.
	Sweetland filter press.	100
	Plate and frame filter press.	100
	Lummus still.	500.

<u>Laboratory</u> <u>Apparatus</u> <u>Industrial</u>	Gas analysis Orsat	\$100
	Williams.	75.
	Hempel burettes.	50.
	Flash point apparatus.	35.
	Engler's viscosometer.	75.

<u>Laboratory</u> <u>Apparatus.</u> <u>Physical.</u>	Molecular weight. Beekman.	16.
	Menzies.	11.
	Landsberger.	4.
	Lumsden.	8.
	Thermostat.	400.
	Ostwald pipette.	1.
	Agitators and motor.	30.
	Pulfrich refractometer.	351.
	Solubility pipette	8.
	Polarimeter.	100.
	Miscellaneous & installation.	936.
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		Total.

Floor space is available for the above. Electrical Engineering, if introduced, would require anew Laboratory. The Professor of Engineering considers that the present draughting room space is inadequate.

STAFF.

The introduction of these changes would involve certain additions to the Staff:-

- (1) An Instructor in the subjects of Mineralogy and Metallurgy and and to act as assistant in the Department of Physics and Chemistry would be required. The present Instructor in Chemistry would be made Associate Professor of Chemistry, as recommended in my report.
- (2) An Instructor in Economics and Accountancy would be required. Mr. Gelley is a graduate in Economics and his services might well be used for instructing in this subject, but in that case it would still be necessary to have an Instructor in Accountancy.
- (3) If the subject of Stenography were included in the course, an Instructor in that subject would be required. If a Clerk is allowed for my office, as requested, he should be a man who could perform this work.

(SGD) H.J.DAWSON. Professor.

Director of Studies, RMC.

DRILL AND STUDY ARRANGEMENT.  
October 1st to April 30th.

		8 - 9.	9 - 10	10 - 11	11 - 12	12 - 1	2 - 3	5 - 7
MONDAY.	1st.	(a)-----General Engineering ---- (b)-----Machine Design----- (c)-----Chemistry----- (d)-----French. 2 hrs. Math.----			PHYSICS.	TACTICS.	VOL. P.T.	(a)---Chem. Lab & Phy Lab--- (b)---Chem. Lab and Phy Lab. (c)---Physics Laboratory--- (d)---Chem Lab & Phy. Lab---
	2nd.	TACTICS	PHYSICS	$\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE. $\frac{1}{2}$ ART.	MATH.	MATH.	$\frac{1}{2}$ ART. $\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE.	(a)---Engineering Lab----- (b)---Engineering Lab----- (c)---Physics.----- (d)---Accountancy-----
	3rd.	TACTICS.	MATH.	MATH.	ART.	FRENCH & ENGLISH.	INF. & B.F.	//-----G.D.-----
	4th.	MECHANICS	ENGLISH & FRENCH	CHEMISTRY	MATH.	MATH.	G.D.	-----Musketry & Riding----- (1 period each)
TUESDAY	1st.	RIDE.	(a)-----General Engineering--- (b)-----Elect. Engineering----- (c)-----Chem. & Metallurgy----- (d)-----French & 2 hrs Math---			D.G.	D.G.	(a)---Engineering Lab----- (b)---Thermodynamics----- (c)---Elementary Eng. Lab-- (d)---Elementary Eng. Lab--
	2nd.	P.T.	MATH.	MATH.	M.E.	FRENCH & ENGLISH.	M.G.	-----G.D.-----
	3rd.	MATH.	MATH.	CHEMISTRY.	FRENCH & ENGLISH	TACTICS.	$\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE $\frac{1}{2}$ ART.	-----Chemistry Lab-----
	4th.	ENGLISH & FRENCH	MECHANICS	FRENCH & ENGLISH	MATH.	MATH.	P.T.	-----Chemistry Lab-----

DRILL AND STUDY ARRANGEMENT.  
October 1st to April 30th.

CLASS.		8 / 9	9 - 10	10 - 11	11 - 12	12 - 1	2 - 3	5 - 7
W E D N E S D A Y	1st.	(a) -----Surveying & Astronomy----- (b) -----Surveying and Astronomy----- (c) -----Chemistry Lab----- (d) -----Accountancy, Economics-----			PHYSICS	ARTILLERY	H A L F	
	2nd.	INFANTRY	FRENCH & ENGLISH.	TACTICS.	D.G.	D.G.	/	
	3rd.	RIDE.	WORKSHOPS & M.E.	WORKSHOPS & M.E.	MECHANICS	MECHANICS.	H O L I D A Y	
	4th.	FRENCH & ENG.	MATH.	MATH.	TACTICS.	P.T.		
T H U R S D A Y	1st.	TACTICS.	(a) General Engineering----- (b) --General Engineering----- (c) --Ore Dressing.----- (d) --Math. 2 hrs French-----		M.E.		P.T.	(a) Engineering Lab----- (b) Thermo Lab----- (c) Chemistry Lab----- (d) Accountancy-----
	2nd.	P.T.	FRENCH & ENG.	CHEMISTRY	MATH.	MATH.	RIDE.	(a) Engineering Lab----- (b) Engineering Lab----- (c) Chemistry Lab----- (d) Stenography.-----
	3rd.	$\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE. $\frac{1}{2}$ ART.	MATH.	MATH.	G.D.	G.D.	INF & B.F.	$\frac{1}{2}$ MUSK.   $\frac{1}{2}$ MUSK. $\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE.   $\frac{1}{2}$ ART.
	4th.	ENGLISH & HIST.	TACTICS.	MECHANICS.	MATH.	MATH	P.T.	G.D.   G.D.

DRILL AND STUDY ARRANGEMENT.  
October 1st to April 30th.

CLASS		8 - 9	9 - 10	10 - 11	11 - 12	12 - 1	2 - 3	5 - 7
F R I D A Y	1st.	(a) -----Hydraulics----- (b) -----Hydraulics----- (c) -----Chemistry----- (d) -----Math 2 hrs.Econom.1 hr			CHEMISTRY	(a) Mun.Eng. (b) Sh.Process ART. (c) Chemistry. (d) French.		(a) Railway Eng----- (b) Mehh. Lab----- (c) Chemistry Lab----- (d) Stenography-----
	2nd.	P.T.	MATH	MATH.	ARTILLERY	ASTRONOMY.		Chemistry Lab-----
	3rd.	MATH.	MATH.	FRENCH & ENGL.	WORKSHOPS & M.E.	WORKSHOPS & M.E.	PT.	
	4th. 4th.	TACTICS	FRENCH	MECHANICS	MATH.	MATH .	$\frac{1}{2}$ RIDE. $\frac{1}{2}$ INF.	
S A T U R D A Y	1st.	ECONOMICS	(a) ----Structural Design----- (b) ----Machine Design----- (c) ----Chemistry----- (d) ----Accountancy-----			INFANTRY		
	2nd.	PHYSICS	FRENCH & ENGL.	(a)-Gen.Engineering--- (b)-Gen.Engineering--- (c)-Chemistry----- (d)-Gen.Engineering---		INFANTRY		
	3rd.	FRENCH & ENGL	PHYSICS	MATH. #	MATH. #	INFANTRY		
	4th. 4th.	MATH.	MATH.	CHEMISTRY	FRENCH & ENGL.	INFANTRY		

# G.D. after Christmas.



CANADA

Department of National Defence HQ.74-4-21  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,  
May 11th, 1923

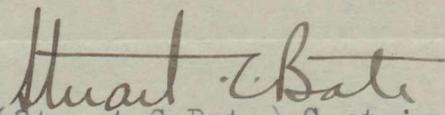
Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd ultimo, and to state that you have been appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year, by His Excellency, the Governor in Council.

Copies of Time-Table and Agenda of the meeting of the Advisory Board will be sent you in due course by the Commandant, R.M.C.

Will you please state, by return mail, from what point to Kingston and return transportation is required, when Railway Warrant will be sent you from here.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Currie,  
GCMG. etc. etc. etc.,  
President, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

May 14th, 1923.

Sir,-

In reply to your HQ.74-4-21, dated May 11th, 1923, I shall require transportation from Montreal to Kingston and return via the Canadian National Railway. This is to include chair accommodation both ways.

Yours faithfully,

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College,  
Militia Service,  
OTTAWA.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

KINGSTON

18th May, 1923.

My dear General,

In connection with your forthcoming visit to Kingston on the 8th June, I am enclosing herewith the Programme, Agenda and Commandant's Report, in order that you will be familiar with the matters to be discussed. Copies have been sent to all members.

Of course, we are expecting that you and Lady Currie will stay at the Commandant's Quarters during

your visit. *I believe Lady Macdonell has written to Lady Currie & know she intends.*

It is perhaps advisable for me to add, as *done* <sup>101</sup> I have told the other Members, that daylight saving time prevails in Kingston and the hours shown in the Programme are in accordance with this system.

With kindest regards,

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

*A. B. Macdonell*

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG, KCB.,  
McGill University, Montreal.

May 25th, 1923.

Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, C.M.G., K.C.B., &c.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th enclosing Programme, Agenda and Commandant's Report with reference to the Royal Military College. I haven't had time to look through them yet but I promise to do so before our meeting in Kingston.

Thank you very much for the invitation for Lady Currie and myself to stay at the Commandant's headquarters during our visit. Of course, we shall be delighted to stay with Lady Macdonell and yourself. It is our intention to go up on the train which leaves Montreal on Friday, the 8th of June at 10 a.m. standard time.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

## PROFESSORS

H. M. MACKAY, CIVIL ENGINEERING  
E. BROWN,  
APPLIED MECHANICS AND HYDRAULICS  
R. DE L. FRENCH,  
HIGHWAY AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING

# McGill University

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING  
AND APPLIED MECHANICS

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

H. M. LAMB,  
CIVIL ENGINEERING  
CYRIL BATHO,  
APPLIED MECHANICS

MONTREAL, June 4th, 1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.MG., K.C.B., etc.  
Principal, McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

After consulting Professors Brown, Eve, Kelly, McKergow and Sullivan, I have drafted the enclosed memorandum regarding the admission of Graduates of the Royal Military College to the Faculty of Applied Science in McGill. All the gentlemen mentioned above have signified their general approval of the memorandum in so far as it concerns their work, and I trust that it will serve your purpose.

Yours faithfully,

*H. M. Mackay*

June 7th, 1923.

Personal

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Militia Council,  
Ottawa.

My dear MacB.:-

I am returning herewith warrants for transport re my visit to the Royal Military College.

I suppose the fault is partly mine that these warrants cannot be used tomorrow when I am going to Kingston. You will note that they are marked "Not good after 31st of May, 1923". When I received them I did not check them over, naturally supposing that the officer who issued them knew that the Board of Visitors met in Kingston on the 8th and 9th of June. On my return I shall submit a statement of expenses. If there is any particular form for me to fill in I wish you would cause the proper department to forward it to me.

Last year, or the year before, I had trouble over this same transportation, in as much as the warrant was drawn against the C.P.R., whereas every one knows that the Grand Trunk is the most convenient line to take from Montreal to Kingston. Noting the signature of the issuing officer I am inclined to think that the mistakes are not altogether unintentional. I think somebody needs a little checking up.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD - 1923

The Board assembled at the College on Friday, the 8th June, 1923.

Chairman : General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG., KCB., etc. etc. etc.

Members : Senator, the Hon. Hewitt Bostock  
Brig. General A.H. Bell, CMG., DSO.  
Brig. General T.F.H. Embury, CB., CMG.  
Lieut. Colonel & Canon Ad. Sylvestre  
Sir Herbert S. Holt  
Lieut. Colonel W.J. Osborne  
Lieut. Colonel F.L. Wanklyn  
Rt. Rev. J.C. Roper, D.D.  
Rt. Rev. Felix Couturier, OBE., MC.  
Major-General A.B. Perry, CMG., ADC.  
Major-General J.H. MacBrien, CB., CMG., DSO.  
(Chief of Staff)  
Lieut. Colonel C.L. Panet (representing  
the Deputy Minister)

Secretary: Captain Stuart C. Bate, The R.C.R.

The following members were unavoidably absent:-

Major-General Sir John M. Gibson, KCMG.  
R. McColl, Esq.  
G.F. Pearson, LL.B.  
E.W. Beatty, K.C.  
Dr. A.C. Mackay  
Hon. Mr. Justice F. Haszard  
Sir Augustus M. Nanton, K.B.

The Board assembled at the College at 3.00 p.m. on the 8th June, and were met by the Commandant and Staff.

Owing ~~xxxxxx~~ again this year to the inclemency of the weather, the programme, as presented by the Commandant for the Advisory Board, was altered.

1. RANKS FOR SENIOR CADETS The Board concur in the recommendation of the Commandant that the Battalion Sergeant-Major (Cadet Battalion Commander) should be designated Senior Under Officer, and that the Company Sergeant-Majors (Cadet Company and Platoon Commanders) should be designated Under Officers; and further, that distinctive badges of rank for the Senior Under Officer and Under Officers should be adopted.

The following Badges are recommended for use of Under Officers, and could be either gold or silver woven, but would be of the same size as those now in use at the College and worn (to indicate academic standing) on the right arm.

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|-------|---|--|
| (i)   | Senior Under Officer (BSM)<br>Cadet Bn. Commander | Crown, worn on each side<br>of the collar      |
| (ii)  | Under Officers,<br>Company Commanders (2)         | Two stars, worn on each<br>side of the collar. |
| (iii) | Under Officers,<br>Platoon Commanders (4)         | One star, worn on each<br>side of the collar.  |

2. FREE ISSUE OF AMMUNITION The Advisory Board do not concur in the recommendation of the Commandant that a free issue of ammunition be given to teams competing in the Canadian Inter-Collegiate Rifle Association. It is considered that as this Rifle League has no claim to be treated differently from any other League, any extra ammunition required should be purchased by them.
3. PIPERS, GUIDES AND MESSENGERS The Board approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that two Pipers be employed at the College, beginning this coming September, at an approximate cost of \$1200 per annum, which might be borne from R.M.C. funds. These men would also be the official Guides and Messengers of the College. This would mean a change in the Establishment.
4. SEAMSTRESS - MASTER TAILOR'S SHOP The Board strongly recommend the employment of an additional Seamstress for the Tailoring Staff at the College for repair work on the Cadets' uniforms only. This would mean a change in the Establishment.
5. INDUCEMENT GIVEN TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SUPERIOR STAFF WHO MAKE THEMSELVES BILINGUAL The Board approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that those members of the Superior Staff who qualify as interpreters should be recognized by the Defence Department as such, and be entitled to any benefits which accrue.
6. SUBSTITUTION OF GERMAN INSTEAD OF FRENCH AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT The Board are of the opinion that this matter should be allowed to stand over for another year.
7. PROMOTION OF DR. McKEE The Board approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that the appointment of Dr. McKee be raised from that of Instructor to that of Associate Professor, in view of his past work at the College and his excellent qualifications.
8. CREATION OF A GRADE TO BE KNOWN AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR The Board do not wish to make any recommendation regarding the creation of a new Grade in the Superior Staff to be known as Assistant Professor.
9. SABBATICAL YEAR FOR PROFESSORS R.M.C. The Board recommend that on the special recommendation of the Commandant and the Director of Studies, and in very exceptional cases, authority be given a Professor to perform in place of his ordinary duties at the College, an approved course of study for a period of one year in order that he may improve his capabilities as a Professor, and in this way be of more use to the College.
10. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GENTLEMEN CADETS The Board consider that it would be too much to ask of the Government to set up anything in this way in view of the already very favourable financial terms under which Gentlemen Cadets may attend the Royal Military College, but recommend that if Scholarships are offered by any individuals, that they be accepted by the College.
11. EMPLOYMENT OF GENTLEMEN CADETS DURING SUMMER HOLIDAY The Advisory Board do not approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that the Government should be approached with a view to obtaining employment for the Cadets during their summer holidays.

12. BROADENING OUT OF COURSE, R.M.C. The Board are of the opinion that the questioning of the broadening out of the course at the College so as to make it wholly equal to the Civil Engineering Courses in the Universities, in their first three years, and the specialization of Cadets in their last year in such subjects as Chemical Engineering, Law, Actuarial Science, etc., should stand over for the present.
13. INSTRUCTION IN SHOEING HORSES The Board do not approve of the creation of a suitable forge for imparting instruction in the shoeing of horses.
14. STABLE ACCOMMODATION The Commandant called the attention of the Board to the desirability of another stable being built to replace the present temporary one, and also to the over-crowded condition of the quarters of the men of the Riding Establishment. The Board recommend that this matter be held over for another year.
15. DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION The Board strongly recommend that immediate steps be taken to increase the dormitory accommodation at the College, and that at least one wing be added to the Fort Frederick Dormitory without delay.
16. RIDING ESTABLISHMENT The Board approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that one N.C.O. Instructor in riding should be allowing for the Riding Establishment, R.M.C., in addition to the Riding Master. This NCO. to be graded in rank and pay with the NCO. Instructors in other Departments of the College.
17. STATUS OF RANK OF MEMBERS OF THE SUPERIOR STAFF The Advisory Board again recommend that both the Military and Civil members of the Superior Staff be made homogeneous as regards rank, and further recommend that the proposition of the Commandant as submitted in 1921 be adopted (which is as follows):-

"For purposes of pay, the various members of the Superior Staff would be graded for pay as under,-

- Director of Studies - On appointment, on the basis of a Colonel, Permanent Force
- Professor - On appointment, on the basis of a Lieut. Colonel, Permanent Force.
- Associate Professor - On appointment, on the basis of a Major, Permanent Force.
- Instructor - On appointment, on the basis of a Captain, Permanent Force.

The manner in which it is suggested that this change be brought about is that for what may be known as the "Present Civil Appointments" (such as Professor of Mathematics, &c. &c) to the Superior Staff of the Royal Military College, any gentleman appointed to fill a vacancy who does not already hold a commission would be appointed to the Canadian Militia, given a temporary rank, posted to the General List Canadian Militia, and from their shown as an Officer of the Active Militia actively employed on the Staff of the Royal Military College of Canada.

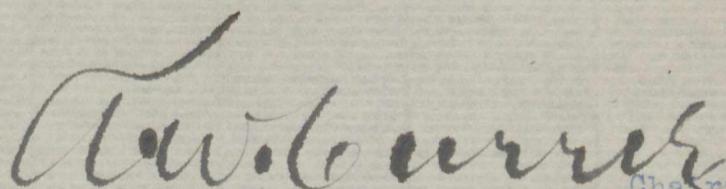
On appointment as above, the suggestion is that the rank should be that of a Lieutenant on first appointment, and the temporary or local rank granted in accordance with the appointment to be held on the College Staff. Gentlemen grant-

ed appointments under these provisions would be required to qualify for the rank of Lieutenant within the usual time limit prescribed for Officers appointed to the non-permanent Active Militia.

In the case of Officers of the British Regular Forces, or of the non-permanent Militia, the rank held by an Officer on appointment to the College Staff will have no bearing on the emoluments to be received by him, the ranks suggested above being the determining factor in computing the pay to be enjoyed by the incumbent and also as a guide in appointing those gentlemen to Military rank who, as aforesaid, have not previously held commissions in the Army. It is to be understood that notwithstanding these provisions, an Officer of the British Regular Army or Canadian Permanent Forces, whose rank is below the rank laid down for the appointment which he is to hold, may be given temporary rank of his appointment during the period which he holds the same."

18. SERVANTS The Board approve of the recommendation of the Commandant that the servants at the College should be dressed in a distinctive College uniform. It is considered that this would greatly improve the appearance and efficiency of the Servant Staff.
19. TRAINING
- Cavalry & Equitation The Board viewed with pleasure the excellent horsemanship shown by the Gentlemen Cadets of the 2nd Class in their exhibition of Riding, Vaulting and Jumping in the Riding School.
- Owing to the inclement weather the inspection of the Squadron mounted, 1st and 2nd Classes was cancelled.
- Artillery The Artillery Drill carried out by the 3rd and 4th Classes was well executed.
- Military Engineering The demonstrations of bridging, wiring and general military engineering was considered to be of a high standard and well carried out in all branches.
- Infantry Drill and Ceremonial The Board viewed with pleasure the movements carried out by the Gentlemen Cadets in Infantry Drill, which were conducted in a smart manner.
- Gymnastic Exhibition The Board witnessed with great satisfaction the Physical Training carried out by the whole College.
20. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF GENTLEMEN CADETS The Board found on examination of the Medical Records of the College that the health of the Gentlemen Cadets during the last year had been very good, with the exception of an outbreak of influenza of unusual severity which occurred in February. 125 cases were treated in the College hospital, no cases of pneumonia developed.
21. DISCIPLINE On examination of the Conduct Sheets of the Gentlemen Cadets, the Board found that the discipline of the College had been excellent for the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

  
Chairman  
ADVISORY BOARD, R.M.C.



CANADA

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

HQ. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

June 26th, 1923

Sir,-

I beg to forward herewith, in duplicate, draft copy of the Report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the present year, 1923, for your approval or otherwise.

Should you approve of the Draft as it stands, I am to request that you sign one copy and return same to me. If there are any changes which you consider necessary, will you please mark the points in question and submit the corrections you wish made.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*Stuart C. Bate*  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG., etc. etc. etc.,  
Principal McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

(Militia Service)

HQ. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

June 27th, 1923

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Travelling Claim for \$16.65, and beg to state that the same is being put through for payment.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG. etc. etc. etc.,  
Principal McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

June 29th, 1923.

Captain Stewart Bate,  
Secretary, Advisory Board R.M.C.,  
The Militia Department,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your HQ 274-4-21 dated June 26th, to which was  
attached Report of the Advisory Board, Royal  
Military College for 1923.

I hope to find time over the week  
end to look over this report and will write you  
again next week.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

Department of National Defence

HQ. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

July 20th, 1923

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 13th instant, with regard to cheque from this Department to cover expenses incurred in connection with your visit to the Royal Military College as Chairman of the Advisory Board.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the claim submitted included two items of 50¢ each, covering tips to porter. As tips are not now recoverable under P. & A. Regulations, 1920, these items were struck out of claim.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

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*Stuart C. Bate*  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A. W. Currie, GCMG., etc. etc. etc.,  
Principal McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

July 13th, 1923.

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
Secretary, Advisory Board R.M.C.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt for  
Militia Department cheque for \$15.65 re my  
expenses to Kingston.

I was under the impression that  
the account submitted was for \$16.65. Do you  
mind informing me what items were struck out,  
please?

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

Department of National Defence

HQ. 74-4-21

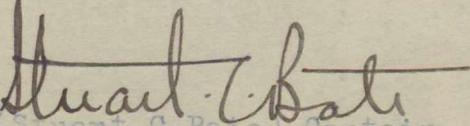
Ottawa, Canada,

July 30th, 1923

Sir,-

I have the honour to refer to your communication of the 29th ultimo, and to ask whether you have as yet been able to read over the report, as drafted, of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for 1923.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

Board of Visitors R. M. C.

August 29th, 1923.

Major-General Sir Archibald Macdonell,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

Thank you very much for your letter of August 28th. I knew you would do what was right regarding the case of Hodson.

I am very sorry about the Board's Report. It is on my table and I shall get it away to Ottawa this week. As yet I have not been away for any vacation, but hope to take a couple of weeks at the beginning of September. I suppose I might have signed the report as prepared in Ottawa and sent to me, but there were some additions I have thought wise to add. It seems to me, though, that this is a poor excuse for withholding sanction re dress of cadets. The Ottawa authorities know perfectly well what the recommendations of the Board were.

I have come to the conclusion that my association with the Board of Visitors is not desired by Ottawa. They have done a number of irritating little things, which I do not like. Last year they routed me to Kingston over the C.P.R., which nobody takes when going from Montreal to Kingston. This year they sent me a warrant not good after May 31st, although they themselves had called the meeting for June 8th and 9th. I paid my own fare to Kingston and sent them in a claim on the regular form. My claim amounted to \$16.65. Ottawa sent me a cheque for \$15.65, and upon enquiry as to the reason for the deduction of the \$1.00 I was told that the pay regulations did not provide for

General Macdonell - 2 -

any tips to porters, etc. I probably spent \$5.00 or \$10.00 more than the \$16.65 claimed, but that was many times compensated for by the pleasure of being at the College. When one considers that the Minister of Militia runs around the country attending picnics and dinners using a private car and that General MacBrien flies to Montreal in a Government machine for a game of polo one can hardly appreciate the economy in cutting off a dollar from a claim of \$16.65. I believe it is all done to irritate and life is too short to be bothered by such things.

I am very sorry to learn that Lady Macdonell feels overmuch the strain. The opening of the session in a week or so will not lessen her troubles. You must make her take it easier.

With all good wishes and promising to get the report off at once, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON.

aug 28<sup>th</sup>  
1923

my dear General

yours aug 26<sup>th</sup> received on  
my return yesterday from Hamilton  
I had already written strongly <sup>on aug 21<sup>st</sup></sup> of  
Hodson's case asking that he  
might be considered, this letter has  
not been replied to, so I have today  
on the strength of your letter written  
again, I much fear they are returning  
to me war red tapeism, gradually  
returning to the letter, not realizing  
that the letter killeth, but the spirit  
giveth, we have already got  
some 54 candidates selected  
by the Board & Dawson says  
they are of a higher grade than

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE  
KINGSTON.

ever before, what about the visiting  
Board's report sir? or the  
strength of the Board's passing  
the new rank & badges we  
altered the cadets blue undresses  
& now Ottawa say they have  
had no report & that nothing  
can be done for another year,  
I confess I don't understand  
it, Eric took the 'phone  
message from young Stuart  
Bates, there must be a mistake,  
Had a wonderful time at the  
Highland gathering at Pictou,

We are all well & flourishing  
excepting Lady M. — is rested  
never less than 4 or 5 visitors all summer  
all join me in kindest regards to you  
I am sir yours sincerely A. B. Macdonell



Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

H.Q. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

30th August, 1923.

Sir,-

With reference to this Headquarters letters of the 26th June and 30th July last, I have the honour to request whether you could now forward your remarks concerning the draft copy of the Advisory Board, as it is necessary that this report be included in the Annual Report of the Department of National Defence.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary, Advisory Board,

Royal Military College,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.,

Principal, McGill University,

Montreal, P.Q.

September 1st, 1923

Captain Stuart C. Bate,  
General Staff Department,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear Captain Bate:-

I am returning herewith one copy of the Report of the Advisory Board for 1923 of the Royal Military College.

I would suggest that Paragraph 12 be amended to read something as follows:-

12. BROADENING OUT OF COURSE, R.M.C. The Board are of the opinion that the question of the broadening out of the course of the College so as to make it the equivalent of the Civil Engineering Courses in the universities in their first three years is a desirable mark to aim at, and in order to see what can be done in this direction they recommend that arrangements be made for the attendance of a General Staff Officer from Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, and the Director of Studies at the Royal Military College at the Conference of Canadian Universities to be held in Kingston, June 13th, 14th and 15th, when it is understood this matter is to be discussed. Regarding the specialization of the cadets in their last year in such subjects as Chemical Engineering, Law, Actuarial Science, etc., the Board considers that this proposal should be dropped for the present."

I would recommend the insertion of a Paragraph No. 22, reading something as follows:-

22. The Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the enthusiasm, good judgment and

Capt. Stuart Bate - 2 -

ability displayed by the Commandant, Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and his staff, civil and military in the discharge of their duties in connection with the College."

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,  
Board of Visitors, R.M.C.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

HQ. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,  
September 13th, 1923

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 1st instant, and am forwarding herewith copy of corrected Report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, 1923, for your information and retention.

It will be noted that the alterations suggested by you have been made to this Report.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*Stuart C. Bate*  
(Stuart C. Bate) Captain,  
Secretary,  
Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG., KCB., &c. &c.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

March 10th 1924.

Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear General Macdonell,

Confirming previous correspondence,  
a special Committee appointed by the Royal Military College,  
at the Universities' Conference, will meet at the office  
of the Commandant of the Royal Military College on the  
26th of March, at 2.30 p.m., this date having been accepted  
as suitable by all concerned.

The members of the Committee are  
as follows:-

Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ont.

Professor H. N. Mackay,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Professor A. L. Clark,  
Queen's University,  
Kingston, Ont.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey

# CANADA PAYING WELL FOR CADETS ATTENDING R.M.C.

Auditor-General's Report  
Throws Interesting Light  
on Military College

## WHAT IT COSTS

Payments by Government  
Average \$1,750 Per Cadet  
Per Year

**OTTAWA, March 21—(Star Special)**—The annual report of the auditor-general recently issued gives last year's expenditure on the Royal Military College, Kingston as \$315,957.36. The revenue from the fees and supplies collected from cadets was \$61,090.28. The total expenditures of the Department of Militia and Defence which has complete control over the college were, to give a round sum, \$15,500.00.

Adding the messing account of \$26,000, and deducting the fees, the net annual cost of R.M.C. is \$280,000, an average for each of the 160 cadets of \$1,750. This is, of course, not the real cost for no estimate is made of the capital cost of the institution. For instance, in the estimates brought down yesterday there is an item of \$100,000 to complete the dormitory building. Allowing for a return of five per cent on the millions invested as a business proposition each cadet costs a great deal more than the auditor-general shows. But of course education is not a business proposition it is a state affair in which regard is had to value not to cost.

## WHAT CADETS GET

The R.M.C. cadet however, at a cost to himself or his parents of less than \$400 receives his military clothes maintenances and recreation. The Government cuts his hair, washes his laundry, pays dentist and doctor bills gives him horses, boats, canoes, skis and a swagger stick, but not a motor car. The cadet is denied that luxury or necessity of life. All told, it seems true as a Kingston resident told The Star that the R.M.C. is the cheapest college in Canada and yet the most exclusive.

Salaries and wages accounted for \$178,755 of the total cost of upkeep. The personnel is divided into the "superior" staff and "subordinate" staff, military and civil. The faculty, if one can apply that severely academic term to a quasi-military institution, consists of 35 members including a nursing sister.

As a matter of fact the usual academic terms are in use. The departments of instruction are known as chairs and the incumbents as professors. There are professors of English, French, mathematics, physics and chemistry, surveying, engineering, tactics and artillery. The salary scale is like that of the average university. The present or rather commandant, Major-General Sir A. C. MacDonell,

gineers, firemen, laborers, cooks, tailresses, seamstresses, laboratory assistants, storekeepers and 26 cleaners and helpers. Cleanliness is next to godliness at this institution and the recruits by no means do all the clearing.

## OWE COOK WAGES

This subordinate staff receives a bonus in addition to a salary and the total remuneration averages about \$1,200. At a first glance at the estimates it looks as if the head cook topped the salary list with \$1,950. But though the menu is good R.M.C. is not quite a hotel de luxe. The cook's wages are \$800 in arrears since 1919. It is a wonder that the R.M.C. sensation was not a swagger stick but a poisoning sensation.

There cannot be much drinking at R.M.C., no conditions such as were recently denounced at Michigan by Burton. In one whole year only five gallons of alcohol were purchased from the Government vender and that was probably for the horses, to give them courage to go over the stiff jumps. There was also an item of one case of twelve imperial quarts of King George, but surely this was not wasted on equine cripples. Perhaps it was used in the hospital on those who had come to grief on the horses, or in the gymnasium.

## PAY RAILWAY FARE

Each cadet, unless he lives too near the institution, or unless he takes French leave, gets his railway fare paid. So also do his parents when they bring him to the college, or come to see him graduate and the board of visitors when they go their rounds. The travelling allowance made for parents was \$318 and for the board of visitors \$547. This included entertainment.

The farmer's wife on Wolfe Island, who gave Cadet Arnold his breakfast the morning of his departure, told The Star that they board them good at the college. The messing account which totals \$26,251, would seem to show the fare is not altogether spartan nor altogether luxurious. It is true that one baker's account for \$2,216 is made up of \$964 for bread and \$1,251 for rolls, cakes and confectionery, but there were 40,000 quarts of milk consumed during the year and only 124 quarts of cream.

An examination of the auditor-general's report warrants the opinion that R.M.C. is the cheapest school in the country. A recent academic statistician gave the cost of the cheapest of all university courses, the theological course, as about \$800 a year. Canada makes the military calling more easy than the ministerial. There is more state aid for soldiers of the King than for the soldiers of the cross.

"Star"  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1924

March 26th, 1924.

Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

I have your letter of yesterday. While in Ottawa last week MacBrien and Panet asked me if I would attend a meeting of the sub-committee of the Board of Visitors which they proposed to assemble in Kingston during the first week of April. I agreed and have since received official intimation to meet there. This sub-committee consists of those members who live within 250 miles of Kingston. Apparently, it has always been provided for, but has never previously been called together.

The Department consider that the committee might serve some useful purpose if it met now. I gathered that the Minister wishes to be in a position to say that this committee of the Board of Visitors had met, that the trouble at the R.M.C. had been dealt with satisfactorily by the Commandant, and that any necessary reforms had already been instituted. It is thought that if the Minister can give such an assurance from a body not actively connected with the administration of the College it would have a good effect in the House. I shall write to Panet and ask the Department to outline just what he wants the Committee to do.

Thank you very much for the invitation to stop at your house. I am very happy indeed to accept and will go up on the train that leaves here at ten o'clock on the morning of April 2nd.

I am glad to get the good news about Scroggie. I inquired about him in Ottawa and they told me that there was hope for his ultimate

Maj-Gen. Sir A.C.Macdonell - 2 -

recovery. Your report is not so encouraging, but I sincerely trust you are wrong. Please remember me most kindly to Scroggie when you see him and tell him that I confidently expect him to win this battle too.

By the way, I have had a letter from Miss Warren, who painted a couple of pictures of which you have, no doubt, heard. Apparently, she wants to find a temporary home for them before she returns to England in May. Loomis has suggested to her that you might take them at the College and she has asked me to write to you in support of that suggestion. I feel sorry for the old lady. She has put a wonderful amount of work into the pictures, but apparently the Art Association considers that they have no value. I am quite sure if she had made Sam Hughes the central figure that the Government would have purchased them long ago. I think, Mac, that you might store them somewhere, but in your agreement to do it be very careful not to give Miss Warren any hope that the R.M.C. will become their permanent home.

With all good wishes I am,

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs Scoville  
arrived yesterday  
He knew her & was  
overjoyed at seeing  
her. The doctors  
said no hope &  
may pass over  
today, such  
a splendid offer  
to have a great  
administration & regard  
for him a. G. M.

Mar 25th  
1924

a Sub Committee of the visiting  
Board will come to the College  
on April 2nd,

If possible will you stay  
with us? I don't quite grasp  
what the Board is to do, but  
am notified that I am not  
to be considered a member of  
it, so presume it is really an  
inquiring, however you & the  
Board will be very welcome  
& lady in & I will be delighted to  
have you stay with us. I am sir  
yours sincerely in haste  
A. G. Macdonell

March 27th 1924.

My dear Panet,

I duly received your formal notice calling a meeting of the sub-committee of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College for the 2nd of April, and I am arranging to attend.

In the meantime, I should be much obliged if you would let me have a copy of the terms of reference.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Major-General H.A. Panet,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Personal

R. M. C.



Dear Sir Arthur,

I had  
hoped to arrange  
to attend the  
meeting of the Board of  
Royal Military College  
this year - but have  
not been able to do  
so. I have been  
hoping to have the

2.  
opportunity - of  
seeing if something  
cannot be done to  
have Sir Archibald  
stay on at the College &  
It seems too bad  
to see him out of  
harness & I am as  
much concerned  
for him as for the  
College itself & His

3.  
recount this personality & all  
that he stands for are an  
invaluable asset to the College  
& the country - at least & if by  
any means he can be persuaded  
to stay on, if the opportunity  
arises, it will I am sure be in  
the public interest.

This is just a note at the  
last minute to & I am  
most sorry not to be able  
to be present & see you all  
again & I'm afraid I talked people  
to death last month! but anyway  
I know it did me good & I  
feel sure you will have forgiven me.  
Yours  
J. H. S. [Signature]



CANADA

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

H.C. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

22nd March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable the Minister directs that there will be a meeting of the sub-committee of the Advisory Board, to meet as arranged with you at 3 p.m., Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1924, at the Royal Military College.

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

(H.A. Panet)  
Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG, KCB,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

QUOTE NO.....  
H.Q. 7426-4

Ottawa, Canada,

March 28, 1924.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Dear General:

With reference to our recent conversation on the subject of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and the four years' course:

The Syllabus as given in the Calendar for 1922 is now under revision with a view to conforming to the approved policy which has been stated as follows:-

1. The general object for which the Royal Military College is established is given in Chapter 42 of the Legislation for Canada, 1886, in the following words:-

"There shall be an institution for the purpose of imparting a complete education in all branches of military tactics, fortifications, engineering, and general scientific knowledge in subjects connected with and necessary to a thorough knowledge of the military profession, and for qualifying officers for command and for staff appointments".

2. This definition comprehends in general terms the scope of the work required from all classes of candidates received at the Royal Military College for instruction, and as these candidates include members of the Permanent and Non-Permanent Active Militia, as well as Cadets, it is necessary to define in detail what actually is required from the several categories of students.
3. For the Courses arranged for the Militia the special objects to be attained are defined from time to time in the orders constituting the various classes. For the Cadets no authoritative definition has been given since the war and, in view of the changes which have been and are in process of being made in the Syllabus, it is desirable that the objects of the College in this respect should now be made clear to all concerned.
4. Broadly speaking, the subjects on the Syllabus for the Cadets may be divided into two categories:
  - (1) Military subjects.
  - (2) Connected academic subjects, training in which is necessary to a thorough knowledge of the military profession.

5. With regard to the military subjects: the aim should be to produce a subaltern officer capable of entering either or any of the following branches of the Service:

Cavalry	Infantry
Artillery	A.S.C.
Engineers	A.O.C.

6. The subjects taken at Woolwich and Sandhurst should be included in the curriculum. It is possible to attain a much higher standard of knowledge than at these Colleges as the course at the Royal Military College Kingston is twice as long.
7. What is required is a generally trained officer. It is not necessary to include the specialist instruction normally given in the units after joining. Attention should be given to making the graduates proficient in the art of imparting military instruction. The training in military subjects should be progressive throughout the whole period which the Cadet spends at the College.
8. With regard to the academic subjects: the experience of the Great War has shown the desirability of improving in every possible way the educational qualifications of our officers: it was mainly for this reason that the course at the R.M.C. for Cadets was increased to four years' duration and the standard of entrance made that of the Junior Matriculation of the representative Canadian Universities.
9. In addition to obtaining the military advantage of an improved academic course, it is desired to benefit the Cadets who will be proceeding to the Universities. For this purpose an earnest endeavour should be made to coordinate the syllabus and standard at the R.M.C. with those of the Universities, so that Cadets on graduation may be accepted for entrance to the Senior year in Applied Science with the fewest possible 'conditions' in specialist subjects.
10. In view of the fact that the teaching of specialist subjects at the R.M.C. is strictly limited by considerations of available staff and equipment, and as specialization commences at most Canadian Universities in the Junior year, it is recognized that the desired standard can for the present be reached in only certain branches of Applied Science. It is, therefore, necessary to select a basic course which can be carried out with the existing staffs and equipment to cover the subjects most desirable from a military point of view and to include those most generally required for entrance to the Senior year at a University.
11. It is considered that -
  - (i) The standard and scope to be aimed at in this basic course should be in educational technical subjects the equivalent of that now demanded for entrance to the third year of the course in Civil Engineering in any Canadian University. In addition, there should be required a high standard in French and English, as it is of the utmost importance both to an engineer and to a soldier that he should be able to express himself clearly and concisely in speech and in writing.

(ii) Specialization at the R.M.C. should be confined to the final year, except that, in the case of candidates requiring instruction in chemistry, it may be of advantage to begin specialization to a limited extent in the third year, making up in the fourth year the work in other subjects thereby missed in the third year.

(iii) Specialization should be additional to the basic course above defined and not in substitution for any part or portion.

(iv) The standard and scope to be aimed at in the final year for those specializing in Civil Engineering should be the equivalent of that now demanded for entrance to the fourth year in Civil Engineering in any Canadian University and, for those specializing in Chemistry or other branches of Engineering, as advanced, a standard as staff, equipment and time available will permit.

(v) Specialist subjects in which instruction is given should have a direct bearing on the military art.

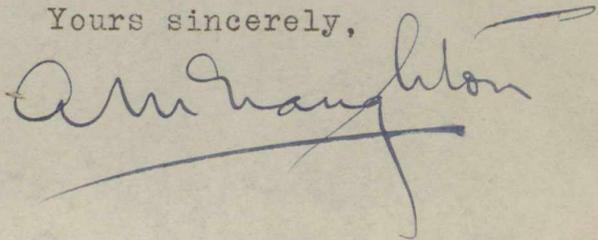
12. In order to obtain the full academic recognition for the graduates it will be necessary for them to state at the end of their third year the Universities which they desire to attend, and the courses they wish to pursue. Then to decide which specialist subjects are to be taken and to arrange with the Universities concerned either for them to set and mark the examination papers of the candidates in these special subjects, or for the acceptance by them of the results on papers set and corrected by the staff of the R.M.C.

This policy has now been made public and has been communicated to, among others, the R.M.C. Club.

I trust this information may be of some use to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
etc., etc.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

March 28th, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your H.Q. 74-4-21, dated 27th March, General Currie has asked me to say that he desires transportation from Montreal to Kingston and return via the Canadian National Railway.

He will leave Montreal on the morning of Wednesday, April 2nd at ten o'clock, and would like to have a chair from Montreal to Kingston and also on the return trip.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

Major-General H. A. Panet,  
Adjutant General,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.



CANADA

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Chain for ways  
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Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

H.Q. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

27th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to this Headquarters' letter of the 22nd instant, concerning the meeting of the sub-committee of the Advisory Board, at the Royal Military College, and to request that you please notify this Headquarters, as soon as possible, from what point to Kingston and return transportation is required; and, also, which railway you wish to travel on, in order that warrants may be sent you from here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Acc. J. Paquet*  
(H.A. Paquet) Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG, KCB,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Instructions to Sub-Committee of the Advisory Board,  
The Royal Military College.

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To enquire into and report upon the administration of discipline at the Royal Military College, with particular reference to the circumstances existing at the College immediately prior to the recent case of Gentleman Cadet F.L.M. Arnold; and to report upon the action, if any, which has been taken by the Commandant since the said case; and to make such recommendations as the Sub-Committee of the Advisory Board may see fit.

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CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

28th March, 1924.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have yours of the 27th instant and I am forwarding to you today officially what the Minister would like you to look into when the Sub-Committee of the Advisory Board meets at the R.M.C. on the 2nd instant.

I am very pleased to hear that Mr. Beatty, President of the C.P.R., will attend the Meeting.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Montreal. P.Q.

March 29th, 1924.

My dear General:-

This will acknowledge your H.Q.  
74-4-21, dated March 28th, 1924.

You will be glad to know that  
Mr. Beatty is also going to Kingston next Wednesday.  
We are going up together, so I shall not need any  
transportation.

Yours faithfully,

Major-General H.A. Panet,  
Adjutant General,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.



CANADA

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Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

H.Q. 74-4-21

Ottawa, Canada,

31st March, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and beg to forward, herewith, transportation from Montreal to Kingston and return, via Canadian National Railways.

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

*Stuart B. B. Capt*

*pa* (H.A. Panet)  
Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG, KCB.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

April 1st, 1924.

Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, K.C.B., etc.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

Mr. E. W. Beatty, who, as you know, is a member of our Committee, is coming with me to Kingston. For that reason I am going by the C.P.R., and I think we shall arrive in Kingston about three o'clock.

I hope that we are able to finish our work so that I can return to Montreal with Mr. Beatty late that evening. I think he is arranging for an engine to pull his car over to Smith's Falls to be attached to the regular Toronto-Montreal express.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

April 1st, 1924.

Captain Stuart Bate,  
Adjutant-General's Office,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Reference your H.Q. 74-4-21,  
dated 31st March, 1924, I have been asked by  
General Currie to return herewith transportation  
warrants from Montreal to Kingston and return  
via Canadian National Railways.

General Currie is accompanying  
Mr. E.W. Beatty to Kingston and, therefore, will  
not use the transportation provided.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

April 3rd, 1924.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear General:-

Enclosed herewith please find  
Report of Advisory Board Royal Military College  
Sub-committee as re-drafted, also original draft  
brought down by Sir Arthur from Kingston.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

ADVISORY BOARD OF ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON  
ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE.

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Constitution of Sub-committee

President,-

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,

Members-

E.W. Beatty, Esquire, K.C.,  
The Honourable Senator H. Bostock,  
The Right Reverend Bishop J.C. Roper, D.D.,  
Major-General J.H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
R. McColl, Esquire.

Secretary,-

Captain J. F. Cummins.  
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1. The Sub-committee of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College assembled at Kingston at 3 p.m., 2nd of April, 1924, on the instructions of the Honourable the Minister of National Defense "to enquire into and report upon the administration of discipline at the Royal Military College, with particular reference to the circumstances existing at the College immediately prior to the recent case of Gentleman Cadet F.L.M. Arnold, and to report upon the action, if any, which has been taken by the Commandant since the said case; and to make such recommendations as the Sub-committee of the Advisory Board may see fit."

2. The Sub-committee examined the Standing Orders of the College and the instructions to the cadets as disclosed in the address to the non-commissioned officers at the beginning of the term given by the Adjutant on behalf of the Commandant. They also examined the records of all correspondence and the proceedings of the several

Courts of Inquiry arising from the charges preferred by Major Arnold, D.S.O. They further examined the Commandant and the Chief of the Staff, Department of National Defense, on various points which arose. As the result of their deliberations and in view of the evidence supplied from these sources and the other investigations which had taken place, they concluded that the calling of additional witnesses was unnecessary.

3. Regarding the administration of discipline at the Royal Military College the Sub-committee found this generally satisfactory. Any irregularities were in direct violation of the Standing Orders of the College and belonged to the life of the cadets when off parade. They arose from the practice of leaving the administration of discipline largely to the Senior Cadets. The principle of Cadet self-government is one that has pertained at the College to a greater or lesser extent ever since its foundation. It is one which prevails generally in Military Colleges and has been found to work satisfactorily except when carried to extreme limits.

4. It is the view of the Sub-committee that the discipline known as "recruiting" or "fagging" as enforced by the senior cadets was due to the mistaken idea they held that it would improve the smartness of and discipline among the junior cadets and that they believed they were acting in the interests of the College.

5. The Sub-committee considers that the Commandant has always sought to inculcate a high standard of honour among the Cadets and that his faith in their honour was so strong that too much reliance was placed upon the Cadet-officers, with the result that the practices referred to grew up without the knowledge of the College

authorities.

6. Several years ago it was brought to the notice of the Commandant that irregular practices similar to those above referred to had been prevalent. At that time the Commandant took steps to stop them and thought that he had established such regulations and put into effect such measures as were calculated to eliminate or reduce to a minimum the possibility of recurrence. The Sub-committee find that the senior Cadets carried on fagging and recruiting to such an extent as to be harmful to the health of a few of the less robust recruits and also enforced menial and objectionable duties and discipline by corporal punishment contrary to the regulations of the College, but that while these practices are to be regretted and condemned and should be completely prevented the Sub-committee find there was nothing personally vicious in the actions or the conduct of the senior Cadets.

7. The Committee find that the length to which the sense of loyalty to their fellow-cadets was carried led in some cases to deception which was inconsistent with the high standard of honour inculcated and maintained by the Cadets in general and particularly in all branches of athletics.

8. Regarding the measures for the improvement of discipline which have been taken by the Commandant since the Arnold case the Sub-committee find that this matter has been thoroughly and impartially investigated and all the facts completely disclosed and punishment awarded in all cases where the orders of the College have been violated.



April 7th, 1924.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Chief of Staff,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear MacB:-

I am forwarding you herewith  
the report of the Sub-committee duly signed by  
myself and Mr. Beatty, also a formal letter  
addressed to the Minister.

I hope that you will do all  
you can to have this report made public as early  
as possible. This is a point on which Mr. Beatty  
also feels very strongly.

Yours faithfully,

April 7th, 1924.

Honourable E. M. McDonald,  
Minister of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

I am forwarding you herewith the formal report of the Sub-committee on Administration of Discipline of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College, duly signed by myself and the members of the Board.

May I suggest, and in this Mr. Beatty joins me, that as early publicity as possible should be given to the report, that, so far as may be, the very unfortunate discussions which are now going on may be terminated.

Yours faithfully,

May 19th, 1924.

G. J. Desbarats, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defense,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your H.Q.74-4-21 Vol.2, dated 16th May, advising me of my appointment as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for the ensuing year, and that the next meeting of the Board will be held at the College on the 4th and 5th of June next.

I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to attend this meeting in as much as on the 4th I have already an engagement to attend the Closing Exercises of the School of Household Science of McGill University, while on the 5th I am attending the Closing Exercises of the School For Teachers held at Macdonald College. This latter is also a McGill University function.

In the circumstances I think the Department should nominate some one else as Chairman of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

May 19th, 1924.

G. J. Desbarats, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

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I shall be pleased to attend on the occasion of this meeting and shall travel by Canadian National Railway, leaving Montreal at 10 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, June 4th. Returning I shall leave Kingston at 1.20 a.m. on the morning of Friday, June 6th. Will you kindly send me the necessary transportation, also a Chair from Montreal to Kingston, June 4th, and a compartment or lower berth Kingston to Montreal.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

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Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

H.Q. 74-4-21 Vol.2

Ottawa, Canada,

16th May, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable, the Minister of National Defence has great pleasure in appointing you Chairman of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, Kingston, for the ensuing year.

The meeting of the Board will be held at the College on the 4th and 5th of June next.

Will you please state for the information of the Honourable, the Minister, if it will be convenient for you to attend, and if so, what transportation tickets you require, stating the railway.

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

(G. J. Desbarats)  
Deputy Minister,  
Dept. of National Defence.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



ADVISORY BOARD

Royal Military College

-: 1924 :-

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Lieut.-Colonel W.J.Osborne, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

One member to be nominated by the R.M.C. Club.

May 23rd, 1924.

F. L. Wanklyn, Esq.,  
Canadian Pacific Railway,  
Windsor Station,  
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Wanklyn:-

Herewith please find correspondence  
which you kindly sent me.

I was not aware of any reorganization  
of the Board and sincerely regret their decision. All  
the old members of the Board will miss you very much.

Yours faithfully,

University of Toronto

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

MEMO FROM THE DEAN

Copy for Professor MacKay

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University of Toronto

AND ENGINEERING

30th June, 1924.

Prof. H.M. MacKay, B.A., B.A.Sc.,  
Department of Civil Engineering,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Prof. MacKay:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a memorandum I have prepared in the form of a report and recommendation with respect to the Royal Military College. I have signed the original and have sent it to Dean Clark at Queen's, asking him to send it on to you if he approves. If you approve will you please sign and pass on to Sir Arthur Currie, advising me when you have done so?

I think this embodies all of the matters with which we were concerned and I have tried to incorporate in it the several points which we discussed at our meeting at R.M.C. on the 26th March last.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

*Currie*

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University of Toronto  
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

30th June, 1924.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Chairman, The Committee on Royal Military College,  
Universities Conference.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee appointed to consider the Request of the Royal Military College presented to and approved by the Universities Conference at its meeting June 14th.- 16th, 1923, a committee of three was appointed to visit and consult with the Royal Military College authorities.

The duty of this committee of three was to determine "what credit can be granted the cadet graduate" and to advise with the Royal Military College "as to measures to be taken if necessary, in order to secure greater credit than at present".

The committee appointed consisted of Professor H.M. Mackay, Professor of Civil Engineering, McGill University, Dean A.L. Clark, Faculty of Applied Science, Queen's University and Dean C.H. Mitchell, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto. It met at Kingston on the 26th of March, 1924, and consulted with the Royal Military College authorities, visiting and enquiring into the facilities of the College in connection with its curriculum.

As a result of this visit and conference the committee desires to report that:-

The Royal Military College has considerably extended its curriculum in the senior years, has provided for additional instruction in certain departments and has added laboratory and other equipment, all with a view to bringing to a still higher standard those departments to which, in the original report of your committee, special reference was made. Provision has been made for individual instruction in certain of the more specialized portions of work, as, for instance, Electricity, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Mineralogy and Economics, such as would better prepare selected students for continuing Applied Science courses in the Universities.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

In view of these additional provisions and facilities, announcement of which the Royal Military College is about to make, in its forthcoming calendar, the committee recommends for the consideration of the Universities Conference for adoption by the Universities as a provisional working basis, that:-

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 University 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.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sgd) *J. M. Mackay*

(Sgd) *Chritchell*

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Members of Committee.

Report of Committee appointed to consider request of  
Royal Military College

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The Committee met at Queen's University on Thursday, June 14th. There were present: Sir Robert Falconer of Toronto University, Principal Bruce Taylor, Queen's, Dean Fox, Western, Dr. Nolin, Montreal, Professor Dawson, Royal Military College, Brigadier General Andrew Macnaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O., General Staff Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, and Sir Arthur Currie, Convener.

The Royal Military College authorities ask the Universities of Canada to consider the possibility of granting to cadet graduates, three years standing in the following departments of Applied Science: Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Mention was made of granting the same credit in the departments of Electrical Engineering and Chemical Engineering but this was not pressed.

The Royal Military College base their request because of the following changes in their curriculum:

1. The Course has been extended from three years to four years.
2. The military curriculum has been revised increasing the proportionate number of hours given to civil subjects.
3. Greatly increased laboratory facilities are now available at Royal Military College. These are in chemical laboratory, machine shop, assay room, and draughting rooms particularly.
4. The lengthened Course and the revised curriculum permit of a greater degree of specialization particularly in the fourth year.

Generally speaking the Universities grant to the graduate cadet two years standing in any branch of Applied Science, though some Universities are considering the revision of this somewhat arbitrary agreement.

The Committee takes into consideration the fact that cadets may enter at sixteen years of age and that the entrance requirement is only pass matriculation - a standard which it approves for the Royal Military College. It recognizes the necessity and importance of the service which the College is rendering and believes that every encouragement should be extended to it by the Universities. The Committee knows that many of the cadets look forward to a University Course on graduation and believes they should receive all possible consideration for the work done at the College and be placed to the best advantage in the University undergraduate body, yet it feels that the standard and value of the University degree must be maintained. It makes bold to suggest to the College authorities the wisdom of adhering closely to those subjects distinctly allied to military science.

The conclusions of the Committee are that cadet graduates and undergraduates who have completed more than two years of the regular four year Course can only be admitted to University Courses on conditions to be determined from time to time and depending upon the standing presented and upon the department the applicant wished to enter. Graduates with exceptionally good standing might be admitted to the fourth year in Civil Engineering or to the third year in the other branches of Engineering.

The principle which will underlie the credit granted to the cadet will be that he will receive all possible credit for the work done at the College.

The Committee recommends that the Conference approve of this principle and that it appoints a Committee of three - one each from Toronto, Queen's, and McGill, whose duty it shall be to visit the

Royal Military College and consult with the Royal Military College authorities with a view to determining what credit can be granted the cadet graduate and for the purpose of advising with the Royal Military College as to measures to be taken if necessary in order to secure greater credit than at present.

The Committee further recommends that the present Royal Military College Committee be continued.

September 3rd, 1924.

Dr. H. N. Tory,  
Chairman, Advisory Council,  
Scientific and Industrial Research,  
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Tory:-

I understand that a sub-committee of the Royal Military College Advisory Board consisting of yourself and myself has been formed to make recommendations for an interchange of professors.

Perhaps the next time you are in Montreal, if you have leisure to do so, you will come and see me and we can talk the matter over.

Yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON.

July 21st 1924

General Sir A.W. Currie KCB., KCMG,  
McGill University,  
Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir,

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SABBATICAL YEAR FOR PROFESSORS.

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National Defence Headquarters  
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I have been instructed to inform  
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notified.

I am, Sir,  
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*H. T. Cook*

Major.  
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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

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Review of Work, 1919 to 1924.

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*Dear General this is the review  
and I spoke to you about.*

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

*A. B. M.*

Review of what has been accomplished by the hearty cooperation, hard work and cheery loyal support of all Ranks of the Administrative, Teaching, and Subordinate Staff, 1919 Autumn to 1924 Autumn.

#### Situation in 1919.

The War had upset and badly interfered with the curriculum; the entrance examination was unsatisfactory (cutting across junior and senior matriculation). The Cadet uniform had been changed; the servants' uniform had been abolished.

The organization that existed for administrative purposes was a two Company Battalion; there was a Battalion Sergeant-Major, and there were two Cadet Sergeant-Majors to each Company, all of whom wore sashes as Officers, not as Sergeant-Majors. Platoons and Sections were merely told off on parade, mutual instruction practically did not exist and one system of military administration was taught in the Class Room and an entirely different one carried out in practice.

The new Educational Building was in process of construction, but in the old there was nothing whatever to indicate that it was the Royal Military College of Canada; a Canadian atmosphere did not exist.

The relations between Military and Civil Staff did not appear to be really cordial, nor did the Staff appear to know each other in the intimate, friendly and helpful way that stands for efficiency.

There was no Superior Staff Mess, the Subordinate Staff were discontented, and they had no mess or even room in which to take their lunch.

With the servants the situation was more serious (they were controlled by a politician who claimed the privilege of filling all vacancies) and they were distinctly inclined to be mutinous, indeed in the Autumn 1919 they put it to the vote to "walk out" but split about fifty-fifty, next the wires of the electric clock were cut, three servants being eventually summarily dismissed and one resigned. The servants also had no place of refuge for their lunch hour.

The grounds, owing to the building going on and other causes, were in bad shape. In Fort Frederick the embrasures had caved in, most of the guns were dismounted, tall weeds and rubbish were everywhere, pointing badly required etc.etc. In a word, a clean up from front to rear and right to left was due.

The relations between citizens and R.M.C. were not as cordial as might be, the citizens lacked pride in the College.

The relations between Queen's and R.M.C. were characterized by veiled hostility which frequently broke into open violence.

9.30

It was evident there was much to be done, and, thanks entirely to my loyal hard-working Staff, a very great deal has been accomplished, viz:-

An Advisory Board of Visitors has been established and functions to the mutual advantage of the R.M.C. and the Department; An Academic Board composed of Heads of Departments, R.M.C. has been created that deals with all educational questions affecting Cadets in a sympathetic firm manner; the curriculum has been placed upon a sound basis from a Military point of view covering the Woolwich and Sandhurst courses with Military History and Imperial Geography added and the teaching of French much improved.

An antedate for our Graduates has been obtained from the War Office.

From a civil point of view our course has been brought into line with the Great Universities, our entrance examination being Junior Matriculation to any Provincial University. With our increased facilities for teaching Physics and Chemistry and Engineering, and the fact that the Engineering Department has been placed under one head and our English course improved with Public Speaking taught, practiced and encouraged, our progress has been such as to enable us to win a recognition from the universities of three years of a Science Course and other privileges.

In connection with the foregoing a great deal of help has been received from the Assistant Director of Training Operations, Canadian General Staff. Too much credit also cannot be given to the Director of Studies and his confreres for careful and untiring supervision, helpful, constructive criticism, coupled with united team play that eliminated overlapping and spells success.

The four years course was necessarily adopted to fill the requirements as above. Had three years only been continued, the Woolwich and Sandhurst courses could not have been covered if the Civil continued as it was.

A College Magazine has been established and a College Calendar containing the regulations has been published.

For the Militia R.M.C. has pulled its weight. Our General Staff Officer and his Assistants have prepared and sent to the various Districts lectures for the Militia Staff Course and at a later date set the examination papers which they have also corrected. The Staff College Course, Long Course, Brush up Course for promotion have been re-introduced. A Physical Training Course has been held for the Militia under our Physical Director.

UNIFORM. - The Cadets have been clothed in the old traditional R.M.C. uniform, and our Tailor Shop with a good Master Tailor and assistants has been established.

The Servants also have been provided with the old traditional servants' uniform of the R.M.C.

Under our late Professor of Tactics and his assistants a sound Battalion organization, similar in every respect to a Line Battalion, consisting at present of two Companies each of two Platoons, each platoon in permanent sections, has been introduced and is enforced. This entailed Under-Officers as at Sandhurst and Woolwich, thus allowing one Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant per Company, properly dressed, who function as such. The College Sergeant-Major acts as R.S.M. to the Gentlemen Cadets Battalion and a member of the Quartermaster's Staff as Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.

Mutual instruction is enforced from the 4th Class onwards, Cavalry Training has been introduced and the Cadet Squadron is efficient. The R.C.H.A. help us out with horses for this as well as in Artillery. Practice work, Trek, etc. is not overlooked. A sound system of interior economy has been introduced by Officers commanding Companies.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.- The Physical Training of the Cadets is on a sounder basis than ever, under our present Physical Director.

RIDING.- Thanks to the system introduced by the late Captain Bray and carried on by our present Riding Master, R.M.C. Riding Establishment is efficient and the training given excellent.

On the completion of the new Educational Building the Government permitted us to call the Assembly Hall after General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. etc., and it has become a beautiful memorial to the Canadian Corps, thanks to Major Stuart Forbes M.C., and Professors Nobbs and Traquair of McGill University and Mr. Adeney, Canadian traditions have been enforced; paintings of Wolfe, Montcalm, Brock de Salaberry and Canadian Generals in the Great War have been obtained and no stone has been left unturned to produce a proud Canadian atmosphere.

The Halls outside the Currie Hall have been fitted out with trophies of the War and the Chase.

A comfortable Superior Staff Mess has been provided and the relations that exist between our members, who now know each other well, are delightful.

The Subordinate Staff also have a mess which, while somewhat cramped, is much appreciated. The servants have also been provided for and are loyal and contented.

SPORTS.- In sports a system of platoon competitions ensures each Cadet taking part and being versed in various sports. Thanks to the energetic training and football knowledge of our late enthusiastic Staff Adjutant, we have twice won the Intercollegiate Intermediate Championship and once the Dominion.

The Grounds have been put in order including Fort Frederick, the Martello Tower of which has been renovated and lighted and a small museum started. The guns have been remounted, a fine flagstaff erected, water laid on, and it is now a show spot.

The Flanking Lunette has also been renovated and lighted, and contains a fine model of the Western trenches. The Power House has been electrified and a large yearly saving effected.

Many new roads have been constructed and all roads given suitable patriotic names. Our persistent requests for a much needed new wing to Fort Frederick Dormitory have been acceded to and is now nearly completed.

Our Gardens are now a pride to us and a small hot house has been built. A beauty spot is being made just outside the inner enclosure wall near Fort Frederick.

THE PARADE GROUND. - This has been doubled in size, a much needed improvement. The gully near the Rink has been filled in and five earth tennis courts made etc. etc.

The Holt Rink, provided by the generosity of Sir Herbert Holt and Colonel Wanklyn, was taken over by the Government, completed, fitted up with water, and lighted.

The work on the grounds preparing them for the Memorial Arch was also supervised by the indefatigable Works Officer whose work in connection with grounds and buildings has been beyond all praise.

The relations between the citizens and R.M.C. can confidently be asserted to have never been better nor, indeed, so good. They are unreservedly proud of the College.

Our relations with Queen's University are also cordial in the extreme.

Liaison has been established between the R.M.C. of Canada, the R.M.C. Sandhurst, the R.M. Academy, Woolwich, the R.M.C. of Australia and West Point U.S. Military Academy.

Thanks to the careful supervision of Heads of Departments concerned, coupled with the efficiency of the Paymaster's and Quartermaster's Departments, R.M.C., finances are on a sound basis and have never during the period in question over-run the vote, on the contrary, savings have been effected.

The College also owes a debt of gratitude to the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, the members of which, led by the Chief of Staff, are out to help the R.M.C. of Canada.

I would be ungrateful indeed not to mention the truly efficient help I have received from Sergeant-Major W. Boss (W.O.1), my late Confidential Clerk.

It only remains for me to express to the Staff (Superior and Subordinate) individually and collectively, from the Director of Studies onwards, my grateful appreciation of their good work and loyal hearty cooperation. It is an honour indeed to be at the head of such a Staff.

*A. E. Macdonell*

Major-General,  
Commandant, Royal Military College.

December 12th, 1924.

Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

With reference to the Review of  
the work of the R.M.C., which I said I would read  
carefully, let me ask if this has already been issued.  
If it has, I have nothing to say, but if not, I think  
you had better come down and see me before you  
publish it.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

C O P Y

ADVISORY BOARD OF ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

President.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.

Members.

Lieut. Colonel H. M. Tory, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D.

Brig. General G. S. Cartwright, C.B., C.M.G.

G. J. Desbarats, Esq., C.M.G. (ex officio)

Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (ex officio)

Secretary.

Captain J. F. Cummins.

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The following members were unavoidably absent:-

Senator the Honourable Hewitt Bostock

Lt. Colonel the Ven. Archdeacon H. J. Cody, M.A., D.D., LL.D.

Hon. Lt. Colonel Canon Ad. Sylvestre.

Sir Herbert Holt, K.C.

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The Sub-Committee assembled in the Defence Council Chamber, National Defence Headquarters, at 5 p.m. Friday, 27th March, 1925.

1. In regard to the date of the next Annual Inspection by the Advisory Board, the Sub-Committee recommend Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May. Any later date would make it impossible for the President and at least one member to attend.

2. The Sub-Committee further consider that the "set pieces" for the Annual Inspection, all of which are repeated at the Closing Exercises, might be dispensed with at the Inspection; that a battalion parade be held but that otherwise the College be seen under

normal conditions.

3. After receiving a report from the Chief of the Staff as to the difficulty experienced in the past in obtaining the results of qualifying examinations from the different provinces in time to give sufficient notice to candidates before the date fixed for the opening of the College, the Sub-Committee recommend that the dates of closing and of re-opening of the College be fixed for about one week later than the dates suggested by the Commandant.

4. With regard to the appointment of a successor to the present Commandant, whose term will shortly expire, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee the appointment of Major-General H.A. Panet, the present Adjutant-General, would seem to be the most suitable.

(Signed) A.W. CURRIE

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Signed this 27th day of March 1925.



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*A. W. Laurie*

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Toronto, Ont.,  
1090 King St., W.,  
April 21/25.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K/C.B.,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Sir:

The Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, are putting on an Assault-At-Arms in Toronto on the evening of May 22nd and afternoon and evening of May 23rd next. The Royal Canadian Dragoons will also be taking part together with certain Horse Show events.

As Chairman of the Managing Committee, I have been requested to ask you if you would be one of our Honorary Presidents, together with Sir Wm. Otter, Sir Arthibald Macdonnell, Sir Henry Pellatt, Brigadier General Bell, Brigadier General Gunn, Brigadier General Cartwright, Col. A. E. Kirkpatrick, the Prime Minister of Ontario, the Mayor of Toronto, General McBrien and Mr. George Beardmore.

His Excellency the Governor-General, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and the Honorable Minister of National Defence have extended to us their distinguished patronage.

We would appreciate greatly having an affirmative answer from you by wire, at our expense, The Managing Committee extends to you and Lady Currie a cordial invitation to be present at one or more of the performances.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your obedient servant.

TORONTO BRANCH

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE EX CADETS' CLUB.

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PROGRAMME  
FOR  
ADVISORY BOARD  
1925.

Tuesday, 19th. May.

3.00 p.m. (approx.) Board Arrives.

Board meets in Ante Room, Superior Staff Mess.

Tea in Superior Staff Mess.

7.30 p.m. Formal Dinner.

Wednesday, 20th. May.

The following is the regular programme of work, and will be followed:-

Class	8. to 9.50.	10. to 10.50.	11. to 12.	12.10 to 1.	3. to 4.
1st.	: Survey.....			Infantry	) Rehearsal for Assault- at-Arms.
2nd.	: Military Engineering....			Infantry	
3rd.	: Tactics.....		Weapon .. Training	Infantry	
4th.	: Ride and: Signalling... Artillery			Infantry	

AGENDA FOR ADVISORY BOARD.

Page 5, para.9.

The Board is asked to recommend the provision of an operating and sterilizing room in connection with the Hospital.

Page 6, paras. 4 and 5.

The Board is asked to recommend that the present system regarding Training and Education be given a fair chance and a good try out.

Page 12, para.7.

In compliance with the Board's request of last year, the Tables of marks were considered by the Academic Board. The Board recommended no change other than that "Marks for Discipline" be made to read "Maximum marks for Discipline". Additional experience with these Tables, to which reference is made on pages 12 and 13 of this report, has shown the desirability of some other changes, which have been submitted to the Department of National Defence. These new Tables are given in Appendix II.

Page 16, para.1.

The Board is asked to recommend that attention be given to the lights in the room occupied by the First Class for draughting.

Page 16, para.2.

The Board is asked to recommend the supply of Webley Revolvers.

Page 19, para.8.

The Board is asked to recommend the immediate fencing in of the lower Barriefield Common.

Page 20, para.5.

The Board is asked to recommend that the Long Course for Officers be held between January and June to permit of more practical work being included in the syllabus.

Page 22, para.6.

The Board is asked to recommend that the College opens on the 1st September, 1925; that when the Recruits arrive, the other classes be camped either in the huts or under canvas on Barriefield Common to do their surveying, and that certain members of the First Class be detailed to help with the instruction of the Recruits.

Appendix I.

The Board is asked to consider Appendix I, and whether this should be a charge, and an ever increasing charge, against the Royal Military College Vote.

R E P O R T

of the

Commandant, Royal Military College of Canada,

for the Year 1924 - 1925.

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P R E F A C E

The year under review has been one of steady progress, particularly academically, whilst all classes have made decided strides forward. It has been most noticeable that, owing to the complete absence of recruiting, the Fourth Class has done better in class work than ever before.

May I once more place on record our keen appreciation of the assistance which has been received from the Honourable the Minister of National Defence and the Defence Council led by Major-General J.H. MacBrien, CB, CMG, DSO. during the period under review.

D I S C I P L I N E.

The discipline has been excellent throughout the year. The First Class, led by Senior Under Officer Fair and the two Company Commanders, Under Officers Simonds and Smith, have loyally and obediently carried out their orders in a praiseworthy manner, and the Companies have been closely supervised by Lieut.-Colonel Alexander ("B" Coy.) and Major Cook ("A" Coy.); efficiently assisted by the G.C. Under Officers and N.C.O.'s.

S P O R T S.

During the past year the usual activity in Sports has taken place at the College.

Rugby Football. The Rugby Team was not up to the standard of last year's Championship Team, we lost many of our players through graduation and also at the beginning of the season we were handicapped by some of our players suffering injuries. However, we had a more or less successful season in that we have formed the nucleus of a team which will do credit to the College this year.

In the Intercollegiate Series Intermediate we were twice defeated by Queen's II.

In the Junior Intercollegiate our Second Team defeated Queen's III twice, and in the Semi-final were defeated by Loyola II.

The Senior Team played an exhibition game in Montreal with McGill I, and made a very good showing.

We owe a vote of thanks to Lieutenant de L.H.M. Panet, R.C.H.A. for his coaching of the 1st Team.

Platoon Rugby matches were played throughout the season and great interest was displayed as well as bringing to light many future players.

Association Football. The Team entered in the City League and is now in the finals for the "Whig" Cup to be played off this Spring. An Intercollegiate Tournament was held here during the Autumn of 1924, McGill, Varsity and R.M.C. entering teams. R.M.C. won from Varsity and McGill beat R.M.C. It has been proposed to hold another Intercollegiate Tournament this coming season in which R.M.C. will enter a team.

Work has been done on the new Soccer Field, but it will not be suitable for regular games until about \$150.00. is expended on it.

Greater interest has been shown in the game this year, and now that Intercollegiate Soccer has become a regular feature, it is hoped that the game will steadily improve.

Hockey. The Hockey activities on the whole have been very successful during the season 1924-1925. There was a splendid sheet of ice for the Cadets in the Holt Rink during January, February and the early part of March, and convenient hours were allotted to the various platoons for practice and games.

The Inter-Platoon Series was played during February. This type of competition permits every Cadet to take part in the game and gives them all the opportunity of making the College Teams. No.4 Platoon won the Championship of this series.

The Inter-Company match was played on March 7th at the Hartly Arena, Kingston, and was won by "B" Company. It was a clean but hard-fought contest.

Two teams as usual were entered in the Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Union. The Junior Team won the Junior Intercollegiate Championship for the third consecutive season, and the Intermediate Team won the local group, it, however, lost to McGill University in the semi-finals under adverse circumstances by the close score of 2 - 1.

As there seemed to be no possibility of Kingston itself entering a team in the Intermediate O.H.A. series, Queen's University and Kingston invited us to join them in organizing an amalgamated team. We did so on the understanding that the games would be so arranged that they would neither interfere with Cadets' studies nor with our Intercollegiate obligations. We supplied four players, the coach, and executive member. This team did extremely well, winning its local group and going into the finals - a success which has not been attained by any Kingston team in many years. The Kingston Hockey Club has very kindly donated a cup to the College for Hockey competition as a mark of its appreciation of our co-operation. Our participation has meant increased good feeling between Queen's, the City and R.M.C.

The annual match against the United States Military Academy was played this year at West Point on February 28th. It was won by the College by the score of 5 - 0. Our party to West Point consisted of two members of the Staff and eleven Cadets. They were most hospitably treated and enjoyed their visit. The date of the return visit of West Point to R.M.C. has been provisionally set for February 20th, 1926.

Cricket. Owing to the late opening of the College last Fall no cricket was played by the Cadets. If time will allow, we hope to get a team together during the latter part of May with a view to going on tour and regaining the place in Cricket that the College always used to hold.

Harriers. The Annual Intercollegiate Harrier Race was run over the R.M.C. Grounds on November 1st, distance 6½ miles. Teams were entered from McGill, Toronto, Queen's and R.M.C. After a very fine race R.M.C. won the Team Race and also had the first man home tied with a McGill runner who has been first for the last two years. This is the first time in the history of the College that it has won any senior intercollegiate athletic competition.

Aquatic & Athletic Sports. Were held this year with good average results. No existing records were broken.

Boxing. The Annual Boxing Competition has not yet taken place.

Minstrel Show. This annual event was given in the Gymnasium on Saturday, March 21st. The proceeds from the voluntary subscription box, amounting to approximately \$160, was divided between the Bernardo's Homes (75%) and T. Pateman (25%) - an old R.M.C. Hospital Orderly now seriously ill in the Kingston General Hospital.

Military Tournament. A Military Tournament to take place in Toronto on May 22nd and 23rd is now being arranged under the auspices of the Toronto Branch of the Ex-Cadet Club.

Other Sports. Tennis, Squash Racquets and Basketball were played in addition to the major sports above mentioned.

#### A T T E N D A N C E.

55 Candidates were admitted to the College in September, 1924. At that time the strength was 168 (with one Cadet absent pending discharge).

The following Gentlemen Cadets were discharged during the year:-

1660, D.S.Yuille.	Parents' request, - opportunity to enter business.
1666, G.K.Henderson.	Parents' request, on medical grounds.
1671, W.S.Boulton.	Parents' request, - opportunity to enter business.
1690, J.F.B.Lawrence.	Parents' request.
1719, J.E.Barnard.	Parents' request, having failed his year.
1738, W.M.Keddie.	Parents' request, on medical grounds.
1745, W.D.Matthews.	Parents' request, on medical grounds.
1784, J.H.B.Devar.	Parents' request, on medical grounds.
1802, R.McColl.	Parents' request, on medical grounds.

SUPERIOR STAFF.

The following have joined the College during the year:-

Lieut.-Colonel R.O.Alexander, DSO. vice Lt.-Col. Perry, DSO.  
 Captain R.L.Fortt, vice Major Greenwood.  
 Major J.J.Wallace, DSO, M.B., vice Lt.-Col. Brook, MBE, DSO.  
 Mr. J.J. Cook vice Mr. Doidge.  
 Mr. H.P. Emond vice Dr. Marion, M.A.

SUBORDINATE STAFF.

The following have joined the College during the year:-

C.S.M., J.T. Harper. - Taken C.S.M. Husher's place.  
 Sgt. M.L. Moran. - Clerk to Director of Studies.  
 Sgt. A.J. Brim. - Clerk to General Staff Officer.  
 Q.M.S., H.O. Wills. - Taken Q.M.S. B.H. McQuarrie's place.  
 S.M.I., T.W. Egglestone. - a/Riding Master, - Taken Captain  
 Finney's place temporarily.

The work carried out by the Military Subordinate Staff has been satisfactory in every way, and I am well pleased with their conduct throughout the year.

C.S.M. Instructors G.H. Preston and J.E. Huggett will complete their term of duty as Gymnastic Instructors this June, and it will be necessary to obtain the services of N.C.O. Instructors to replace them.

A/B.S.M. Instructor A. Westley, Royal Artillery, also completes his agreement this June, and his services will have to be replaced by another N.C.O. Instructor.

Q.M.S.I. Stevenson, DCM, R.C.H.A. has done excellent work and is satisfactory in every way. The duties of A/BSM Westley and A/Sgt. Fournier have also been carried out in a willing and steady manner.

I wish to bring to notice particularly the excellent work done by Staff Sergt. W.H. Martin, C.M.S.C. - The Staff Adjutant's clerk. Always willing, reliable and energetic, he has been particularly satisfactory, and in spite of the fact that during the past twelve months he has accomplished a great deal more work than should normally come under his department, he has done it all with unfailing cheerfulness and to our absolute satisfaction. I therefore wish to place on record my very real appreciation of his faithful services.

My own clerk, Q.M.S. Wills, has worked faithfully since coming to the College.

A/R.S.M. Faulkner has discharged his duties of College Sergeant-Major during the whole of my tenure of office, extremely well.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

During the past year the health of the Gentlemen Cadets has been exceptionally good. No deaths have occurred. We have had in hospital a number of mild cases of Influenza but no general outbreak has occurred.

149 Gentlemen Cadets were admitted to Hospital for treatment during the year, and 628 attended hospital for treatment.

There were nine cases of fracture during the year and all have fully recovered or are progressing rapidly towards recovery.

248 visits were made to the Superior Staff and their families. Sixty officers of the Superior Staff were treated at different times and ten members of their families were successfully operated upon.

498 visits were made to the Subordinate Staff and their families and six operations were performed. 65 N.C.O's and men attended hospital for treatment and 31 were admitted to hospital. Ten members successfully underwent major operations.

The drinking water is still properly treated and remains in excellent condition. No cases of disease are attributable thereto this year.

The X-Ray work is being done at the Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu.

The buildings are in a sanitary condition and in a good state of repair and are excellently kept. The kitchen and utensils are clean and well polished. The food is of the best and sufficient in quantity.

We still feel very keenly the need of an operating room and sterilizing room in connection with the hospital, where we might at least be able to properly sterilize dressings and treat minor cuts and wounds which occur with the Gentlemen Cadets.

May I again-bring to notice the good and efficient work performed by the College Medical Officer, Lieut.-Colonel R.J.Gardiner, A.M.C. and Nursing Sister R.B.Wurtele, R.C.A.M.C. Their services during the past year have been eminently satisfactory.

COMMISSIONS.

It is notable that there has been, during the past year, a strong revulsion of feeling in favour of the Service. No less than thirteen members of the present Graduating Class have been recommended for commissions in addition to one or two from other classes who have obtained their M.C.Certificate.

Of this number six Cadets have been recommended for commissions in the Imperial Army, the balance in the Canadian Permanent Force.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

With the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Defence Council coupled with the invaluable suggestions and friendly criticisms of the Advisory Board of Governors, there has gradually been evolved by the Director of Studies and Academic Board at the R.M.C. of Canada, a well balanced Military Education, suited to the needs of the Canadian People, and furnishing a sound mental, physical and disciplinary education and training of the individual Cadet who, on graduating after such a course, should find himself well fitted to buffet his way to success in whatever calling he may choose to follow.

The evolution of this course, the balance between various departments and between Drills, Rides, P.T. etc.etc. has called for much anxious thought on the part of all concerned, necessitating many experiments. The desirability of bringing the College course in line with the Universities caused other changes; all this with the kindly helpful assistance of the Authorities of the Great Universities, has now been accomplished.

Viewing a year's work as a whole and a Cadet's career for four years, I submit an admirable balance has been struck between all Departments.

Our crying need now is for stability, it has been almost terrifically upsetting to the various classes, the unavoidable changes brought about by bringing order out of the chaos caused by the War and soundly applying the admirable letter of policy of the Department.

I therefore, in the best interest of the Cadets, earnestly request that the present system be given a fair chance and a good try out without further tinkering.

I feel constrained to make the following remarks with regard to the present First Class:

As a class they have not quite done themselves full justice; they seem to have had a good deal of ginger taken out of them by the absence of recruiting and having to clean their own kit, and they developed a captious attitude of mind towards the course and their work. Those that were entering for commissions (see para. re commissions) wondered if they should not have more time off academic subjects for drills, exercise and practical Tactics; those planning to enter civil life would have liked the course arranged to suit their individual requirements, but in spite of it all, and their not doing their very best, the class, as a class, have done a lot of consistent good work that is commendatory.

I want to place on record my considered opinion that it is advisable to get the Graduating Class out of leading strings as much as possible and put them on their own. My opinion was that the present First Class, after having three years of riding, should not require any more obligatory Riding School work other than perhaps one hour a week, when you take into consideration the Cavalry and Artillery weeks coupled with practicing for various sports and the fact that I arranged for twelve horses to be set apart for them on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and there was no real difficulty experienced in obtaining a horse on Sunday afternoons if they so desired, it will

readily be seen that they had plenty of opportunity to perfect themselves, yet they took the attitude that they should be given much more obligatory Riding and do nothing on their own, and little advantage was taken of the opportunities above outlined.

The same is true of Physical Training. When I was a Cadet Gymnastics were not obligatory in the final year, but there was a voluntary examination for which 200 marks were allotted to the First Class; Riding was only done in the final year. This year's First Class complained that they ought to have more obligatory Gymnastics, but having had three years of it they should have carried on themselves as in the Riding. It was felt that this was a method of fitting them to carry on after graduating, but very few indeed availed themselves of the opportunities to carry on voluntarily.

I append the report of Colonel H.J. Dawson, JMG, DSO., Director of Studies. May I say that, while this report is the Director of Studies' own, I desire to associate myself with the views expressed and the deductions drawn, as I am in entire agreement therewith.

He views the education and training at the College as a whole and preserves an admirable balance between the various Departments. It would be difficult indeed to estimate the value of his work for R.M.C., vigilant and untiring, he is always on the job in the best interests of the Cadets.

Colonel Anderson, as heretofore, has done yeoman work with the attached officers and Militia Staff Course and has been most helpful in every way.

I desire to bring to the favourable notice of the Advisory Board the whole of the Academic Board of the R.M.C. together with their assistants, for exceptionally good work this year.

During my whole tenure of command, Lieut.-Colonel Schmidlin and Professor Frank Day have rendered exceptional service to R.M.C., services that are outstanding from every point of view. Since joining, Professor Richardson's services have been extremely valuable; Associate Professor Bridger has worked faithfully and well, producing good results, and we owe our College Magazine to his efforts ably supported by Mr. Selley.

I am sorry to lose the very efficient services of Lieut.-Colonel E.M. Perry D.S.O., who, having completed his four years' tenure of office as Professor of Tactics, has been transferred. He was with me many years in war and peace, gallant, dependable and efficient.

Dr. Marion, who has been transferred to the Archives Department, is also a distinct loss to the French Department, being a very efficient Instructor.

I much regret to report that at the end of the year we are to lose the capable services of Associate Professor Vattier who returns to his Department in France in September. His work here has been painstaking and praiseworthy, with excellent results, and I should like this to be communicated to the French Government.

May I again repeat my general remarks of last year on the Staff, and with redoubled force.

Major J. Jeffery, O.B.E., H.C., who completes his tenure of office shortly, is deserving of special commendation for his work as Infantry drill and Weapon Training Instructor and in addition he runs the messing and has kept voluntary Musketry going.

Captain Harvey, V.O., M.C. has produced excellent results in Physical Training.

Administrative Staff. Captain Fortt gives every indication of being a great success as Staff Adjutant, smart, efficient and tactful. Captains Harvey, Kelly and Vokes, my old trustees, are efficient as usual and know I appreciate their good work.

#### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF STUDIES.

##### Dates of Opening and Closing.

The late date of opening the College, September 8th, for Under Officers and Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers of the 1st Class, and September 15th for the other two classes, necessitated a corresponding late date for the commencement of the academic period. In addition, the request received from National Defence Headquarters that those Cadets who were taking the summer courses in Flying and Signalling be allowed to report at Borden as soon after May 15th as possible, made it undesirable that the College remain open to a later date than about June 15th. This shortened the College year by about one week less than the previous year and by two weeks less than the preceding year. Since it cannot be expected that Matriculation results will be received in future any earlier than last year and as the courses in Flying and Signalling will continue, consideration should be given to a way of obviating the loss of time due to deferred opening and early closing.

##### Recommended date of opening.

Some years ago, all Classes reported to the College on the same date in the Autumn. Then, in order to provide instruction for the recruit class and to allow it to get settled down under favourable conditions, that class and the four Cadet Sergeant-Majors were brought in some days before the other classes. When the increase in numbers in the recruit class made it desirable to have more Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers, the recent practice of bringing in with the recruit class all the Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers of the First Class one week before the other classes was begun. As this practice is considered desirable, and as the Second and Third Classes should be brought back to College earlier than September 15th., I beg to recommend that the three Senior Classes be required to report back to College on September 1st. or at the earliest possible date in September, and the Fourth Class to report to College as soon after September 1st as their selection by the Board of Selection will permit. Then the recruit class could be placed temporarily in one portion of the dormitory, with certain selected seniors, or, if thought desirable, the Second and Third Classes could be placed under canvas in the field for practical work.

### Class Room Periods.

During the current year an attempt was made to solve the problem of shortening the class-room day for the Cadets. The need for this was pointed out in my report of last year and, with the full agreement of the Academic Board, it was decided to try the effect of shortening each of the morning lectures by five minutes, making them, after the termination of the Football Season, forty-five minutes instead of fifty minutes. The class-room day was thus made to terminate at four-thirty o'clock instead of at five o'clock, and so, during the season when outdoor activity was restricted, a free period of two hours was given before supper as an opportunity for hockey or other athletic diversions. The evenings were thus left free for study, without the formerly experienced need of evening hockey practices which actually made the whole evening worthless for study. Each Head of Departments was asked to express in his report his opinion of the shortened lecture periods and four reported in favour and two against. The Cadets of the three senior classes, who have had experience of the two periods, were also asked to state their views on the subject, and whilst all were naturally in favour of the shortened periods, they expressed the opinion that the shorter day gave conditions more favourable to work.

### Final Examinations.

Another problem that has not been solved to the complete satisfaction of all members of the Staff is that of the incidence of the Final Examinations (see Report of the Professor of Physics and Chemistry). Last year all members of the Academic Board agreed to breaking up the solid mass of examinations such as had been arranged in previous years, by distributing some of the examinations throughout the month of April. There was agreement in this again this year, but after the examinations started, at least one Professor discovered that he received reluctant attention to any new work attempted during April. He has accordingly proposed that he should have no final examinations in his subjects, replacing them by exercises and quizzes throughout the year. This is merely proposing a method of teaching which should be followed by all Professors but which fails to ask for a final summing up of the whole subject at the end of the year, and in this way must be considered unsatisfactory.

If the present system of distributed examinations is continued, and no one agrees to a return to the assembled examinations, it is obvious that the professors must plan their lectures so as to cover the whole field of work by the time of the commencement of the Final Examinations, and then employ any further time at their disposal in review and quizzes preparatory for the examinations.

An alternative plan would be to carry <sup>on</sup> the regular work on to the time of the Final Examinations, have the major part of them during one week at the end of April and the remainder distributed throughout May. The objections to this would be that they would interfere with periods like Artillery Week, Musketry Weeks, the Boxing Tournament, and the French Soiree, all training and events which have been left intentionally to the free time after examinations, and moreover the examinations would clash then with preparation for any gymnastic displays given by Cadets in neighbouring cities.

This Year's Work.

Reviewing the year's work as a whole, it may be said that it was satisfactory. It is the consensus of opinion of the Staff that the work of the Fourth Class was good. There was every evidence of undisturbed attention to work throughout the year, except during the two weeks immediately preceding the event known as the Jake Walk, when there developed a degree of general slackness. The Third Class gave good satisfaction by their attention to their work and showed active interest. These two classes have quite satisfied the Staff, but the work of the two senior classes was not quite as good as it should have been. Investigation has been made to discover the causes of this, and with regards to the First Class it appears to have been due to certain misconceptions entertained and fostered by members of the class. They have missed the privileges of recruiting enjoyed by their Seniors, and the necessity for attending to their own needs has made them think they were overworked. Then again they have encouraged the idea that the free afternoon on Wednesday and Saturday should be inviolable and some half-hour smartening up Infantry Parades and the Voluntary Riding were considered unfair. It is recognized that this time should be left free as possible since the present programme for class work represents the maximum requirement for supervised work. It is only when some particular parade or exercise calls for a short special effort that any regular classes in addition to the regular programme should be permitted. Nevertheless what is free for those well up in their work should be regarded by the backward as an opportunity for catching up or for independent study. In spite of the fact that the greatest effort possible was not obtained from this Class this year, it has, nevertheless, performed a lot of good consistent work.

The Second Class has now become a small class: it is the first one selected under the conditions of the present Entrance requirements and its original number, fifty-one, has now been reduced to twenty-two with one dropped into the next junior class; of the others two took commissions, five completed one year and withdrew, five completed two years and withdrew, five were withdrawn at the parents' request soon after joining, one was expelled, three were declared medically unfit, and seven failed to pass their first examinations. This shows the special weakness of this Class from their time of entrance, but it might be thought that this large falling off in the number of the class would leave only those of exceptional ability; yet, though some members of the class are possessed of very considerable ability and show excellent application, the class as a whole has not made as good progress as could be wished. Their work this year has dragged and it is evident that every effort will be necessary to inspire greater keenness in all members of this Class next year when they become Seniors in order that they may fulfil the double task of capably handling the junior Cadets and of successfully carrying on with their course.

Department of Tactics.

During the current year the newly appointed Professor of Tactics directed attention to some very indifferent work done by members of the First Class. There was no questioning the fact that it was badly done, and when it was furthermore considered that the exercise was simple and straightforward, comment was made on the evident lack of knowledge or training of this Senior Class in this essential subject.

It chanced, however, that attention had been directed to the very excellent exercises handed in by this Class some two years previously, and thus it became evident that the lack of knowledge was due to lack of exercise, or lectures without application. Since then successful effort has been made to cover the deficiency, yet the incident served to direct attention to the need of allotting exercises to be worked in the Cadet's own time, particularly in those subjects, such as Tactics, in which the instruction is given in two lectures a week. It furthermore called for an analysis of the total time allotted to the subject of Tactics to determine if sufficient time is given to this subject to equal the corresponding training at Sandhurst, since that is the standard to be attained in accordance with the "Policy letter".

The periods allowed during this year to the subject of Tactics, Military Organization, Administration and Law, Military History and Imperial Geography, are:

Class.	Autumn Field Period.	Academic Year.	Spring Field Period.	Trek.	Total.
1st.	24	2 periods week - 50.	16	24	114.
2nd.	15	2 periods week - 50.	11	24	100.
3rd.	12	2 periods week - 50.	13	24	99.
4th.	16	2 periods of 25 weeks. - 75.	6.	24	121
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As nearly as can be ascertained from the syllabus of training the time allotted at Sandhurst to cover the like subjects consists of three terms of about 21 weeks each, with the following allotment of periods:-

	Juniors.	Intermediate.	Seniors.	Total.
Tactics, Artillery, Field Engineering.	84	105	)	231
Map Reading and Field Sketching.	84	105	)	
Organization & Administration.	42	42		
Military Law.			21	
	210	252	252	714

The Sandhurst time includes that given to Field Engineering, the syllabus for which is fully covered by a portion of our course in Military Engineering and may be counted as roughly one hundred periods. Furthermore the work done here in tactical handling of troops during Cavalry week and Artillery week and the training in Map Reading and Field Sketching, to which a great amount of time is devoted at Sandhurst, supplied by the courses in Surveying and in Draughting in addition to the course given by the Tactical Department, lead to the conclusion that the time allowed here provides ample time to cover the necessary field. Nevertheless this investigation calls attention to the following points:-

- (1) The work attempted at Sandhurst endeavours merely to give "such instruction in the principles of Tactics as to ensure a sound knowledge of these principles and a readiness to deal quickly with tactical situations which a platoon commander may be called upon to face". The limits of the work to be attempted ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> here clearly indicated.
- (2) The need of repeated exercises during the Winter months.
- (3) That the fullest use must be made of all opportunities for work on the grounds. This directs attention to the "Trek" training and indicates how very important is the time allowed for the "Trek" and that as many of those hours as possible should be devoted to tactical exercises. Furthermore, it raises the question if the "Trek" should not be replaced by combining this time with some of the time spent in Surveying and like work in the field, and this time spent under canvas on Barriefield Camp ground.
- (4) The need of as much free time as possible so that Cadets may be required to work out exercises by themselves.

Special attention is directed to the paragraph in this Professor's report in which he remarks on the allotment of marks. Marks were assigned in this way when the course was extended from three to four years and in the revision of the course, which followed the discussion at the meeting of the Advisory Board in June, 1923, the same allotment of marks was kept in order that the relative standing of Cadets graduating in different years might be readily ascertained. They were, and are still, roughly proportional to the number of lecture hours devoted to the various subjects. In Tactics it is a knowledge of how to solve a tactical problem rather than a knowledge of tactical problems that is required, and the approved course at the College has been drawn up in the belief that the attainment of this ability can be assisted by education and by the solution of problems other than tactical ones. Yet the relative importance of the work of any Department will be partly represented by the number of marks allotted to that work, since that will determine to some extent the attention given to the study of the subject by the Cadets.

If, then, the Professor of Tactics has found that his subject is overshadowed in this way by Mathematics and Mechanics in the Third and Fourth Classes and by the special courses in Civil Engineering and Chemistry in the First Class, a change may be considered advisable. Accordingly a new Table II will be drawn up and submitted for consideration.

With regard to the requested allotment of marks in Table III, to what is termed Practical Instruction in Tactics, I am not in favour of this. The marks allotted to Tactics will serve to cover all work done in the Field. If marks for Practical Instruction in Tactics are allowed, then provision will have to be made for Surveying in the Field, Practical Physics, Chemistry and other Laboratory work. Table III gives an apportionment of marks for subjects in which dexterity appears as the chief factor.

The remarks made relative to Military Law and its separation from Military Organization and Administration call for no action. It lies quite within the power of the Professor concerned to make the separation in any way he considers desirable. As graduating Cadets would go into units as junior subalterns, it is unnecessary to lay too much emphasis on Military Law.

The whole question of the relative importance of and the allotment of time to military subjects, to drill and exercises and to educational subjects is a difficult one. Each Professor would like to obtain additional time and lend additional emphasis to his Department. The only policy that can be followed is to make sure that the general requirements of each Department as to time are met as fully as possible and then leave it to the Professor to attain the desired standard.

#### Department of Engineering.

It is satisfactory to report that the work on Military Engineering, Draughting, Surveying and in General Engineering has shown complete co-operation with the general educational scheme of training laid down for the College. During the year two members of your Staff were given the opportunity of attending the meeting of the Engineering Institute of Montreal at which the subject of Engineering was discussed. It was encouraging to note that the consensus of opinion expressed at that widely attended meeting was that the desirable form of such an education is one in which a sound grounding in the general elementary principles of engineering is accompanied by a training in bodily vigour and in discipline. The whole argument encouraged the opinion that the training at the Royal Military College is directed along the right lines for Cadets who subsequently take commissions or go into engineering or follow any other walk of life.

#### Department of Physics and Chemistry.

The Professor of Physics and Chemistry submits a request that an Instructor in Chemistry be appointed. At present there are in his Department one Professor, one Associate Professor of Chemistry, one Instructor in Physics and two laboratory assistants. The Instructors in Mathematics lend the necessary assistance and this is fairly satisfactory.

#### Department of Artillery.

In the report of the Professor of Artillery, under which the Riding Establishment is placed, attention is directed to the riding of the First Class. Training in riding is continued throughout the four years, with two periods a week in the Fourth Class, two periods in the Third Class, two periods in the Second Class and one period in the First Class. In addition to this there is a Cavalry week each Autumn and an Artillery week and much additional riding in the Spring for the Senior Classes. In the aggregate, this gives a very considerable amount of time for riding and it was with your concurrence that the rides of the First Class were limited to one a week with voluntary rides on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

In spite of the expressed desire of the First Class for more riding, it is noted that this year very few Cadets out of that Class availed themselves consistently of the opportunity given by those voluntary rides. Another ride can be provided only by eliminating or reducing time allowed another subject, and if 25-40 minutes periods on horseback are not sufficiently long it may be necessary to revert to the longer day.

#### Physical Training.

The present standard of Physical Training is attained from a course continuous throughout the four years, three class periods a week being allowed to the recruit class, and two periods a week to each of the other classes. In addition to this, the recruit class received extra periods during its first month at the College and the obligatory periods mentioned have been supplemented during the winter months by sending to the Gymnasium those Cadets who are not availing themselves of the time after classes, left free for outside exercise, or who require additional P.T. Over and above this is the training during the month of April and examination week in May when the Cadets are required to devote some of their own time to prepare for whatever exhibitions or displays are in prospect. This call on the Cadets ensures regular exercise at a time when the usual number of periods has been curtailed on account of examinations and when Cadets are apt to neglect free exercise for study.

In considering this question, the exercise received by Cadets in Sport, Riding, Weapon Training and Infantry Training must be taken into account, and judging by the high standard of physical fitness attained, it would appear that sufficient class periods have been allowed. This opinion is expressed in opposition to that of the Instructor of Physical Training who would like to have additional periods with the Third and Second Classes so that all Physical Training should be restricted to class periods.

#### Department of Mathematics and Mechanics.

The regular courses of study were carried out and good progress made. It is satisfactory to note that two members of the Staff in this Department availed themselves of the opportunity given by the summer vacation to improve their academic standing.

#### Department of French.

It is regretted that Professor Vattier will sever his connection with the Royal Military College at the end of this academic year. During his years of service here he has effected a great advance in the value of the course in French and made steady improvement in methods of instruction employed. The withdrawal of Dr. Marion from the position of Instructor in French was a distinct loss to the Department. The new Instructor in French, Mr. Emond, appointed in November to succeed Dr. Marion, has been doing very satisfactory work.

Department of English and History.

During the year the change in syllabus for the Second Class from a course in English to one in Social History was effected. This course is full of promise and it is hoped that the methods of instruction adopted will induce Cadets to delve into books more independently than before and that the compositions written will produce a capacity for freer expression.

In this report appears a request for another Instructor in English. The need of this does not appear very urgent at the present time.

After reviewing the year's work, the conclusion is once more reached that the one avenue along which the greatest amount of improvement can be obtained is that which leads to greater self-independence on the part of the Cadets. This has been appreciated in the past and efforts made to further it, but it has been charged that we do too much spoon-feeding. If this has been so it has been because members of the Staff, in their anxiety to cover necessary work, have put too much of themselves into the work, smoothing out difficulties as to progress more rapidly. Encountering the difficulties and delays caused by the necessary participation in athletics with the accompanying loss of time through absence and by the other activities about the College, they have felt compelled to carry the Cadets of least ability and those of greater ability have been apt at taking advantage of this. But it is recognized that education consists of ability to overcome difficulties rather than massed knowledge, and so your Staff recognizes that it is incumbent on them to endeavour in every way to make the Cadets act on their own responsibilities. In doing this a difficult balance must be maintained. On the one hand participation in sports must be insisted upon, and on the other every encouragement given to study.

Admission of Ex-Cadets to the Study of Law.

At the last meeting of the Advisory Board a committee was appointed to obtain for Cadets certain allowances when entering the study of Law. As this committee has not yet met, I beg to report such action as I was able to take on my own responsibility. I addressed to the Secretary of the Law Society of each Province a request that he inform me what allowances were granted to graduate Cadets when entering in the study of Law. I received answers from the Law Societies of British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario saying that the same credit was given as to graduation in Arts of a University. No definite reply was received from the Law Society of Saskatchewan as their rules were in process of revision. The Societies of the remaining Provinces, - Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, give no credit.

Interchange of Professors.

Another committee was appointed to take up the question of interchange of members of the Staff with the Universities. I am informed that there now exists no accepted scheme of interchange between the educational institutions.

Two matters deserve immediate attention:-

- (1) The lights in the room occupied by the First Class for draughting.
- (2) A supply of Webley revolvers.

In concluding this report, I wish to express appreciation of the support that you have always given to efforts of your Staff, and the generous assistance always lent in matters concerning education at the Royal Military College.

#### RIDING AND RIDING ESTABLISHMENT.

A recommendation has been received that the Recruit Class be completely issued with Riding Breeches by Messrs. This year active riding with this class has been seriously interfered with, and a few of the class have not yet got breeches. Those of this class not fitted with breeches by Messrs. it is recommended, be issued with Pantaloon, Moleskin, which cost \$2.42 per pair, but I think it would be far better to equip the whole of the Recruit Class, on joining, with moleskin pantaloon.

The temporary stables are in a bad shape and are considered dangerous to the health of the horses. I am given to understand, however, that the construction of the new stables will be recommended.

Major Tremaine reports that the Classes are graded as follows:-

- 1st Class.- Good, with about seven Very Good.
- 2nd Class.- Very Good, with two or three exceptions.
- 3rd Class.- Very Good, with some showing every promise of becoming excellent horsemen.
- 4th Class.- Very Good and making splendid progress.

I should like to say that I have been extremely pleased with the work done by Major Tremaine during the year. He has shown himself smart and alert; he is extremely interested in his work and is deserving of a special word of commendation.

We regret the loss of Captain Finney who has retired to pension; he was an extremely efficient Riding Master, and before that his services as Instructor in Artillery to the College were in every way satisfactory. Major Tremaine, however, reports that Sergeant-Major Instructor Egglestone, who has temporarily assumed Captain Finney's duties, is doing well, and it is understood that an Officer Instructor will be appointed in the Autumn.

ARTILLERY.

The alteration in the syllabus in not giving the Fourth Class any Artillery until the end of their first year has so far proved successful, and it is recommended that this alteration be allowed to stand.

Work on the same lines as mentioned in last year's report has been carried out and completed though there has been little time for review.

The progress of the Cadets is reported as follows:-

- 1st Class.- Generally satisfactory.
- 2nd Class.- Fair, with two or three exceptions.
- 3rd Class.- Excellent.

Artillery week is considered to be one of the most important portions of a Cadet's Artillery training, as it enables him to put into practice a large portion of what he has done in theory during the winter. It is the only opportunity Cadets have of seeing and forming part of a complete battery, and the work is so laid out that during a Cadet's service he performs the duties of each member of a battery, i.e. Gunner, Driver, member of Battery Staff and Officer. During this week the various practical examinations are held for all three classes.

The Artillery equipment is satisfactory except that the instructional drawings and sections of ammunition and some parts of the gun equipment are out of date. New drawings and sections have been put in for.

It is not anticipated that any equipment on a large scale will be required during the coming year. An application will be made at a later date for 10 Cartridges, Drill, Q.F. 18-pr., Mk.V.

DEPARTMENT OF TACTICS.

The Staff of the Department of Tactics are responsible for the instruction of the Gentlemen Cadets in Imperial Military Geography, Strategy and Military History, Military Organization and Administration, Military Law, Military Sanitation, Tactics and Topography, Signalling, Drill and Weapon Training, and Physical Training.

Please see Director of Studies' Report on Tactics.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

In addition to the Director of Studies' report on Physical Training, I should like to mention that during the months of July, August and September, sixteen N.S.O's of the Permanent Force at the College took a course in Army and Board of Education P.T. The standard attained was very fair, but with a more careful selection of candidates in future, it is hoped to raise the standard of P.T. not only in the Army, but in the schools throughout the country, where these N.S.O's give instruction under the regulations governing the Strathcona Trust Fund.

BUILDINGS.

The new wing to Fort Frederick Dormitory has been completed and is now ready for occupation. The Public Works Department are preparing plans etc. for the grading around the building.

The Greenhouse has proved to be most beneficial for wintering the flowers etc. for the beautification of the College Grounds. The present greenhouse, however, is not large enough and we hope to increase the size this summer.

By changing over the shops a much better room has been provided for the Workshop Training (Woodwork) of the Cadets.

The Sir Arthur Currie Hall has been improved by further lettering etc. on the frames of windows, thus practically completing it, although it is hoped some day to obtain stained glass windows.

A 25 yards Rifle Range was also completed and filled a long felt want.

The electrification of our Pumping Plant has proved a great success. There was not one adverse report on the analysis of our water supply during the year, in fact the last report a few days ago was 100% clear.

The electric appliances used in the Officers' quarters etc. have proved a large saving over the use of coal and the Hydro supply for the year was without interruption.

The Lunette at Fort Frederick has been reclaimed, the stone wall surrounding it was pointed and flushed in cement mortar and rebuilt where necessary, and will now last many years.

The Memorial Cross of the Kingston 21st Battalion was placed at the back of the Boundary Wall facing Kingston near the Fort Frederick entrance Gate.

A large amount of repair and upkeep work has been done on the buildings as well as periodical painting etc.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Many improvements have been made on the Grounds by placing extra flower beds, lawns etc. The ravine near the Rink has been levelled to provide five tennis courts and it is hoped to complete these courts this year with mud and clay surface. This was a much needed service.

A start has been made to beautify the ground on the Common opposite to the Memorial Arch, it is hoped to fence this lot off this year.

Some work has been done to level the Soccer Field near the Commandant's house, and we hope to eventually have this field in good shape.

The ground at the Gun Sheds has been filled and levelled, as recommended by the Board, with the winter's ashes, and this now provides a much needed vent.

Some fifteen larch trees from Quebec were planted, as none was on the Grounds: about seven or eight of these trees have done well, the others died.

Considerable trouble and damage is caused through stray cattle and horses coming onto the grounds from the commons, and it cannot be too strongly urged that the whole of the College area should be fenced in and rented for grazing to one man, and thereby be a source of revenue to the Government and also do away with this nuisance.

A large amount of repair work etc. was done to the roads and parades, and the grading of grounds.

I strongly recommend the immediate fencing in of the lower Barriefield Common, it can then be gradually levelled and treed around its borders, and, apart from changing an eye-sore into a beauty spot, it would do away with the swarm of cattle and stray horses that collect there from time to time and are a menace to the health of any horses drilling there, and as time goes on the place will become one of the best Brigade Parade Grounds in Canada, and can be used for all sorts of sports.

As in former years, Captain Vokes has been indefatigable in bringing about the best results with the means at his disposal.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

During the past year Colonel Anderson has done invaluable work in the Preparatory Course and the Long Course for Officers. His report follows and I would particularly call attention to that part in which he states that it would be preferable to hold the Long Course between January and June to permit of more practical work being included in the syllabus.

Attached Officers.

Two Officers' Courses - each of five months' duration - have been held at the College during the past year. One was the preparatory course for candidates for admission to the Staff College, and the other was a Long Course for officers of the non-permanent active militia who are candidates for commissions in the Permanent Force.

Eight Officers of the Permanent Force attended the Preparatory Course, which commenced on October 1st, and concluded on February 23rd., and two officers of the R.C.A.F.- candidates for admission to the Air Force Staff College - were attached.

The instruction, as here-to-fore, consisted of lectures, indoor and outdoor exercises and conferences. As usual, each officer was required to prepare and deliver a lecture on some selected subject of military interest. Again this year this branch of the work, which I consider to be of great value, involving as it does research work, preparation notes, and practice in lecturing, was particularly good. The candidates showed great interest in the indoor and outdoor exercises and in the discussions which followed each, as well as in the students' conferences, carried out entirely by the students, on selected subjects, and in a number of lectures delivered by officers from outside the College.

The attachment of the R.C.A.F. officers to each preparatory course is proving of value, enabling, as it does, officers of each service to obtain a knowledge of the problems of the other.

Five officers of the non-permanent active militia and one officer of the Permanent Force attended the Long Course, which commenced October 15th and concluded March 14th., and one officer of the Permanent Force was attached for the first ten weeks. Four of the officers passed in the examinations held at the end of the course. It is considered that in future it would be preferable to hold the Long Course between January and June to permit of more practical work being included in the syllabus, which is based on the work required in the promotion examination of subalterns of the Permanent Force.

Militia Staff Course.

The practical portion of the second and the theoretical portion of the third Militia Staff Course have been held during the last year. The former again was held at St. Johns, P.Q. for Eastern Canada, and at Sarcee Camp for Western Canada, with an attendance of 45 and 37 respectively. The candidates for the theoretical portion of the third course number about 132. The schemes for the practical portion and the lecture notes for the theoretical portion were again prepared by or under the direction of the General Staff R.M.C. The results of both branches of this course are reported to be very satisfactory. The work this year has followed the same lines as last year.

It is again desired to acknowledge the assistance received from the Survey Division, Dept. of National Defence, and the promptness with which many maps and diagrams required for the course have been prepared and supplied.

#### General.

During the year a number of changes have occurred in the General Staff, R.M.C. In September last Captain and brevet Lieut.-Colonel R.J. Brook, OBE, DSO, p.s.c., was transferred to the Staff of M.D.No.2, and Major and brevet Lieut.-Colonel F.O. Hodgins, DSO, p.s.c., was appointed temporarily G.S.O. II in his stead. Owing to illness this officer was unable to join and Captain and brevet Major R.J. Leach, MC, RC4, was attached for a few months, being succeeded in January by Captain E.M. Holloway, The R.C.R. who remained until March of this year. Major G.J. Wallace, DSO, OBE, MC, p.s.c., the H.L.I., who has come to Canada on exchange for two years from April 1925, has been appointed G.S.O. II at the College for the period of his term in Canada, and this branch of the College work will no doubt be facilitated in consequence.

#### CUPS AND TROPHIES.

I regret to have to once more report that in the competition between the Military Colleges of the Empire for the General Lafferty Cup, the Royal Military College of Canada was again unsuccessful. The results have not yet been published, but it is understood, unofficially, that Sandhurst will again be the winner.

T.L. Church Esq. M.P. again very kindly presented a beautiful trophy for the Recruits "Obstacle Race".

#### GIFTS.

Dr. W.D. Rankin, M.D. has kindly presented the College with a silver watch purchased in London, England, about four hundred years ago by one William Rankin. It was carried through all the English-American Wars and the Indian Wars of Western Pennsylvania. It has always been considered a lucky talisman and no one was ever injured while carrying it.

On the suggestion of Major Grant, Associate Professor of Engineering, a collection of pictures illustrating the work and activities of Ex-Detets, has been started. The collection has grown rapidly, there now being twenty-eight pictures, and it is hoped that eventually there will be two hundred or more.

The collection has created a great deal of interest among parents of Cadets and other visitors to the College, and it demonstrates clearly the fact that men turned out by R.M.C. have many notable achievements to their credit, and it is hoped that this may prove an inspiration to the present generation of Cadets.

In addition to many anonymous gifts, the College appreciates very much indeed the kindness of the undermentioned, who have generously presented books to the Library during the period under review:-

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.  
 Professor B.K. Sandvell.  
 Captain E.L.M. Burns, M.C.  
 Lieut.-Colonel L.R. Thompson, M.C.  
 Miss M.J. Ritchie.  
 Major Timmis.  
 Lieut.-Colonel K.M. Perry, D.S.O.

#### VISITORS.

During the year the following, amongst others, visited the College:-

Colonel J.F. Fuller, DSO. Staff College, Camberley.  
 Sir Robert L. Borden, GCMG.  
 Brig.-General A.G.L. McNaughton, CMG, DSO.  
 Wing Commander R. Williams, DSO, OBE, R.A.A.F.  
 Colonel H.I. Kerslake, CMG, DSO. War Office, London, Eng.  
 Colonel M.O. Wavell, CMG, MC. " " " "  
 Major-General J.H. MacBrien, CB, CMG, DSO.  
 Colonel A.E. Grasset, DSO, MC.  
 Dr. J.J. Hergarty, M.D. Public Health Dept.

#### OPENING OF THE COLLEGE.

It is requested that the Board recommend that the College opens on 1st September, 1925; that when the Recruits arrive, the other classes be camped either in the huts or under canvas on Barriefield Common to do their surveying, and that certain members of the First Class be detailed to help with the instruction of the Recruits.

(A.C. Macdonell)  
 Major-General,  
 Commandant, Royal Military College.

APPENDIX 1.

Retired Pay, due from the Canadian Government, in respect of Imperial Officers who have served at the Royal Military College.

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On the 25th March last a communication was received from National Defence Headquarters, to the effect that "The Royal Military College Vote, 1924-25, is being debited with the sum of £1,116.15.3 (\$5,355.00) in respect to a claim received from the War Office for the reimbursement to the Imperial Government of a proportion of the Retired Pay of certain British Officers who have served from time to time, on loan, at the Royal Military College of Canada.

This amount was due on account of two officers, viz:- Colonel J.H.V. Crowe, R.A., who had served as Commandant, R.M.C. for a period of four years, and Major M.V. Plummer, R.A., who served as Instructor at R.M.C. for a period of seven years.

I was also notified that in addition to the above sum of \$5,355.00, charged to the R.M.C. Vote, a further sum of £207.0.9 was to be assessed as a carrying charge, annually, for these two officers.

There have been approximately twenty-four Imperial Officers who have served at the College in various administrative or instructional appointments, several of whom have been retired, or may be retired in the near future, for whom the War Office may submit claims for reimbursement of a proportion of retired pay or pension if this principle is to be consistently applied. It will, therefore, readily be seen that there is a possibility that the sum involved to cover such payments would amount to a considerable item, and may easily assume such proportions as to become a very serious burden, in the near future, to the R.M.C. Vote.

It should be borne in mind that pensions earned by officers of the Canadian Permanent Force, who have served at the Royal Military College in similar appointments, are not a charge against the R.M.C. Vote; moreover, such officers contribute 5% of the pay and allowances of their permanent rank or appointment towards a Pension Fund: whereas the Imperial Officer does not contribute.

All arrangements for the appointment of Imperial Officers for special engagement at the Royal Military College are made between His Majesty's Government and His Majesty's Canadian Government.

Pensions to officers of the Canadian Permanent Force are paid from the special Votes for "Pensions 1885, and Militia Pensions generally" and I am strongly of the opinion that any amounts due to the War Office, England, on account of retired pay or pension to officers of the Imperial Army is not a fair charge, and should not be assessed against the R.M.C. Vote. I therefore considered that it devolved upon me to contend the principle and to point out to Headquarters authorities the serious aspect of this assessment.

H.Q. 49-8-10.  
R.M.C. 1-8-6.

APPENDIX 2.

Table II

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Showing the appropriation of marks to each subject of Theoretical Instruction, with practical application, throughout the entire course of four years.

Subject.	Basic Course.				Total for entire course.
	Maximum marks allotted to each Class.				
	4th	3rd	2nd	1st	
1. Mathematics and Mechanics.....	2,700	2,400	1,400		6,500
2. Geometrical Drawing and Descriptive Geometry.....	250	250	300	400	1,200
3. Military Engineering.....	100	800	700	900	2,500
4. Artillery.....	100	800	700	900	2,500
5. Tactics.....	450	450	450	500	1,850
6. Strategy and Military History.....			250	300	550
7. Imperial Military Geography.....				300	300
8. Military Organization, Administration and Law.....	350	350	250	300	1,250
9. Civil Engineering and Surveying.....			1,200	900	2,100
10. Physics.....		500	800	600	1,900
11. Chemistry.....	700	500	200	200	1,600
12. English and History.....	700	500	500		1,700
13. French.....	600	500	500	300	1,900
14. Summer Reading....		100	100	100	300
Special Course Civil Engineering and Surveying.....			300	5,325	5,625
or Special Course Chemistry.....			300	5,325	5,625.
Maximum Total.....	5,950	7,150	7,650	11,025	31,775.

Table III

Showing the appropriation of marks to each subject of Practical Instruction throughout the entire course of four years.

Subject.	Maximum marks allotted to each Class.				Total for entire course.
	4th	3rd	2nd	1st.	
Infantry.....	100	200	200	250	750
Signalling.....	100	100	100		300
Equitation etc....	100	150	200	300	750
Physical Training.	200	100	150	100	550
Weapon Training...	100	200	300	100	700
Workshops.....		200			200
Military Deport- ment.....	100	100	100	100	400
Swimming.....	100				100
Conduct.....	250	250	250	250	1,000
	1,050.	1,300	1,300	1,100	4,750

Maximum marks for discipline:-

S.U.O.....	60	per month	-	600
U.O.(Company Commander).....	55	"	"	550
U.O.(Platoon Commander).....	45	"	"	450
J.S.M. and C.Q.M.S.....	40	"	"	400
Sergeant (Platoon Sergeant).....	35	"	"	350
Sergeant (Section Commander).....	30	"	"	300
Corporal (Section Commander).....	25	"	"	250
Lance-Corporal (Section Commander).....	25	"	"	250
Lance-Corporal.....	20	"	"	200



CANADA

QUOTE NO.....

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

May 23, 1925.

Sir,-

I enclose herewith Draft Report of the Advisory Board: also note of certain points which came up at the meeting, and upon which action was to be taken by the Chief of Staff or the Director of Studies.

If you will kindly return the Draft Report with any changes you wish to make, I will have a fair copy made and sent to the different members for signature.

Yours obediently,

*F. Currie*

(Captain)

General Sir Arthur Currie,  
GCMG., KCB.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

POINTS WHICH CAME UP AT THE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD 1925 NOT DEALT WITH IN THE REPORT.

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1. The Director of Studies to go back four years and ascertain the percentage of drop year by year in the various classes, the result to be communicated to General Sir Arthur Currie, also to the Director of Military Training, M.D.H.Q.
2. General MacBrien to take up a suggestion of Brig. General Cartwright regarding quarters:-
  - i. Rental value of each quarter to be assessed by an independent Board.
  - ii. Quarters to be allotted so far as possible to the different ranks according to their size and suitability.
  - iii. Officers to pay for quarters they occupy the amount of deduction authorised according to their rank, or the assessed rental value of the quarter. The amount of deduction not to exceed the rental value of the quarter or the amount authorised by pay regulations to be deducted according to rank, whichever is the lesser.
3. The Chief of the Staff to take up the question of lectures. General Currie considers that the tendency of educational institutions, including probably the Royal Military College, is to have too many lectures and to give too little time to the students to think out matters for themselves. Examinations should not be on the notes of the lectures but rather on the general subject dealt with in the lectures; the lectures being considered only as pointers to assist the students. (Note: the Director of Studies would appear to have this idea from what he says on page 15 of the Report beginning - "But it is recognised that education consists" etc. etc.)

4. General Currie only learned on the day of the assembly of the Board that in the last report of the Board it was recommended that he, Dr Tory and the Director of Studies should be constituted a Committee to consider the question of a Sabbatical year for professors. General MacBrien to ascertain responsibility for no action having been taken on this and to take necessary steps now to carry out the original proposal.

5. The Chief of Staff to consider the question of adding Colonel Anderson and Major Wallace to the Academic Board which should be presided over not by the Director of Studies but by the Commandant. This would possibly get over the difficulty caused by the present arrangement whereby the Director of Studies is in control of all education including military as well as civil, and at the same time would avoid the many difficulties involved in dividing the subjects taught into two rigid branches, military and civil, and placing them respectively under G.S.O.1 and the Director of Studies.

May 27th, 1925.

Captain F. Cummins,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Captain Cummins:-

I am returning herewith the draft Report of the Advisory Board Royal Military College. I have not made any corrections, considering the Report as written a very faithful and satisfactory one.

When sending copies to the other members of the Board for signature I would suggest that you enclose the memorandum which you sent to me and head it "Points which came up at the meeting of the Advisory Board 1925 not dealt with in the Report".

Yours faithfully,

June 5th, 1925.

Captain F. Cummins, C.M.S.C.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 4th enclosing Report Advisory Board Royal Military College has just been received.

Sir Arthur's sailing has been delayed on account of illness. He is at present in hospital. I think he would be able to sign the Report in about a week. He does not now expect to sail before the 25th or 26th.

Please advise me whether you wish the Report returned to you or whether I shall hold it until General Currie is well enough to sign it.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

4th. June 1925.

Sir,

I have just heard that you are leaving for England tomorrow. I enclose the Report of the Advisory Board for your signature in the hope that it may reach you before you sail. It has only just been received back from General Cartwright. The report is in accordance with the draft which you approved.

Yours obediently,

Captain,  
Secretary, Advisory Board,  
Royal Military College.

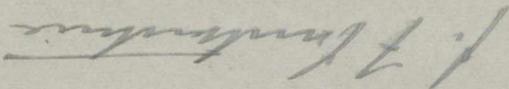
To

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

General Sir A.W. Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,  
Chancellor, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Commandant, Royal Military College.

Colonel-Commandant,



Yours faithfully,

on this occasion.

same as a memento of your visit to the R.M.C.

Gentlemen Cadets request that you please accept

for year 1925, and on behalf of the Staff and

of photograph of the R.M.C. Advisory Board

address, under separate cover this day, copy

I have forwarded to your

Dear General Currie:

17th November, 1925.

R.M.C. 6-7-1.

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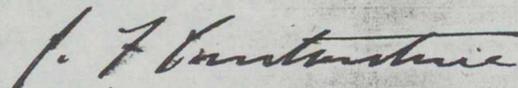
R.M.C. 6-7-1.

17th November, 1925.

Dear General Currie:

I have forwarded to your address, under separate cover this day, copy of photograph of the R.M.C. Advisory Board for year 1925, and on behalf of the Staff and Gentlemen Cadets request that you please accept same as a memento of your visit to the R.M.C. on this occasion.

Yours faithfully,



Colonel-Commandant,  
Commandant, Royal Military College.

General Sir A.W. Currie, K.C.D., G.C.M.G.,  
Chancellor, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

November 23rd, 1925.

Colonel C. F. Constantine, D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date and for the copy of the photograph of the R.M.C. Advisory Board. These photographs in successive years make interesting souvenirs.

I spent an afternoon with General Macdonell in Calgary and never saw him looking better.

I hope all goes well at the College. I have every confidence that your term of command there will be a notable one.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

WO.

QUOTE No.....

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,

1st May, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

The Honourable, The Minister  
has selected you as Chairman of the Advisory  
Board of the Royal Military College, for the  
year 1926.

The Commandant of the R.M.C.  
has suggested May 26th as the date for the  
visit of the Advisory Board. Will you please  
let me know if this date is suitable; if not,  
will you please suggest a date?

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

May 4th, 1926.

Major-General Henri Panet, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

Replying to your letter of May 1st with reference to suitable dates for a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College, I am sorry to have to say that I could not attend on May 26th and 27th. McGill's Annual Convocation takes place on Friday, the 28th, but there is always so much to do in the days immediately preceding that I would find it impossible to be away from Montreal.

I suggest May 19th.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

WO.

QUOTE NO. 74-4-24

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,

7th May, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

The date suggested in your telegram of yesterday - the 9th June - is quite satisfactory, and notification has this day been sent to the members of the Advisory Board that the annual meeting will be held at the Royal Military College, Kingston, on that date.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



CANADA

WO.

QUOTE NO. 74-4-24.

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,  
7th May, 1926.

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable, the Minister of National Defence has directed that the annual meeting of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College, shall be held at the College, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th June next.

Will you please advise what transportation tickets you will require, and on which railway you wish to travel.

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

(G.J. Desbarats)  
Deputy Minister.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Royal Military College

Kingslon, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926.

My dear General.-

I believe that it is incumbent upon me to write to you to tell you that a few days ago I took the step of sending in my name to Ottawa asking that it be considered in connection with the vacant Commissionerships of the Civil Service Commission. I have been in the service now for twenty-five years and have reached the limit for promotion and pay here, so I felt that, at least, no harm could be done in making that request. I also felt that I could carry to such a position an experience in organization, a knowledge of the service and of men,

and an insight into educational conditions and training throughout Canada that would be of value.

I am aware that there are many seekers after the position and that my prospect of selection is very slight, particularly as I seek no political support. It seems to me that the positions are non-political in character and should be so considered. So in writing to you, I am merely trying to give you the information as to what I have done so that, should you hear my name mentioned, it would not come to you as a surprise that you had not been told. As a matter of fact, I am very happy in my work here and I think there is useful work to be done.

We were all greatly pleased to hear that you will again visit us in June. I am

Yours very truly

H. J. Dawson.

May 15th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Dawson, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Let me acknowledge your letter  
of May 14th.

You can always count on me, Dawson,  
doing what I can to help you improve your position.  
While I believe your leaving the College would be a  
very great loss to that institution I do not think  
you should remain there at too great a sacrifice to  
yourself.

With all kind interests, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Royal Military College  
May 21st 1926

My dear General -

Thank you very much for  
your very kind letter of May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
I really hope that something  
will happen. I am  
Yours very sincerely

W. Dawson.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Montreal, Quebec.

PERSONAL.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE  
KINGSTON.

17th May, 1926.

Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I was very pleased indeed to hear from the Adjutant-General this morning that you are again to be the President of the Advisory Board this year.

I understand from looking over back files, that the Board does not wish any "special" performances, exercises, etc. prepared, but prefers to see the Cadets and College generally under normal conditions.

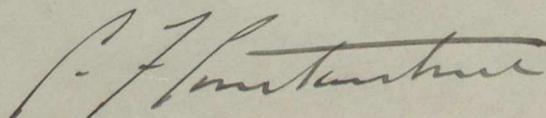
Our programme had been made up for the Cadets to be on the "Trek" during the week of June 6th, but I have changed this tentatively, feeling that you would probably prefer to see them here. However, if you would like to see them in camp, it can easily be arranged to take the Board by car or boat. The camp is about eight miles down the river from here.

In acknowledging the date of the Board, June 9th., I have pointed out the proposed change of programme to National Defence Headquarters.

Should there be any points which you would like specially gone into, or prepared before the meeting of the Board, I shall be very glad indeed to arrange if you express the wish.

Mrs. Constantine and myself hope that we shall have the pleasure of putting you up during the visit of the Board, and longer, should you care to stay on.

Yours very sincerely,



May 22nd, 1928.

Major-General Henri Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Adjutant-General,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to have to advise  
you that, owing to a temporary illness, Sir  
Arthur Currie will not be able to attend the  
meeting of the Advisory Board, Royal Military  
College, June 1st and 2nd next.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal.

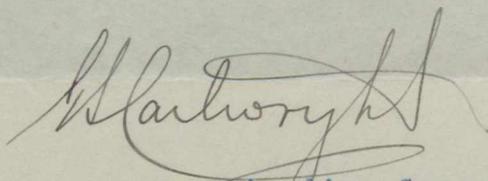
ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE  
KINGSTON.

1st June 1928.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have the pleasure of informing you that as its first act on assembling at the Royal Military College today, the Advisory Board unanimously requested me to communicate to you its great regret at your absence, and the more especially so because it is due to illness. They express the hope that you will speedily be restored to full health.

Yours sincerely,



Brigadier-General,  
Chairman, Advisory Board, 1928.  
Royal Military College.

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D.  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

June 8th, 1927.

Director of Supply and Transport,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith original  
Warrants for Transport Nos. 4679 and 4680 unused.

Will you kindly reimburse me for  
one return ticket Montreal to Kingston, - \$ 11.05  
one lower berth " " " 2.75  
one parlour car seat Kingston to Montreal 1.05 \$14.85

I attended the meeting of  
the Advisory Board at Kingston on June 3rd and  
4th, but these Warrants did not arrive until  
after I had left Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

KINGSTON.

25th May 1928.

General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG, KCB.  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I was extremely sorry to find, when I went to see you in Montreal, that you were laid up.

I saw Colonel Bovey and had a chat with him.

Of course, we were all delighted with the outcome of the Cobourg affair, which was none the less gratifying although there were no doubts whatever in our minds as to the result.

What follows is of no immediate consequence, so if you do not feel like reading it, please drop it into the waste paper basket.

Colonel Bovey told me confidentially that you would be unable to be up for the Advisory Board this year, and I thought that it might interest you to know how things were going here.

We have had an average year academically. The First Class has been somewhat disappointing as regards marks, but otherwise very good. The Second and Third Classes have been above the average in all respects. The Fourth Class has not lived up to the promise shown in their entrance qualifications, but will still be about an average.

The new Machinery Hall has now been completed, and all the machinery etc. removed from their old location into the new building. They are scattered about at the moment in what looks like a hopeless mess. Schmidlin is like a child on Christmas morning standing in the middle of toys and not knowing which to play with first. He is covered in grease, and smiling, and I have no doubt that he will produce order out of the present chaos within the next month or two.

The new tennis courts are completed and in play. An old farmer who was on the gang making them, produced a wonderful colour consisting of red oxide of iron and butter milk which is put on with a white-wash brush, and appears to be permanent. The colour is brick red, which takes the glare from the concrete.

Their Excellencies' visited the College on the 23rd, and were kind enough to express themselves as very pleased indeed with all they saw, as was General Thacker who accompanied them.

The estimates have not yet come through, but I still live in hopes that we may get money for the extension to the Stables and something with which to start the new mess building.

Some Ex-Cadets in Montreal have been very kind and provided a new dinghy and four canoes.

There are ten Cadets applying for commissions in the permanent Force this year, 2 R.C.A., 3 R.C.E., 3 R.C.A.F. and 2 Ordnance Corps.

I am very sorry indeed that we shall not have the pleasure of seeing you here this year, and sincerely hope that you will soon be able to get away and have a good rest and enjoyable holiday.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*P. F. L. L. L. L. L.*

Confidential.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON.

25th May 1928.

Lieut.-Colonel W. Bovey, O.B.E.

Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Bovey,

As you know, I was very disappointed in not being able to see Sir Arthur personally when I was in Montreal, but I thought I would like to drop him a note if he were able to read it.

I am enclosing herewith a letter to him, and I would ask you to use your own good judgement as to whether he would care to see it or not. If you think that he would be better without it, simply tear it up.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*P. F. Macintosh*

May 28, 1928.

Colonel P.F. Constantine,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ontario.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 25th enclosing one to Sir Arthur. I shall show it to him as soon as he is able to attend to any correspondence.

He is at present in hospital under observation and having a complete rest and though his progress is slow he is improving.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.

May 25th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel P. F. Constantine,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Colonel Constantine:-

I am sorry I have taken  
so long to answer your letter of May 17th.

I leave it entirely to  
you as to the circumstances under which the Board  
will see the Cadets. As far as my personal wishes  
go I would just as soon see them in camp as on the  
parade ground at the College. I do not know that  
there are any points into which the Board desire to  
go, but I am sure they will take particular interest  
in the matter of the health of the Cadets and the  
discipline of the College. They will also be glad  
to make recommendations with reference to any matters  
in connection with the curriculum which you desire  
to bring before them.

Thank you very much for  
the invitation to stay with you which I gladly  
accept. I shall leave here on the morning of the  
9th and arrive in Kingston a little after noon. I  
shall have my lunch on the train. I am planning  
to leave Kingston by the train which passes through  
there the night of 10th-11th.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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KINGSTON.

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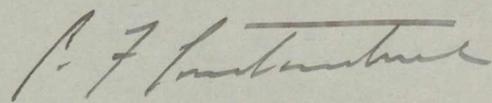
14th June, 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie GCMG, KCB. etc.  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have found a small silver "Eversharp"  
pencil beside the telephone on the desk in my house,  
and wondered if it were yours. If so, I will send  
it along to you.

Yours sincerely,



June 17th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel P. F. Constantine, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for  
your letter of June 14th. The pencil you  
found on the desk does not belong to me.

I enjoyed my visit to  
the College very much and particularly my  
stay with you and Mrs. Constantine. Please  
tell her how much I appreciated all the  
kindness I received from you both.

Yours faithfully,

June 17th, 1926.

Captain F. Cummins,  
Canadian Defence Quarterly,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Dear Captain Cummins:-

With reference to your letter of June 16th, General Currie has received the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) from a great many universities, but I do not think it would be necessary to name these. The degree was the same in each case. Therefore you would simply add the letters LL.D. after his military decorations.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.



CANADA

QUOTE No.....

## Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

October 23rd 1926,

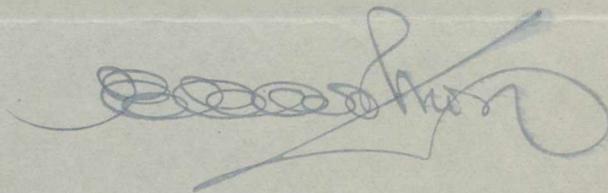
Dear Sir Arthur,

There is a vacancy for a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (Permanent Force). While we can get men who would be useful officers, it is considered most desirable that a young man be got whom we can rely on to secure the full qualifications of an Ordnance Officer. He would, after about a year's satisfactory service at an Ordnance Depot be sent to take the Ordnance Officers' Course in England. This Course lasts about a year and consists of instruction in mathematics, physics, electricity, chemistry, metallurgy, optical instruments and rangefinders, as well as Ordnance organization, store accounting, etc, and also practical instruction in the inspection and testing of ammunition and explosives. On passing this Course he would return to duty with us as an Ordnance Officer, there being included in his work the inspection of explosives and ammunition. We would like to get a man not only qualified to pass this Course but also able to undertake what is known as the Advanced Class at Woolwich, should we wish to send him for that at a later date. This Advanced Class is a Course of Instruction lasting, in all, over two years and fitting the officers who pass it for a technical appointment in the Arsenal or in the Chief Inspector's Branch.

It was hoped that we could secure a graduate of the Royal Military College, and none of this year's graduates wishing this appointment, it has been taken up with the members of the Graduating Class of 1925 without satisfactory results. It is thought that a young man qualified for the appointment and pleased to accept it might be found amongst the graduates in Engineering of this or the last two or three years of your University. It would be greatly appreciated if you could favour me

with your remarks on this. It is possible you may be able to give the names of certain young men, or failing that you could supply the lists of recent graduates to whom we could write.

Sincerely yours,



General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D.,  
Principal of the McGill University  
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Dear MacKay

Please make this known.  
Have you any comments to make?

A. W. Currie

27/10/26

Ashton

October 27th, 1926.

Major-General E. C. Ashton, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

This will merely acknowledge  
your letter of October 23rd.

I shall write to you again  
in the course of a few days regarding the matter.

With all kind wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE,  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Octr. 28th.1926.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,LL.D.,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have carefully noted General Ashton's letter which you sent me yesterday regarding a vacancy for a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, and have posted a bulletin giving preliminary information regarding the position.

I do not think that it is very likely that any of our graduates will take the matter up, although it seems to me that the position offers many attractions to the right kind of man. The fact that it was impossible to secure a man from the graduating classes of the last two years in the Royal Military College seems to indicate a lack of interest which it is not altogether easy to understand, except on the supposition, which I think is not necessarily well founded, that they are likely to do better in civilian life.

Shall I return General Ashton's letter, or keep it for reference in case that I may find any suitable candidate for the position.

Yours faithfully,

*H. M. MacKay*

*Get Ashton's letter back* Dean.



CANADA

QUOTE NO.....

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

December 7th 1926,

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to my letter to you of the 23rd of October, your acknowledgment, dated October 27th has been received, but your further letter on this subject has not come to hand. I know you are very busy, but would much appreciate your remarks on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D.,  
Principal of the McGill University  
MONTREAL, Quebec.

December 8th, 1926.

Major-General E. C. Ashton, C.M.G.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear General:-

I am sorry that I have not before this sent you the letter as promised in my communication of October 27th.

We took steps to make the matter known among our students, but we have not as yet found any one interested. We posted a bulletin giving all preliminary information regarding the position and no replies have been received, so that we are at present unable to offer you much encouragement. It seems to me that the position offers many attractions to the right kind of man and we hope that we may yet be able to find someone for you.

It surprises me somewhat that you found it impossible to secure a man from the graduating classes of the last two years in the Royal Military College. I suppose they all felt that they could do better in civilian life.

We shall continue to keep the matter before our students with the hope that some will be interested.

Yours faithfully,



Ottawa, 11th December, 1926.

Dear General Currie,

Many thanks for your letter of December 8th, and for the steps that you have already taken to assist the department.

It does seem surprising that we are having such difficulty to obtain graduates of the Royal Military College to fill our vacancies in the Permanent Force, but such is the case even in the Engineer services.

We have, however, picked up a few good men a year or two after graduation when they have discovered that the chances of making a fortune quickly in civil life are not as rosy as they expected.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time if you know of anyone who would be suitable.

Sincerely yours,

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Q.

December 8th, 1926.

Colonel C. F. Constantine, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I regret very much not having answered your letter of November 15th before this date, but as a matter of fact it was not placed before me until this morning.

I am not surprised to learn that Lady Nicholas has given out in her front feet. She was always very tender there.

I remember Mr. Wright, who was on General Byng's personal staff, and I also know his brother, Dr. Harry Wright, very well. I would regard it as a very great kindness if Mr. Wright would accept Lady Nicholas and use her in any way he thought fit. I would like her old age to be as comfortable as possible.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Constantine, and cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,

KINGSTON.

15th November 1926.

General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D.  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am very sorry to tell you that your old mare has given out in the front feet, due to a low lying bony growth - probably low Ring bones. This, of course, is painful to her for any fast work, and she is therefore very slow and cannot keep up to her work in the rides.

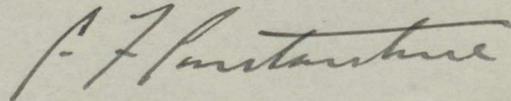
Before doing anything about the matter of disposing of her, I thought you would like to be consulted. There appears to be two courses open, - one, to humanely destroy her, and the other to pension her off as long as she lives.

You will probably remember Palmer Wright, a young fellow who was one time one of General Byng's A.D.C.'s in France. He is a brother of Dr. Harry Wright of Montreal whom I understand you know, and is at present running a Government Breeding Station near Chaffey's Locks. I spoke to him tentatively as to whether he would like the mare for breeding purposes and light work on the soft ground, and he said he would be very glad indeed to have her and care for her for the rest of her life.

If you could let me know which course you prefer, I shall be very glad to arrange.

With kindest regards to Lady Currie and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,



*AWC - Chairman Advisory Bd.*

QUOTE NO. 74-4-25.

WO.



CANADA

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,

23rd April, 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

The Honourable the Minister has been pleased to approve of your appointment as Chairman of the Advisory Board for the year 1927, and it is hoped you will be kind enough to act in this capacity.

The Commandant of the Royal Military College has suggested that the Advisory Board meet on the 27th and 28th of May. If this is not convenient, possibly the 3rd and 4th of June would be suitable to you.

As it is urgent that arrangements may be made for the meeting of the Advisory Board, will you please advise at your earliest convenience what are the most suitable dates?

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Commandant, in which he suggests dates for the different events at the College.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read 'A. W. Currie'.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,

KINGSTON, 2nd April, 1927.

The Secretary,  
Dept. of National Defence,  
(Militia Service)  
Ottawa.

Royal Military College Events.  
Dates.

1. The following dates covering College events for the forthcoming months, are submitted for approval, please:-

"Artillery Week" 9th to 12th May.  
Toronto Garrison Military Tournament,  
18th to 22nd May, inclusive.  
Advisory Board, 27th and 28th May.  
Mounted Sports. 4th June.  
Dundonald Competition 11th June.  
Tactical Exercises. 13th, 14th and 15th June.  
Closing Exercises and June Ball, 20th June.  
Recruits and selected Cadet Under Officers and  
N.C.O's to join by 7 p.m., Daylight Saving  
Time, Wednesday August, 31st.  
Remainder to join by 7 p.m., Daylight Saving  
time, Tuesday 6th September.

(Sgd) C.F. Constantine  
Colonel-Commandant,  
Commandant,  
Royal Military College.

April 26th, 1927.

Major-General Henri Panet,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear General:-

Replying to your 74-4-25,  
dated April 23rd, I shall be very pleased to  
act as Chairman of the Advisory Board for the  
year 1927.

It will be impossible for  
me to attend on the 27th and 28th of May, as  
McGill will hold her Convocation on the first  
mentioned date. Our Convocation is always  
held on the last Friday in May. June 3rd and  
4th will be convenient dates. I can return  
from the Universities' Conference on the  
evening of Thursday, June 2nd, and be in Kingston  
for Friday, the 3rd.

By the way I hope you will  
see that the R. M. C. is represented at the  
Universities' Conference.

Yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

KINGSTON. 3rd May 1927.

General Sir A.W.Currie, GCMG, KCB.  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have just received notification from the Adjutant-General that the 3rd and 4th of June next will be convenient for the meeting of the Advisory Board. I have notified him that these dates are also convenient to the College.

I presume the same general procedure as last year will be suitable to you, and hope that if you have any suggestions to make, you will let me know in order that they can be arranged.

About a month ago Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor brought to the College a bronze tablet in memory of his son Travers, an Ex-Cadet whom I have no doubt you remember. The tablet was presented by all ranks of his late Regiment, The 13th/18th Hussars. I told Sir Frederick that as soon as dates were arranged for the Advisory Board, I would ask you if you would be good enough to unveil it during the period the Board was here. He seemed very pleased at the suggestion, but before I notify him definitely I should like to know whether you would be so kind as to do this.

Colonel Schmidlin is going from here to represent the College at the National Conference of Canadian Universities in London this year.

I understand that General Elmsley has asked you to stay with him while you are here. Should anything turn up which might prevent you going there, I hope you will let me know so that we may have the pleasure of looking after you again this year.

Yours very sincerely,

*P. F. Pennington*

May 5th, 1927.

Colonel P. F. Constantine,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Colonel Constantine:-

Thank you very much for  
your letter of May 3rd,

I shall therefore be at  
the College on the 3rd and 4th of June, and as far  
as I know the programme for last year will meet  
with the convenience and approval of all concerned.

Some time during my visit  
I shall be very glad to unveil the tablet to the  
memory of Travers Williams-Taylor, whom I remember  
first as an A.D.C. to General Alderson. I also saw  
the young man several times during my visit to  
England in 1925 when he, his father and I played  
several games of golf together.

Thank you very much for  
the invitation to stay with you, but I promised  
Jim Elmsley that I would stay with him. He very  
kindly asked me when I met him in Ottawa on the  
occasion of the Vimy Dinner.

I have no particular  
suggestions to make as to the programme.

Yours faithfully,



Ottawa, 6th May, 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Thanks for your letter of the 26th April, saying you will be pleased to act as Chairman of the Advisory Board for the year 1927.

The dates suggested by you - 3rd and 4th June - are quite satisfactory to both the Department and the Commandant, and notice has been sent to the members of the Board that the meeting will be held on those dates at the Royal Military College, the hour of assembly to be 3 P.M. on the 3rd.

It is proposed to send <sup>Col.</sup> Schmidlin as representative of the Royal Military College at the University Conference. *Probably Lt. T. O. Anderson, also,*

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Arthur Currie", is written below the typed closing.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

PERSONAL.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,

KINGSTON.

9th May 1927.

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB.  
Principal, McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

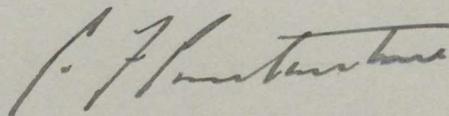
Thank you so much for saying  
you would unveil the tablet to the memory of  
Travers Williams-Taylor.

I think probably the most suitable  
time to do it would be 10 o'clock on Saturday  
morning immediately after the Board has seen  
the Cadets on parade, if that is agreeable to you.

I have written Sir Frederick  
Williams-Taylor to tell him of the arrangements  
made.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,



May 10th, 1927.

Lieut.-Colonel P. F. Constantine,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Colonel Constantine:-

This will acknowledge  
your letter of yesterday with reference to the  
unveiling of the tablet in memory of Travers  
Williams-Taylor, at 10 A.M. Saturday, June 4th.

This is quite agreeable  
to me.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

QUOTE NO.....

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

7th June 1927.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I enclose the report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, for 1927. Sir Arthur and the members of the Board approved of the draft report subject to some changes and additions, which have all been made.

I should be grateful if you would kindly place the Proceedings before General Currie and obtain his signature, if he approves, and return the same to me as soon, as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Currie*

Lieut.Colonel W.Bovey, O.B.E.  
Assistant to the Principal,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Enc.

June 9th, 1927.

Major-General H. Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Adjutant-General,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

My dear General:-

I am returning herewith copy of the report of the Advisory Board, Royal Military College, held at Kingston, June 3rd and 4th.

With reference to the titles of those who constitute the Board, I think military titles should be discontinued, except in connection with those officers who are on the Reserve. If you at Headquarters think they should be dropped in the case of these last mentioned officers as well, I, for one, am quite willing. I suppose in the minds of nearly everyone Odlum is linked with the rank of Brigadier-General, but I do not imagine any one ever thinks of Dr. H.M. Tory as Lieutenant-Colonel Tory.

On page 3, paragraph 7, second to last line, for the word "country" I would suggest "public services". In paragraphs 8 and 9 I would suggest that the Department of National Defence be regarded as a unit and followed by the verb in the singular. For instance, in paragraph 9 "The Department are requested" would be better written "The Department is requested".

Yours faithfully,

WB



9th December, 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am writing to you with reference to the Advisory Board, R.M.C., 1928,

The Minister would like you to act as Chairman again, if it is convenient. As there have been difficulties regarding the dates of the Advisory Board meeting, being either too late or too early, I have asked the Commandant to suggest dates and he states the 18th and 19th May would be best from the College standpoint. Will you please let me know whether these dates would be convenient for you, and how do you think they would suit the other members generally?

Colonel Constantine suggests the first meeting of the Board be fixed for 3.00 p.m. on Friday the 18th; Dinner at the College in the evening and a further meeting if desired; Saturday morning, see the Gentlemen Cadets at work, the buildings, etc. As an alternative to the Dinner on Friday evening, it could be arranged to have the final bouts of the boxing tournament on that night. This, Constantine states, is in accordance with suggestions made by some of the Members of the Board last year.

I am taking this matter up early this year so that we can have everybody notified in plenty of time.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCM. KCB.  
McGill University,  
Montreal. P.Q.

December 10th, 1927.

Major-General Henri Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear General:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to the Advisory Board, R.M.C., 1928.

The dates 18th and 19th of May are not convenient to me, because I have already promised to attend certain ceremonies at Phillips Academy in the United States on those dates. The 25th and 26th would be convenient to me, and as far as I can see, so would June 1st and 2nd. However, it is not fair for me to ask that the dates best suited to the Commandant be changed to please me and I would suggest that the Minister nominate some one else as Chairman for next year.

Please thank the Minister for me for suggesting that I be Chairman again. I would very much like to keep my association with the Board and with the R.M.C.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

WB

Department of National Defence  
(Militia Service)

Ottawa, Canada,

27th December, 1927.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University, Montreal.P.Q.

Advisory Board, R.M.C.  
1928.

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the marginally noted subject, information has been received from the Commandant R.M.C., that the dates, 1st and 2nd June, suggested in your letter would be satisfactory from the standpoint of the Royal Military College. The Chief of the General Staff and the Deputy Minister also consider these dates very suitable.

2. Steps will therefore be taken to notify all Members of the Advisory Board that these dates have been selected.

(H.A. Panet).  
Major-General.  
Adjutant-General.



CANADA

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Department of National Defence  
- Militia Service -  
Ottawa, Canada,

QUOTE NO.....

HQ.74-4-28

June 8th, 1929.

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you, at the request of the Chairman, that the Advisory Board, at its recent meeting at the Royal Military College, Kingston, had much pleasure in passing, unanimously, a resolution, expressing the gratification of the Board at your return to Canada in greatly improved health.

The Board also made reference to the deep interest and prominent part taken by you in advancing the interests of the Royal Military College.

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

(G.W. Cragg)  
Captain,  
Secretary, Advisory Board,  
R.M.C.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.



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397 Russell Hill Rd  
Toronto. 5.  
6<sup>th</sup> June '27

My dear General: -

I enclose a copy of  
Sir E. Swinton's lecture on "The Study  
of War" - I think you will find  
this interesting - It seems to be  
a very fair statement showing  
the value of the public generally, having  
a better knowledge of this subject -  
It was a great pleasure to have  
met you again at the meetings  
of the Advisory Board & now

I have completed my term so  
that I must hope to meet  
you again at other places

Yours Sincerely

H. Hartwright

June 7th, 1927.

G. S. Cartwright, Esc.,  
397 Russell Hill Road,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear General:-

Thank you very much for Swinton's lecture received this morning. I look forward with much pleasure to reading it.

I do not know whether the work of the Advisory Board serves any real purpose or not, but at any rate I like to go to the College and see those excellent young men and the fine work being done there.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

VP

HQ. C.3646



OTTAWA, October 11th-1927.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter which has been received from Mrs. E.K. Dawson, wife of the late Professor H.J. Dawson of Royal Military College, for your information, in connection with the resolution which was passed by the Advisory Board at their last Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Enc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. S. D. S.", written in dark ink.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Etc., Etc.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q..

VP

COPY.

Villa St. Clare  
Kingston, Sept. 24th.

The Deputy Minister of Militia.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please convey to the Honourable the Minister, also to the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College, my sincere appreciation of the tribute they paid to my late husband, at their meeting on the third of June, 1927, also for the kind sympathy the Honourable the Minister sent to me in my sad bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) E.K.DAWSON.

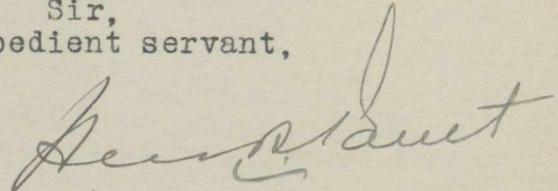
Ottawa, February 1, 1928.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Honourable the Minister of National Defence has instructed that the annual meeting of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College of Canada shall be held at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, on the 1st and 2nd June next; the Board to assemble for the first session at 3 p.m. on the first mentioned date.

Will you please be good enough to advise what transportation tickets you will require for the journey to Kingston and return, and name the railway over which you would desire to travel?

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



(H. A. Panet)  
Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

QUOTE NO.....  
H.Q.9801-9-1

Ottawa, Canada,

12th January, 1929.

Dear Colonel Bovey:

1. With further reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo, I am glad to inform you that approval has been given for the proposed policy that graduates of the R.M.C. accepting commissions in the R.C.C.S. shall take the final two years of the Communications Course at a university.

2. Should any graduates accept R.C.C.S. commissions at the close of the College term in June, I shall reopen with you the question of their attendance at McGill.

Yours sincerely,

Lieut.-Colonel W. Bovey, O.B.E., D.S.O.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

January 15, 1929.

Dear Dean MacKay:-

I am glad to inform you that approval has been given to the proposed policy that graduates of the Royal Military College accepting commissions in the R.C.C.S. shall take the final two years of the Communications Course at a university.

Yours faithfully,

Dean H.M. MacKay,  
Faculty of Applied Science.

Director.

# The Rhodes Scholarship Trust

Montreal,

Feb. 22nd, 1929

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,  
McGill University,  
CITY.

My dear Bovey:-

I send you herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote to Philip Kerr on the 30th of June and copy of his reply of the 23rd of July.

To some extent, although not entirely, Kerr's letter is a complete answer to me, the only question remaining in my mind is due to the rather one-sided training which is given at the Royal Military College. On the other hand I think the answer to that point is that Committees will have to take that into account as an element in their decision.

May I have your views as to whether you think the Royal Military College Graduates should be eligible.

You will observe that the enclosed letters are dated sometime ago and I would ask you not to regard this as an example of the promptness in which

The Rhodes Scholarship Trust

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Rhodes Trust business is ordinarily despatched.

Yours faithfully,

*J. M. Macdonnell*

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THE RHODES TRUST

London,

July 23rd, 1926

Dear Macdonnell,

Kingston Military College

With reference to your letter of June  
rather  
30th, it seems to me a question/for Canada - or Canadian  
authorities - to answer, whether a course at the Military  
College can reasonably count as equivalent to two years at  
a degree granting institution. If a course at the  
Military College of any given length is accepted by the  
recognized Canadian Universities as equal to two years  
with them, then I do not see why the Trustees should not  
recognize the same course. If the College can be brought  
under the Memorandum it is not in the interests of the  
Trust to exclude it. West Point is accepted in the U.S.A.  
What is Kingston's standing in University circles? That  
is the real question. We might talk it over next September.

Yours sincerely

(SGD) PHILIP KERR

Philip Kerr, Esq.,  
153 St. James St.,  
MONTREAL.

COPY

Montreal,

June 30th, 1926

Philip Kerr, Esq.,  
The Rhodes Trust,  
Seymour House,  
Waterloo Place,  
London, S.W. England.

My dear Kerr:-

I have had a case brought before me and although it seems to me perfectly clear I am putting it before you because it comes from a very persistent quarter. Can it possibly be argued that a graduate of the Royal Military College is eligible to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship because a University will in fact regard his work at the College as the equivalent of two years work at the University. My own feeling is distinctly no, but I thought it wise to refer the matter to you.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) J. M. MACDONNELL

March 12, 1929

My dear Macdonnell:-

With reference to your letter of February 22nd and copies of your correspondence with Philip Kerr, I think the best reply I can give is a statement of the present status accorded to the Royal Military College graduates by Canadian universities.

On the recommendation of a joint committee established by the Universities Conference, it was decided by the Faculties of Applied Science in Toronto, McGill and Queen's that they would normally admit R.M.C. graduates to the Third Year. In very exceptional cases R.M.C. graduates are admitted to the Fourth Year in Civil Engineering only. The R.M.C. graduation standard is therefore regarded as equivalent to two years of study in Engineering following senior matriculation.

Senior matriculation is required for entrance to our Engineering School and therefore students in Engineering have covered one more year of work after High School than have Arts students at entrance, though the student entering Engineering is actually no further advanced in pure Arts subjects than is the student in Arts.

I find in the examination statutes of Oxford that an examination in Engineering Science alone will fulfil the requirements for the Honour School of Natural Science. The system is entirely different from ours and involves a more general acquaintance with more branches of Engineering. I do not think that the R.M.C. graduate would have the least difficulty in the work of this School or in satisfying the examiners at the end of it. I doubt, however, whether the Trust would be well advised to extend an invitation to R.M.C. graduates to take this Engineering course. It is not as well suited to Canadian requirements as that which they get at our own universities. I have spoken to the Secretary of the Engineering Institute who agrees with the foregoing views.

I think that it would be quite possible for an R.M.C. graduate to commence the Oxford work in Physics, and Dr. King, our Macdonald Professor of Physics, agrees with this. Here the situation is different and there is no reason whatever why a candidate should not be encouraged.

I do not feel competent to make any further statements, even concerning natural science, without considerable inquiry.

I am sure that in special cases candidates from the R.M.C. could be accepted by Oxford, and I would recommend the Trust to make a special study of the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey,

Director.

J.M. Macdonnell, Esq.,  
National Trust Company,  
St. James Street.

JOHN H. PRICE,  
QUEBEC,  
CANADA.

Quebec, June 19th., 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

As the President of the R.M.C. Club of Canada, which, as you perhaps may know, is an Association of the Ex-Cadets of the R.M.C., I am heading a delegation to meet the Prime Minister some time next week, in order to back up a recommendation which has been made by the Board of Visitors that the Government proceed forthwith with that part of the building programme of the R.M.C. which calls for the construction of a new Mess Hall, Kitchen, etc.

A delegation of the Board has already seen the Prime Minister and urged on him the necessity of doing this, because of the quite inadequate facilities which now exist for the messing of the Cadets.

I meant to have had a chat with you yesterday about this matter, but unfortunately it went out of my head, for I know that any word that you might care to convey to the Prime Minister in support of this programme would have great influence in determining his policy.

I am not quite sure whether you are a member of the Board or not, but of course I know that you are fully aware of the value of the R.M.C. as a national institution and the necessity for maintaining it in sound condition.

Apart from the repairs necessitated by the fire, a sum of \$100,000. would be required between now and the first of next May in order that the programme may be started properly and, of course, at a time like this, when building is cheap and there is plenty of unemployment, it seems an obvious time to start what is a real necessity.

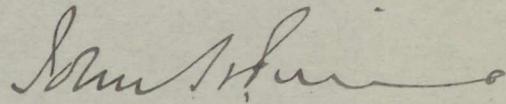
JOHN H. PRICE,  
QUEBEC,  
CANADA.

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I very much hope that you may see fit to say a word to the Prime Minister in support of this plan, and I can assure you that all Ex-Cadets will appreciate your interest in the matter.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Price". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Yours sincerely,".

JHP/LMG.

June 22, 1931.

Colonel John H. Price,  
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Colonel Price,

I have your letter of the 19th with reference to the necessity of building improvements at the Royal Military College. I am no longer a member of the Board of Visitors but I fully appreciate the necessity for increased and better accommodation at that institution. As you very rightly observe, now is the time (when building costs are lower) for such improvements to be made, and while I have no knowledge of exactly what was contemplated, I shall gladly mention the matter to the Prime Minister.

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

JOHN H. PRICE,  
QUEBEC,  
CANADA.

Quebec, June 23rd., 1931.

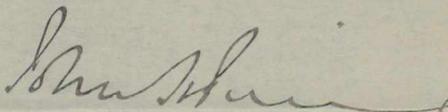
Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I am grateful to you for your letter  
and to know that you will mention the matter of the desirability  
of the R.M.C. building programme to the Prime Minister.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



JHP/LMG.

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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE  
KINGSTON.

Nov. 26th, 1936.

A.E.Morgan Esq., M.A.,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal P.Q.

Dear Mr.Principal,

Thank you very  
much for lending me the two books  
by Dr.Aydelotte. I am getting a  
great deal of satisfaction out of them  
and have already placed an order with  
the local bookshop so that I may have  
them on my own bookshelves before long.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. A. Matthews*

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

19th November 1936

My dear Brigadier,

I am sorry that I gave you wrong information about Aydelotte's book. I gave you the title of one and the publisher of another.

I think the simplest thing would be for you to peruse my copies and see if either of them is of any use to you. I shall be glad to have them back at your leisure but there is no hurry. I am sending them under separate cover.

Yours sincerely,

The Commandant,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ontario.



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Kingston, Ont.,  
Nov. 17th, 1936.

A.E.Morgan Esq., M.A.,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr.Principal,

I was very pleased  
to learn that you felt very little the  
worse for the fall.

The College Librarian  
has been unable to find the book you  
mentioned in his catalogues as I had  
noted it down, viz: "English and Engineering"  
by Dr.Adeyot. (Oxford Press), so I am  
troubling you again as you suggested I might  
do in such case. I am anxious to improve  
the standard of the English and French  
branches at R.M.C.

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. Matthews*