

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, August 12th, 1878.

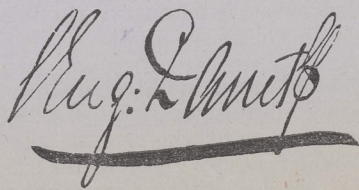
SIR :

In order to enable Professors of Schools and Colleges in the Dominion of Canada to guide such of their pupils as would be desirous of becoming Candidates for admission into the Royal Military College, at Kingston, Ontario, the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence has directed that the accompanying copy of the Regulations, which embrace a list of subjects upon which a student has to qualify himself to pass the examination previous to admission as a Cadet, should be addressed to the principal educational Institutions in the Dominion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence



# GENERAL REGULATIONS

—FOR THE—

## GOVERNMENT OF THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

### *Objects of the College.*

(1) The Military College is established for the purpose of imparting a complete education in all branches of military tactics, fortification, engineering and general scientific knowledge in subjects connected with, and necessary to, a thorough knowledge of the military profession, and for qualifying officers for command and for staff appointments.

(a) The length of the course of instruction will be for four years.

### *Regulations for admission.*

(2) Admission to the College as Cadets will be granted to the successful candidates at an open competitive examination.

(3) The examinations will be conducted by Examiners appointed annually by the Governor in Council as provided by law.

(4) Notice will be given from time to time of the day and place of the examinations, and of the vacancies to be competed for at each examination.

(5) Boards will be appointed by the Governor in Council in each Military District to supervise the examination of candidates.

(6) No person will be accepted as a Cadet who is not considered eligible as to stature and physical power. The limits of age will for the present be from 15 to 20, the candidates being required to be within those limits on the 1st day of the month following the examination.

(a) The selections will be made by the Governor in Council from the lists of names forwarded by the Board of Examiners, having reference to the order of merit in which the candidates pass their examinations.

(7) Each Candidate for admission must send to the Adjutant General of Militia, not less than one month before the examination is held, an application accompanied by the following papers *in duplicate* :—

(a) A certified abstract from the register of his birth, or, in default, a declaration by one of his parents or guardians before a magistrate, giving his exact age.

(b) A certificate of good moral character, signed by a clergyman of the locality in which he has recently resided, or by the head of the school or college at which he has received his education for at least the two preceding years.

(8) When a candidate who has once been examined applies to be examined again, he will only be required to forward a certificate of his moral character for the interval between the two examinations.

(9) The number of trials allowed will not exceed three.

(10) All candidates will be examined by a medical officer to be appointed by the Minister of Militia, (medical fee payable by person examined), and no candidate will be allowed to proceed to examination unless certified by this

officer to be free from all bodily defects or ailments, and in all respects, as to height and physical qualities, fit for the military service.

(a) Each Cadet will be examined annually by a medical officer, and if from any cause he is found to be unlikely to become physically qualified for the military service, he will be required to resign.

(11) Only persons who are British subjects and who have resided, or whose parents have resided in Canada for five years immediately preceding the date of examination, shall be eligible as candidates for admission as Cadets, and all such persons shall be eligible. Short periods of absence in Europe for purposes of education to be considered as residence.

(12) Each Cadet before being examined will be required to sign a certificate that he is not married, and no Cadet will be permitted to marry during the period he remains in the College.

(13) The candidates will be required to satisfy the Examiners appointed under paragraph 3, in the subjects subjoined.

(14) The examination will be divided into two parts, viz.: "Preliminary" or qualifying, and "Further examination;" the former is obligatory, the latter optional.

(15) The subjects of "Obligatory or Preliminary Examination" will be as follows:

	Marks.
(1) Mathematics:	
(a) Arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions, simple and compound proportion, simple and compound interest, partnership, profit and loss.....	500
(b) Algebra, including simple equations.....	500
(c) Geometry, first book of Euclid.....	500
(2) (a) Grammar, English or French, and writing English or French correctly, and in a good legible hand from dictation.....	500
(b) Composition as tested by the power of writing an essay, precis or letter, in English or French.....	500
(3) Geography, general and descriptive.....	500
(4) History, British and Canadian, general.....	500
* (5) French: grammar and translation from the language.....	500
* (6) German: grammar and translation from the language into either English or French as may be preferred by the candidate.....	500
(7) Latin: grammar and simple translation from the language into either English or French as may be preferred by the candidate.....	500
(8) Elements of freehand drawing, viz.: Simple copies from the flat (outline).....	300

\* (16) French and German to be considered as *alternative* subjects, in either, but only *one* of which, the candidate need be qualified, and both to be optional.

(17) No candidate will be considered qualified for a cadetship or be allowed to count marks in the "further examination," unless he obtains a minimum of forty per cent. of the total number of marks in each of the subjects. Paragraph 15:—1, (a, b, c, together) 2, (a and b, together) 3, 4 and 8; and a minimum of one-third in each of the subjects 5, 6 and 7.



(18) The subjects of "Voluntary or Further Examination" will be as follows:

	Marks.
(1) Mathematics:	
(a) Algebra. Up to and including simple and quadratic equations .....	1000
(b) Geometry. Up to and including third book of Euclid.....	1000
(c) Theory and use of common logarithms, plain trigonometry, mensuration.....	1000
(2) English or French literature—Limited to specified authors, the names of the authors being given beforehand.....	1000
(a) ( <i>Books for the examination will be specified.</i> )	
(3) Geography—Physical, particularly of Dominion of Canada and United States.....	1000
(a) ( <i>Books for the examination will be specified.</i> )	
(4) History—British and Canadian—Limited to certain fixed periods, the names of the authors and the periods being specified beforehand...	1000
(a) ( <i>Books for the examination will be specified.</i> )	
(5) French—Translation from English into French, or from French into English.....	1200
(6) German—Translation from either English or French, as may be preferred by the candidate, into German.....	1200
(7) Latin—Including the fifth book of Cæsar's commentaries, to end of 23rd chap., and second book of Virgil's Æneid. Translation into either English or French, as may be preferred by the candidate.....	1500
(8) Drawing—Copy from flat, shaded. Simple object drawing.....	1000

(19) No optional subject, except mathematics and drawing, shall gain a Cadet any marks, unless he obtains a minimum of one-third of the marks assigned to that subject.

(20) The marks gained in the obligatory subjects, as laid down in paragraph 17, will be added to those gained in the optional subjects, as laid down in paragraph 19, to make a second total.

The resulting total will determine the candidate's place in the competitive list, the successful candidates being those who stand first on the list up to the number of vacancies competed for, if otherwise qualified. The answers in writing, at the examinations may be prepared in either English or French as may be preferred by the candidate, except in the cases specially mentioned.

The standard of knowledge of English required from French speaking candidates for the present will be:—To write and speak English sufficiently to understand and be understood in that language.

(21) Blank forms of certificates and the necessary printed questions for use at the examinations, will be forwarded to the several Boards from Headquarters, Ottawa, and a list of the successful candidates, together with the total number of marks gained by each, will be published in the *Canada Gazette*.

Every Cadet entering upon a course of instruction in the College will be required to sign a roll of entry and be thenceforward for the period of his pupilage, subject to the Queen's rules and Regulations, the Mutiny Act, the Rules and Articles of War, and to such other rules and regulations as Her Majesty's troops are subjected to.

#### Rewards.

(22) A sword will be given at each final examination as a special reward for excellence of conduct.

(23) The commissions in the militia service of not more than three cadets who are recommended by the Commandant on their finally leaving the College as having specially distinguished themselves, and who at the end of twelve months are reported by the Officer commanding the Militia, as having performed their duty in a satisfactory manner for that period, shall be ante-dated twelve months.

#### Payments and Allowances.

(24) Each Cadet will be required to provide himself with and keep in repair at his own expense such articles of uniform, boots and personal clothing as may be determined:

(25) Each Cadet will be required to provide himself with such books, instruments and apparatus as may be determined.

(26) Articles required under pars. 24 and 25 must be obtained by the Cadet from the Government stores, and will be issued to him at cost price.

(27) Each Cadet will be provided free of expense with barrack furniture, board, washing and attendance.

(28) Each Cadet will be required to pay in advance, previous to joining, a contribution of \$200 to cover the value of articles under paragraphs 24 and 25, and in every future year a sum of \$150 in advance for the same purpose.

(29) These sums will be accounted for annually to the Cadet; any surplus will be carried to his credit towards his next annual contribution, and any deficit must be paid by the Cadet in addition to his next annual contribution.

(30) On finally leaving the College each Cadet will be allowed to take with him all articles obtained under pars. 24 and 25.

(31) In the case of a Cadet who is absent a whole term on account of sickness or *rusticating*, a payment of \$50 shall be required of him for the privilege of his name being kept on the rolls of the College and for a vacancy being guaranteed at the commencement of the next term.

(32) An allowance for travelling expenses at the rate of four cents a mile for the number of miles beyond 500 necessarily travelled between the Head Quarters of the Military District in which he resides and the College, will be paid to each Cadet at the time he is first admitted, and a similar allowance for travelling expenses to the Head Quarters of the same Military District will be paid to each such Cadet who has satisfactorily passed final examination at the College.

(a) No allowance for travelling expenses will be granted to those who reside within 500 miles from the College.

WALKER POWELL, Colonel,  
Adjutant-General of Militia,  
Canada.

HEADQUARTERS,  
Ottawa, 18th April, 1878.



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