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AT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE INSTEAD OF THREE-YEAR ONE.

Major-General A. C. Macdonell Tells of Needs of the College at Banquet of Former Cadets Held in Toronto. "When I came back from France the problem was what was to be done," Major-General Archibald Cameron Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston, told the Royal Military College Club at a banquet in the Toronto Club, Toronto, Saturday night. Sir Archibald decided that the most important work that he could undertake was to assist in making Canadian gentlemen.

As a graduate of the college, its present commandant, and speaking to ex-graduates, Sir Archibald talked about the college.

"The object of the college is to produce Canadian gentlemen," he said. "From the training point of view, it is sought to make them regulate their lives by the college motto, 'Truth, duty, valor,' to be upright, generous, brave. The relative importance of these ends will be at once recognized, as meanness of disposition is worse than slowness of intellect; as selfishness is worse than a defective memory; as cowardice is worse than ignorance. So especial importance is attached to the department of morals in the college."

In 1897 the former four-year course at the college was decreased to three years as an experiment, and without any special reason. Sir Archibald proposes to again increase the course.

"Discipline, the distinguishing feature of a military education," he said, "demands that at a tender age, I propose admitting the cadet at an age one year less than now prevailing. His preliminary education being in our hands, will be made more sure and uniform, and thus his development along designed lines made more assured. We will thus to some measure escape the handicap of the uneven preparation of the candidate just joined. During the first year the recruit class would be in the preparation form in which a thorough grounding would be given in those academic subjects which could be undertaken with advantage, and also they could be given a sound grounding in their military training, discipline, physical training, drill, artillery instruction, military engineering, minor tactics, military law, and the general salutary influences of his environment. Under the other three-year system the recruit is forced at once into a heavy course of study, which does not allow him to become accustomed to his surroundings."

Won't Compete With University.

"We do not aim at competing with universities or schools of applied science for the very good reason that we are unable to specialize as they do because of the general military training which necessarily accompanies the cadet's intellectual development. We want him, however, to emerge from the Royal Military College with an equipment, both mental and moral, second to none for the practical demands necessary to make him an asset to the Dominion. "The other department of instruction and training may be, however, quite distinct and admit of separate treatment, but both ends must be sought in the midst of the same academic environments. From the instructional point of view, it is sought to make the gentleman cadet observant, reflective, well-informed and prompt in the use of his intellectual facilities."

"The varied contracts that the academically trained man now has with practical affairs may be illustrated by the facts that during the war a professor of psychology formulated plans for the choosing of officers for the army; a professor of electro-mechanics worked with the officers of the army in detecting submarines, and a professor of physiology worked with the general staff in formulating plans of military operations, and later helped to fix the boundary line between two nations."

The greatest problem of the college at the present time is its poor accommodation. The buildings were originally planned to house only 100 students. There are 153 at present attending the college, and the number will increase in the future. The Government has built one-third of a dormitory and the other two-thirds is needed in the most urgent fashion. One-half of an educational building has been built, and there is the greatest necessity for the other half. So many new matters have entered into the science of education in the past few years that many things are needed to properly equip the college, new apparatus and buildings for teaching physics and chemistry, motors, dynamo, oil engines, a hundred and one machines to demonstrate the advances of modern scientific knowledge. Some of the buildings have been built abutting the older buildings, and they cannot be continued until the older ones are torn down, which cannot be until other new buildings are erected to take their place.

Distinguished Graduates. The record of the college was reviewed, and it is a glorious one, indeed. From among its students and have come two lieutenant-generals, 15 major-generals, 25 brigadier-generals, one commissioner of the Royal North-West Mounted Police. During the war 145 graduates and undergraduates were killed. Its cadets received 74 foreign decorations, 451 British decorations, 24 were mentioned once in despatches, 110 were mentioned twice, 59 were mentioned three times, 2,121 were mentioned six times, three were mentioned three times, and one was mentioned four times, 1,616 were mentioned five times, six were mentioned six times, three were mentioned seven times, and one was mentioned eight times. The latter was Sir Archibald himself.

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The dinner was in honor of two distinguished members, Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Major-General Geo. N. Cory, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Col. R. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines; Sir Robert Falconer and C. D. Cory, father of the general, were the invited guests. R. C. H. Cassels, president of the club, presided, the speakers of the evening being Major-General Macdonell, Major-General Cory and Sir Robert Falconer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Reply To Mr. Galloway.

Kingston, Jan. 17.—(To the Editor): I was much interested in a communication which appeared in your paper of the 14th inst., over the signature of Mr. Galloway, and headed "Profiteering Discussed". The writer apparently has spent very little time in studying his subject. Some points which the writer sets forth are not essential to the discussion, but one point is worthy of some consideration, and that is the case of the bakers. By bakers I mean, of course, those who cater to both the retail and wholesale trade. A baker in a large way is in a position to make either a lot of money legitimately or to lose a lot of money by virtue of his investment.

Let us look at the other side of the question first. A baker stocks his bakery with 5,000 bags of flour at a fair market price, which permits him to sell his bread, retail, at 12c the loaf. Before his stock is exhausted the market price rises, and in the larger cities, in consequence, lower the price of the loaf to 11 cents. This is possible in view of the fact that in the larger cities the baker's stock is liable to depletion in a much shorter time than in a small city the size of Kingston, and particularly for the reason that the stock can be replenished daily. The small baker in the small city has not the privilege of stocking, nor the opportunity, and consequently they must buy in quantities to safeguard the purchaser. They would, therefore, have to complete the issue of the stock on hand at a loss, or keep up the price of the loaf, which would be the most ridiculous thing in the world, from the point of Mr. Galloway. Indeed, from the standpoint of reason, the thing would seem absurd, and yet it would be the only logical way to permit the baker to repay himself for his investment.

On the other hand, the cost of flour advances, and if the small baker desires to remain in business he must necessarily raise the price of his loaf, and this mind you, is actually a safeguard not only to the consumer but to the baker himself, otherwise the bigger men in the business would swamp the little men as they did in Toronto recently, and then would take steps to seal the bread at any price they might decide upon. It is therefore obvious that if the bakers of Kingston make what to Mr. Galloway would seem an abnormal profit, it is a stern necessity and also a fair business proposition, and Mr. Galloway's contention would appear childish, particularly when it may be remembered that he probably uses only 125 loaves in 365 days, and this in the extreme represents only a profit to the baker of possibly \$2 yearly. So much for the voice of one in 20,000.

Were the Kingston bakers profiteering when they were selling bread at 10 cents when the price in Montreal was 13 cents? —F. BISS.

A DELIGHTFUL PRODUCTION

"Fiddlers Three" at the Grand on Saturday. "Fiddlers Three" delighted a packed house at the Grand on Saturday evening. It was one of the prettiest comedies, being lavishly mounted, beautiful in costumes and color schemes. It is a snappy concoction of William Cary Duncan and Alexander Johnston, and Miss Tavia Belge, the Belgian prima donna, is one of the principal features. She was singing in the Royal Opera, Antwerp, at the time of the German bombardment, and after doing patriotic work in the camps of her native land, came to America, where she was soon chosen for the role of Anima Amina in "Fiddlers Three."

There was not a dull moment, for the opening overture, tuneful with real melody, is but the beginning of a musical score, that for distinctness and fitting sweetness is seldom surpassed.

Miss Belge possesses a rich soprano voice of wide range, and sings with a joyousness that is winsome. Her singing partner is Thomas Conkey, as Nicolo, a baritone of much power and finish. Katherine Clare Wood, as Mrs. Foppie, Tom Dingle's American drummer, and Horace Sinclair as Reggie, Lord Duffer, proved fun makers who added greatly to the excellence of the performance. Miss Edna Morn was delightful as Gilda. The playing of J. Robitoff as Kurbelitz, was greatly enjoyed, and the dancing of Layman and Kling gave unbounded pleasure.

MEETING AT GANANOQUE.

Kingstonians at Gathering in Interests of the Forward Movement. Most interesting and inspiring meetings in the interests of the Forward Movement were held at Gananoque on Friday afternoon and evening. Quite a number of Kingstonians attended. Mr. Hilliard, K.C. M.P., of Morrisburg, and Mrs. H. A. Lyell, of Kingston, were the speakers at the meeting held in the Methodist church in the afternoon. The evening meeting, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, was presided over by Mayor Wilson, of Gananoque, and the speakers were Rev. Dr. Graham, of Wesleyan College, Montreal, who spoke on behalf of the Methodists, Prof. Matheson, of Queen's University, who spoke on behalf of the Presbyterians, and Rev. M. Jones, of Brockville, on behalf of the Anglicans. Among those who were in attendance at the meetings from Kingston and district were the following: Rev. W. T. G. Brown, Rev. J. A.

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