

Section 2.—Services Colleges and Staff Training Colleges

Canadian Services Colleges.—The three Canadian Services Colleges are the Royal Military College of Canada founded at Kingston, Ont., in 1876, Royal Roads which was established in 1941 near Victoria, B.C., as a school for naval officers and Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean established at St. Johns, Que., primarily to meet the needs of French-speaking cadets. The Royal Military College and Royal Roads were constituted as the Canadian Services Colleges in 1948, and Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean was opened in 1952.

The purpose of the instruction and training at the Services Colleges is to impart the knowledge, to teach the skills and to develop the qualities of character and leadership essential to officers of all three Armed Services. The courses of instruction provide a sound and balanced liberal, scientific and military education; the organization and training give cadets the opportunity to command and to exercise judgment.

For cadets entering the Royal Military College and Royal Roads the course is of four years duration. As the third and fourth years of the college course are given only at the Royal Military College, cadets entering Royal Roads must proceed to that College for the final two years of the general or engineering courses. For cadets entering Collège Militaire Royal, which gives a preparatory year, the course is of five years duration. Cadets take the preparatory, first and second years at that institution and complete the final two years at the Royal Military College.

The College year is eleven months, divided into three terms: autumn, winter and summer. The months September to April are devoted to academic training supplemented by such military studies as drill and physical training. The summer term, May to mid-August, is spent in practical training at an establishment of the Service in which the cadet is enrolled. Academic requirements for admission to the first year at the Royal Military College and Royal Roads is senior matriculation (or its equivalent) in the following subjects: English, physics, mathematics (algebra, geometry and trigonometry), chemistry and either history or a language, preferably French. French-speaking candidates having a B.A. degree from a classical college may be accepted directly into the first year at Collège Militaire Royal. For admission to the preparatory year at that institution the academic requirement is junior matriculation (or its equivalent) in English, French, algebra, geometry, physics and chemistry, although consideration is given candidates who do not possess the standing in French. Candidates from the classical colleges require at least sixth-year standing.

To be accepted a candidate must be single, a Canadian citizen or British subject normally resident in Canada and physically fit in accordance with the medical standards of the Service in which he enrolls. The age limits for admission to the first year are between 16 and 21 years as of Jan. 1 of the year of entry; for admission to the preparatory year a cadet must have reached his 16th but not his 20th birthday on Jan. 1 of the year of entry. Personal interview and medical examination of candidates is carried out by tri-Service boards located at six regional centres across Canada. Three officers representing the Services and a representative of the Services Colleges sit on each interview board. Fifty per cent of the cadets entering the first year at the Services Colleges are selected on the basis of provincial quotas as determined by population and the remainder are selected in open competition. The interview boards base their recommendations on the physical and personal qualifications of the candidates, with responsibility for final selection resting with a board appointed by the Minister of National Defence.

Since September 1954 virtually all cadets entering the Services Colleges have been required to enrol under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Under this Plan applicants accepted for entry enrol, according to their choice, as naval cadets in the Royal Canadian Navy, as officer cadets in the Canadian Army or as flight cadets in the Royal Canadian Air Force. All costs of tuition, board, lodging, uniforms, books, instruments and other essential fees are borne by the Department of National Defence, and cadets are paid at the