

to be worn with the point up on the left wrist, and to receive a further badge for any subsequent years he may serve on the same condition. These badges to be removed at any time for any breach of discipline in connection with the corps or school by the headmaster, for a definite period or altogether, according to the offence committed. In the former case it would depend entirely on the conduct of the cadet whether he should be entitled to wear the badge at the expiration of the term for which it was removed. The proposed institution of this badge met with the entire approval of all the headmasters.

Recognition of Officers.—Though the General Officer Commanding has signified his intention to allow Volunteer officers to be identified with the public-school cadet corps, there should also be some recognition of the officers of Education cadets as there is of those of the Defence cadets, who are in most cases teachers also. The reason given is that the former cadets are not under the Defence Department, and consequently they cannot be recognised. This difference should not exist, seeing that both classes of officers have only the one object in view in relation to their respective institutions. By the New South Wales "Cadet Regulations" it would appear that commissions are granted to teachers in that colony, and provision is made for their selection, competency, resignations, duties, promotion, and precedence. In the latter case, Regulation 34 says: "The relative precedence of officers of the different corps will be according to rank and the dates of their commissions." This shows conclusively that commissions are granted. A like provision should also exist in this colony, and teachers passing a qualifying examination through the School of Instruction, as is done in the case of officers of the Volunteer Force, should receive recognition. All the teachers who are officers have expressed their wish to go up for examination. If a substantive rank is not granted, then an "acting" one should be given, so that the status of the officer may be recognised.

Advantages to be gained.—The advantages which will be gained by the adoption of the present system would be the training of a lad to take his place in the adult Volunteer corps as a "trained" man, in every respect calculated to make a good soldier; or, in cases of emergency arising, he would be found ready to take his place in the ranks. A complete system of discipline would have been inculcated in him, as also a system of order and cleanliness, which, before he left school, would become a second nature to him; and last, but not least, the cost of raising and training such a force would be a mere bagatelle compared to what the colony would gain thereby.

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The Right Hon. the Minister of Education.

STATEMENT showing the Number of RECOGNISED PUBLIC-SCHOOL CADET CORPS in the several Education Districts of the Colony on the 30th June, 1903, and their respective Strengths.

Education Districts.	Number of Corps.	Captains.	First Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	Total of all Ranks.	Grand Totals.
Auckland	37	33	39	23	33	97	57	31	1,455	1,768	
Hawke's Bay	25	17	27	7	21	63	58	22	947	1,162	
Taranaki	6	5	6	3	5	15	15	5	214	268	
Wellington	29	18	19	6	15	65	46	19	1,081	1,269	
Wanganui	13	13	12	5	9	29	33	14	572	687	
	110	86	103	44	83	269	209	91	4,269	5,154	5,154
Canterbury North	13	12	15	5	9	32	27	7	609	716	
Canterbury South	6	5	8	1	5	19	21	6	287	352	
Grey	3	2	3	2	2	7	6	1	130	153	
Nelson	7	6	7	5	5	18	16	5	330	392	
Otago	30	24	26	9	14	74	61	20	1,492	1,720	
Southland	6	5	6	1	3	10	10	5	268	308	
Westland	3	3	3	2	2	5	1	0	117	133	
Marlborough	4	2	4	2	3	9	12	4	128	164	
	72	59	72	27	43	174	154	48	3,361	3,938	3,938
Grand total of all ranks ... ..	...	145	175	71	126	443	363	139	7,630	...	9,092
Total number of corps	182										
Companies recognised awaiting to be gazetted	4	278	278
Total	186	9,370

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