

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF THE REPLIES TO THE PROPOSALS FOR AN IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF.

A.—CANADA.

Accepts principles enunciated in Imperial General Staff paper, and considers that those principles can best be applied "by an extension of the functions of Royal Military College, Kingston, and by including among its instructing staff specially selected officers from the educational branch of the Imperial General Staff." Their efforts are to be directed towards raising the standard of professional proficiency and promoting uniformity of thought among the officers of the Dominion forces who, in due course, will compose the local section of the Imperial General Staff. General.

(1.) To send Canadian candidates for Imperial Staff College to Royal Military College, Kingston, for 6 months before the entrance examination. (Not to compete unless fully recommended by Commandant.) Proposals.

(2.) New Commandant to be a General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, belonging to the Home regular army with previous instructional experience.

(3.) To obtain the services of two General Staff Officers, 2nd Grade, from the Home regular army. Their duties—to prepare Imperial Staff College candidates, assist education generally at Kingston, attend staff rides, regimental tours, and war games; lecture at Universities where military instruction is provided, serve on General Staff at annual camps, and take part in the training of the Permanent Force at the central camp, prepare schemes, set papers and act as examiners.

(4.) To organize Canadian General Staff in such a manner as to—

- (a.) Provide Militia Council with materials with which to formulate a general policy in military matters.
- (b.) To secure uniformity and continuity in the execution of that policy.
- (c.) To advance the formation of an Imperial General Staff.

(5.) To organize Canadian General Staff in three Divisions—

- (a.) General Staff at Militia Headquarters to perform duties assigned by Order in Council dated 7th December, 1904.
- (b.) General Staff in Commands and Districts to perform similar duties under the officers on whose staff they are serving.
- (c.) General Staff Officers at Royal Military College (instructional duties).

No officer from the Canadian General Staff to be eligible for Imperial General Staff unless p.s.c. or qualified by service in the field.

(6.) Canadian Section of Imperial General Staff to consist for the present of—

- Chief of Canadian General Staff.
- 2 Directors.
- Commandant, Royal Military College.

The necessity of a Staff College is admitted, but the establishment of one is not within the range of practical politics for some time to come. Meanwhile Canada is prepared to bear her proportion of any increased expense at Camberley if officers may continue to go there. Staff College.

B.—AUSTRALIA.

Accepts principles enunciated in Imperial General Staff paper.

Major-General Hoad, in a memorandum, dated 3rd February, 1909, sets forth certain proposals with regard to the formation of a section of the Imperial General Staff in Australia. These proposals have not yet received the sanction of the Commonwealth Government. They are as follows:—

(1.) The Commonwealth Section of Imperial General Staff to comprise—

- (a.) Headquarters Section.
- (b.) The General Staff in Districts.

The Headquarters Section to consist of two Directorates—

- (i.) Defence Organization Directorate.
- (ii.) Military Training Directorate.

The proposed establishment is given in I.

Their duties are analogous to our Director of Military Operations, Director of Staff Duties, and Director of Military Training.

Proposals.