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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th June, 1911.

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With reference to my despatch, No. 166, of the 30th July last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copies of despatches from the Governor-General of Canada, the Union of South Africa, and the Commonwealth of Australia on the subject of the emigration of ex-soldiers from Great Britain to the self-governing dominions.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosures.

CANADA.—The GOVERNOR-GENERAL to the SECRETARY OF STATE.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Ottawa, 2nd November, 1910.

With reference to my telegram of the 27th October and my despatch, No. 432, of the 8th idem, regarding the emigration of ex-soldiers from Great Britain, I have the honour to forward herewith, for transmission to the War Office, copy of a letter from the Department of Militia and Defence giving the amended conditions under which the Canadian Government would be willing to enlist a limited number of ex-soldiers of the Imperial Army for service in the Canadian Permanent Force.

I have, &c.,

GREY.

The DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE to the MILITARY SECRETARY.

Ottawa, 28th October, 1910.

SIR,—

Emigration of Ex-soldiers from Great Britain.

With reference to my letter of the 23rd of September last, and that of 25th instant cancelling the same, I now have the honour, by direction, to request that you will be so good as to forward, for the information of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following amended conditions under which the Canadian Government would be willing to enlist a limited number of ex-soldiers of the Imperial Army for service in the Canadian Permanent Force:—

(a.) Consideration can only be given to non-commissioned officers or men whose character at the time of their transfer from the colours to the reserve was at least "good," and that the period since their discharge from the latter does not exceed, at the time of enlistment in the Canadian Permanent Force, three years. Previous service in, and discharge from, the Imperial Forces under the above conditions will be allowed to count as service towards increased rates of pay to the extent of six years, provided—

(i.) The man is not a reservist:

(ii.) Any period of service in the reserve, or service under the age of eighteen, will not be allowed to count as service for the increased rates of pay mentioned in (a).

Previous service of non-commissioned officers and men in the Imperial Forces will not be allowed to count towards pension.

(b.) The period of service in the Canadian Permanent Force to be for at least three years.

(c.) An allowance of \$10 towards defraying travelling-expenses, &c., will be granted to each man enlisted, and it is to be distinctly understood that no free return passage will under any circumstances be given. But return transport will be allowed to port of disembarkation provided the man on the termination of the period of his engagement is not discharged with a "very bad" character, or at any time for misconduct.

(d.) No guarantee can be given to married men that quarters, rations, fuel, light, &c., or any allowance in lieu thereof, will be provided until such become available through vacancies on the authorized married establishment.

I have, &c.,

EUG. Fiset, Colonel,

Deputy Minister.

AUSTRALIA.—The GOVERNOR-GENERAL to the SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR,—

Melbourne, 11th April, 1911.

Referring to your despatch, No. 286, dated 30th July last, on the subject of the emigration of ex-soldiers from Great Britain to the self-governing dominions, I have the honour to inform you that provision is made in the Defence Bill of 1910 for a special school of instruction to be established for the training of an instructional staff of non-commissioned officers, and all future appointments of persons to act as instructors will be made from amongst those who have, at the close of the prescribed course, satisfied the Chief of the General Staff, or some other person duly appointed by him, that they are competent.

2. It is also provided that persons who have acted as instructors in the British Army, or who, having served in the British Army, satisfy the Chief of the General Staff that they have the necessary qualifications, may be appointed without passing through such course.