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December .3rd. 1924

Dear General Currie,

I want this letter to reach you before
I may so as to tell you my best wishes, and
my gratitude too for your kindness. I deemed
unnecessary to write earlier, as you agreed
in your letter of July 2nd with me for
postponing till next spring the coming
to Canada of my son & his cousin, and
as I wished not to trouble you with that
question more than is necessary. —

Meantime I had the pleasure of being
paid a visit by Mr. Georges Gonthier, the
Auditor General of Canada, who gave me
news of yourself, of General Lord Blythe,

DOCKET STARTS:

MASONRY

July
Fourteenth
1921

Francis F. Fatt, Esq.,
620 Sayward Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of July 8th addressed to Sir Arthur
Currie.

Sir Arthur is at present in
England and does not expect to return to Montreal
until September 1st. In these circumstances,
I am returning herewith Captain Hill's appli-
cation form.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge



No. 2, A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C.

FRANCIS F. FATT, P. M.
SECRETARY

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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B.
University of McGill.
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

Captain Frank Liot Hill,
Adjutant of the 16th Battalion, Victoria, is desirous of
placing an Application for Initiation with this Lodge at an
early date, July 20th if possible.

He was brought to me by an old comrade of his, who served
with him in France - David Fyvie.

I may say that I was delighted with my new friend, charmed
by his manner and would be very pleased indeed to endorse his
application.

During his conversation however, and notwithstanding his
modest aversion to any claim upon your consideration, reading
between the lines I cannot but help thinking that you know a
great deal more about him than he allows me to believe.

If I am right in my conjecture I believe that you would
like to sign his Petition, the same as I would proudly do if
I was allowed the privilege, from my knowledge of him.

I have therefore got him to give me his Petition, signed
in the second place by his staunch friend "Davie" and forward
the same to you for your approval.

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On the other ground of the intimate connection which
mutually exists between your Mother Lodge and yourself, I am
sure that endorsement would add another link, if that was
necessary, to that golden chain which binds us one to another.

I have told our Worshipful Master what I am doing, and
he has asked me to assure you of the continued affection which
he, together with the Officers and Brethren of Vancouver and
Quadra Lodge No. 2 have towards you, Worshipful Sir,

I remain,
Yours sincerely and fraternally

Francis F. Fatt

Secretary



August
Sixth
1920.

Francis F. Fatt Esq.,
P. O. Box 1077 Victoria,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:-

I acknowledge with feelings of sincere pleasure the receipt of your letter of July 27th, in which you inform me that at the last Regular Communication of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 A.F. & A.M., G.R.B.C., my brethren did me the honour of electing me to honorary membership in my Mother Lodge, with full voting privileges.

It is hard for me to convey to my brethren just how much I appreciate this distinction. I have not forgotten the many pleasant evenings I spent in the lodgeroom, nor my pleasant relations with the brethren. Nor have I forgotten, I hope, the lessons there inculcated. I hope that the Lodge is prosperous and that peace and harmony prevail. I assure you that I still regard Victoria as home, and I hope that the day is not far distant when I may be privileged to at least pay you a visit.

Please convey to the brethren my best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity and for the signal distinction which they have accorded me.

I am dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

Yours sincerely and fraternally.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge



No. 2, A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C.

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Sir Arthur W. Currie. K.C.M.G., G.C.B.

Ottawa.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

At the last Regular Communication of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2. A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C., after proper notice had been given ; -

It was moved by Wor. Bro. Clarence B. Deaville, and seconded by R. Wor. Brother Wallace S. Terry, -

"That Honorary Membership in Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2. A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C., with full voting privileges, be conferred upon Wor. Brother Sir Arthur W. Currie, K. C. M. G., G. C. B."

This motion I need hardly say, was carried, Worshipful Sir and I have therefore the honour of communicating this notice to you.

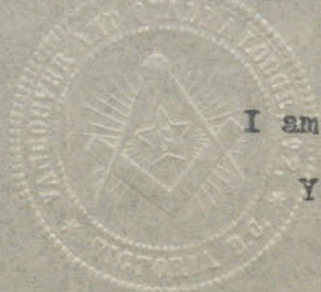
I can assure you that behind the formality of this letter there is a deep current of affection for yourself personally, and the warmest recollection of the connection between yourself and this old Lodge. As one member expressed it, - "the Lodge is honouring 'itself more, than honouring the recipient of the honour."

May you live long, Worshipful Sir to enjoy, together with Lady Currie and your children, the fruits of your labours, the love of your brethren and the respect and reverence of your fellow citizens.

I am, dear Sir and Wor. Brother

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Francis F. Fatt
Secretary



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Masonry

November
Fourteenth
1922.

Francis F. Fatt, Esq.,
Vancouver & Quadra Lodge,
620 Sayward Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:-

I thank you very much for your letter of November 6th containing the pleasing intimation that my Mother Lodge has paid me additional honour in placing my name before the Grand Lodge as one worthy of bearing henceforth the title of "Right Worshipful".

I appreciate this honour very much and will you please convey my thanks to my brethren of Vancouver and Quadra.

The Worshipful Master very kindly asked me to visit the Lodge during my recent stay of a few days in Victoria, but I was unable to do so because, before the invitation was received, I had already made an engagement to meet the officers of the 5th Regiment and of the Highlanders in their mess rooms at the new Drill Hall. My mind very, very often goes back to the old days when I lived in Victoria and my associations with my brother masons and with the lodges are things I often recall and always with pleasure.

Vancouver and Quadra always took a great pride, and I believe a justifiable pride, in the manner with which the work was performed and upon strict and faithfully adherence to masonic ritual and tradition. I hope this fidelity is still evident.

Francis F. Fatt, Esq. - 2 -

From reports I note that the lodge progresses and is prosperous.

Will you please convey to all my brethren my warmest fraternal greetings.

Yours faithfully and fraternally.



Vancouver and Quadra Lodge

No. 2, A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C.

FRANCIS F. FATT, P.M.
SECRETARY

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 620 SAYWARD BUILDING

Victoria, B.C. November 6th 1922

Sir Arthur Gurrie G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
University of McGill.
Montreal. P.Q.

Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,

At the last Session of Grand Lodge held in Prince Rupert, a motion was passed authorising Most Worshipful The Grand Master to approve, through the nomination of any constituent Lodge, of a worthy Brother, member of the nominating Lodge, and who had efficiently filled the high office of District Deputy Grand Master - to assume the Title of " Right Worshipful".

I have therefore much pleasure in informing you that upon the request of this Lodge, Most Worshipful The Grand Master has approved our application that in future your proper Masonic Title will be that of " Right Worshipful."

May I express a wish that you may be long spared to enjoy the honour, and that Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No.2 may at the same time continue to number you among its members.

With warmest good wishes from the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of your old Lodge,

I remain, dear Sir and Right Wor:Brother

Yours fraternally

Francis F. Fatt
Secretary



DOCKET ENDS:

MASONRY

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November 20th, 1925.

Oswald Mayrand, Esq.,
La Presse,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Mayrand:-

Let me thank you very much indeed for your letter of November 14th and for the picture which was enclosed with it. I appreciate very much having it in my possession, but more than that I appreciate the fact that you have not forgotten the occasion when we were privileged to meet in France.

I made a trip over the battlefields this summer with Lieut.-Colonel George Gibson, whom I am sure you met when you were there. Colonel Gibson has written a description of our tour and this will appear in the January issue of the Canadian Medical Journal. I think you would find it worth reading.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

The Dominant Newspaper of the Rich Montreal and Quebec Province Market.

Canada's National French
Newspaper
Established 1884



Office of the
Business Manager

Montreal, November 14th. 1925

SOME CANADIAN, QUEBEC

PROVINCE & MONTREAL DATA:

AREA: Canada, 3,729,665 sq. miles;
Quebec, 706,834 sq. miles.

(Quebec Province area is 5 times
that of United Kingdom or 1/18th area
British Empire.)

Greater Montreal, 117 sq. miles; Mont-
real City, 50 sq. miles.

(Montreal Island is 30 m. long by 7
to 10 m. wide.)

POPULATION: 1924 (Dom. Bureau
Statistics): Canada, 9,226,740 ;
Quebec Province, 2,480,000.

(26.87% of Canada's population.
98.17% increase in 50 years.)

Quebec Province: Rural, 43.99%;
Urban, 56.01%.

GREATER MONTREAL: 979,027.

(Nearing million mark-Lovell's Mont-
real Directory, 1924.)

A.B.C. Trading Territory: 1,130,545.
(More than a million people ready and
financially able to respond to newspa-
per advertising that they can read and
understand.)

SEX AND ORIGINS:

In Canada, 28.96% are English,
27.91% are French, 13.36% Scotch,
12.60% Irish, 17.17% Foreigners.

English and French are the official
tongues: B.N.A. Act, 1867.

Quebec Province 80% and Montreal
71% French, and 29% English and 34
other nationalities.

	WOMEN	MEN
Canada:	4,258,538	4,529,945
French	1,219,115	1,233,667
Quebec:	1,181,171	1,180,028
French	947,729	941,361
English	99,104	97,878
Irish	48,355	46,592
Scotch	32,416	31,686
Others	53,567	62,511

Province of Quebec Ratio per 1000
inhabitants, according to nativity:

	WOMEN	MEN
French	811	800
English	76	79
Irish	53	51
Scotch	30	29
Others	30	41
	1000	1000

The rich Canadian metropolis, MON-
TREAL, is America's 5th largest city
and the world's 2nd largest French
city.

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large annual surpluses.

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circulation of any newspaper published
in Canada.

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will supply advertisers with statistics
and information on any Canadian
commodity or subject.

General sir Arthur Currie,
241 Drummond Street,
Montreal.

Dear sir Arthur,

You have seen no doubt in La PRESSE of the
12th. instant the enclosed picture which we published
for the celebration of the Armistice day's seventh
anniversary in Montreal.

I thought you might be interested in getting
a better copy of the same photo, and although we are
not organized to work out nice pictures, I am sending
you to-day the best copy I could get for you. Let me
tender you this "nearly nothing" in remembrance of the
wonderful days which I had the honor to spend in your
company at the front in July 1918.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

Oswald Mayrand
(a former law student of McGill)

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December
Sixth
1921.

Colonel H.G. Mayes,
C/o. The War Office,
London, England.

Dear Colonel Mayes:-

Your wife has been to see me with reference to the financial position in which she finds herself placed.

She informed me that a Deed of Separation was drawn up between you in which you promised to contribute to her support at least \$100. per month. She states that you have not kept this agreement, that you are some months behind in the payment and that she finds herself with practically no cash at all. She is greatly worried about the future of herself and her children. She has no ready money and no means to support herself and them and unless help comes at once she will find herself on the street or an object of charity.

She tells me that you hold a Lieut.-Colonel's Commission in the British Army and her object in coming to me was to find out if the Army authorities could be used to force you to keep your promised obligation to her. I told her that the Army was not a debt collecting agency, but I also informed her that I would write to you and point out to you what her present position is. I would like to hear your side of the story. If matters are as she represents them, I would have no hesitation in reporting your treatment of her to the Army authorities to deal with as they consider necessary. I do not

Colonel Mayes

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consider any man fit to hold the King's Commission who would permit his wife and children to starve or to be forced to live on what charitably disposed people might contribute to their support.

I feel that there must be something wrong, Mayes, because my association with you did not leave me the impression that you would be so cruel.

Will you please give me an early reply to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

December
Sixth
1921.

Major-General Sir Percy Radcliffe, K.C.M.G.,
Director of Military Operations,
The War Office,
London, England.

My dear P.deB.,

I hope you won't mind my bothering you as I intend to do in this letter. I am attaching to it a copy of a letter which I have written to Colonel Mayes. The enclosed letter to him I wish you would have forwarded to his proper address. His wife tells me that he is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the British Army. You may remember him as the Instructor of Bayonet fighting in the Canadian forces in England. From time to time he visited our headquarters in France, sometimes in the company of Colonel Campbell of the Gordon Highlanders, who was Chief Bayonet Instructor in France.

Mayes' wife is destitute. She has three children between 9 and 14 years of age, whom she cannot support at all unless Mayes keeps his agreement to send her \$100. per month. I think that she is one of those helpless creatures who cannot do anything for themselves. If Mayes is treating her as she says he is he ought to be kicked out of the Army at once. I do not know anything about whose fault it is. I never saw the woman before she came to call on me, but I know that Mayes is one of those chaps who always considered himself a devil of a fellow with the women.

While I am writing I would like to tell you that Bungo is making a very favourable impression as Governor General. He is most popular everywhere and has been very happy in the speeches he has made. His sense of humour stands him in good stead. His speeches are never long, they are always

entertaining, and there is always a choice morsel of meat in them. I have a note from him this morning saying that he and Her Excellency expect to spend a couple of weeks in Montreal during the latter part of January. Sir Montague Allan, whom you may remember was attached to the 4th Division Headquarters, is letting the Byngs have his house. There is no more convenient house in Montreal for entertaining. This will give the Byngs an opportunity of repaying courtesies extended to them.

The Governor General was here on Armistice Day, unveiled a cenotaph, spent the afternoon with me at the University and attended an officers' dinner in the evening. The reception he received from them must have left no doubt in his mind as to the warm place he has in their hearts. I never saw anything to equal it.

I hope that you and Lady Radcliffe had a splendid holiday on the Riviera. Please remember me most kindly to her, and with all good wishes to you both, I am, my dear P.deB.,

Yours ever,

January
Twenty-fourth
1922.

Colonel H. G. Mayes,
British Empire Club,
12, St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Colonel Mayes:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of January 6th, with enclosures
as stated.

I am sending these all back to you,
together with your long letter of explanation. I
am sorry ever to have bothered you, but felt that
I could do nothing else after my interview with
Mrs. Mayes.

I can quite understand now the whole
affair and my only comment is that I hope you will
always do what is right by the children. I feel
that you will.

Montreal is a very expensive place in
which to live.

I wish you every success.

Yours faithfully,

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A few weeks ago I was offered and accepted the principalship of McGill University which is probably the most outstanding university in Canada and one very highly regarded throughout the world. The offer came like a bolt from the blue and I hesitated for a long while before accepting, because I realize that I am not a graduate of a university, but the board of governors unanimously assured me that they had taken that fact into account and were still anxious that I should accept. I believe the position affords more opportunities for good service to Canada than the one in which I am now placed.

I had hoped that some time on my return I would live in Victoria but failing that I think I would prefer to live in Montreal than any other place in Canada. It is a very large city, about 750,000 people and I like the people there, they have been more than kind to me always. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I believe the work will be congenial, and in addition to that the financial reward is greater than I am now receiving. The salary will be \$.....a year and a house which is worth another \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year. I think Lil will like living there much better than here. She has never taken very kindly to Ottawa, in fact we never seemed to feel that this was to be permanently our home. At the University there will be four months vacation each year, and next year I hope to be in a position to go to the Old Country. I am anxious to get in touch with the universities there and to study the lines along which they work.

I am very sorry Harold about our neglect in writing to you and the least we might have done was to have bought newspapers giving the account of these ceremonies and forwarded them to you. You know how hard it is to get Lil to write letters. I may say that while we were in B.C. we motored up to Comox, where we had a look at the property and found your mother's grave. The property is assessed as wild land at a value of \$4,500. There is none of it cleared and a good deal of the best timber has been stolen. The part of it that lies along the sea is most charmingly situated.....

DOCKET STARTS:

MATSON

Deed of Gift

PARTICULARS
HILL FARM ESTATE
SHAWNIGAN DISTRICT
VANCOUVER ISLAND
B. C.

To G.D.B. Turner,
Victoria,
B. C.

By G.A. Turner,
232 Pemberton Bldg.,
Victoria, B.C.,
March 21/21.

232 Pemberton Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C.,
March 22nd 1921.

G.D.B.Turner, Esq.,
c/o Bank of Montreal,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re Hill Farm Estate.

In accordance with your request, I have examined the property known as the "Hill Farm Estate," situated in Shawnigan District, on Vancouver Island, B. C. The estate lies $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Cobble Hill Station, on the E & N Railway and can be reached from Victoria either by train or by motor over the famous Malahat Drive in one and one half hours.

The original farm was acquired by Mr. J. S. H. Matson of Victoria about twelve years ago, at which time only fifteen acres were partly cleared for cultivation. Mr. Matson has since spent \$110,000.00 on improvements, drainage and clearing as well as in the purchasing of additional ground, bringing up the area to a total of 303.24 acres of which 100 acres are cultivated, 30 acres rough grazing land and 46 acres partially cleared, the balance of 124 acres being in timber with a light growth of Salal brush.

Mr. Matson the owner, is one of Victoria's most aggressive business men, and improved this farm to find relaxation from business activity. He however found the distance from Victoria too great for him to attend to the increasing calls of his business requiring his daily presence. In January 1920, Mr. Matson leased and gave an option to purchase the farm to the Canadian Government for the purpose of establishing a farm school to educate and train returned soldiers desirous of taking up or purchasing land for future settlement. This plan after being tried out for a year is about to be abandoned by the Government and the property is now again offered for sale by Mr. Matson, as he is now improving another in a similar way within a few miles of Victoria.

Hill Farm Estate as it now stands is without question one of the best improved estates on Vancouver Island. The residence and farm buildings are practically new and of the most modern character. The residence of modern bungalow type, contains 10 rooms with basement. The water supply is more than sufficient there being 2 water towers and 2 pump houses sufficient to take care of all the necessary domestic, garden and farm requirements, there being connecting pipes to all the buildings and fields. Capacity 10,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

The following is a list of the farm buildings:-

- 3 Cottages for employees, all containing bathrooms, toilets, wash-basins etc.
- 1 Dairy barn and wagon shed combined,

G.D.B.T.

No. 2.

- 1 Stable and sheep barn combined with lean-to for implements,
- 1 Bull pen,
- 1 Calf pen to hold 12 calves,
- 1 Pressed brick dairy,
- 2 Wells,
- 2 Tank houses,
- 1 Log piggery 95'x 45'
- 1 Frame piggery 150'x 52' partially dismantled preparatory to being used as chicken house, and designed to carry 750 to 1000 head of poultry.

The soil throughout is a sandy loam with clay subsoil and is free and easy to work. It is very suitable for general agriculture and could be most profitably worked as a mixed farm. In its present state it could conveniently carry and grow the feed required for,

- 20 Cows,
- 20 Sheep,
- 10 Sows,
- 4-6 Horses.

The cows, sheep and sows should be pure-bred, and the number increased as the farm comes under more intensive cultivation which can be brought about by improving the soil through proper crop rotations and additional manure. Sufficient pasture being provided for by seeding the partially cleared land.

Mr. Matson's account stands as follows:

Land Purchase account,	85 Acres	\$18000.00
actual.	50 "	5000.00
	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1000.00
	46 "	5060.00
	55 "	5500.00
	46 "	6900.00
	9.4 "	3000.00
	<u>303.</u>	<u>\$44460.00</u>
Land Clearing acct.		30000.00
Building, draining, fencing, &c &c.		42000.00
		<u>\$116460.00</u>

The land has grown 4 tons of hay per acre, (42 bushels of fall wheat per acre weighing 62 pounds to the bushel uncleaned.) (85 bushels of oats per acre weighing 46 pounds per bushel uncleaned)

The last year his net earnings from the sale of poultry, cattle, sheep, grain and straw ran over \$6000.00. Since the S.C.R. took over the farm they have set out 5000 raspberries which should come into bearing if attended to this year.

G.D.B.T.

No. 3.

HILL FARM ESTATE

In reading over this report you will note that Mr. Matson has spent \$116,460.00 on the property on actual improvements and land purchase; this represents the actual investment. Mr. Matson is a man of long experience on Vancouver Island, and the fact that he selected this place should be sufficient evidence as to its quality as a farm and its location as a home, and from my inspection of the property I am convinced he exercised sound judgment. Properties of this nature on Vancouver Island are not regarded altogether from a commercial point of view, the other considerations after mentioned largely determining their desirability.

Apart from its value as a farm the game shooting on the estate is excellent, pheasant and quail are plentiful, Cobble Hill is also the centre of one of the best shooting and fishing areas on Vancouver Island and is within easy reach by motor of the famous Cowichan Lake and River fishing. The salt water fishing and trolling is within about 1½ miles of the estate. Grilse and Salmon are quite plentiful in these fishing grounds, also duck and brant shooting can be had in the same vicinity.

To any one desiring a country home on Vancouver Island, the climate of which is not subject to either extreme heat or cold and resembles the south of England in many respects, the above estate should make a strong appeal and I know of no better opportunity than this offering. Mr. Matson is prepared to sell the estate for \$75,000. which I consider in view of all the attractive features, and heavy cost of improvements a very reasonable price. There are golf courses within half an hour by motor of the property and splendid motor roads throughout the country.

Vancouver Island generally is the home of retired people, and is considered one of the most desirable places of settlement in Canada from climatic, educational and social standpoints.

The Provincial land tax on the property which include all taxes for improvements and school, amount to \$360.00 per annum, and also includes the sur tax (equal and additional to the regular annual tax) levied by the Government during the war, and there is a likelihood of the taxes being reduced to their former status.

I shall be glad to furnish you with any further information you require.

Yours very truly,

G. A. Turner

P.S. It should be clearly understood that the increase from the above mentioned stock can be cared for during the first year. I have given what is necessary to stock the farm only.

A sum of \$15,000.00 would care for the purchase of stock, as well as the furnishing of the residence, and run the farm for the first year, after that it will be a paying concern.

G.A.T.

HILL FARM ESTATE

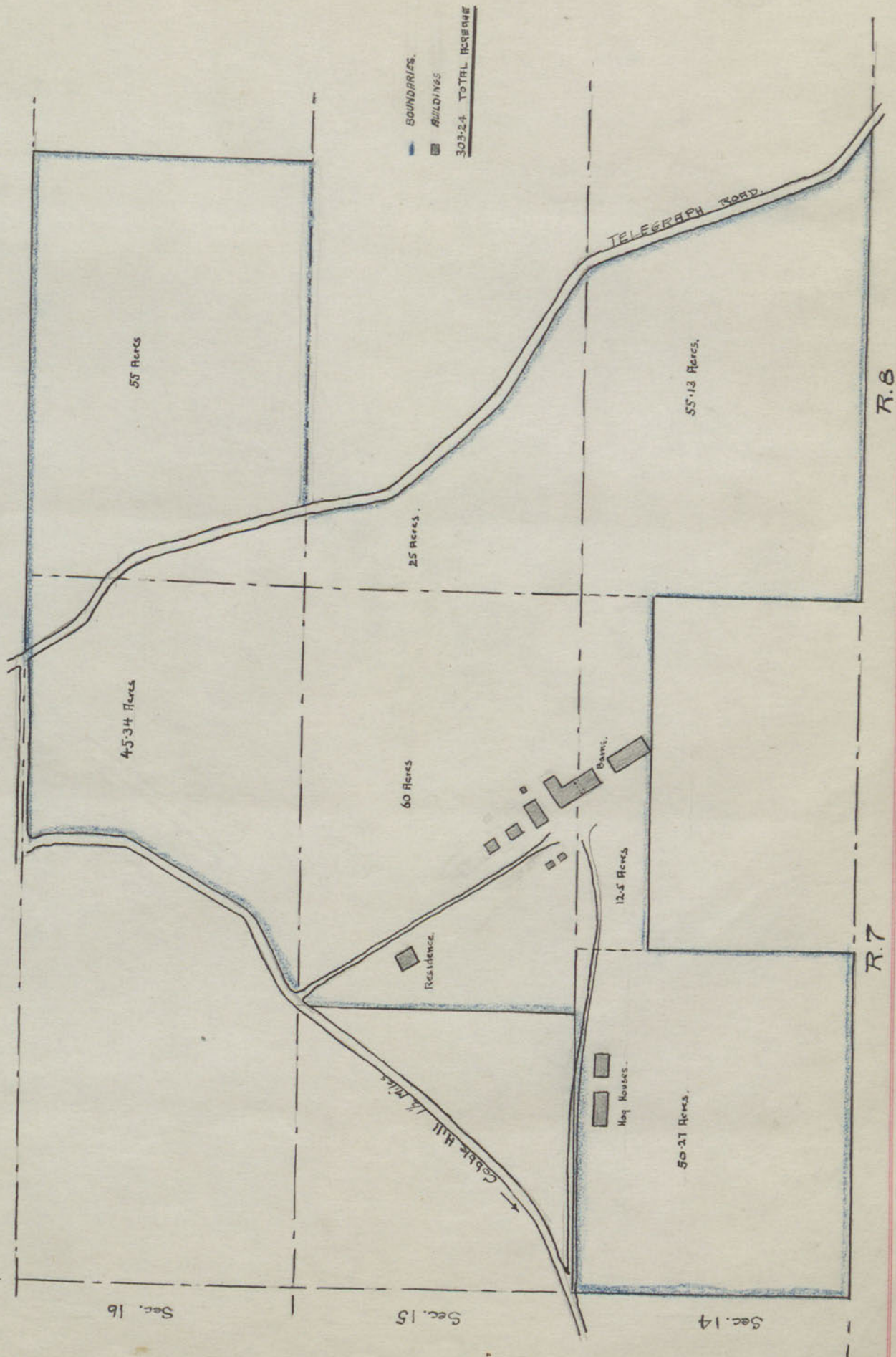


HILL FARM ESTATE



PLAN
of
'HILL FARM'
SHAWNIGAN DISTRICT B.C.

SCALE 10 CHS. = 1 inch.



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Matson

GLAMORGAN FARM
NORTH SAANICH, B.C.

Sunday Sept 3/22

Dear Arthur.

It is quite likely that I may be forced to go to Montreal to see Sir Frederick regarding the Royal Victoria Theatre. As you well know I was foolish enough to join into poor old Simon and Elliott in an effort to move the enterprise along a bit after they had got things pretty badly balled up. The contractors naturally were always screaming for money + while subscriptions were not coming in very

rapidly the names were good at that time
and the merchants agreed to discount our
joint note. I depended upon the legal brain
of Dick to keep me safe but I soon realized
that the whole thing was a hopeless muddle
one after another of the subscribers dropped
out bankrupt & we were left to shoulder the
burden I have paid out to date about \$42,000
& at the moment R F Taylor is after me for
an additional \$10,000. on top of this the
hullen the manager of the merchants is
after me to sign a demand note for \$20,000.
bearing interest at 5% since May 1917 -
I returned the note and gave him my reasons
for doing so - viz - Harrison mgr of the
merchants in Vancouver came over to Victoria
during Fraser's absence in the east - he was
trying at the time to square away one or
two lame accts that Fraser was not getting
much ahead of - Harrison sent for me and
said that I want to talk to you about the
R Vict Theatre - at the moment the bank has
nothing - the so called first mortgage we hold
is not worth the paper upon which it is written
the building is on land owned by Mrs Cook
& Mrs Hepburn neither of these have ever conveyed
the land to the Theatre Co which makes

is impossible for the bank to register their mortgage - how what can be done to straighten out the tangle - Can you secure for the bank a clear title to the land and can you secure for the bank ten or a dozen good subscriptions for second mortgage debentures under a firm agreement - permitting the bank to register the first mortgage - These subscriptions to total \$100,000. I said yes - he replied - If you do the bank will release you from any further liability - in the matter. I said that will be quite satisfactory he said I will give you a letter explaining our understanding I said no (damn fool) we can have the understanding and where the final winding up takes place

We will then ⁽²⁾ adjust accordingly
because I did not care to go

out soliciting **GLAMORGAN FARM** Subscriptions with
NORTH SAANICH, B.C.

a letter in my pocket making
me free of liability - while I was
persuading others to sign
firm agreements to purchase
Especially after showing them
that I had signed for 10000.
Harrison agreed with me
& it was so arranged. This
understanding was never
mentioned until McNullen
demanded payment. I then
explained my position to him
and on the 11th of June/22
I got in touch with Harrison
who practically confirmed the
statements I have made which
we again discussed on Aug 5/22
On Aug 8th 22 I wrote to McNullen
and pointed out that I did
not feel quite clear about
going free of liability owing to

The manner in which I had sold the debentures
it would not be quite a clean transaction on
my part & while I could ill afford to do so I
was prepared to go the \$10,000. - \$1000 cash
and notes extended over a period of six years
without interest for the bal \$9000. This has been
refused - and what the next jump will be
I am not prepared to even think. But I did
clear the little - paying Mrs Cook \$2600, Mrs
Heptburn \$1700. and goodness knows how many
others before we could register the second mortgage
debentures. I also sold something over \$120,000
worth of debentures & carried out my part of
the contract to the letter. It now looks like
persecution to me and I don't think that
the Bank of Montreal is anxious to make
things too hard for me. It has been an
awful fight since 1913 & now that I am
getting out of the woods it seems a wicked
shame that I should be hooked for blood
money. I think that I have told you that
the Bank of Montreal saved me from bankruptcy
and I feel certain that when the circumstances
are known to the management they will not
permit Mc Kullen or anyone else to
harm me. I know quite well that the
Montreal folk in the Theatre as they did
many other things as junk - but Mc Kullen
I expect is trying to make his position secure

and he cares not who he makes
uncomfortable - It seems strange
that when we were talking
about Arthur Coles who subscribed
for 10000. McHullen said
that they would be glad to
satisfy the judgment they
hold against him for \$1500
or \$2000 & yet this bank
refuses my offer - knowing
that I am free of liability -
if it goes to court. Not
only in the Harrison Court
but the merchants released
Todd - Lincoln Green and
Jayward former subscribers
for \$10000. each - on this
Andrew Wright will make
his fight & according to Jack
Taylor the bank has not
a chance in earth to collect

GLAMORGAN FARM

NORTH SAANICH, B.C.

I am sorry to have to trouble
you with all this but I
thought that you would
not mind reading it
I don't ask other than
fair play and I am
certain that it will
do no harm to let you
know the real facts - with
love to the family & to
you old dear -

Yours with love

Sam



THE WINDSOR HOTEL
MONTREAL

Jan 4/23.

Dear old Arthur

I was a line before I
leave for Toronto. I came
really to see the Board
regarding the Theatre. All
were most kind to me
and what the upshot will
be I must wait & see -
In the meantime much
love to Fannie & to you old
dear. It is quite likely
that I will return in a few
days & will look you up.
One of my sisters is not
very well & is most anxious
to see me - Again much
love & a healthy & prosperous
New Year to you yours
Sam

P.S. Just arrived this morning
+ off this evening has been
quite busy with our agents here
It is now 8:25. and I have just
finished Train leaves at 10-
5.

March
Fourteenth
1923.

J.S.H. Matson, Esq.,
The Daily Colonist,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Sam:-

At the Directors' meeting yesterday Sir Frederick told me that you and the Bank had come to terms which were eminently satisfactory to you. As soon as your letter arrived I saw him and said what I could. They promised me to treat you fairly and while Sir Frederick did not tell me the exact nature of the settlement, he told me not to worry that you were satisfied with the arrangement agreed upon.

I am very sorry, Sam, that I did not see you when you were in Montreal and Lily is very disappointed as well. After your brief note saying that you were coming back again I endeavoured to get a line on you to ask you to come and stay with us, as we certainly did wish to see something of you while you were in the East. The Bank expected you back again and promised to let me know if you came. I live but a very few blocks from the Windsor Hotel and would have been only too glad to have gone to see you had I known you were here.

I haven't seen very many people from the Coast this winter. Odium and Billy Foster of Vancouver were here for a day or so and spent an evening with me. I heard John Oliver speak to our Canadian Club on the matter of freight rates, but I gathered that John was speaking for political effect rather than any conviction he had that he was presenting a cause deserving of support.

Of course, the old "Colonist" keeps me in touch with what is going on out there and we are all very grateful for your continued kindness in sending it. I am glad to see by it that Linham is

J.S.H. Matson, Esq.

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all right again. I think one issue did intimate that he was likely to come East on some project that had to do with Victoria's attractions and value as a tourist centre. Tell him if you see him that when he does come he is not to do as you did, get in and get out without letting anyone know that you were here.

We have quite a number of Victoria boys at the University and these I run across very often,- Dr. Hamilton's son, the two Wilson boys, sons of and Biggerstaff, Dick Nash's boy, son of Legge of the Chemical Works, sons of Dr. Hall, Dr. Jones, Dr. Fraser, young Whidden who married the daughter of Arthur Kent, and many others. By the way do you remember that chap Kent and his old stables down on Fort Street. I believe that he has accumulated enough money to retire and now lives on Craigdarroch subdivision. I remember how his wife used to help him hitch up his teams and attend to the horses in the stable. Well, they deserved to succeed for they worked with each other and for each other all the time. Do you remember the morning when you and I standing at the corner of Craigdarroch Road and Esquimalt Road were discussing our past experiences with horses and horse stables, and do you recall how embarrassed we were when, at the stopping of the tram to pick us up, Miss Lizzie Peddle (afterwards Mrs. Stan Smith) emerged from the waiting room?

I most sincerely hope, Sam, that your health continues good and that business goes well. I do not know when I shall get out to the Coast again. I would like very, very much to spend the summer vacation there, but it costs too much money to travel for one thing and my vacations do not appear to be as long as at one time I thought they would be.

Please remember me most kindly to Charlie Swaine, Jimmy Tait and all the other boys of the staff. With my very best wishes I am, dear Sam,

Ever yours faithfully,

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The Daily Colonist.

J.S.H. MATSON

VICTORIA, B.C.

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Feb 24/23

Dear Arthur

I hate to bother you with my troubles
 but I have written to Sir Frederick
 & enclose copy of my letter to him
 Also copy of Macmillans letter to
 me and copy of letter from Draper
 to me. You will note that I have
 mentioned your name in my letter
 to Sir Frederick. also Lord S.
 I thought that this would probably
 give you the opportunity to say
 something about this cursed hold up
 when I think of the money that I
 have paid into this sink hole it
 makes me ill. My love to Fely and
 to you old dear

Yours sincerely
 J.S.H. Matson

February
24, 1923.

Sir Frederick William Taylor,
General Manager,
Bank of Montreal,
MONTREAL, P. .

Dear Sir Frederick:

Since seeing you in Montreal I have been waiting to hear results of my interview with Mr MacKenzie and Mr Cobb regarding the Royal Victoria theatre.

As that interview I did my best to explain the difficulties encountered and how I became connected with the building of the theatre, and before going into detail I would like to mention that I was asked to help to raise funds to complete the building shortly after the steel structure had been raised, further operations having ceased owing to lack of funds to carry on.

Mr R.T. Elliott and Mr Simon Leiser were two of the original promoters and it was on the advice of these gentlemen that I became sufficiently interested to examine the list of firm subscribers and after doing so I agreed to join the board and take an active interest in completing the building. From that time to the present few weeks have passed that I have not been called upon to pay something. Mr MacKenzie has a fair statement of the various amounts that I have paid and I am not aware of any errors in the items, amounts etc, unless it be in my favour.

Sir Frederick William Taylor (2)

Before the drawing of the agreement, dated March 1st, 1917, Mr Harrison, the then supervisor for B.C. of the Merchants Bank asked me if I would undertake to secure for the Bank a clear title to the property upon which the building stand. In mentioning the matter Mr Harrison pointed out that the building had been erected upon encumbered land and that debentures formerly issued were valueless, which also applied to the mortgage held by the bank. This was discovered when the bank presented the mortgage for registration. The Cook estate had a claim of \$2,600, Hepburn estate \$1,700, total \$4,300. These claims were separate lots leaving one only of the lots upon which the theatre was built clear.

In addition Mr Harrison asked if it would be possible to go over the ground again and renew the debentures that suffered the same fate as the mortgage. In short Mr Harrison said, Watson can you do this for the bank. I replied that I could. He then said, if you clear the title and secure \$100,000 in new subscriptions that are acceptable to the bank, the bank will not look to you for anything further. You are the only man in the Company that has never failed to assist the manager Mr Fraser to square away the complications that have been in evidence almost daily since the laying of the foundation, and I consider that you are entitled to liberal treatment.

In reply I said to Mr Harrison I will start this afternoon and get in touch with Mrs Cook and Mr Hepburn. When I have squared away the title I will then call upon the original debenture holders and report progress. In the meantime it is better to let my end of it stand until the final winding up of the transaction, it will then be easy to

Sir Frederick William Taylor (3)

adjust and so the matter rested. It is quite true that I have frequently received the usual notices from the bank regarding overdue subscriptions but that appeared to be a matter of form only, until last summer when I received a letter from Mr McMillan enclosing a demand note for \$20,000, bearing 5% interest since March 1917, which he asked me to sign.

It was upon receipt of this that I called upon Mr McMillan and explained to him that previous to the signing of the agreement Mr Harrison had discussed the matter with me as above, and I also explained to Mr McMillan that I had secured the title, renewed the debentures and made good every promise that I had given to Mr Harrison but I was still prepared to pay \$10,000, which was the original amount subscribed for by me, and not that I considered that I was legally bound to do so, but I had gone to former subscribers and showed them my signed agreement to purchase \$10,000 worth of debentures and I did not feel that I could do this knowing that I was to eventually escape liability.

The second \$10,000 has an added line to the original agreement and was done at the time to round out the amount and incidentally make matters easier for Mr Fraser, the then local manager.

For your personal inspection I enclose copy of a letter from Mr Fraser which I assure you came as a surprise to me, but it may throw some light upon the value he placed upon services rendered by me. Twice I have seen Mr Harrison and he practically confirms the statement regarding our conversation. Speaking from memory the following

Sir Frederick William Taylor (4)

original subscribers were released by the Merchants: Mr J.A. Sayward \$10,000, Roper Estate \$10,000, A.E. Todd \$10,000, A. Linham \$10,000, T.R. Green \$5,000. Total \$45,000. There are others but at the moment I do not recall the names. Had these subscribers been held many of the claims paid by me would have been settled by the bank and instead of paying out over \$50,000 I would probably be out about \$10,000.

Mr Montizambert and I had a chat this morning and I asked him what he thought I had better do. I have always told him that I had a liability of \$10,000 in connection with the Royal Victoria theatre. He of course could not advise but I told him that I intended to write to you and I do hope that I have not bored you too much. It would take a long time to tell all that happened and that would not help matters very much but I wonder if Lord Shaughnessy remembers much about the building of the theatre. He, I think, subscribed quite a sum. General Currie, another of your Directors, would, I am sure be able to tell you quite a lot about it.

I am positively at a loss to know what to do. If the Merchants sue me I will have to make the best of it. On the other hand I would gladly carry out the proposal to Mr MacKenzie and Mr Cobb, viz: \$10,000 bearing 3% interest, extended over a period of 3 years, or if it is thought that \$12,500 should be collected from me I will be glad to arrange to pay this sum in four years bearing 5% interest, 1st payment \$2,500 to fall due March 1st 1924 and so on in yearly

Sir Frederick William Taylor (5)

payments until paid. Some months ago it was intimated to me that a settlement on these terms would be favourably considered by the Merchants. I just feel that I will do anything you say. I would rather have a law suit with my wife than the Bank of Montreal and I wish to go further and say that if I am wrong in believing that I have made an honest offer it is because I am ignorant and not because I am endeavoring to escape liability.

1. I have paid in \$50,000 and have not one dollar interest.
2. Have Harrison's confirmation of the conversation that took place in the Merchants Bank.
3. Have offered \$10,000 and now \$12,500 to settle the matter.
4. Have a claim of easily \$12,500 against the Merchants for claims settled by me to clear the title previous to March 1917.
5. Have proof positive that \$45,000 worth of debentures were released without the consent of the Theatre Company.
6. Have an absolutely clear conscience in asking that my offer be accepted.
7. Last of all, I will do just as you say.

With best wishes and sincerest appreciation for all that the Bank of Montreal has done for me, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Encl:

- C O P Y -

17th February 1923.

J.S.H. Matson, Esq.,
c/o Colonist Publishing Company,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:-

Re Victoria Opera House Co., Ltd.

The final instalment under your agreement dated 1st March, 1917, to subscribe and purchase debentures of the Victoria Opera House Company Limited to the amount of \$20,000, becomes due and payable on the first day of March, 1923.

Nothing has been paid on account of this Agreement and the whole sum of \$20,000, with interest thereon at five per cent per annum, payable half yearly, will be due and payable on the first day of March 1923.

Payment of this amount is hereby demanded- you are required to pay to the Bank of Montreal, successors to the Merchants Bank of Canada, at its offices at the corner of Douglas and Yates Streets, Victoria, B.C., as provided by the Agreement, on the first day of March, 1923, the sum of Twenty-~~Five~~ Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)

Yours truly,

(Sig) W.W. MacMullen,

Manager

- C O P Y -

Vancouver, B.C.
January 31st, 1923.

J.S.H. Matson, Esq.,
Care of the "Colonist",
VICTORIA, B.C.

My dear Matson:

Before leaving British Columbia at the close of the present week and returning to my old stamping ground in Alberta, I wish to tell you how much I have appreciated your friendship whilst here, and the hearty way in which you have co-operated with me in a situation difficult for us both.

If you are ever in Alberta (and I expect you to be there as a live stock exhibitor one of these days) I trust you will look me up promptly and that we will have another opportunity to have a good long chat.

Sincerely yours,

(Sig) A.C. Fraser

DOCKET ENDS:

MATSON

DOCKET STARTS:

H-H. MATTHEWS

Ottawa

March 30th

Dear Sir Arthur

as Editor of the "Canadian
Defence Quarterly" I am
writing to ask for per-
mission to publish
your portrait - as the
frontispiece to the next
(July) number of the magazine
together with a sketch
of your career.

I should like, if
possible, to obtain an
autographed

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autographed photo that has not been previously published in any other journal; and perhaps at your instance Col Bovey would be kind enough to write up the biography, as I know he is familiar with the details of the story we should like to get.

With very kind regards

Sincerely yours
Harold Matthews



CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

21st December 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur

I must apologise for the delay in acknowledging your letter of December 5th but I have been so busy that I have had to leave over "Canadian Defence Quarterly" matters for a few days.

We are very grateful to you for having put in a word for us with Sir Frederick Williams Taylor. I feel sure that with your kind assistance we shall be able to obtain this advertisement. It is only through the few advertisements that we have already obtained that we have been able to improve the magazine so greatly in later issues, and as the Quarterly is conducted without any idea of making a profit any further revenues that accrue from this source will go to still further improve the standard and possibly increase the contents.

We shall be very glad indeed to have the article you speak of regarding your trip to the battlefields. Dr Bazin had already mentioned this to us and had told us that he would forward us a copy of "The Canadian Medical Journal" containing the article: we shall reserve space in the April number.

Thank you for your good wishes which all your old friends here, including myself, heartily reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Matthews

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG. KCB
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

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December 5th, 1925.

Colonel H. H. Matthews, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to the Bank of Montreal using the Canadian Defence Quarterly as an advertising medium. I have written to Sir Frederick Williams Taylor saying an approving word.

By the way George Gibson, whom you will remember as M.O. of the 7th Bn. at the beginning of the war, has written an account of a trip he and I made over the battlefields last August. This account will appear in the January number of the Canadian Medical Journal and my suggestion is that it be republished in the Quarterly. I believe it is well worth reading and in the Quarterly would reach a very different constituency than the Medical Journal covers.

With all good wishes to you personally and to my friends in the Department, I am,

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

QUOTE NO.....

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

4th December 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter we have this day sent to the Bank of Montreal. Perhaps you might see your way to recommend the "Canadian Defence Quarterly" for a share of the advertising of the Bank ?

As you may know we have not up to the present had any assistance from the Government except that the Minister during the last week has authorised franking privileges and we hope to receive a small grant which would be used to improve the magazine.

Doubtless you are aware that the Quarterly is conducted by a Committee of Officers who give their services solely in the interests of the Defence Forces of Canada.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. Matthews

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

4th Dec. 1925.

The Secretary,
BANK OF MONTREAL,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir,

May I draw your attention to the advertising possibilities of the "Canadian Defence Quarterly"? I enclose a copy of the last number - October, 1925. Although not an official publication the Quarterly is published under the auspices of the Department of National Defence for the benefit of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of Canada. Its circulation extends from coast to coast and is almost exclusively confined to officers of the Defence Forces, chiefly of the Militia, all of whom are citizens of the Dominion and many of them occupying highly influential positions in commercial life or in Government Departments.

The rates for advertisements are as under:-

Inside cover page.....	\$60.00	per issue.
Full page (other than cover page)...	\$50.00	" "
Half page (other than cover page)...	\$27.50	" "

Both the inside cover pages are available at the present time, but of course the blue stock paper is not suitable for half-tones. If an order is placed for two or more insertions the above rates are subject to a discount of 10%.

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of securing your patronage.

Yours faithfully,

(F. Cummins)
Captain,
Secretary Editorial and Managing Committee,
"Canadian Defence Quarterly".



CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

6th April, 1926.

My dear General,

I am very much obliged to you for the photograph for reproduction in the next number of the "Canadian Defence Quarterly", and also for your permission to allow Bovey to furnish us with a biographical sketch.

I am dropping him a line myself to let him know the latest date for which the typescript will be required for publication.

I should like to have a copy of the address on the Canadian Militia which you gave before the Canadian Club the other day very much, as the press reports are usually so much garbled as to be of very little use. We have to be very careful about what we publish on this subject in the Quarterly as it is looked upon in some quarters as a sort of semi-official publication, although the Committee in charge disclaim responsibility for the views expressed by their contributors. From the press reports though, it seems to me that this address of yours is exactly the sort of article we require.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

DOCKET ENDS:

H. H. MATTHEWS

DOCKET STARTS:

JS Matthews

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October 5th, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel J. S. Matthews,
2083 Whyte Avenue,
Kitsilano Beach,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Colonel:-

This morning I was delighted to receive your letter of September 26th and if my reply seems rather short it is because I am looking forward to seeing you in the near future and also that there is so much to do before I can proceed on my trip west. I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing my old friends out there, but there seem to be so many formal engagements to fill that there is little time left for anything of a social character.

I have often wondered in receiving reports of the Western Cordage Company whether the 'J.S. Matthews' referred to there was my old friend of the Imperial Oil Company whom I knew so well as a most enthusiastic officer of the old regiment. I often think of our rifle matches on the Richmond Ranges where I acted as Range Officer so often. In those days the meeting of the B.C. Rifle Association was my only holiday and I looked forward to it from year to year most eagerly. I know of no place where a man could forget his troubles more readily than on a Rifle Range. As a whole they were most excellent fellows, even if one had to watch carefully some few who tried to ease the pull somewhat.

The names mentioned in your letter call back many pleasant memories. Perhaps I may see McMillan and Leckie and Boultee when I go out. When next you see him remember me kindly to Cuckoo. Tell him I remember him very well and

Lt.-Col. J. S. Matthews - 2 -

I would like to see him again and wish him the best of luck.

I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to go out to the Cordage Company's factory. I do not think that I have a minute to spare in Vancouver. I am being overwhelmed with engagements to speak and have already wired Odium to be reasonable.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



2083 Whyte Ave
Kitsilano Beach
Vancouver, B.C.
26th Sept. 1925.

Dear General Currie.

At last, after promising myself that I would so do for six years, I find myself writing to you. The desire, always present, has failed to materialize for lack of what might be considered a valid excuse. The recollections of the old 5th, 6th, and the rifle range-- what pleasant memories they are-- die hard, as one would wish they should. They should, within themselves, constitute a good reason for a letter, but memories, no matter how sweet, must not intrude into new situations. We are very proud of our distinguished officer who became commander of the Canadian Army, but those of us whose careers have been less worthy must not allow our activities to interfere with those of so busy a man as you must be. Hence, although on many occasions I wanted to send you a letter, I never did so. But now I have an excuse.

The news is abroad here that you will open the new university, and all is preparation for the great event. We are glad you are coming. You have been away too long. Your coming visit gives me the opportunity to ask if you will, please, when you are here, pay a visit to the Canada Western Cordage Co's factory and see what is being done. I believe it is worth while. There will be keen disappointment if you do not; much good will be done if you do. We do hope you can spare time. Two years ago they elected me a director. A year ago they pitchforked me into the job of manager. Not a very exalted position, and the remuneration is small, but the opportunity is afforded, on a diminutive scale, of being of much service to one's fellows. What more does man desire.

Then again, the fine old 102nd, or what is left of them, is holding the annual dinner on or about Oct 21st, the anniversary of their first real engagement--Regina Trench. Perhaps you would like a meal with us.

You will, I know, try to manage one or the other, or both.

A little gossip will do no harm. Col. "John" Warden is still travelling the western states in the interests of B.C. shingles, and doing well. He writes me almost weekly. To our shame, he was badly treated in B.C. Gen Odum has suffered a great loss, a very great loss: his only daughter, a young lady about 18. It must have been a severe blow. Col. Robertson of the 5th spent most of a day in my attic with me delving into the records of the 2nd Bn 5th C.A. for material for the history of your old regiment. Major Tite is hibernating on his beautiful place in Point Grey-- always experimenting, but now with trees and plants in place of rifle sights. Col. Hulme is brigade major, and works at it despite his 36 years as a soldier. The butts at Richmond were burnt down two years ago, and lack of money prevented their replacement, so that no shooting was done there last year; a deplorable depth for rifle shooting in Vancouver to descend to. Old Mr Chamberlain of West'mr tells me that

at this year's B.C. Rifle Assn matches at Clover Point, one only of the "old timers", shooting in the days when you were R.O., attended. I think he said it was R.M. Blair. All the remainder were new men. Col. John McMillan has dropped out of the 7th some time ago, Col. Jack Leckie is around here, and we see him at funerals and smokers. The others seem to have dropped out of sight. Poor old Col. Worsnop died, and his wife is living with young Col. Worsnop in California. Col. Boulton married and is living on a farm near Chilliwack. Gen Stuart is seen New Year's morning only, making the rounds. Old Cuckoo is still out on Lulu Island looking after what is left of the range

They made a terrible mess, in my opinion, of the old 7th and 6th D.C.O.R. They tried to amalgamate the two names, and made a mess of both. For a while they called it the "1st Battalion, 1st British Columbia Regiment, (7th Battalion C.E.F.) The Duke of Connaught's Own", but finally reduced it to "1st Battalion, 1st British Columbia Regiment, The Duke of Connaught's Own", which, in my mind, means nothing, because it omits the most important of all, the "Seventh". They wear the rifle uniform, but carry their colors. All the old timers have dropped out. I think my service is the longest continuous service in the Vancouver units of any officer or man. I still enjoy it.

I had an interesting memento sent me from Ottawa recently. It was the wooden monument erected over the graves of our men on Vimy Ridge. When we have our dinner this year it is the intention to get the old members to say where it shall rest permanently. There are 82 names on it.

The cordage factory has done pretty well this year. We have not had a single idle day for twelve months, and have worked at night for three months. After setting aside sufficient money to pay the government interest, and 7% depreciation, our year's operations showed a loss of \$2000 as against \$24,000 the previous year. We are employing 31 men continuously, and sometimes run up to 45. All men over 18 are returned men, but out of the 229 shareholders merely eight are shareholders working in the factory. We have sold our product as far east as Ontario, and we are trying to get an order from the New Zealand Govt. But it is uphill work, and the competition is severe. I do hope you will be able to pay us a visit.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

J. S. Matthews

M
July
Nineteenth
1926.

J. S. Matthews Esq.,
Kitsilano Beach,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Matthews:

Thank you very much for your letter of
last week with the attached clippings.

I had never the honour of knowing Mrs.
Tite, but was always fond of the Major. I was very glad on the
occasion of my visit last year to see him again. He was a
particularly fine type of man.

Dear old Cuckow. You will all miss him
very much at the Rifle Ranges at Lulu Island where he was an
institution.

With all kind wishes to you personally,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

PIONEER OF LULU ISLAND IS DEAD

William Cuckow Passed Away in Sleep—Well- Known Rifle Shot.

William Cuckow, 74, for many years a resident of Lulu Island, was found dead in bed this morning at his residence, No. 3 road. Mr. Cuckow had been ailing for the past eight or nine months, but had not been confined to his bed. Returning on Friday from a trip to Seattle where he visited his step grand-daughter, Mrs. Arthur Slater, he seemed in his usual health, and his death this morning came as a great shock to his relatives.

Mr. Cuckow settled on Lulu Island in 1890, coming from Burlington, Ont., where several members of his family still reside. He has been actively connected with the Rifle Association during his lifetime, being manager of the rifle range on Lulu Island. A week ago he participated in the provincial rifle matches at Victoria.

Predeceased by his wife, who was Mrs. Jane Douglas, Mr. Cuckow has no family of his own. Mr. H. H. Douglas, 1536 Beach avenue, and Mrs. J. Roland, wife of the C.P.R. agent at Westminster Junction, are step-children.

MRS. TITE WILL BE BURIED MONDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Tite, who passed away Friday, at the residence of her son, Major J. Reynolds Tite, 2991 Marine dr., will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from her late residence, interment being in Mountain View Cemetery. Rev. J. J. Ross will officiate.

Mrs. Tite was born in England in 1836, and came to Vancouver 37 years ago. She is survived by her son and two daughters, Mrs. S. C. McFie and Mrs. E. B. Morgan, both of Vancouver.



Kitsilano Beach
Vancouver, B.C.
11th July 1926

Dear Gen. Currie:-

The enclosed clippings,
taken from yesterday's papers,
will be a source of grief to you.
Still, I feel I should send them

We were both fond of that dear old
gentleman, Mr. Cuckow, and for
Major Tité all have a high regard.
I am glad that you saw both
the last time you were here.

With sincere respects

Faithfully

J. S. Matthews

DOCKET ENDS:

J.S. MATTHEWS

DOCKET STARTS:

D. H. C. MASON



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Feb. 19th, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I have your letter of February
the fifteenth and regret that it confirms my fears
regarding the press of your engagements.

I shall send you the date of the dinner
as soon as it is fixed and if, by any luck, you can arrange
to be here we shall be delighted.

With many thanks for your good wishes for
the Regiment,
believe me,

Yours very sincerely.

D. H. Mason.

General Sir. Arthur Currie., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.



College Street Armouries,
Toronto February 27th, 1923,

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The date of the Toronto Regiment
dinner has been fixed for Saturday, March the thirty-
first.

If there is any chance of your being
in Toronto at that time, I do hope you may be able to
arrange to be with us.

Yours very sincerely.

D. H. Mason

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.N.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

April 3rd, 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am sending you a menu card from Saturday's dinner. I read your letter of regret and good wishes, which letter was much appreciated. We should have been delighted had it been possible for you to have been present but I quite appreciate the difficulties in the way.

I think we were pretty successful in our effort to have the most respectable and orderly regimental dinner held here since the war, and we hope to do better next time.

With the very kindest regards,

I am,

Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

D. C. Mason

DHCLM/R

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.S., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

April
Ninth
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel D.H.C. Mason,
35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for the
souvenir of the Annual Dinner of the Third
Battalion.

I am sure it was a very enjoyable
affair, and please believe I am sincere when I
say I greatly regret having missed it.

I have just come from hearing
General Sir Archibald Macdonell address the Canadian
Club on "The Evolution of the Canadian Corps". He
spoke very well and was particularly well received.
There was a great gathering of old officers of the
Corps.

With all good wishes for yourself
personally, and for Bart and the other members of
the Regiment, I am,

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto April 13th, 1923,

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Thankyou very much for your letter of April 9th. I wish very much I could have heard Sir Archibald on "the Evolution of the Canadian Corps." It is a subject people should know much more about then they do and I wish the Canadian Club here would ask him to repeat his address.

In our conversation at His Excellency's dinner I think you asked me to write to you concerning my application for the title "Royal" for the Toronto Regiment. General McBrien suggested that, if my application were accompanied by some letters from those under whom the 3rd Battalion served, it would be very greatly strengthened and you were kind enough to say that you would not object to sending me such a letter.

The record and services of the battalion are so well known to you that it may be unnecessary to remind you of any particulars but you may perhaps be interested in a little sketch history of the battalion which we hand to each recruit on joining; so I enclose one herewith.

I am inclined to think that we must have attacked on the flank of the corps and with a flank in the air more times than perhaps any other unit. We were the right flank battalion at Mount Sorrel. At Vimy we were on the right flank of the corps, were unsupported on the right and made I think the longest advance. At Fresnoy we were the right flank and our right was entirely in the air from zero till the relief two days later. At Passchendaele we did the left flank attack on Vine Gattages. On August 30th 1918 we attacked to the front by ourselves while the 1st and 2nd Battalions attacked from the flank. At the breaking of the Drocourt-Queant Line we moved forward beyond any other part of the corps entirely unsupported on the right and partially so on the left. We never got much credit for this, of course, because we were supposed to be in reserve one thousand yards behind the third brigade. I am not familiar with the subsequent fighting as I was in England and do not know if there were any more unsupported advances.



April 13th, 1923

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You will of course know better than I whether the above incidents were exceptional or not and I merely mention them in order that, if you consider it advisable to do so, you may refer to them in your letter.

I have mentioned to you verbally some of the reasons (other than the record of the battalion) why I am applying for this honour.

In the 1st. Division the city of Montreal had two battalions, both Royal Regiments. Toronto had two, neither of which were so honoured. This, of course, was largely a coincidence but not entirely so. General Rennie, then commanding, applied for the name Royal Toronto Regiment in 1914 but General Alderson refused to consider it until the unit had been successfully in action. After Mount Sorrel, this condition having been fulfilled, Col. Allan again applied but was refused. About two years ago I applied but was refused by Ottawa.

Since then we have become well established as a militia unit which perpetuates in every possible way the 3rd Battalion, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has become our Colonel-in-Chief, which would seem to support our claim to some extent.

One reason, aside from the honour to the regiment, which makes me particularly anxious to get the "Royal" is this. Our present name, The Toronto Regiment, which was distinctive during the war is so no longer. We have in the city the Toronto Scottish and the West Toronto Regiments. Our brief title is a continual source of inconvenience because the public, the press and even those who should know better entirely fail to distinguish between "The Toronto Regiment" and "a Toronto Regiment."

I have explained our name to the press till I am blue in the face but they still call us the 3rd Battalion or the 3rd Toronto Battalion or some such name. Now the Royal would clear up all this sort of thing.

This is of course only a secondary ground for making my request. The first must be, if you think it good enough, the Regiment's war record, coupled with the fact that it is actually perpetuated as itself and as nothing else. That is we are not simply a pre-war militia unit with (3rd Bn., C.E.F.) after our name. We actually are a reincarnation of an overseas unit in a way that I think not many others are. Of our thirty-four officers, twenty seven served with the 3rd Battalion and six with other units in the field. The figures for N.C.O.'s would be similar. About half the men have had overseas service, mostly with the 3rd battalion.

If you consider, sir, that the above considerations together with any others of which you are aware justify the request which I am putting forward I shall very greatly appreciate a letter in support of it which I may attach to my application.

With many thanks for the interest which you have shown in the Regiment.

believe me,

Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. Mason

April
Sixteenth
1923.

• Lieut.-Colonel D.H.C. Mason,
• 35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel Mason:-

In reply to your letter of April 13th let me say that I most warmly approve of the application which you are making to have the title "Royal" granted to the Toronto Regiment(3rd Battalion C.E.F.).

If a record for honourable and distinguished service is a pre-requisite to such a distinction in my opinion the Toronto battalion meets such requirements most acceptably. No regiment in the Canadian Militia is a more direct descendant of a battalion with honourable service in the field. The records at the Militia Department in Ottawa will disclose the fact that the Toronto Regiment was created because the 3rd Battalion C.E.F. were determined that their identity was not to be submerged or lost sight of by association with any other previously established unit.

Since its formation the majority of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men have had overseas experience. Such a condition, of course, cannot obtain always; but it will continue long enough to have the proud traditions of fortitude, fidelity and achievement won by the 3rd Battalion C.E.F. in the field most firmly established.

My acquaintance with the 3rd Battalion through all the years of the war was a very intimate one. Its official record was, of course, known to a great many but I knew most of the officers personally and also many of the non-commissioned officers by name. I always placed every confidence in the

Lt.-Col. D.H.C. Mason -2-

battalion and never hesitated to demand from it the execution of operations requiring the greatest degree of skill, resource and determination. Its record is a very proud one indeed and I would be very greatly pleased if the Militia authorities would accede to your request and forward in every possible way the application for the use of the word "Royal".

You may attach this letter to your application if you think it would help in any way.

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, April 18th, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur;

Thank you very much indeed for your splendid letter of April 16th in support of my application for the title "Royal" for the Toronto Regiment.

I shall be very proud to attach it to my application. Sir Archibald Macdonell has also sent me a letter. Gen. Griesbach is thinking the matter over.

Yours very sincerely.

D. H. Mason.

DHCM/H.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

M
October 2nd, 1923.

Colonel D.H.C.Mason,
35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of October 1st and would be very glad to join in any tribute to the memory of Colonel Allan.

It so happens that I shall be in Toronto on the night of Friday, October 19th, when I am speaking to the students of Upper Canada College. I thought of staying over until Saturday night or possibly Sunday. Can this be made to fit in with your wishes?

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, October 1st, 1923,

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Shortly after Col.Allan's death in 1916 the officers and men of the 3rd Battalion subscribed for a tablet to be erected to his memory in Toronto. The tablet is completed and is a very handsome one. Arrangements have been made with the Mayor for it's erection in the City Hall. No date has been set, but we hope to have the unveiling this Autumn preferably at some time when it would be possible for the men of the Regiment to be present.

Do you think you will be in this neighborhood during the next six weeks, and if so would you consent to unveil the tablet? I need not mention the numerous reasons why I ask this of you, for they are very apparent. The respect felt by us all for Col Allan's memory is such that we are very keen to see the occasion honoured and nothing could do this more than your presence. Further you could speak of Col.Allan with full knowledge of the facts as no one else could.

Yours very sincerely.

D. H. Mason.

DHCM/H.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

D. H. C. MASON

35 COLBORNE ST.

TORONTO
CANADA

Dear Sir Arthur,

As I wired to you yesterday, I am delighted that you are able to unveil the tablet to dear old Billy Allan on Sunday. It is really the best day for us but the idea of opening the City Hall on Sunday was a difficult one for the Mayor. However it is arranged to take place at half past three o'clock. There seems to be a possibility that Canon Scott may be

in town at the time. I hope it is true.

Is it possible that you could take
dinner with us ^(at my home) on Saturday, or failing
that could you come for supper on
Sunday?

After the ceremony we shall go back
to the armories and have tea in the
mess. It would be a great pleasure to
us all if you could join us. If your
other engagements permit I sincerely
hope you will do so.

Yours very sincerely
Daggar.

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October 15th, 1923.

Colonel D.H.C. Mason,
35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

This morning I received your letter telling me that the Tablet erected in the City Hall, Toronto, to the memory of Colonel Allan would be unveiled at 3.30 next Sunday afternoon.

Will you please give me some idea as to the form of the ceremony which is being arranged.

I shall be very glad to go to the Armouries for tea afterwards. Thank you very much for the invitation to dine with you on Saturday evening or to have supper with you on Sunday, but I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept either, as I have already made other engagements for both evenings.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, November the tenth,
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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I am sending you under separate
cover what I think is an exceptionally good
photograph of the unveiling of the Allan Memorial
Tablet.

May I take this opportunity of
thanking you again for being present and unveiling
the tablet and of saying what a pleasure it was for
all of us to see you again.

Yours very sincerely.

DHGM/H.

D.H. Mason

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November 14th, 1923

Lieut.-Colonel D.H.C.Mason,
35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

This morning I received the photograph of those who took part in the unveiling ceremony at the City Hall, Toronto. It came out very well and I am extremely grateful to you for your kindness in sending it to me.

I cannot tell you how pleased I was to have the privilege of joining you in that ceremony, and also of seeing again so many officers of the old Third.

Please remember me kindly to them, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Feb. 27th.
1 9 2 5,

Gen. Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I was very disappointed and so are all our officers to hear that you cannot manage to stay over in Toronto for our dinner. As I wired to you His Excellency has promised to come privately as our Honourary Colonel which, I need scarcely say, we appreciate immensely and I know your presence would have added greatly to his enjoyment of the occasion.

Many thanks for your kind personal remarks which I am afraid are little deserved. We have a splendid body of officers however and they have, I can now say confidently, put the regiment on it's feet and will maintain it there.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you on the 19th.

I remain

Sir

Yours very sincerely

S. H. Mason.

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February 25th, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel D.H.C. Mason,
35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 24th of February in which you were good enough to ask me to attend the annual meeting of the officers of the Toronto Regiment, to be held on the evening of Saturday, March 21st next.

It is no use, Colonel, I cannot go. As you know I am going up to Toronto for the 19th and will come down on the 20th. I have an engagement here for Saturday evening, the 21st. It is a McGill engagement which cannot by any possible means be postponed because there are too many interests and students concerned. I am very sorry indeed as there is nothing I would enjoy better than dining with the officers of the old 3rd Battalion. I have always had a very high regard for them and I felt somehow or other that they liked me, so that there seemed to be more than an official bond between us. I think I could to-day name as many officers of the 3rd Battalion as of any other unit in France.

Particularly am I sorry not to be present at the dinner in as much as it is your last year in command. I am glad that you have given so many years to getting the Toronto Regiment on its feet. You are entitled

Lieut.-Col. Mason - '2 -

to the gratitude of all interested in the Canadian Militia and I am sure you will retire with nothing but the good wishes of everyone.

With many thanks for the invitation and again expressing my regret that I cannot be with you, I am,

Yours faithfully,



35 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Feb. 24th,
1 9 2 5,

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal,

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The annual dinner of the officers of The Toronto Regiment is to be held at the Canadian Military Institute on Saturday, March 21st, at 7.15 o'clock and I write to ask if it would not be possible this year for your to be present. We shall have sixty or seventy officers the great majority of whom served under you in the old Corps and I need scarcely say how much all of us would appreciate the pleasure and the honour of having you with us.

I remember that two years ago when I spoke to you about coming to our dinner of that year you pointed out that it would be difficult to accept one such invitation and refuse others; but surely this should not be an insurmountable objection. There are not many militia units that have made the same determined, and I think successful, effort to perpetuate the name, spirit and traditions of a battalion of the Canadian Corps that we have made; and this does seem to me to constitute some right to ask for your consideration. Thirteen of our present active officers and a large number of our reserve battalion officers actually went over with the battalion in 1914, so you will realize that, as Sir Archibald Macdonell told us, we are much the same old ruffians as we always were.



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February 24th, 1925.

May I, for a moment, be personal and say that March is my last month in command of the regiment. Two years ago Sir Archibald was our guest of honour and last year Gen. Griesbach. I should feel that if I could now as a climax have the honour of welcoming you I could depart in peace.

I do not of course know what plans you have already made except that you are to be here on the 19th. Would it not be possible for you to stay over till Sunday?

With very kindest regards,

believe me,

Sir,

Yours sincerely,

D. C. Mason

DHCM/H.

D. H. C. MASON

35 COLBORNE ST.

TORONTO
CANADA

August 14th, 1925,

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I have been told that I am to be asked to take the chairmanship for Ontario of the new united veterans organization now in process of formation as a result of Lord Haig's visit.

Would it be too much trouble for you to let me know what you think of the idea and of the prospects of the new association becoming a really useful one?

In common with most people I have become pretty well fed up with veteran's organizations in Canada for reasons that are familiar enough to you and I am, of course, far from desiring the honour of the appointment personally; but if there really is now a chance to form a really, clean, well run and useful association and if there really is a need for it and useful work for it to do, it would seem to be a matter of duty to do what one could.

No views on such matters would carry so much weight with me as yours and I shall be very grateful for whatever you can send me.

Yours very sincerely.

DHCM/H.

D.H.C. Mason

3rd Sept.1925.

My dear Colonel,

On my return to London last night from France I find awaiting me your letter of August 14th. Let me say that while over there I spent five very busy days on the Battlefields in company with Colonel George Gibson whom you may remember as M.O. with the 7th Battalion at the beginning of the War, afterwards as A.D.C. to me in the winter of 1915-1916, than A.D.M.S. to General Ross, both at the Division and at the Corps, finally finishing the War with Donaldson in the 3rd Field Ambulance.

We had a wonderful trip together and lived over again the old days . I thought of you and Bert Rogers in the 3rd Btn. many times at Ignacourt and Cayeux, Uptonwood, The Canal du Nord, Vine Cottages, at Paschendale, at Vimy and Fresnoy and many other places.

Now as to the new United Veteran Organization, I don't think Doggie that I can care to say anything until I return to Canada and learn at first hand just all that happened there during Haighs visit. I saw in the Times yesterday that some Veterans Organization in Calgary had met and passed a resolution favouring the principle of unity, but at the same time desired to keep his own identity. I don't like that and fear if such is the attitude that little good may be accomplished. However, I will not be a judge in any movement, but prefer to wait and see just what is to be the policy.

I shall be home in Canada after Sept.18th.

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lt.Col.D.G.C.Mason,
35, Colbourne St.
Toronto.Ont.
Canada.

D. H. C. MASON

35 COLBORNE ST.

TORONTO
CANADA

September 17th, 1925,

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Very many thanks for your reply to my letter of August 14th. It was stupid of me not to remember that you were out of Canada.

I find that the chairmanship idea to which I referred existed only in the mind of Johnny Gunn, which is a relief to me though I regret having mentioned it to you.

A meeting of delegates from all organizations in Ontario was held here a month ago, voted unanimously and enthusiastically in favour of union and elected a committee of 16 to carry the matter further, giving them full power to act. I was one of the 16 elected and thought it my duty to act.

It rather looks as though an opportunity had at last arrived to achieve a decent, capable, united and useful organization.

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I was very interested to hear of your trip over the battlefields. What a host of memories the names in your letter recall!

I have just returned from a two weeks canoe trip with Lionel Curtis who is beside me as I write and asks me to send his love and to say how sorry he is that he will not be in Montreal and so, presumably, will not see you on this trip.

Yours very sincerely.

Dagge.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal,

DOCKET ENDS:

DHC MASON

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March 29th, 1926.

C. Dubois Mason, Esc.,
2078 Goldsmith Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Mr. Mason:-

With reference to the matter left with me on the occasion of my visit to Victoria last autumn, I am sorry to say that I have not been able to do anything. I am, therefore, returning the documents to you.

I hear that you have had a delightful winter in Victoria and I hope all my old friends are well and prosperous.

I am,

With kindest personal wishes,

Yours faithfully,

(Phone 5895 K.)

2078 Goldsmith Street
Oak Bay
Victoria B.C.
Oct. 21-1925.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Empress Hotel
Victoria B.C.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You are a man of so many engagements & interests that I cannot expect you to bear me in mind but I was member of the "Fifth" in the late Eighties joining at the time of the Russian Scare, but have, of course, seen no service and been of no use, but long enough in the Regiment to take a lasting interest in it and to rejoice when you made it famous and afterwards when you became Head of McGill University & raised its standard - I was also City Solicitor for the City of Victoria for many years and have been a ^{past} Master of Victoria Columbia Lodge for 25 years during which time I have had the pleasure of meeting you many times - I was unable to attend the luncheon given in your honor by the Canadian Club yesterday until it was too late to obtain a ticket.

I should dearly have liked to have been present -

Whilst you have been so rapidly making your way from one honour to another I have been travelling from one trouble to another consequent upon being involved in the ownership of too much real-estate, losing my clients from death in their trenches, or from their dropping off in one way or another and in consequent of my now being over eighty years and being troubled by the natural

consequences of being so old, though I keep in good health

Among the real-estate troubles I have had to think about has been that crown of 344 acres of the finest kind of land in the Okanagan, which I preempted in 1807 when I was resident in the District but have been unable to sell although it is forty years since I have had it. I have paid taxes on it for 33 years, but seven years are in arrear. At one time I sold the timber for \$2500⁰⁰ but it went in payment of taxes and there is a large arrear of taxes & the Mortgagee is pressing for payment and therefore, one must sell at a sacrifice or lose the land altogether.

The last few years experiments have been made in the rearing of fur-bearing animals in captivity, with humane treatment & careful breeding, and so successful have they been, that all those in the Departments of Agriculture, that have studied the subject, are so convinced that there will shortly be found a great National Industry in Canada, and in a far less degree in the U. States, as they have failed in past years in protecting their wild animals, that will be the salvation of the Farmers in both countries and the Governments at Ottawa and Washington have in consequence issued some very valuable pamphlets, and I am now sending you the Pamphlet of the 'National Resources Intelligence Service' on 'the humble but Prolific Muskrat' which is the Branch of the Industry which promises to be the most lucrative and prosperous of any.

All in the Department of Agriculture here, the Chairman of the Game Conservation Board, and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Johnson, and the Manager of the Fur

Department in Vancouver of the Hudson Bay Company are greatly in favor of forwarding the Industry by every effort, but the Managers of the Fur Department of the Hudson Bay Company has pointed out that so few have had any personal experience in rearing wild animals for their furs or pelts, and I find that it so and the farmers to whom I have suggested going into the business are deterred by their ignorance and think the Government should assist by starting an Experimental Farm. Mr. F. G. Laing, who has known the land I have mentioned that it is the most "ideal" for muskrat raising that he knows in the Province and he has known it for the last 13 years & was engaged to value it for the Government by Colonel Davies J. S. G. of the Land Settlement Board and reported that \$40⁰⁰ an acre was a fair price for the land -

On the 12th September last I wrote to the Hon. J. F. Tolmie pressing him, in the event of the Conservative Party being successful in the election on the 29th inst. to get the Government to take over the 344 acres for an Experimental Fur Farm chiefly for Muskrats and I had a long interview with him on the subject when he promised to do what he can - I now send you a copy of my letter.

I notice, by the report of your admirable speech, in Vancouver, on the 14th inst. that you gave 'agriculture' particular attention - saying "The three fundamental things on which we must base the future are agriculture manufacturing and transportation. I see a great progressive outlook for agriculture

..... We need more men willing to farm and those should receive every assistance to aid them to success. Farmers also are paying greater attention to cooperative marketing and the elimination of the middlemen who

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"absorb so much of the costs to the consumer" &c,
Now I beg of you that you will favorably consider my letter of the 12th September last & tell him that you have read my letter and think it very advisable that, if the rearing of the muskrat is to be made a great National Industry, every care should be taken to see that no mistakes are made in rearing of the animals, the selection of the best animals to be bred from—the assistance to be given them in building their houses, & the food to be provided for them—the most merciful way of killing them—the most workmanlike and neatest way of 'belting' and ^{pelting} ~~pelting~~ ^{them, and} ~~the~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{govern} to great extent the price they will fetch—and returned men, whose strength has been weakened in the war—to undertake the work they are best fitted for ^{by} ^{be trained} experienced trappers and "Belters" of long standing, as the work is mostly easy and light except when it comes to the pelting when the pay should be higher— It is most important that the Industry should start with a good reputation & care be taken to maintain it—

The land now stands in the names of George H. Mason, Francis Scott Mason a 'returned' Veteran of France, who has seen much of the heaviest fighting under your command, and Miss Emily M. Marian, who has done much, in keeping down the interest on the said Mortgage until she could no longer afford it— All that is asked is that about \$6000⁰⁰ should be paid down and the balance with 6% interest paid as the receipts from the farm come in— The price to be

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£ 35.00 an acre (£ 5.00 an acre ^{less than} suggested by Dr. Warnock
the Deputy Minister of Agriculture) - And you are
requested ^{to} that if the Hon: Dr. S. F. Tolmie is satisfied
as to the title, you approve of the suggested experi-
mental - Fur Farm -

I am Dear Sir Arthur

Yours very faithfully

Co. Dubois Mason.

Papers sent herewith

Copy letter of 12th Sept 1925 to Dr. Tolmie

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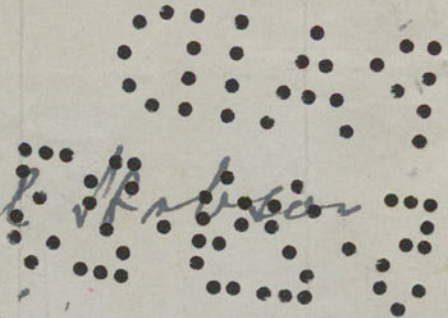
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EXPLANATION OF
CHARACTERS

- D - DISCOUNT OR EXCHANGE
- CL - COLLECTION
- C/C - CERTIFIED CHEQUE
- RT - RETURNED ITEM
- DM - DEBIT MEMO
- CM - CREDIT MEMO
- IN - INTEREST
- EC - ERROR CORRECTED
- LST - TOTAL OF SEVERAL CHEQUES
- OD - OVERDRAFT

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

PERIOD ENDING

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

June
30th
1923

IN ACCOUNT WITH **BANK OF MONTREAL, MONTREAL**

PLEASE EXAMINE AT ONCE AND REPORT ANY DIFFERENCE TO THE ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT
KINDLY NOTIFY US PROMPTLY OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DOMINION LOOSE LEAF CO. LIMITED.

DATE	CHEQUES IN DETAIL	DATE	DEPOSITS
	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	MAY 31	6,593.37
JUN 7	2.62 DM -		
JUN 12	5.00 DM -		
JUN 12	338.05 EC -	JUN 12	338.05 EC
JUN 30	33.59 IN -		
JUN 30	20.33 - P.M.		
		BAL 30	6,654.91 OD

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August
Twenty-fifth
1920.

The Secretary,
Marlborough Club,
52 Pall Mall,
London, S.W. 1, England.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a small contribution to the fund which is being raised in order that necessary work in connection with the Club premises may be carried out. I hope the full amount desired is ready.

My address henceforth will be:

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

MARLBOROUGH CLUB,

PALL MALL, S.W.

VI Sept.

Dear Sir Arthur

Thank you very much
for your contribution.
Money is coming in
for the Fund but
perhaps not as fast
as we could wish.
But I am at the

Manned is comparatively
empty. So many
of our members abroad
or shooting up in
Scotland.

If you will
we shall be welcoming
them back & first

of far more our
gallant little Prince
who is due 7th October.
I know only too well
what you will think
of him in Canada.
This week General
Beider is going out

Your love

tho doubt you
will send him.

With every good wish

I am

Yours very truly

Walter Gibson.

No. 256

Marlborough Club Jubilee Fund.

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11 Sept. 1919

Received of Gen. Sir Arthur Currie

the sum of ten pounds

£10: : :

J. Leachman Robson.

Secretary.

March
Thirty-first
1921.

J. Lombard Hobson, Esq.,
Secretary. The Marlborough Club,
Pall Mall, London, England.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith cheque
for £2-2-1, being amount of subscription as an
absent member due from General Sir Arthur W.
Currie, McGill University, Montreal.

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

MARLBOROUGH CLUB.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club was held on the 23rd November, at which the following Resolution was passed :—

“That the Committee be and they are hereby authorized to borrow from Members of the Club for the purpose of the Club a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £12,500 at a rate of interest of £4 per cent. per annum payable out of the surplus Revenues of the Club, and to issue to the lenders in respect of every £25 so borrowed an Income Warrant in a form to be approved by the General Committee.

Such Income Warrants to be signed on behalf of the Club by the Chairman and the Secretary.

There shall be attached to each Warrant the privilege that the holder thereof within one year from December 1st, 1922, be entitled to propose one person for election to the Club, such person when elected in accordance with the existing Rules of the Club governing election, to become a Member of the Club without payment of Entrance Fee.

And it was further resolved that the necessary alterations to the Rules of the Club to give effect to the above be sanctioned.”

The Meeting, which was well attended, approved the scheme embodied in the above Resolution, which was carried with only two dissenting votes. Your Committee feel that no time should be lost in giving effect to this decision in view of the very serious financial position of the Club.

Your Committee consider it is essential that those Members who were unable to be present at the Extraordinary General Meeting should fully realize what approximately will be the financial position at the end of the present year. The position, as far as can be ascertained, will be :—

- (1) That the accounts for the year will show a loss on working account of approximately £2,500, and this in spite of the increased annual subscription of 18 guineas.
- (2) That the amount which will be due under the head of sundry creditors will be approximately £5,000.
- (3) That we have two mortgages on our freehold premises amounting together to £25,000, at a cost to the Club in interest of £1,320 per annum.

Your Committee feel that it is only right to tell you that they will not consider themselves justified in carrying on the Club in view of the liability attaching to the Members for the debts of the Club unless immediate steps are taken :—

- (1) To raise a sum of money large enough to pay off the Sundry Creditors and the loss on working account represented by Bank overdraft.
- (2) To increase the membership from the 420 to which it has now fallen to 600 as authorized by the Rules of the Club.

To effect this twofold purpose, the Club has now authorized the issue for subscription by Members of 500 Income Warrants of £25 each (realizing £12,500), carrying four per cent. interest (non-cumulative) payable out of any surplus Revenues.

Attaching to each Warrant will be the privilege that the holder thereof within one year from the date of issue will be entitled to propose one person for election to the Club; such person, if elected in accordance with the existing Rules of the Club governing election, to become a Member of the Club without payment of Entrance Fee.

The Warrants to be transferable only as between Members of the Club.

The holding of any one Member to be limited to 20 Warrants (£500).

Your Committee wish to make it clear that though they can hold out no hope of paying the interest on these Warrants for the present, they are confident, however, that if the scheme is a success, the financial position of the Club will justify a reduction in the annual subscription in the future.

Your Committee have given most careful thought to the various schemes that have been suggested to them, and have unanimously decided that the Income Warrant Scheme, which has proved entirely successful in another Club, presents the greatest chance of success, and they feel confident as to the result provided they have the support of all the Members, especially in obtaining the necessary number of new Members to enable the Club to be run without loss.

As it is essential in the interests of the Club that the scheme should be put into operation as soon as possible, the Committee will feel greatly obliged by your filling up and returning this form to the Secretary *at your earliest convenience*.

The Committee will proceed to issue the Warrants as soon as the 500 have been applied for, but reserve to themselves the right to do so sooner if they consider that a sufficient number have been taken to justify them in proceeding with the scheme.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HOWE,

Chairman.

7th December, 1922.

MARLBOROUGH CLUB,

PALL MALL, S.W. 1.

Issue for subscription by Members of 500 Income Warrants of £25 each to the total of £12,500, carrying interest at 4 per cent. per annum, non-cumulative, payable out of any surplus Revenue pursuant to a Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club held on the 23rd November, 1922.

Holders of Income Warrants to have the privilege of proposing one candidate for election to the Club without payment of Entrance Fee in respect of each Warrant held. This privilege is extinguished only by the election of the candidate or by the expiration of the time for exercising the privilege.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MARLBOROUGH CLUB.

GENTLEMEN,

I wish to apply for.....of the above Income Warrants. I shall be glad if you will allot same or any less number to me, and in due course place my name on the Register as the Holder of such Warrants.

Cheque for £..... { is enclosed.
will be forwarded on notice of allotment
being received.

Name in full.....

Address.....

Date.....1922.

Signature.....

This form, when filled up, to be forwarded to the Secretary, Marlborough Club. Cheques should be made payable to the "Marlborough Club Special A/C," and crossed "Bank of Liverpool and Martins, Ltd.—Cocks Biddulph Branch."

CONFIDENTIAL.

MARLBOROUGH CLUB.

PALL MALL, S.W.1.

Your Committee wish to draw your attention to the circular letter which was addressed to all Members of the Club on the 7th December last, informing them of the adoption of the Resolution submitted to the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 3rd November, 1922.

You will recollect that Members were asked to subscribe for 500 Income Warrants of £25 each (realising £12,500), and that attached to each Warrant would be the privilege that the holder thereof within one year from the date of issue would be entitled to propose one person for election to the club; such person, if elected in accordance with the existing rules of the Club governing election, to become a member of the club without payment of Entrance Fee.

As a result of that letter 135 members have up to 31st January applied for 257 warrants totalling £6,425. The present membership of the club is 485, and it will therefore be seen that about 28% of the members have already guaranteed more than half of the total sum required.

Your Committee feel that it is only right to tell you that unless a generous response is made to this appeal, they will not consider themselves justified in proceeding with the Income Warrant Scheme, which was adopted after most careful consideration as being the one which presented the greatest chance of obtaining both the money and the members necessary to enable them to carry on the Club.

Your Committee, therefore, most earnestly appeal to the generosity of those members who have not yet replied to the circular letter of the 7th December last, to do so as soon as possible, and thereby guarantee a sufficient sum to justify them in putting the Income Warrant Scheme into operation.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HOWE,

Chairman.

6th February, 1923.

MARLBOROUGH CLUB

Mr. E. Maslin

Room 409 Ryrie Bldg.

Toronto

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March 8th, 1924.

Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph & Co.,
Charing Cross, S.W.L.,
London, England.

Dear Sirs:-

At the request of Sir Arthur
Currie I am forwarding herewith Dominion Express
Company cheque for £2. 2. 0., being amount of
his subscription to the Marlborough Club for 1924.

He regrets that the delay which was
due to an oversight.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

MARLBOROUGH CLUB,

PALL MALL S.W.1.

Lt. Genl. Sir Arthur Currie.

Dear Sir,

Your Subscription for 1924, as an Absent Member, amounting to £2. 2. 0. due 1st January last, does not appear to have been paid.

The Committee will be obliged if you will be good enough to forward cheque for this amount to the Club's Bankers;-

Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph & Co.,

Charing Cross,

S.W.1.

Yours faithfully,

J. Laurence Hobson.

Secretary.

21st February 1924

DOCKET ENDS:

MARLBOROUGH CLUB

M
November 24th, 1925.

Dr. James Manning,
158 Germain Street,
Saint John, N. B.

My dear Dr. Manning:-

On my return to the City I received your letter of November 14th and was very sorry indeed to learn that your son, whom I knew, had passed away in Venezuela.

I am grateful to you for sending me a copy of his poems. I shall look forward to reading these with much interest and shall always treasure them as a remembrance of an old comrade-in-arms. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

JAS. MANNING, D.D.S.

158 GERMAIN STREET

TEL. MAIN 1110

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

Nov 14th 1920

Sir Arthur Currie
Dean McGill University
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,

Once, some little time ago, while in Saint John, you were kind enough to be of some little use to my son, J. Harold Manning, in regard to his pension, when he was being given his discharge from the C. E. F. Since then we have lost him - dead of malaria in Venezuela.

He was always passionately fond of literature, & had hoped to make it his life-work, but it was ordained otherwise. The M.S. that he left has been carefully gone over and published, & I am mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of his poems, printed by J. A. McMillan of Saint John. Would you kindly accept it, & read it, & if you find any merit in it please let me know, & greatly oblige.

Yours sincerely,

James Manning.

NOEL G. L. MARSHALL
TORONTO

Marshall

May 31, 1921.

Maj. Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Allow me to thank you most heartily for your kindly message to the Committee having charge of the presentation of an Address to me from the Women of Canada.

I did the best I could, under the circumstances, to explain to the audience that I felt entirely unworthy to receive any such tribute, and that it was to the people of Canada themselves that the Canadian Red Cross Society owes its success. It simply so happened that I was the chief executive officer.

There were many messages received but none that I appreciated more than the one sent by yourself.

The occasion was one which will never be forgotten by myself, or any member of my family.

Again thanking you,

I have the honour to be

Faithfully yours,

Noel Marshall

NM/R

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May
Ninth
1921.

Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet,
71 King Street West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Madam:-

I am delighted to hear that on the afternoon of the 19th of May a meeting will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of Toronto for the purpose of presenting an address to Colonel Noel Marshall, C.M.G., in appreciation of his splendid services as Chairman of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

It is impossible to find words sufficiently eloquent to proclaim in an adequate manner the good work accomplished by the Canadian Red Cross Society during the War and since the War. I can offer Colonel Marshall no higher tribute than to say that when we think of the Canadian Red Cross Society we think of him. The organization and the man who directed its activities seem to stand for one and the same thing.

I know with what pride and pleasure and faithfulness and ability he served the Society and I also know that the Society considered itself most fortunate in having him as Chairman.

With kindest wishes for the organization and the man,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Office Hon. Superintendent
SOLDIERS' COMFORTS, CANADA
71 King Street West, Toronto

TELEPHONE ADELAIDE 1277
TELEPHONE ADELAIDE 1467

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

May 7th, 1921.

Major-General Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear General Currie,

On the Afternoon of the Nineteenth of May, many Women of Canada desire to honour Colonel Noel Marshall, Chairman of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and will be gathered together in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of Toronto, at Three O'Clock, when an address of tribute and appreciation will be read to him,

As a large number of Patriotic Societies throughout Canada shipped through the Red Cross, as well as through other Channels, we feel that there are many who, even if they were not connected in this way, will be glad to recognise Colonel Marshall's work and the personal sacrifices he made for the Cause during the tragic years of War and since the signing of the Armistice.

Although I am writing on note-paper with the above heading, having had permission to use this address for the answers, I desire to add that the Reception and Meeting to be given Colonel Marshall is not in any way by any one Society or Association but by Patriotic Women from Coast to Coast of the Dominion who have given their best efforts since August, 1914.

We would deeply appreciate a few words of tribute from yourself, personally, to be read on the Nineteenth.

With kindest remembrances, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. H. D. Warren,
Miss Church,
Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet.

Gertrude VanKoughnet
Convener.

GVK.MIM.

Telegrams,
"Unipatria, St. James,
London."
Telephone No
Regent 3442.
(6 LINES)

BRITISH EMPIRE CLUB,

12, ST. JAMES'S SQUARE, S.W.1.

Jan 6th 1922

Dear General Currie,

Replying to
your letter dated Dec 6th
which I rec^d on Jan 2nd,
delay due to the fact
that I am not serving
with the English Army,
and the W.O. could not
locate me sooner.

I beg to enclose transfer
cheques, endorsed by
Mrs Hayes during 1920

amounting to £285-0-0
also statement of the
Western Trust Co. Winnipeg
giving details of payments
by them on my behalf
to Mrs Mayes amounting
to \$511⁶⁵.

Total amount for 1921:-
by cheque £285- = 1260
by W.T.C. 511
\$1771

The above figures clearly
indicate that Mrs Mayes
received \$571⁷⁵ more
than the legal allowance
for 1921
and considerably more

if returned in Sterling - Our separation
agreement is for £250 - per
annum. Trusting that
this information will convince
you that Mrs Mayes's statements
to you are inaccurate.

Yours faithfully
H.G. Mayes

would appreciate very
much the return of
cheques and statement
at your earliest convenience.
Y.S. by

DOCKET STARTS:

MILITIA

Confidential

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M

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

Regina, Sask.

No. _____

1st February 1921.

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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to thank you very much for your letter of 27th ulto. in reply to mine.

I have carefully considered your remarks, and hope, should I continue in Gen. Ormond's command, to convince him that I deserve a better report.

I know he has very strong views regarding officers who, for any reason, did not get overseas with the C.E.F.

Knowing me as you do, and the circumstances regarding my unwilling retention in Canada throughout the war, I would be very deeply obliged if, in writing to General Ormond, you would be so kind as to mention my case, and give me a good word with him.

yours very faithfully,

J. W. Currie

General Sir Arthur Currie.

G.C.M.G. , K.C.B. , L.L.D.

Principal McGill University.

Montreal. P. Quebec.

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January
Twenty-seventh
1921.

Lieut.-Colonel Fred W.L. Moore,
Regina, Sask.

My dear Colonel:-

This morning I received your
letter of January 23rd.

I am sorry for your sake that
General Ormond has reported adversely upon you.
I feel quite certain that Headquarters at Ottawa
will deal justly with the report. I know General
Ormond very well and have a very high regard for
him, and I hardly think it is fair to say that
he would submit a report which was "palpably
ridiculous" and part of a scheme to get rid of
you in favour of an officer who served Overseas.

There is one thing, Colonel,
about General Ormond as I have found him and
that is that he plays above board. If he con-
siders an officer a good officer he says so.
If he doesn't he also states what he thinks.
My short experience at Ottawa has convinced me
that in the past this was not always done. I
have known of General Officers Commanding
districts who have said nothing but flattering
things in their confidential reports on officers,
but who would privately ask Ottawa to remove the
officer; disclosing what, to my mind, was despic-
able cowardice. You will not find General Ormond
that kind of a man.

You say all you wish is fair play,
and I have sufficient confidence in the personnel
of the Militia Council, as now constituted, to
give you fair play. I am quite certain that your
long service will be given every consideration.

Most cordially reciprocating your
good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Confidential.

Regina Sask.

23 Jan'y, 1921,

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am taking the liberty to ask your advice or assistance in a matter affecting my service.

You possibly remember something of the circumstances regarding my unwilling detention in Canada during the war, - until, as I. Q.

put it "his services can be spared in Canada" - which time never came. This may have been flattering to me, but it was painful and heart-breaking at the time. And now, after upwards of 20 years permanent service with

uniform good reports, I am handed out a most adverse Confidential report by my GOC, Brig Gen. Ormound.

Did I for a moment believe that report was a genuine expression of opinion by my CO. I should not have a word to say, or be worrying anyone with my affairs.

But the whole thing is on the face of it so ridiculous, and palpably part of a scheme to get rid of me in favour of an officer who has the better luck to get overseas, that I cannot sit down under it and retain my self ^{respect} regard.

When you know that the men to whom I am

acting as coach and mentor not only in staff duties but in elementary regimental routine and military law, get first class reports for staff work, while I am written off as "lacking the qualities essential for a staff officer", it is clear that there is a "nigger in the wood-pile".

I have a very high respect for Gen. Drummond, as I have for every officer who did such work and made such a record overseas. But that is no good reason for me to hide my head, or lie down to be unjustly kicked.

I have written General MacBrien, C. G. S. Ottawa

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joins me heartily.

Believe me

Sir Arthur

Yours faithfully

Y

D. Westwell

H. Gann

Sir Arthur Currie.

G.C.M.S. K.C.B.

L.L.D.

Principal McGill University -

Montreal, P.Q.

the whole circumstances at some length. I went to office with him 21 years ago, and he will remember me. Otherwise I have no friends or influence at Ottawa.

Although you are out of the service for the time, I know you will, should you see a chance, give me a good word - whether by letter to Gen. MacBrien or Gen. Dunscombe, or as you think best otherwise.

All I ask is fair-play. I am perfectly willing to continue my service under my present Co. or in any other command.

But I am not willing to go out of the service under the cloud of an unjust and undeserved unfavourable report.

Wishing you and Lady Currie all the best wishes for 1921 - in which my wife

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M

December
Eighth
1922.

Jos. Kreuter, Esq.,
Assistant Cashier,
Security Trust & Savings Bank,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of December
1st let me say that I know Mr. William Berkeley
Monteith.

My acquaintance with him was in a
social way and also he was a member of a regiment
of Militia which I commanded. He comes of a
respectable family and, I would say, ought to be a
young man of good character. I have never had any
business dealings with him and unable to say any-
thing about his honesty or ability, yet I have
never heard of anything other than what was to his
credit.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

GUARANTY OFFICE

SECURITY TRUST
& SAVINGS BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

LOS ANGELES

SPRING AT SEVENTH

Dec. 1, 1922.

Major-General Sir A. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

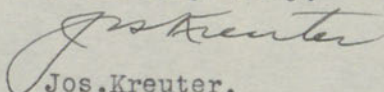
Dear Sir:

Mr. William Berkeley Monteith
has applied to us for a position and
gives your name as reference.

We would therefore appreciate
your opinion as to his character, honesty,
and ability, and assure you that your
answer will be treated in confidence.

We thank you in anticipation of
an early reply.

Yours very truly,



Jos. Kreuter,
Assistant Cashier.

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DOCKET ENDS:

MILITIA

DOCKET STARTS:

MILNER

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LORD MILNER MEMORIAL FUND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CAPITAL	£22,500
Westminster Abbey Memorial	£2,000
Sturry lands south of the railway	3,000
Further lands north of the railway required to secure the amenities of Sturry Court and yielding a rental of about £50 a year net	3,000
	8,000
	£14,500

INCOME.

Interest at 5 per cent.	£725
* Interest at 5 per cent. on accumulation of £1,000 savings	50
Estimated rent on Sturry land north of the railway	50
	£825

DISTRIBUTION.

5 Scholarships of £100 p.a. each tenable for 5 years ...	£500
3 Leaving Exhibitions of £75 p.a. each tenable for 3 years	225
Annual payment to a sinking fund (£3,000) for the endow- ment of additional scholarships or leaving exhibitions	50
	£775

* The item "Interest at 5 per cent. on accumulation of £1,000 savings" should be explained as follows:—

As it will only be in the 5th year that the five Scholarships at £100 per annum will be fully employed, there will be an actual saving in outgoings of £400 in the 1st year, £300 in the 2nd year, £200 in the 3rd year and £100 in the 4th year, or a total of £1,000, yielding as from after the 4th year the indicated income of £50 per annum. This sum as well as the £50 shown in the 3rd item—as estimated rent on Sturry lands north of the railway—will both serve for accumulation towards the Sinking Fund aimed at (£3,000 for the endowment of additional Scholarships or Leaving Exhibitions) and calculated at an accumulative interest of 5 per cent. will yield that sum in 19 years, always assumed that Income Tax is not charged on this £100 per annum, which, although it is not immediately spent on a charitable object, is to serve such ultimate purpose.

There will also be a similar saving in respect of the Leaving Exhibitions.

In the meantime, as there are not likely to be any charges in connection with the administration of this fund, the income of the fund, namely £725, is sufficient for the full number of Scholarships and Leaving Exhibitions as proposed.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY.

The King's School, Canterbury, claims to be the oldest Public School in the country, dating its foundation from the days of King Ethelbert and St. Augustine in the early days of the 7th century.

Much controversy has arisen from time to time on this subject in the Public Press.

Eventually the late Mr. A. F. Leach, the distinguished antiquarian, interested himself in the question and, after careful research, expressed the following opinion in "The Times" of September 7th, 1897,

"If and so far as the Christianizing of Kent and the foundation of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury are rightly attributed to St. Augustine (and of that there can be no doubt) then and so far must the foundation of the Cathedral School at Canterbury be attributed to that 'Apostle of the English.' It may claim continuity from the era of Ethelbert to the present day."

For the nine centuries preceding the Reformation the records show the School steadily "carrying on" under the title of "The School of the Archbishop and the City."

In 1541, after the dissolution of the Benedictine Monastery, Henry VIII. drafted the novices from the monastic school into the Archbishop's School, refounded, reconstituted and enriched the latter, and called it the King's School,—placing it under the government of the Dean and Chapter, with the Archbishop as Visitor.

The same Headmaster, John Twyne, remained at the helm, thereby preserving the continuity.

Till that point in its history, the site of the School buildings had varied considerably. In 1541 it was domiciled on the South side of the Cathedral. Cardinal Pole, however, made over to it the Almonry Buildings on the North side, and after a brief stay in the "Great North Hall," which was approached by the beautiful Norman Staircase, still existing and now leading up to the Big Schoolroom, it finally settled in the Almonry Buildings in 1573.

In these it remained until, in the middle of the 19th century, they were demolished and most of the present buildings put up.

Besides the Norman Staircase already mentioned the School buildings contain various portions of the Great Norman Hall, an early 15th century room and a 16th century building containing a fine staircase which belonged to Archbishop Matthew Parker, while the present Junior School buildings have, according to the views of several antiquarians of note, some remains of Thomas à Becket's Palace.

Many great men distinguished in Church and State have been educated at the King's School, among the more famous being Archbishop Winchelsey, Thomas Linacre, "Kit" Marlowe, the "Great Earl of Cork," William Harvey, John Tradescant, William Somner, Lord Chancellor Thurlow, Lord Chief Justice Tenterden, Gen. Sir Andrew Clarke, Sir George Gipps, Bishop Broughton and Walter Pater.

Bishop Broughton, as first Metropolitan of Australasia, founded the King's School at Parramatta in memory of his own "Alma Mater" at Canterbury.

Readers of the Ingoldsby Legends will remember the "Legend of a King's Scholar," and those who knew the School many years ago will recognise the School of Dr. Strong in "David Copperfield," while Pater's charming Essay "Emerald Uthwart" portrays his own boyhood at the King's School.

The present size of the School is about 280, of whom the large majority (some 225) are Boarders. This total includes 75 boys in the Junior School. The King's School is "recognised as efficient" by the Board of Education and by the General Medical Council, and is "approved" by the Army Council and by the Joint Council of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians.

The School played its part nobly in the Great War. The Roll of Honour numbered 146 out of some 850 serving, while its War Honours were 633, including a V.C., 58 D.S.O.'s, 106 M.C.'s and about 340 Mentions in Despatches. Year by year it sends out boys into His Majesty's Naval, Military and Air Forces, the Civil Services and the Universities, as well as into Commerce, and the grip which the School holds upon its "alumni" is proved by the great loyalty of the Old Boys, who are now forming an Old Boys' Association of a more definite character than has hitherto existed.



COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.

4th May 1926

My dear Curie

It is very good of you to send a cheque for £10 for the Milner Memorial Fund. Thank you so much. I am very grateful to you.

I am sending your cheque to the Honorary Treasurer.
With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely

Hammer

April 20th, 1926.

Right Hon. L. S. Amery,
112, Eaton Square,
London, S.W.1.

My dear Amery:-

I am sorry that I have not before this acknowledged your letter of the 15th of March with reference to the Milner Memorial Fund. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to contribute, even if the contribution is small - £10.

I most cordially endorse the conclusions to which your Committee have come in their decision to make the Memorial take the form of Scholarships. I did not know Milner very well, having met him on three or four occasions only, but I shall never forget a long chat we had when he visited my Headquarters in September 1918. I had a message from the First Army that he was coming down to see me and upon asking if the Army Commander would accompany him, I was told that Milner wished to see me alone. He spent the most of the afternoon with me in a little hut in a sunken road near Neuville Vitasse. I can well understand the devoted way in which he was served by the younger men. He was, I think, one of the great men of his period and I am only too pleased to be associated with those responsible for the memorial.

Yours faithfully,

TELEPHONE,
VICTORIA 3543.

112, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.I.

15th March 1926

My dear Currie,

May I venture to make an appeal to your generosity on behalf of the Milner Memorial Fund, of the Committee of which I am Vice Chairman and Balfour Chairman. A number of us who have been meeting together since Milner's death have felt that some effort should be made to commemorate worthily the services of so great a public man and one who spent himself so whole-heartedly and without thought of self upon the public service. We have also felt that, great man as he was, he was never a figure well known to the masses and that any appeal that we make for contributions to his Memorial would have to look to the generosity of the comparatively limited number of those who were in a position to appreciate his work and the ideals which inspired him.

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After some months of deliberation we have come to the decision that the Memorial which would be most characteristic, over and above a suitable tablet in Westminster Abbey, would be a scheme of prizes and travelling and research fellowships to promote the study of Imperial and social questions. As you know, Milner had an immense faith in the value of knowledge and believed that, if only the public could be got to understand the essential facts about the British Empire, or about our social problems at home, both of which he regarded as intimately interrelated, we should have no difficulty in solving them. There is another reason why such a system of prizes and scholarships would be appropriate and that is that Milner always took the keenest interest in young men and owed himself so much in his youth to the prizes and scholarships which he won and which enabled him to make a start in public life. Our idea is to have the scheme very elastic, ranging from small money

money prizes at various schools and universities up to travelling fellowships for the study of Empire problems, which might cost as much as £500 a year. How large the scope of the scheme would be will depend naturally upon the funds we get in. To make the scheme really adequate we ought to get £50,000, though a good deal could be done with even half that sum. There will be practically no administrative expenses, as we can arrange with the Rhodes Trust, of which he was for so many years the leading spirit, to deal with the secretarial work.

I do hope that the scheme will appeal to you both as a commemoration of a great man and also as it gives an opportunity to young men and an inducement to them to study the problems that matter most.

Yours sincerely,

H. Amery

If you know of any other friends or admirers of Keynes in Canada who would wish to join in you might kindly tick to him about it.

DOCKET ENDS:

MILNER

DOCKET STARTS:

MONASH

360 Collins Street,

M e l b o u r n e,

15th. June, 1920

/M. (D)

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
C a n a d a.

My dear General,

This letter is to introduce a very old friend of mine, the Hon. Theo. Fink, a gentleman of high standing in the Australian Community, and one who has a great record as a publicist and public man.

He is paying a visit to Canada as a Member of ~~the~~^a Great Press Conference, and I am sure that you will enjoy meeting him.

Trusting all is well with you and with kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

John Monash

Bellevue Hotel,
Boston, Mass.

August 18, 1920.

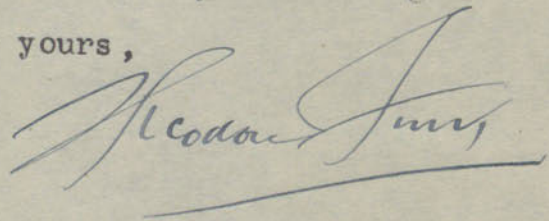
Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
Pres. McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Gen^l Currie:

I now forward to you the letter of introduction from Sir John Monash which I told you I had. I may not have another opportunity of meeting you for I am not sure whether I am going to your University before I return to Australia, but I will entertain pleasant recollections of your afternoon reception under the trees in your picturesque grounds.

I will tell Sir John on my return of our little talk. He will be greatly interested in your new work and I am quite sure will agree with the general judgment as to the success which will attend it. I wish we had Sir John Monash as actual executive and acting head of our Melbourne University. I think he will be called to something equally important if he chooses to accept it. Meantime, as I told you, he has, like Cincinnatus, returned to his professional plough. He is a member of our University Council and does sterling work with characteristic modesty - a great citizen. I think you said you were writing to him about the death of Lady Monash. He is a tender-hearted man, keeps his friends in memory, and I am sure will appreciate your writing.

Sincerely yours,



Enc.

Hon. Theodore Fink,
Canada Bank of Commerce,
16 Exchange Place,
New York City, N. Y.

Monash

August
Twenty-fourth
1920.

Hon. Theodore Fink,
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
16 Exchange Place,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fink:-

This morning I received your letter dated August 18th, in which you enclose the letter of introduction given you by Sir John Monash and addressed to me.

I shall write at once to Sir John, for not only do I wish to offer my condolences on the sad loss suffered by him in the death of Lady Monash, but I desire also to keep in touch with such a sterling character. I have a great admiration for Monash and feel that his influence should be a power for good in Australia.

A few days ago I saw in a paper published in London that he had been offered and accepted a position which has to do with the development of electric power in an area in Victoria Province, I think.

I hope, Sir, that you have greatly enjoyed your trip through Canada, and that you are leaving our country impressed with its resources and with the character of our people. To me it seems that inestimable good must result from the visit of such a body of men as constituted the Imperial Press Conference.

With all good wishes and with the hope that I may again have the pleasure of meeting you, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Tel. No.
Central 3193

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ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS,
TRAMWAY BUILDINGS,
673 BOURKE STREET,
MELBOURNE.

26th October, 1920.

Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal,
CANADA.

My dear Currie,

It is a very great delight to me to receive from you a few days ago your letter of August 24th.

Let me begin by expressing pleasure that you met my old friend, the Hon. Theodore Fink, and to thank you for the hospitality which you have shown him.

I also convey to you my deep appreciation of your expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of my wife. Although we did not talk about it in London, we all knew that she had been overtaken by a malady from which recovery was well nigh hopeless, and it is now a great consolation to me to know that she survived sufficiently long to enjoy that splendid season in London, and to reap some little reward for all her great sacrifices and self-denials in patriotic work during the war.- I appreciate very much your kind and sympathetic references to her.

Your narrative of your doings since the war really bear a very close analogy to my own experiences, as you will see

from quite a brief reference to my own doings since the Armistice. As you are doubtless aware, my duties as Director-General of the Australian Demobilisation kept me in London until November 1919.- It was a task which, more by good luck than any other factor, I succeeded in carrying through in what my friends regard as a phenomenally short space of time, and with a minimum of discontent among the troops, or criticism on the part of the press and the public.

Returning to Australia at the end of 1919, I was met on my arrival last Boxing Day with a great and gratifying public ovation. I had, however, preached to all our men the doctrine of getting back to their jobs with as little fuss as possible, and so immediately after settling down I sought a release from further military duties. My Minister, however, expressly desired me to remain an effective member of the Australian Imperial Force for some months longer, with a view to having at his disposal my services and advice in connection with the reconsideration of the Defence policy of Australia.

In this I was associated with two other Citizen officers and three permanent officers - all of General's rank. We sat for many weeks evolving a report covering a very wide field of policy and administrative and organisation detail, and finally presented our report to the Council of Defence. There the matter ended as far as I was concerned.- Whether the Federal Government and Parliament will ultimately adopt our

recommendations or not remains to be seen.

However, I, like yourself, saw quite plainly that there was no room for an officer of my seniority in so inadequate an organisation as our post-war finances rendered possible, - so I allowed events to take their course, and, in due course, received my discharge from the A.I.F., and became an officer "on the reserve" of the Commonwealth Military Forces! There I am likely to remain, as there is no post that can be offered to me or any salary adequate to tempt me to abandon other walks of life. I have to admit quite candidly that in this and other matters my friends consider that I have not been at all fairly treated by the Federal Government, and there are some who say that the manner in which the Government has neglected me, either by way of recognition or substantial reward, is largely due to the personal jealousy of the Prime Minister, who did not relish the manner in which I overshadowed him during our joint sojourn in London. These matters did not, however, trouble me in the least, because I was in the happy position of having no axe to grind and was not looking for any favours from anyone. My private business affairs remained, I found, quite unimpaired by the ravages of war, and left me financially entirely independent of any Government action.

Just when I had reached the resolve once again to settle down to my several industrial enterprises which I had been directing before the war, there suddenly came an offer from the

Government of the State of Victoria of the Chairmanship of the Electricity Commissioners - a new corporation which had recently been created in an attempt to emulate the wonderful results achieved by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, both in the exploitation of sources of power and in guiding their influence upon industrial development.

Our water power resources in the State in which I live are very considerable, although quite unexplored in detail, and in their totality may ultimately rival such sources of power as Niagara. In addition to this we have, totally undeveloped, immense deposits of very cheaply won lignitic brown coal, likely to serve the utmost possible demands of an intensified industrial population in this State for many centuries to come. All these resources are quite undeveloped, and it will be my role in the years to come, not only to bring into existence schemes for the supply of cheap power, but also, under the very wide statutory powers which have been given to me, to develop new industries dependent upon cheap power.

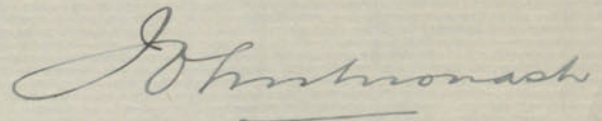
This task which I have thus undertaken, while it involves the abandonment of my private enterprises and the pursuit of wealth associated with them, affords me on the other hand a most congenial sphere of activity, and one in which there is every prospect of my being able to render exceptionally valuable services to the public. I have only recently assumed the duties

of this office, and already matters are taking shape to my entire satisfaction.

Reverting to your letter, I notice that you express yourself much in the same language, and that you feel that your appointment to the control of your great University is calculated to give you better opportunities for public service than any military or other federal sphere. You will see, therefore, that I am quite right in saying that our destinies seem to have been cast on parallel lines.

Now my dear Currie, the time of a busy man for private letter writing is always limited, and I therefore conclude with very best wishes to Lady Currie and my kindest regards to yourself.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Stronach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,". There is a horizontal line drawn under the signature.

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August
Twenty-fourth
1920.

Lieut.-General Sir John Monash, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
360 Collins Street,
Melbourne, Australia.

My dear Monash:-

Early this month when McGill University was entertaining the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference I had the great pleasure of meeting the Hon. Theodore Pink. In our conversation he told me that he had a letter of introduction to a man named Currie in Canada and asked me if I knew such a person. When I told him I was the individual, it increased very much the pleasure we had had in meeting each other; for we found an additional bond in that we could both claim you as one of our friends.

It was then he told me of the sad loss you had suffered by the death of Lady Monash. My wife and I were terribly shocked to receive this news. She seemed so full of life and happiness when we said goodbye to you both in London. I do not know what I can say Monash to comfort you. During the war you and I both lost many friends who were very dear to us, and we learned to know that the matters of life and death are in the hands of God alone. We learned to pray "Thy will be done" with a full appreciation of its significance. I pray that the same God will grant you some measure of consolation.

I have often wanted to write to you to hear how you found things in Australia on your return. I know that you remained for some time in London after I had left, and that Birdwood had accompanied you to Australia. I could never quite see why such an arrangement had been made, though I was not surprised. No doubt there is in Australia, as in Canada, a class of citizen who is determined that too much honour shall not come to those prominent in the expeditionary forces, if that person happens

Sir John Monash, - 2 -

to be an Australian or a Canadian.

On my return to Canada, I spent several months in fulfilling engagements, and last December went to Ottawa to take up the duties of Inspector-General and Military Councillor. I quickly realized that there was no use hoping for the early adoption of universal military training. I first sought to fuse the units of the Canadian Corps in the old Militia of Canada, and succeeded in getting perpetuated in our Militia every unit which fought as such overseas. I also sought to have our Militia a well-balanced organization, for before the War it was not. We had become top-heavy in infantry without a proper proportion of artillery and other units. Then, of course, there was the necessity of providing for the training of machine gun units, signal services and some others whose value before the War had not been appreciated. I found it very difficult to get the Government to sanction the reforms I was advocating. I also sought to make the staff of the Canadian Militia an efficient one. I wanted to see the necessary positions filled by men trained to the work and men who had the experience of the Great War behind them. Greater difficulty was experienced in this than what you would have expected. Before the War many of our Militia officers had owed their appointments to what we call political pull, and the same friends were anxious to keep the officers on the staff. However, we got it cleaned up pretty well. I believe much good work was accomplished, but I was never happy in holding a Government position. Your actions are so circumscribed by personal, political and financial considerations.

Last May I was offered the Principalship of this University. It is what might be called the national University of Canada, in as much

Sir John Monash,

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as it receives no aid from any Government. I hesitated long before accepting the position, realizing that my academic qualifications hardly justified the appointment. In time I accepted, and on August 1st assumed the duties. I look forward to the work here with a great deal of pleasure and interest. I realize that I am in a position to render better service to Canada and to Canadians than I could in the position I was holding under the Government at Ottawa.

Another reason I was anxious to give up the position there is this,- I found that the Government and many others thought that I had been generously treated in that a position in the Government service had been given me. I did not relish being placed in the same category as the man who gets the job of running the elevator in the post office, simply because he voted for the Government candidate.

The Governors of this University are the leading business men of Canada and I shall enjoy working with them far more than with the members of the political party who happen to be in power.

I hope that you will find time to write to me, giving me news of any of your fellows whom I used to know, and particularly with reference to yourself.

With all good wishes to your daughter and to you, I am, my dear Monash,

Ever yours faithfully,

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Melbourne, Australia
June 30/23

My dear Currie

I often think of you & wonder how you are faring, & how you like your present sphere of action. - A recent happening has brought you again to my mind, & affords me an excuse for writing a few lines to you.

A few weeks ago I wrote to Stephen Leacock, soliciting his Autograph, as I have rather a remarkable collection, particularly of the great figures of the War. - I used your name to him, in order to introduce myself; & he thereupon very courteously sent me a short and kindly letter. -

But it is quite clear, from its terms & manner of address, that my identity did not in the least penetrate his understanding, & that he did not recognize who his correspondent was. - Perhaps you will think it worth while to enlighten him. - If he should be interested in my present doings, you might explain to him that I am "opposite number" to Sir Adam Beck, & Chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (carrying out schemes exceeding 6 millions Sterling) & that, in such spare time as this leaves me, I officiate as Vice-Chancellor of the Melbourne University. - These latter facts may incidentally be of interest to your good self. -

Kindest regards

Yours most sincerely
John Stronach

Lieut-General
Sir Arthur
Currie

McGill University
Montreal, Canada

M -
August 6, 1923.

Lt. Gen. Sir John Monash,
Iona, Toorak,
Melbourne, Aust.

My dear General,

I know you will not mind my making use of the typewriter in answering your personal letter of June 30th, but I have become so accustomed to the dictation of letters that to write one long hand is a task from which I shrink in this hot summer weather.

It so happens that this is vacation time, and most of the professors of the University are out of the city. However, Leacock is coming to Montreal the day after tomorrow to consult with me re some appointments in his Department and I shall not forget to make clear to him the exact identity of the John Monash who recently sought his autograph.

Leacock is a very interesting character. I don't know whether you have read any of his books or not, but I am quite certain you would enjoy them if you have. One of his most recent "Eyes Discovery of England" is regarded by some of us as one of his best. He holds the chair of Political Economy at McGill and his writings in his own Department have always been most highly regarded. He has particularly strong views on some subjects of national concern; for instance, he is violently opposed to the form of prohibition enacted in some provinces and never hesitates to say so. This has made him a number of enemies who say "Economists say that Leacock is a humourist, while humourists say that he is an Economist". For all that he is a very popular and valuable member of society and of the University Staff.

I sometimes meet men from Australia and in that way get indirect news of you and I would be very interested to learn of the progress Australia is making in the matter of Electrical development. I take it that the Government is developing the water power; there are many in our country who think Sir Adam Beck is a great man; there are others, of course, fully convinced that he is the opposite.

I am very fond of Montreal and am enjoying very much my work at the University.

With all good wishes, I am
Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

MONASH

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August 25th 1923.

Colonel Price Montague, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Bank of Hamilton Chambers,
Winnipeg, Man.

My Dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of August 17th, and am very glad to see again that signature which I recognize so well.

I am afraid that I shall not get West this year. I have not been able to get away from the University during the summer, and now that the Fall Term re-opens in a couple of weeks there is less likelihood than ever.

Whatever the event is, it must I fear come off without me. But what can it be? Are you thinking of getting married, or what? You have aroused my curiosity, and I am afraid I must insist upon knowing what it is all about.

A week ago this morning I had the pleasure of playing a round of golf with the head of your firm. I was able to get from him a little news of my very dear friend.

With all good wishes, I am, my dear Colonel,

Ever faithfully yours,

PITBLADO, HOSKIN, GRUNDY, BENNEST & HAIG
PITBLADO, HOSKIN, MONTAGUE & DRUMMOND-HAY

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BANK OF HAMILTON CHAMBERS
COR. McDERMOT AVE. AND MAIN STREET

WINNIPEG, MAN.

PLEASE MARK YOUR REPLY FOR ATTENTION OF MR. Montague.

August, 17th.,
1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B. L.L.D.

McGill University,

MONTREAL, Que.

My dear General :-

I have been out of the City, and have not been in very close touch with the newspapers, but have heard from someone that in all probability you would be journeying West on business or pleasure, sometime before vacation is over, or possibly during the Fall. If you are going to be in Winnipeg, there is a little affair likely to be staged which I know you would be glad to be at, and I thought, therefore, I would write you and obtain if possible an idea of your movements with regard to the West.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

P. J. Montague

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The Gazette
Montreal.

6, Apple Tree Yard,
St. James's, S.W.1.

Gerard 1351.

27th September, 1926.

Dear General Curry,

Madame Elaine left London some time ago for Paris, apparently without leaving any address, and I had lost sight of her, but on receiving your letter, I wrote to the woman who had given me her address and this morning Elaine herself telephoned to say that she was in London at the Metropole Hotel and intended to install herself in a flat in the Adelphi and start business in London once more. I am therefore posting her the cheque, at once, and Lady Curry will doubtless receive her receipt by the next post. I am very glad to have been able to do this little service for you.

I saw the Willingdons off on Saturday. He will find it, I imagine, a difficult task to live up to the popularity of Lord Byng, but he is a genial soul and I think will be much liked.

Yours very sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Montagu

Telephone:
Bernard 1945

Elaine

11, Old Burlington
Street, London,
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MONTREAL



Elaine,

11, Old Burlington Street

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London, W.1.

England



Love away
WJ

September
Thirteenth
1926.

Miss Elizabeth Montizambert,
6 Apple Tree Yard,
St. James's,
London, S.W.1.,
ENGLAND.

My dear Miss Montizambert:

I dislike very much to trouble you, but there is no one else to whom I can turn in my present dilemma.

For some time my wife has owed an account to Elaine, to whom I believe you introduced her. On July 14th I mailed a draft (now enclosed) to Elaine at her old address - 11 Old Burlington Street, London, W.1. The draft has been returned with notification on the envelope that the party has gone away. She may have left that address permanently, or she may have been away on a trip, so I am taking the liberty of sending the draft in your care and am asking you to be good enough to give it to her or send it to her if you know where she now is.

I always read your contributions to the Canadian papers with very much interest and, of course, so many Montreal people are going to and from En London all the time that one hears fairly regularly something about you, either being at some party or giving some party. We did not get across this year, but I hope to go again next Summer.

As you know, tomorrow is election day here. I take little active interest in the election, although I am keenly interested in the result. I never go to political meetings or associate myself with either political party. My opinion may not

Miss Elizabeth Montizambert.

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be worth very much, but I cannot see where any particular change is to come from. The Conservatives claim 10 to 15 seats in the Province of Quebec which, I believe, is the pivotal Province. On the other hand my Liberal friends tell me that the French Canadians are voting with more intensity this year than ever. They seemed to have appropriated the Liberal party as their National party. They also hold that the Customs investigation, which defeated Mr. King, was in reality a reflection aimed at the Province of Quebec and at a French Minister. The feeling is very bitter, and in the past ten days nothing of a statesmanlike utterance has fallen from the lips of either of the leaders or of their followers. The Press has been far better than the speakers, but some of our papers have not hesitated to print rather libelous things. I think the Liberals will gain a seat or two in the Maritimes, hold their own fairly well in Quebec and they cannot find themselves in the next House in a very much worse position than they are now as regards Ontario.

I do not know how the West will do, but the Prairie Provinces will not support a high tariff party. In British Columbia the Conservatives have now 10 out of 14 and should have quite as many in the next House. I may be very much astray, but my present opinion is that we are in for another few years of unstable government. This is most regrettable, for the one thing a country needs is stability in government.

Business is very good throughout Canada. The West will have a good crop for the third year in succession and that makes them very happy and optimistic, but all this will likely be uninteresting by the time you receive this letter.

With kindest wishes always and again apologizing for troubling you, I am,

Every yours faithfully,

Enc.

Town of Montreal West

CHAS I. FRASER
SEC-TREAS.

Office of the Council

October 19th., 1921.

*Telephoned.
Oct. 21/21*

Lieut-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

As promised, I enclose for your information a programme for the unveiling ceremony of the Soldiers' Memorial.

Mayor Ballantyne desires me to ask you to what address he shall send the automobile for you on Saturday afternoon.

Yours truly,

Chas. I. Fraser
Secretary.

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August
Sixth
1920

Charles W. Moore Esq.,
440 LaGauchetiere Street,
Montreal.

Dear Moore:-

I have received your personal note of August 4th, and note that you are now employed at the Ritz Carlton, where I am staying.

I am going away tonight, but will return on Wednesday morning. Please do not hesitate to speak to me there and I will do what I can to meet your wishes regarding more satisfactory employment.

Yours faithfully,

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March
Twentieth
1922.

Major-General Sir Edward Morrison, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Department of Militia & Defence,
OTTAWA.

My dear Morrison:-

I have your letter of the 18th
and will be very glad to go to the Dinner on the
25th of April.

I hope that if you are in Montreal
you will come to see me. One hears endless rumours
these days of what is involved by the re-organization
of the services at Ottawa. It would be interesting
to meet one who really knows the facts.

Most cordially reciprocating your
good wishes and asking you to remember Lady Carrie
and myself most kindly to your wife, I am,

Yours faithfully.



Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

18th March, 1922.

My dear General:

At a meeting held yesterday composed of officers and men of the old First Division, it was decided to hold the 3rd Ypres Dinner on April 25th, and I was desired to communicate with you in order to find out whether you can be present.

The reason April 25th has been selected is that the Governor-General will not be in Ottawa on the 22nd, as he is going away from the Capital early in April and will not return until the 24th.

The occasion will be known as "The Red Chevron Dinner" and will be in the nature of a celebration by "The First Thirty Thousand". It is proposed to hold it in the Chateau Laurier, and, judging from the success which characterized the second annual dinner last year held under similar auspices, it is fairly certain to be a notable event. All ranks will be eligible to attend who departed for overseas in the autumn of 1914 on the "Great Flotilla".

I hope you will be able to attend, and shall be very glad if you can inform me of the fact at your earliest convenience, so that I may be able to convey the information to the Committee at its next meeting, which will be on the 24th instant.

With kindest regards to Lady Currie and yourself, in which my wife joins,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Edward Morrison

To-
General Sir Arthur Currie,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

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Copy Sir a Cum

June 15th, 1923.

Major Gen. Sir Edward Morrison,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Ned:-

I see by the papers that you are out of the regular force and hear that you are not yet quite O.K.

I very much wish Ned that you'd come to Toronto to see a friend of mine who has fixed up several dozen cases of stroke, some of many years standing, because in each case he has succeeded in restoring the nerves to their usual function. I still hanker for you to be in proper form for the spring of 1928 when the Corps Canadian will again be needed and will need the wisdom and knowledge that you acquired in France and Flanders during those strenuous years. It will not cost you anything for Doctors etc.

Please drop me a line saying when you will come so that I can arrange for an appointment for you as my friend is a very busy man and I am as certain he can restore you to your previous condition as I was that you were the most efficient C.O.C.R.A. at the front.

Come and give it a try.

Your Boyhood friend,

Will. G. Mackenzie

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July 7th, 1924

R. N. Morgan, Esq.,
Manager, B. F. Avery & Sons,
New Orleans, La.

My dear Nom:-

I ought to have acknowledged your letter of June 2nd long ago, but the past has been a very busy month and I have been away from Montreal a great deal.

I am sorry that I was not here when your friend Miss Juden passed through the city. It would have been a pleasure for me to make her acquaintance. During June I was up to your old college at Guelph and unveiled a tablet in the newly erected Memorial Hall. I also had the pleasure of speaking to the Alumni at luncheon and to the crowd who gathered for the dedication ceremonies. Apparently, they had a very good week indeed. I was also at Ridley College, St. Catharines, which is a Boys' school and presented the prizes and spoke to the boys. Furthermore, I visited Dartmouth University at Hanover, New Hampshire, and the University of Vermont at Burlington. At both places I had to make addresses and they were kind enough to give me honorary degrees. It was while away on one of these trips that Miss Juden passed through Montreal.

I thank you for your kind reference to my mother's death. Home will not seem quite the same now that she is gone. We were all very happy about her health last winter as for years and years I had not seen her so lively and well. I knew she was ill, but I was told that the doctor advised there was no immediate danger. The end came very suddenly and

R. N. Morgan, Esq., .- 2 -

while she was in full possession of all her faculties. She suffered no pain whatever and I can imagine no more pleasant way of passing out than sleeping away surrounded by one's loved ones.

I hope that some time I may have the good fortune to see you again.

With the very kindest wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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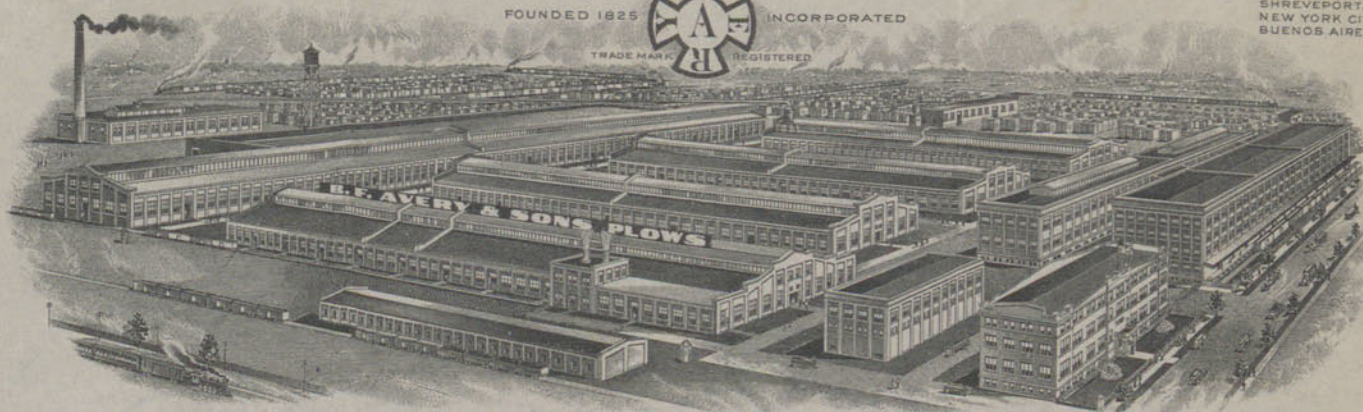
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June 2nd 1924
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Dear Arthur.

A very good friend of mine, Miss Susie M. Judew. leaves today to attend the International Sunday School Conference which convenes in Glasgow Scotland on June 17th... She will reach Montreal from Toronto on June 6th and will sail the following day. While in Montreal she will be at the Queen's Hotel. and it would make me very happy for you to know her and she to know you. She is a type of woman your dear mother would enjoy meeting. - This is the biggest compliment I can pay her. There will be several in the party but the other don't count much. - Her nephew, a charming boy about 13 years old will be with her. - I know you are very busy at all times but I do hope you will do me the kindness to call on her - just to meet a real sweet, gentle typical

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Southern Lady - if only for five minutes -
 I am just in receipt of an invitation from Camera
 to attend the Opening of the Cameron-Pixel Memorial
 Nurses Home on 4th. Sorry I can't be present -
 Harg. may be there. - I hope so.

I had a sweet note from May soon after your
 mother passed away - My! how you will miss your
 mother when you go home. - I shall miss her too.
 For my home trip would not be complete without
 having seen "Mother" Corrie several times. -

I am looking forward to the pleasure of knowing
 that you and Miss Susie have met - "Watch
 your Step" - Don't tell her too much about me
 With very best wishes to you and yours

Very Cordially

R. N. Morgan - (alias. Now)

T. H. MORGAN, M. D.
222 WEST 71ST STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.
TEL. ENDICOTT 2709

May 18 1925

Dear Sir Arthur Currier

My dear Arthur

The Head of the Poly Clinics Hosp.

Dr. Key, left here 10-nights for some fishing
Place between Montreal and Ottawa
On his way back he intends to stop ^{at} Montreal
to look over some of your Hospitals
I asked him to get in touch with you, so any
interest you show us him will be much
appreciated by me. He will be in Montreal
about June 1. st.

We are all well and hope his note will find
you all in a similar condition
Sincerely yours
T. H. Morgan

May 21st, 1925.

Dr. T. H. Morgan,
222 West 71st Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Tom:-

I received your note of May 18th
with reference to Dr. Ney's visit to Montreal.

I shall see that some of our
fellows look after him when he comes but it will be
impossible for me to do so myself. I find that I
have to go to the hospital for a small operation and
will be there at the time Ney is in Montreal, but
will see that he is well looked after.

I had counted on getting away
to the Old Country on June 5th, but the date of
sailing must now be postponed. Lily and Marjorie,
I hope though, will sail on that date.

With kindest wishes to Mrs.
Morgan and the other members of the family and
yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

March 15th, 1926.

Dr. T. H. Morgan,
222 West 71st Street,
New York, N. Y

My dear Tom:-

This morning I had a call from Mrs. Dr. Swan, formerly Miss Belva Deery, who brought a message from you. She tells me that recently you have been quite ill. I am very sorry to learn this and hope that in the very near future you will be quite yourself again.

I am not sure when I shall be in New York, but I am going to Pittsburg on the 29th of April to give the Founder's Day Address at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. If I spend any time in New York, either going or coming, I shall look you up.

With kindest wishest to Mrs. Morgan and the other members of the family, and best of luck to you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

222 West 71 Street
New York Sept 15/26

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Dear Sir Arthur

I have had

several copies made of
a photograph of Tom.

I am sending them to
his family and to those
friends, of whom I know
he would think first.

You will receive one by
this mail.

I hope you think the picture
a good likeness.

We appreciated your kind

expressions of sympathy
at the time of his death
which helped us to bear up
under our great loss.

Harry has been admitted
to the College of Physicians
and Surgeons of Columbia
and takes up his studies.

September 22nd

Margaret is finishing her
secretarial course at
Columbia

Please give my love to
Lady Currie

We have arranged

things so that we can
stay in the house for the
present and would like
very much to see you when
you are in New York.
I hope your family are
all well

Yours sincerely
Ada Morgan

Montreal,

Nov 10th

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✓1	Rifle 59.
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✓1	Chesterfield 62
✓1	Roll of Matting 80
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✓1	Crates 40 ✓
✓1	Chiffonier Mirror 36
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X 1	<i>Dish Pan 82</i>
X 2	<i>Pairs Fire dogs 73-74</i>
X 1	<i>Bole of Brooms etc 78</i>
X 1	<i>Pedestal 49</i>
X 1	<i>Uphol Chair 64 ✓</i>
X 1	<i>" Arm Chair 63 ✓</i>
X 1	<i>Stand - 45-</i>
X 1	<i>Tin Box 28</i>
X 1	<i>Hamper 39</i>
X 1	<i>Tin Trunk 75</i>
X 1	<i>Shovel 81</i>
X 1	<i>Toboggan 60</i>
X 2	<i>Chairs 44-47</i>
X 1	<i>Desk 48</i>
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X 2	<i>Fenders 71-72</i>

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Have this 19th day of November 1924

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8	Barrels	1-8-8-1-5-8-67-76
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8	Chests	21-23-26-27-33-35-46-68
1	Tin box	28
1	Bdle of Settee & 2 Chairs	29
1	" " 2 Arm chairs	30
1	Arm chair in canvas	31 (back broken)
1	Bdle Poles	32
1	Camp bed	34
1	Chiffonier & mirror	36 (leg off, top damgd)
2	Baskets	37-38
1	Hamper	39
1	Crate (cradle)	40
1	Floor lamp	41
1	Drop leaf table	42 (1 leaf missing)
2	Desks	43 (marked on top)-48
2	Chairs	44-47
1	Stand	45
1	Pedestal	49
1	Crate	54
1	Rifle	59
1	Toboggan	60
1	Viocrola	61 (leg damgd, side scratched)
1	Chesterfield	62 (damgd)
1	Uphol arm chair	63 (damgd)
1	" chair	64
1	Cedar chest	69
1	Piano	70 at City Councillors Storage.
2	Fenders	71-72 (cushions damgd)
2	Fire dogs	73-74
1	Tin trunk	75
1	Garbage pail & coal scuttle	77
1	Bdle Brooms etc	78
1	Mat	79
1	Roll matting	80
1	Shovel	81
1	Dish pan	82
1	Trunk	84 (unlocked)
3	Bolsters	89.

Received these items
Arthur
10 Nov. 26

Morgan Trust Company. STORAGE DEPARTMENT

per W. G. G. G. G.

Morgan Trust Company

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The Depositor must keep the Company informed as to any change of address.

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When a portion only of goods stored is to be withdrawn, it will be necessary to present a written order together with the warehouse receipt, on the back of which all withdrawals will be enumerated.

Delv/d to 241 Drummond St Dec 1st 1924

6 Barrels 122-3-4-5-6

7 Cases 7-8-52-53-55-87-88

1 Victrola 61

1 Cedar chest 69

1 Trunk 84

Delv/d to 241 Drummond Street Dec 10th 1924

4 Cases 11-50-51-57

1 Floor lamp 41

2 Barrels 67-76

1 Bdle Pails 77

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September 21st, 1925.

Colonel Herbert Molson,
906 Notre Dame St. East,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked
me to forward you the enclosed cheque for \$150.00
re No. 2 Bungalow Syndicate, Mount Bruno Country
Club.

He regrets the delay which was
occasioned by his absence.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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Dear Sir Arthur;-

As our bank account is now overdrawn nearly
\$1000.00 I would ask you to be good enough to send
me your cheque for \$150.00 towards current expenses.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert Molson

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

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December
Fourth
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Personal

Robert M. Hill, Esq.,
Mount Royal Club,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

You will not, I am sure, mind my calling your attention to two things with reference to myself. I do this only because I know you wish your records to be absolutely correct:

- (1) My military title is not "Major-General", but "General";
- (2) I am not a "K.C.M.G." but "G.C.M.G."

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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October 9th 1925

Colonel W. Bovey,
Assistant Principal, McGill University,
Montreal,
Que.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

You will find enclosed a copy of my letter to the General, which, although somewhat lengthy, seemed necessary in order to explain the various points. In addition I do feel very keenly the splendid support which we are receiving from the late Commander-in-Chief, and I may say that this is having a very powerful effect in reviving some of the spirit evinced just at the close of the war.

In connection with the personal message from the General, I hope you will be able to get this from him before he leaves so that this may be set up at the earliest moment and revised by you before going to press.

In addition to this, it occurs to me that the General may care to have a letter in our hands expressing the value of this work which would be used with all due caution in connection with the furtherance of this idea.

Expressing my sincere appreciation for all you have done for me.

I am, dear Colonel Bovey,
Yours very sincerely,

H. Wisely Bragg

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Lieut-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General:-

The co-operation which you have kindly accorded to our effort in the publication of the WAR MEMORIALS SOUVENIR NUMBER is very much appreciated by every member of this organization, as well as by those with whom we have already come in contact in the furtherance of this considerable effort.

It appears to us that there is the opportunity of receiving through the sale of these copies a very large sum of money for this patriotic purpose, and, although handicapped by shortage of time, we are finding that it is possible to re-awaken some of the splendid spirit which existed just after the war, and see no reason why this should not be realized.

We are taking the opportunity of enclosing copies and proofs of some of our first literature; unfortunately, in the proofs of the order forms a change will have to be made, as after due consideration Brigadier General J.G. Ross found that he would be unable to give any further time to public work, although very sympathetic to the idea. On a suggestion made by Colonel Bovey we are approaching Colonel Currie with the idea of having him audit all accounts in connection with the sale of copies, a statement of which will be given to the press. In order to overcome the shortage of time at our disposal a number of copies will be placed in the hands of canvassers on the 11th November next for the purpose of soliciting orders for delivery shortly afterwards. Following the suggestion made by Colonel Bovey and Brigadier General Dodds we are communicating with the I.O.D.E in connection with this, as unfortunately the Canadian Legion has not yet been consummated and any arrangements made with any of the larger Veteran Organizations might possibly lead to certain misunderstandings.

We are sparing no expense to make the arrangement of the volume an artistic triumph and the cover design, we believe, will give a dignified idea as well as strength to the volume. This will include we expect between 200 to 300 pages and we hope will portray every memorial and important commemorative tablet in the Dominion. The
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Lieut-General, Sir.Arthur Currie, K.C.B.

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paper to be used will be of coated stock, and all important pages will be decorated by suitable borders in order to overcome the very sombre effect of a work of this nature.

In connection with the personal message you are furnishing, we suggest that this should appear as an introduction to the entire volume, to be set within a border in keeping with the ideas of the work, and of about 500 to 700 words in length signed by a fac simile of your signature. In another part of the volume we feel that you might like to express something of greater length, and no doubt from your collection of photographs and memoirs there would be a fund of most valuable information available.

May we also ask that you furnish us with a copy of your latest photograph.

I feel very keenly the tremendous help you are giving to this organization in the idea which I have evolved, and any suggestions which may occur to you now or in the immediate future that will lend further help to this work will be indeed very much appreciated by me.

Extending my congratulations to you on your most interesting trip to the West, which I hope will be of a very pleasant nature,

I am, General Currie,
Yours very sincerely,

HWB

HWB/F

October 15, 1925.

H. Wisely Bragg, Esq.,
Managing Director, Municipal Review,
318, Lauchetiere Street West.

Dear Mr. Bragg:-

I am enclosing you herewith letter received from the Secretary of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee of Chatham.

With regard to your letter to General Currie the suggestion in para. 2 that he should provide some additional matter besides the message is, I am afraid, quite impossible.

I should very much appreciate your remarks concerning the letter from Chatham.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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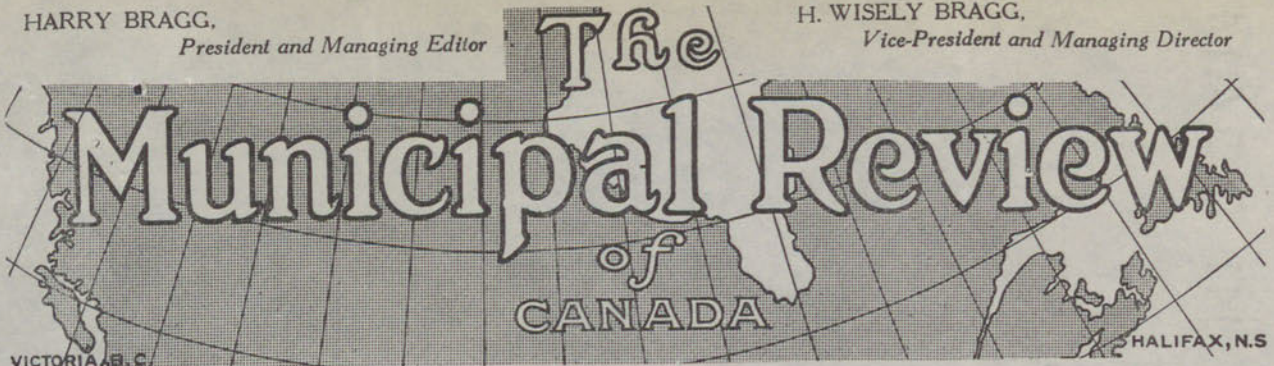
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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General Currie:-

It is indeed very kind of you to have expressed your appreciation of our efforts in connection with the production of the War Memorials Souvenir Number. The work has been of tremendous interest to me, and probably on account of this we were all able to stand the strain of producing this edition within a very limited period of time.

My interest in this work was aroused during the Winter of 1919-1920 which I spent in France and Belgium as a newspaper correspondent, and at that time I came in close touch with Brig.-General Hughes, who, as you know, is the Engineer in charge of the Canadian War Memorials in those countries.

It is indeed a great satisfaction to have received such wide support and approval of this incomplete effort, and my sincere hope is that it will go a long way towards creating some serious thought and in this way help to inspire a truer realization of the future of Canada.

Again thanking you for all your help and co-
operation,

I am, dear General Currie,
Yours sincerely,

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Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
Assistant Principal
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

The first few copies of the WAR MEMORIALS SOUVENIR NUMBER came off the press last night, too late to get you at McGill, and, equally unfortunately, I was unable to locate you at your house; I am sending you herewith half a dozen copies.

This work, as you are well aware has been carried out under exceptional pressure, and we are making no apologies for unavoidable mistakes. I hope in looking over this volume, from cover to cover, that you will realize how many difficulties have been overcome.

The response to our first appeal was not what it should have been, and was immediately followed by other letters, in fact, in some cases it was necessary to write as many as eight letters before a photograph could be obtained from the community.

In connection with the financial support, this has, from the first, been a question of absolute confidence in the outcome of the entire undertaking, which was impossible to forecast working at such high pressure and with such a limited amount of time available. On the whole the response from Municipalities and individuals throughout the country has been somewhat encouraging. On the other hand, the response from many large concerns which we had figured would be certainties, were not realized. One case in particular, the largest Manufacturing Jewellery House in Canada, and the makers of more than 7000 memorial tablets, turned us down flatly. We are, however, very proud of this effort despite all the difficulties, and hope that it may be possible for one of the national Organizations which we have already discussed to take this up and place 50 to 100,000 copies of a second and enlarged edition across this country, for two purposes, first, as a means of education and inspiration of ideals which prompted the erection of these memorials, second, as a means of raising through the sale of copies a considerable sum of money for the purpose for which this work was intended.

In connection/

Colonel Bovey,

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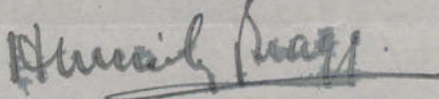
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In connection with this suggestion, I feel that an incentive to this idea may be given through the initial effort of some of our leading people in this country. I have in mind Mr.E.W.Beatty and I am delivering to him to-day a copy of this number and hope that he may be persuaded to co-operate in such a manner.

You may care to make other suggestions in connection with this, and you may feel that General Currie may be disposed to interest himself to a limited extent in helping in this initial effort with others. I feel that if the possibilities of selling these copies could be clearly shown to the national Organization we have already discussed, that there are great possibilities of their taking it up.

It has afforded me the greatest amount of confidence in this work to have General Currie and yourself in such close sympathy with the aims and objects of this undertaking, and I sincerely hope that everything I have been able to do so far has merited the confidence that you have placed in me and our organization.

I am, dear Colonel Bovey,
Yours sincerely,
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H. Wisely Bragg
ORGANIZER-MANAGING DIRECTOR

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October 21, 1925.

A.H. Shirving, Esq.,
Secretary, Soldiers' Memorial Committee,
235 St. Clair Street, Chatham, Ont.

Dear Mr. Shirving:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to Sir Arthur Currie and received in his absence. I have taken the matter up of which you speak with the editor of the Municipal Review. You will note from the leaflet that any profit derived from this source will be distributed to war widows and orphans under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. if they will accept this charge, and that all necessary arrangements have been made for the auditing of the accounts. Mr. Bragg's letter of which I enclose a copy will indicate to you the nature of the work which is being done and the response which is being received.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

MRS. THOS. GOW.
PRESIDENT

A. H. SKIRVING.
235 ST. CLAIR ST.
SECRETARY

Chatham, Ont., 13th Oct. 1925

For

re Soldiers' Monument

Will you kindly pardon me for addressing you personally? A few days ago the Chatham City Council referred to me certain correspondence, in which Mr. H. Wisely Bragg of your city asked for a photo and particulars of Chatham's tribute to its glorious dead. I forwarded the same to him, having been authorised to do so by the Rev. W. G. Bolles (a member of the Committee) D. Oliver being out of town for a few days. I was much surprised on Saturday morning last to receive a Telephone ^{message} call from Mr. Bolles to cancel the order as he had been informed that the whole thing was just a scheme of the publishing Co. to sell a few extra papers on Armistice day. I resented the insinuation - and remarked that General Currie would never put his stamp of approval on any doubtful scheme. Never mind he said "Cancel that order."

I did not do so but I motored to D. Oliver's office and showed him my file of papers. Apparently he was much annoyed and asked "How much will this thing cost?" which I estimated roughly at from \$12⁰⁰ to \$22⁰⁰. he instructed me to go ahead, bring the ^{ap} to him and he would give me his personal Cheque for the amount.

During the erection of the Monument we were accustomed to such cautions as the foregoing, but for the satisfaction of everybody I would like a word from you as to the truth or falsity of such a statement.

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I may add that S. Oliver was one of our mainstays
and most liberal subscribers during the Memorial Campaign.
He is extremely patriotic. His son Major Douglas Oliver
went through the "Great War" from start to finish

Apologising for thus troubling you.

I have the honor to be

Yours obedient ^{Sr} Servant

Arch: A. Spriving
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318 LaGauchetiere Street West
MONTREAL

October 20th 1925

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
Assistant Principal, McGill University
Montreal,
Que.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

In reply to yours of recent date regarding the progress that has been made, I am sure you will be surprised to see the list of photographs that have already been received, as per enclosed memorandum.

In the past 15 years which I have given to this business I have never experienced anything which has met with such enthusiasm for the idea. The response for copies and for the payment of cuts is, however, not as encouraging as I had hoped, this possibly is due to the fact that many people to whom we have written are withholding their subscriptions until November 11th. when the general patriotic appeal will be made.

The success of the idea insures a most interesting volume, and so that no important memorial should be left out of this work I am taking the opportunity of making the suggestion that for November 11th copies will be distributed for general canvassing purposes through which orders will be taken for general delivery a week or ten days later. In this way the shortage of time will be overcome and it will allow us to make a very much finer edition than would be the case were the completed edition to be brought out on the 11th.

In connection with the auditing of the accounts, I am sorry to say that Brigadier General Ross, although announced as Auditor, finds that owing to the fact that he will be extremely busy with certain matters for the next few weeks, he will not be able to act in this capacity. He suggested appointing Mr. H.J. Ross, who has been Auditor for the Union of Canadian Municipalities for many years, and he has agreed to act in this capacity. As soon as returns are completed a statement will be given to the press and a copy mailed to you and General Currie.

I take the opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for the suggestion made regarding distribution, and acting upon this the matter was discussed with Mrs. Muir, Regent of the Municipal Chapter I.O.D.E. and Mrs. W. Bovey, Vice Regent, and as a result I am trying to arrange/

Colonel Wilfred Bovey.

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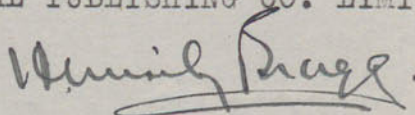
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to arrange to go to Toronto for the purpose of seeing the National President, which was suggested by them.

This National Organization has been, possibly, more interested in the erecting of monuments than any other group in Canada, and I hope that although they are very busy with other matters at the present time that they will be able to take up the entire distribution of this very interesting volume.

Again thanking you for your very many courtesies in connection with this considerable undertaking,

I am, dear Colonel Bovey,
Yours very truly
MUNICIPAL PUBLISHING CO. LIMITED



H. Wisely Bragg
Managing Director

HWB/F

P.S. I am enclosing a number of leaflets which may be of interest to you and also submitting the cover, which I feel you will be interested in seeing; the design was chosen after going to a good deal of trouble and expense.

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Will you do all you can to have your memorials ~~ix~~ and tablets included in this edition, if not already aranged for.

In connection with the orders for copies--- will you please make your order as large as possible.

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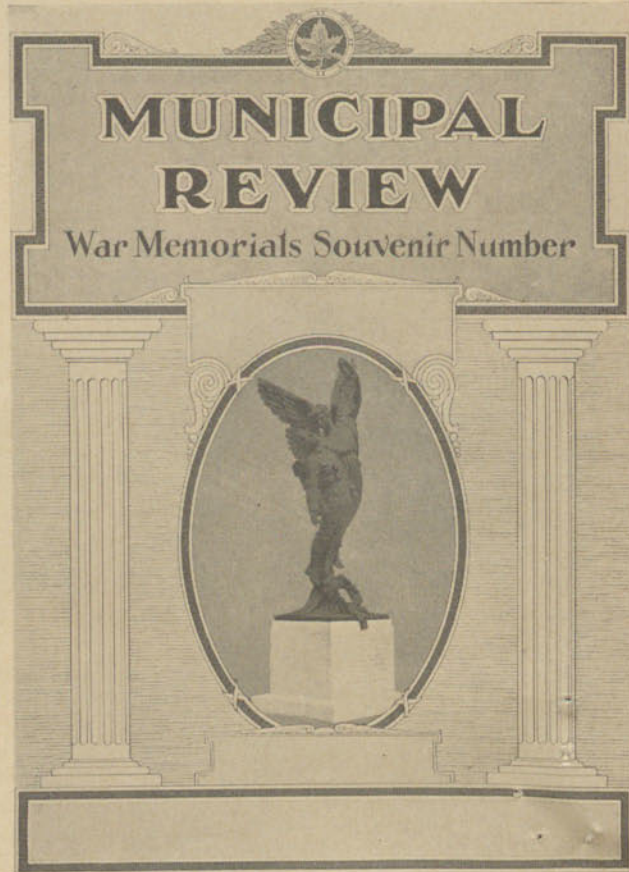
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THE November issue of "The Municipal Review of Canada" will present a wonderful illustrated story of the monuments erected throughout the Dominion to the glorious memory of the immortal dead of the World's War.

During the past seven years since this colossal struggle was ended at the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, November 1918, there have been erected a great number of beautiful monuments, bearing everlasting tribute from the people of Canada to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The erection of these monuments is, naturally, a source of pride to every community, and it is hoped that a photograph of each will be included in the coming edition. Communities, corporations and public and private bodies are invited to send in photographs of memorials or commemorative tablets.

The Armistice is an anniversary of general thanksgiving and the war memorial souvenir number comes at a time when, through the sale of copies, tangible help will be available for war widows and orphans.

Orders for copies of this edition will be solicited by representatives of veteran or-

ganizations throughout Canada on November 11th and all profits derived from this source will be distributed to war widows and orphans.

A TRIBUTE TO CANADA'S LOYALTY

A tribute to the loyalty and patriotism of the citizens of Canada in erecting monuments as lasting reminders of the past, will be furnished by the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces—

Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.

Principal, McGill University

This personal message by the leader of our Army in its march of triumph bespeaks for the comrades of those who have fallen, and voices their appreciation of the labours which have made possible those memorials to the supreme sacrifice made by more than 60,000 Canadian soldiers.

The response so far has exceeded our expectations, and we sincerely hope that not one monument will be forgotten in this most interesting volume.

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"Their Name Liveth for Evermore"

While there is no charge made for group cuts, each will be billed the cost of their share plus art work, (about \$10.00), and unless more numbers are ordered will be supplied with ten copies at \$2.00 per copy, including mailing envelopes, postage paid. Where a full page illustration is used the cost is \$75.00 and for half page \$50.00, making of cut extra.

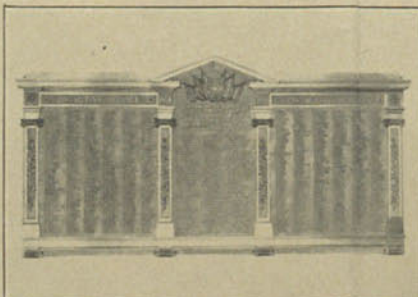
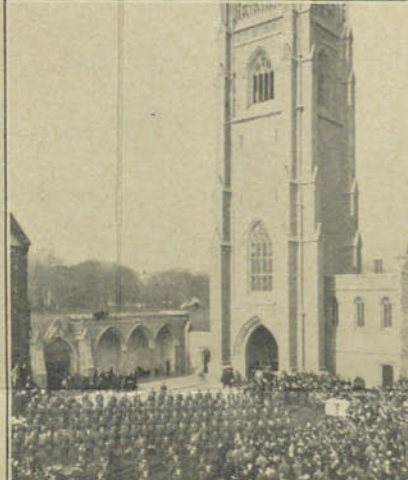
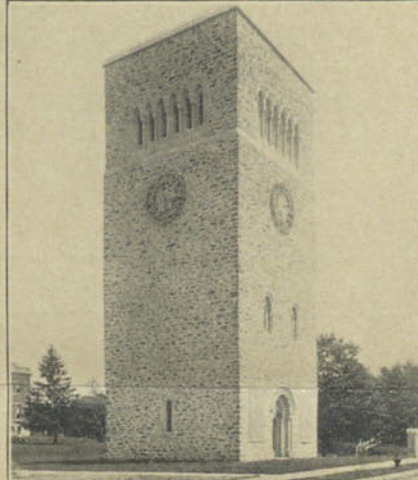
Regular subscribers to the Municipal Review, whose subscriptions have not expired, will receive the copy of the November issue in the ordinary manner. No free copies will be available on account of the patriotic idea of deriving profits for war widows and orphans.

In view of the few days remaining before publication we ask for your immediate attention.

—The War Memorial Souvenir Number will comprise about 200 pages, printed on fine art paper, and will be one of the finest editions ever produced in Canada.

Our arrangements call for delivery of copies throughout Canada by November 11th and all photographs must be in our hands before the 28th inst. in order to insure insertion.

WAR MEMORIAL SOUVENIR NUMBER
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*Bank of Montreal, Winnipeg.
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*The Montreal Gazette Tablet,
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EVEN one copy will help, but please make your contribution as large as circumstances will permit—order form, see over.

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Montreal.

November 24th, 1925.

H. Wisely Bragg, Esq.,
Organizing Managing Director,
The Municipal Review,
318 LaGauchetiere Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Bragg:-

Let me thank you very much indeed
for your kindness in sending me a copy of The Municipal
Review War Memorial Souvenir number.

The work reflects the greatest
credit on you and those associated with you in its
compilation. I am sure its reception by the public
will be most kindly and complimentary to all con-
cerned.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY BRAGG,
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November 7th 1925

Lieut-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University
Montreal.

Dear General Currie:-

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to hand you herewith two of the first copies of the WAR MEMORIALS SOUVENIR NUMBER which has just come off the press.

This considerable undertaking is the accomplishment of exactly one month's work, and it has been made possible through the tremendous amount of enthusiasm thrown into the work. As a result I believe we have produced one of the most interesting volumes which has ever appeared in Canada and I sincerely hope that it will meet with your entire approval.

It afforded me a tremendous amount of encouragement when you kindly agreed to furnish a Memorial Message for this number, and I sincerely hope that the manner in which this entire work has been carried out will make you feel that the confidence placed in me was well merited.

With very many thanks for your valued support in this undertaking,

I am, dear General Currie,
Yours sincerely,
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Lieut-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General:-

The co-operation which you have kindly accorded to our effort in the publication of the WAR MEMORIALS SOUVENIR NUMBER is very much appreciated by every member of this organization, as well as by those with whom we have already come in contact in the furtherance of this considerable effort.

It appears to us that there is the opportunity of receiving through the sale of these copies a very large sum of money for this patriotic purpose, and, although handicapped by shortage of time, we are finding that it is possible to re-awaken some of the splendid spirit which existed just after the war, and see no reason why this should not be realized.

We are taking the opportunity of enclosing copies and proofs of some of our first literature; unfortunately, in the proofs of the order forms a change will have to be made, as after due consideration Brigadier General J.G. Ross found that he would be unable to give any further time to public work, although very sympathetic to the idea. On a suggestion made by Colonel Bovey we are approaching Colonel Currie with the idea of having him audit all accounts in connection with the sale of copies, a statement of which will be given to the press. In order to overcome the shortage of time at our disposal a number of copies will be placed in the hands of canvassers on the 11th November next for the purpose of soliciting orders for delivery shortly afterwards. Following the suggestion made by Colonel Bovey and Brigadier General Dodds we are communicating with the I.O.D.E in connection with this, as unfortunately the Canadian Legion has not yet been consummated and any arrangements made with any of the larger Veteran Organizations might possibly lead to certain misunderstandings.

We are sparing no expense to make the arrangement of the volume an artistic triumph and the cover design, we believe, will give a dignified idea as well as strength to the volume. This will include we expect, between 200 to 300 pages and we hope will portray every memorial and important commemorative tablet in the Dominion. The
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Lieut-General, Sir.Arthur Currie, K.C.B.

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paper to be used will be of coated stock, and all important pages will be decorated by suitable borders in order to overcome the very sombre effect of a work of this nature.

In connection with the personal message you are furnishing, we suggest that this should appear as an introduction to the entire volume, to be set within a border in keeping with the ideas of the work, and of about 500 to 700 words in length signed by a fac simile of your signature. In another part of the volume we feel that you might like to express something at greater length, and no doubt from your collection of photographs and memoirs there would be a fund of most valuable information available.

May we also ask that you furnish us with a copy of your latest photograph.

I feel very keenly the tremendous help you are giving to this organization in the idea which I have evolved, and any suggestions which may occur to you now or in the immediate future, that will lend further help to this work, will be indeed very much appreciated by me.

Extending my congratulations to you on your most interesting trip to the West, which I hope will be of a very pleasant nature,

I am, General Currie,
Yours very sincerely,

Annaly Beagg

HWB/F

DOCKET ENDS:

MUNICIPAL REVIEW

604 Royal Trust Bldg.,
Montreal, June 17th, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am handing you a copy of the outline of the work of the Explosives Department of the Imperial Munitions Board during the period of the War.

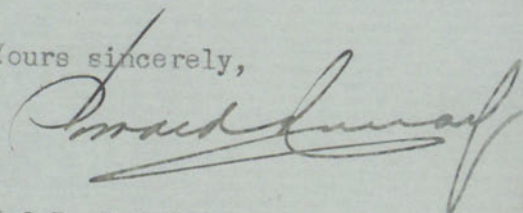
The original Volume 1 which was handed to Sir H.E.Burstall contains a large number of plans and diagrams which are referred to in the index as appendices to various chapters. As I did not go to the expense of duplicating these I am unable to include a set in your copy.

Volumes 2, 3 and 4 are quite voluminous and comprise plans, diagrams and photographs which it was impossible to duplicate, so that there exists only the one copy of each, which went to General Burstall.

I have General Burstall's cordial approval of the delivery of this copy to you. I regret that the data referred to above could not be duplicated as it really is essential to a proper study of the technical proceedings.

May I particularly draw your attention to Chapter 13 and the recommendations suggested, which I hope you will consider a logical thing to carry out.

Yours sincerely,



General Sir A.W.Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,

Montreal.

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September
Sixteenth
1920.

W. H. Murray Esq.,
Customs Department,
Strathroy, Ont.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 15th instant.

I am sorry that passing indis-
position prevented you coming out with Mr. Ruttle
on Saturday afternoon. I would have appreciated the
opportunity of having a chat with you. Mr. Ruttle
kindly explained that duty was payable on the frame
of the painting, and my brother, John, has promised
to give the matter immediate attention.

I thank you very much, Sir, for
your kind words, and most cordially reciprocate your
good wishes.

Ever yours faithfully.



Port of Strathroy 15th Sept 1920

Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir

I am sorry that I did not get to the farm on Saturday afternoon to get particulars about your oil portrait for Customs Entry.

I had arranged with Mr Ruttle, my temporary assistant to take me out in his Car in the afternoon, but just before noon I had a sudden weak spell in my office and he took me home. He was to call for me at three o'clock to see if I should be able to go to see you; but he took it for granted that I was not in fit condition to go and did not call but went on without me, much to my regret as I desired to show you all due respect in my enquiries.

When we met at the Station platform on the previous day and you shook hands with me, kindly overlooking my failure to call you by name in your plain dress, I mentioned to you that there was no Customs Charge to be collected on your portrait. I had in mind only the fact that oil paintings of value are admitted into Canada free of duty. I forgot for the moment that frames of oil painting are dutiable, and that a Sales tax of two per cent on the duty paid value was payable under the recent changes in the tariff, and I wished to explain this to you personally.

I trust you will pardon me for my ^{seeming} ~~apparent~~ lack of the respect and esteem to which you are entitled and which I surely feel, in view of what you have been enabled to accomplish for your Country & for the Cause of Civilization.

Permit me to express the hope that the Roman Success may attend you in your new and important position as President of McGill University.

Your sincere well-wisher

W. Murray

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March 10th, 1926

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B.,
241 Drummond St. City.

My dear Sir Arthur;

While I have not allowed it to worry me, I have not forgotten the night that I shot the cable through to Edinburgh and got an answer back in twenty minutes, and I haven't forgotten what you said to me when I read the cable and told the story on that memorable night of January 12th, 1923, when you were so kind as to be the chief factor in making the Dinner to the Curlers the success which it undoubtedly was.

When I was in Edinburgh the month before last I was telling Andrew Hamilton, the Secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, of this little episode, and he told me that he had a letter on file which he would send me. I enclose the letter for your perusal and return.

The one outstanding feature about the letter is that I sent the telegram on the 12th, it reached there on the 13th, and I got the answer back here on the 12th. This I think is unique.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Clare Mussen



Telegraph Office,

EDINBURGH: 23 January 1923.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your favour of 22nd instant and to forward the information requested regarding the cablegram of Greeting from Montreal and your reply to same.

- (1) Despatched from Montreal 12th, 8.40 pm.
(Montreal time).
- (2) Cablegram phoned to you 13th, 12.46 am.
(Greenwich time).
- (3) Reply despatched 13th, 12.50 am.
(Greenwich time)
- (4) Arrival in Montreal 12th, 9 pm.
(Montreal time)

Total time for transaction - 20 minutes.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully,

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A. H. Hamilton

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A. H. Hamilton, Esq.

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Gen. Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G. K.C.B.

48 Dorset Street
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Winnipeg
Manitoba
July 8th 1924.

My Dear General Sir Arthur Currie:

Permit me through your goodness
to seek a favour from you which I know well you could do.
I might state that I am one of
the men who was guided and guarded under your care at the
outbreak of war, Enlisting in Toronto with the "Lancers" of the
1st Infantry Brigade under Col. La Bat. and Col. Buschall
after serving three years overseas in France also I was
I believe believe me of the party to form the Guard of Honour
at your Home-coming at Toronto, when the Officers gave
you the reception, furthermore to bring you closer you will
I vividly recall talking to me at 45 King Street West, Toronto,
when you visited our office which was known as
the "Citizens Repatriation League", where you met me
in uniform, where I was employed for over 2 years under D. A. Abbott.
I am again I was a busy man on the 29th day
of August, 1919, when you made an address at "Massey Hall"
Toronto, in conjunction of the Empire & Canadian Club
which I am a member of.

Well Sir my case I will explain
fully so as you will understand. To begin with I am at present
employed by the Civil Service as a Railway Mail Clerk for the
past ~~two~~ years, although I am classified as a temporary
man. Last year I wrote on the Civil Service Exams

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but unfortunately I did not pass owing to falling
down on Arithmetic.

Some date between now and the 23rd July

124. I am writing another Civil Service Examination to
Qualify for my permanent appointment, which I am
anxious to obtain. As I understand is positively the
last Exam to be held for Railway Mail Clerk's as after
this it has been decided to take men from the Postal Service
and put them into the Mail Service. Therefore I ask of you
is to Influence my permanent appointment in
case I fail at the coming Exams.

I am pleased to tell you that my work is
most satisfactory at Winnipeg and I am at present
"Clerk-in-Charge" on the Pemb & Nipigon Route, which indicates
progress since I have been in the Railway Mail Service.

The reason I am asking this favour of you is
in the first place I am a Married Man and have a family
to support, secondly I am a Returned Soldier with 3 Medals
and also a pensioner. Third if I can obtain my permanent
appointment, I would consider myself established as
being unable to follow my former occupation.

For References I am more than pleased to refer
you to Dept of Militia & Defence Ottawa as to my Military
Character which is one that needs Very Good.

Also to Dr A. A. Abbott, who at one time I believe was
Professor at Toronto University now Provincial Secretary
of the Canadian Red Cross
441 Jarvis Street
Toronto Ont.

³ who will be pleased to speak highly of me
and my ability to perform the work I am assigned
to do.

I am given to understand that failing in the
coming Exams temporary men will be let out which will
mean a dark look-out for me. after going through us and
what I have.

We are subject to fairly close Examinations
at our office on Distributions which I am pleased to tell
you I passed last year. This is entirely different to
the Civil Service Exams. as it consists of knowledge
of Mail Distribution throughout Manitoba, Sask,
Northern Ontario. and embraces in the Neighbourhood
of approximately 5,000 Post Offices of which you are
requested to make 90% and when one can make that
I would and I believe you will agree with me that he
is qualified for his permanent appointment without
having to pass the Civil Service Exams.

Then again during our absence, wherever we
could not and did not have the chance to Study Arithmetic
&c. it was plenty of fighting and hardships there are
several of Railway Mail Clerks who have got their
appointment and not had to pass the Civil Service
Exams and to my Estimation even if we write on
them and fail on one or two Subjects, should be given
our permanent appointment.

While I say to myself I have the name
of a Good Worker and a Reliable Mail Clerk
which I believe should carry some weight to

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My Object in View

How Dear General I must leave my
Case in your hands with the hopes of your
Influence will press upon the Department at
Ottawa the necessity and desirous point of
being^a permanently appointed Railway Mail Clerk.

Trusting to have a favourable Reply
In the Anticipation

Yours Grateful for Success and what
may be achieved

Hoping you will go as far as you did
when you was in "Bugler on Parade" when you were
in the Service.

Yours Very truly
W J Muten

(P.S. This I believe could be done by whoever examine our Subjects)
after we have written.

Formerly W J Muten 10673

4th Battⁿ

1st Brigade.

and am formerly a Toronto Man

and one who helped to carry Col. Burstall off the
field after being mortally wounded at 2nd Battle of
Ypres April 1915.

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June
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Howard Murray, Esq.,
604 Royal Trust Building,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

I thank you very much for your courtesy in handing to me a copy of the outline of the work of the Explosives Department of the Imperial Munitions Board during the period of the War.

I shall take this volume across with me when I go to England next week and hope to have an opportunity of reading it before I return.

I have suggested to Mr. Barclay that you might suggest to General Burstall that he pass the volumes on to Major-General J.H. MacBrien, C.B., D.S.O., who is the Chief of the General Staff at Ottawa, and who is the main influence in the Military forces of our country. He is the chief Military member of the Council, while General Burstall is not a member. I know that General MacBrien will make use of what you have prepared and that is, I know, what you want done with the work.

Let me say that I think you have performed a very great and real service in the compilation of this work.

Yours faithfully,