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General Sir Arthur Currie.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to say that I lost your card and if you would be kind enough to send me another one I will appreciate it very much. The reason I make this request is, I intend going to the Y. M. C. A. evening classes this Winter in Boston to learn to operate an automobile and when I get my license your card would help me secure a position.

If this is presuming too much Sir, I am very sorry

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but can assure you I am strugg-
ing to get along and a few
words from you goes a long
way.

Thanking you again for
your kindness.

I am

Yours respectfully
William J. O'Connor.

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November
Twenty-fourth
1922.

William J. O'Connor, Esq.,
432 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter saying that you
lost my card.

I happen to know where it is and
how you lost it.

Yours faithfully,

January 21st, 1925.

48 F. O'Donahue, Esq.,
Cathcart Street,
Montreal.

My dear O'Donahue:-

Yesterday I asked Colonel Herbert Molson to provide a position for you at the Brewery, but he told me that it was absolutely impossible. The next three months are the slackest time of the year in the brewing business and they are keeping on full time many men whom the business does not justify them in keeping.

I also regret to say that none of the other men to whom I spoke were able to give me any encouragement.

Yours faithfully,

48 Cathcart St
Montreal
Jan 25th 1925

Genl Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal & Vice-Chancellor
McGill University

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 21st inst,
and feel deeply grateful for the interest you have
shown in me.

Perhaps later on when business begins to
improve you may be able to place me?

My case is particularly sad as I am penniless
and have but few friends, and though I am willing
to tackle anything, yet I cannot succeed in
getting any kind of work.

Again thanking you.

Yours truly
J. O'Donohue



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July 12th, 1920.

General Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G.
OTTAWA, Ont.

My dear General Currie:-

Some time ago I received your letter of June 12th, enclosing a confidential letter which had been sent to you by some one from Vancouver who had forgotten to attach his signature. I have gone to some trouble to try and locate the writer, but so far have failed. However I will persist and if I have success will write you again.

I was more than sorry to have missed you when I was in Ottawa. On the first occasion when I was there you were I believe down in the Maritime Provinces and on the second in Toronto. I was anxious to have a chat with you and tell you how much I was pleased with recent developments. I think that the new move to Montreal is one which should be productive of great good both for yourself and for the country generally. I am looking for a future success as great as that which you scored in France. From McGill you will have a splendid platform from which to speak to all Canadians.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Victor W. Odium

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Brig-General



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December 3rd, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. &c.
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

My dear General Currie:-

Some time ago you sent me a long confidential letter which had been addressed to you by some person in the local office of the Soldier Settlement Board. As it was unsigned you asked me to find out the name of the writer. I went into the matter as requested and received information from the District Superintendent who told me that the writer was well known. He gave me a résumé of the situation and suggested that in the interests of the writer it would be better to drop the matter altogether. The man who wrote the letter is not considered a valuable employee and is only retained because he is one of the oldest employees in the office and because he is a ~~military~~ military man without other prospects of getting employment. Under the circumstances, while I return the letter to you, I think that you would do well to overlook it altogether.

Yours sincerely,

~~Brig General~~

VWO/AH

The Soldier Settlement Board.



CONFIDENTIAL.

Canada.

VANCOUVER. B.C.

2nd June 1920.

Lt-General Currie, K.C.M.G.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.,

Sir,

I have the honour to bring the following facts to your attention, and trust you can so use your influence as to assure me a square deal and common justice.

I entered the service of the Soldier Settlement Board a year ago last March, and although engaged at a salary of \$100.00 per month I was recommended for one of \$125.00 by the then District Superintendent on my telling him I had been offered a position in the Pay Office, Victoria.

Since that time I have been in receipt of this salary, plus a monthly bonus of \$29.00, although about last July the then Director of Organization ^{was} informed in my presence that I was to be rated as Chief Clerk, which naturally led me to expect an increase.

Last February, after having been away sick for about two weeks, I was put in another department as Senior Clerk Bookkeeper, and given to understand that although I could not be given an increase, my salary would remain the same.

Yesterday I was informed that my services could only be retained at a salary of \$110.00 per month (which carries a bonus of \$31.00 monthly) i.e. as Senior Clerk, as another man in the Stock & Equipment Department was getting \$125.00 - he was engaged at \$100.00 last September - and there could not be two Equipment Clerks at \$125.00. This it seems to me is a very unfair agreement, as there must be other positions in the office at \$125.00 which I could fill, and also other men doing the same work as I am now, are getting \$115.00 per month, plus bonus.

One of the officials here admitted that Ottawa "had it in" for me, and I know I am being made the scapegoat for the maladministration of a highly placed officer who used to be in this office.

Finally, I am a married man with a wife and child to support, and with a Mother in England to whom I've been in the habit of sending \$15.00 a month. I had over four years service, with three years in France, during part of which time I was serving with Major Houghton with the 3rd M.G. Company.

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2nd June 1920.

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Also, in all my civil experience I have never been in a position for more than a year (in some cases less than six months) without getting an increase of salary, and in view of your public utterances, my overseas service - (I rose from private to acting captain without the aid of pull) and general experience, I trust you will be able to see that I am treated with common fairness by the Soldier Settlement Board, or put in a position where attention to duties and ability count for something.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

May
Sixteenth
1921.

TO ANY OFFICER OF THE BRITISH ARMY:

I know you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing this letter, but I had the honour of serving with the British Army during the late War. I went to France with the 1st Canadian Division and served throughout with the Canadian Forces. I recall with pride and pleasure my association with British troops, and I feel sure that you will oblige me in the request I am about to make.

Professor E. Odium, M.A., B.Sc., whose son, Brigadier-General Victor W. Odium, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., served through the War under my command, is visiting Palestine and Mesopotamia for the purpose of studying still further a subject in which he has long been interested and to which he has devoted a good deal of thought and research.

Many years ago he lectured on the relations between the British Nation and the Children of Israel, predicting then that the time would come when Palestine would be recovered through British agency. If it should be possible for you to help Professor Odium in any way I feel sure you will not withhold that assistance. I feel also that his general knowledge of Mesopotamia and Palestine will not be found uninteresting by you.



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May 10th, 1921.

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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. &c.
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

My dear General Currie:-

I try to bother you as little as possible with personal affairs for I know that there are thousands of others demanding attention and assistance from you all the time. I find that today, however, I have to vary from my practice and ask you to do me a favour.

My father is leaving some time this month for Mesopotamia, where he expects to spend from three months to a year or two studying the situation, delving in ancient lore, and possibly taking a hand in present day developments. As you may know, he is an ardent British Israelite and he has some very strong theories as to what is likely to result from the British occupation of the Holy Land. I am not sure which he is first, an Imperialist or a British Israelite; he would probably say that the two go together and are one.

I would be very glad indeed if you would write a letter which he might use as an introduction to any military leaders whom he may meet while in Palestine and Mesopotamia. They would probably be able to give him a great deal of information and assist him in his studies, and his general knowledge might be of some interest to them.

If you will be good enough to do this for me, I will try not to bother you again for as long a period as possible.

With kindest regards,

Your old friend,

VWO/AH

Victor W. Odium

this name is Prof. E. Odium, M.A., B.Sc.

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May
Sixteenth
1921.

Brigadier-General Vieter W. Odum,
1001-1008 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Odum:-

I acknowledge having received this
morning your letter of May 10th.

I am very glad to comply with your
request and I hope the attached will be found of
some use by your father.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Copy)

Vancouver, B.C.
January 31st 1922.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Premier of Canada,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

My dear Mr King,

This will serve to introduce to you Walter H. Kirchner, M.C., D.C.M., now Publisher and Editor of the Canadian Observer, who is proceeding to Ottawa in connection with the question of War Taxation and the most expeditious means of apportioning this burden among the Canadian people in order that "Equality of Sacrifice" may be maintained.

Having discussed this matter very fully with Mr Kirchner, I endorse the general stand he is taking on this question. It would reflect not only my own considered opinion and that of many influential leaders of the Liberal Party, but of all right-thinking people, embracing an ever-growing and formidable body of thought among the rank and file of the returned men who composed the Canadian Corps. We feel that the least tribute we can pay to the dead is to see that the wives and dependents, and also the returned men, shall not continue to be penalized by allowing the vast wealth created during the war and centralized into the hands of a fraction of the Canadian people to remain untaxed.

Mr Kirchner has certain proposals to meet the present situation. He is a man who has devoted all his material resources since the signing of the Armistice to the cause he has undertaken. I consider him qualified to represent a high, constructive type of thought growing more common among the returned soldier populace.

He has been referred to in the public press of British Columbia as one of the strongest factors at work in the practical re-establishment of his comrades. On returning to Canada shortly after the Armistice he drew up the plans for the Co-operative Land Settlement scheme of British Columbia. I might say in connection with this primary industry of the Dominion, Mr Kirchner has devoted a life-time of study to the question and would be recognised in the West as an authority on this subject.

In March 1919, the Rehabilitation Committee, composed of members of the Legislature of B.C. recommended on the floor of the House at Victoria that, in the public interest, he proceed to Ottawa as the accredited representative of the Provincial Government to lay his plans of Co-operative Land Settlement before the Federal authorities, and subsequently he carried out this mission.

You will find in Mr Kirchner an individual with a keen insight into national issues, posted upon the current political situation and possessing a grasp of the policy necessary to

build up British Columbia as a stronghold for the progressive forces represented by Liberalism.

I would strongly recommend that you extend him every courtesy and assistance in order that War Taxation may be adjusted on an equitable basis for the welfare of the Canadian people.

Yours sincerely,

Victor W. Odlum.

VWO/AH.

January
Nineteenth
1923.

Brigadier-General Victor Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
C/o. Major-General J.H. MacBrien,
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa.

My dear Odlum:-

I am glad to know by your letter
of the 12th that by this time you are probably in
Ottawa.

I shall be very glad indeed to see
you any time you come to Montreal. It is not my
intention to leave the city for some time.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Jan 12, 1923.

TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 404

My dear General Curie

I am leaving tomorrow for Ottawa to attend the meeting of the Canadian Infantry Assn. Before coming west again I will be in Ottawa Montreal and will try to see you. It would be a great disappointment if I were to fail.

With warm regards

Yours faithfully
Victor Odium

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318 HOMER STREET. Vancouver, B.C.,

May 10th, 1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. &c.
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

My dear General Currie:

I have just received your letter dated the 4th of May, stating that it will be impossible for you to be here this summer. I am very much disappointed and I know all the others will be when I convey the information to them.

Last night I wired you an invitation from the Vancouver Rowing Club to officiate at a Tablet Unveiling, the timing of which they proposed to fix to suit your convenience. I will advise them, too, that you cannot accept their invitation.

With kindest personal regards, both for yourself and for Lady Currie,

Yours sincerely,

VWO:AH

Victor W. Odium

*Officers
Association*

Telephone Nos.
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**48, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, W. 1.**

Dear Sir,

I am sending you herewith particulars of the Officers' Association, which set forth its chief aims and objects. I am making a twofold appeal, one to all officers, past and present, the other to the general public.

I wish to build up a great organization which will be of permanent benefit to the Services. And I hope it will be the nucleus, around which all associations of ex-service men will group themselves. In this matter I am confident that the men will co-operate with their officers in Peace, as in War, so that we shall have real unity and comradeship, for the general good of the nation as a whole.

I hope, therefore, that you will become a member, and will invite others to do the same. Membership is open to all who have borne, or bear HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSION, and any officer who cannot afford a subscription can register as an Associate Member, thus obtaining the full benefit of the Association.

In addition, the great (but, I trust, temporary) distresses arising out of the War must be relieved.

The need is great, for there are to-day 33,000 disabled officers, 10,000 officers' widows, 8,000 officers' orphans, 15,000 children of disabled officers, and 25,000 unemployed officers, who are still paying the penalty of the War.

I have been greatly assisted in my appeal to the general public, by officers coming forward to help their comrades in distress. Already over 17,000 officers and ex-officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force, have become Members of the Association, and a number of regiments have joined regimentally.

All Members are urged to notify the Association of any vacancies which ex-officers might fill, and also particulars of any cases within their knowledge which require assistance.

You will find full particulars, as to membership, in the accompanying pamphlets, and an application form which requires your signature.

Yours faithfully
H. G. F. H.

P.S.—Please address your letter to me at the Officers' Association, 48, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.

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THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Officers' Association began work in February, 1920. Its objects are :—

1. To build up a permanent Organization for the benefit of those who have served in the Navy, Army and Air Force, around which all Associations of ex-service men will group themselves.

Pending the formation of such an organization for all ex-service men, the Officers' Association is prepared to welcome any Association of ex-service men which is non-political and undenominational, whether wholly or partially composed of other ranks. It suggests that such Associations should become affiliated to the Officers' Association, retaining their own officials, governing themselves, and collecting and administering their own funds. The Officers' Association is prepared in such cases to look after the interests of any ex-officers who may be members of such Associations, and to help them in the same way as it helps its own members. It is also prepared to advise and assist in every way possible, and support them with the whole weight of its authority. In this way we may hope gradually to build up a united organization, in which the officers and men may work together for their mutual help and benefit, and by which the high traditions of the Services may be perpetuated.

2. To relieve the distress arising out of the War amongst Officers and their dependants.
3. To co-ordinate the work of all existing agencies dealing with Officers and their dependants, and so to prevent waste and overlapping.

The Association is represented on the Standing Joint Committee of all Government Departments and ex-service organizations, which has been set up for the purpose of ensuring the State provision for ex-service men be on an adequate basis.

MEMBERSHIP.

For the present the membership will include all Officers, past and present, of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force.

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Those whose financial position does not permit of the payment of a subscription at the moment, may be registered as ASSOCIATE MEMBERS without payment, which entitles them to all advantages of the Association as regards relief and assistance.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. **Employment.** The work of finding employment for ex-officers is done by the Appointments Department (Ministry of Labour), with which the Officers' Association co-operates, and it is intended to have a representative of the Association at the Headquarters of every Directorate. In addition, the Officers' Association deals with all questions of providing grants and loans to start ex-officers in business, or in relief of distress arising out of unemployment, or to assist ex-officers to begin life in the Dominions or the Colonies.

2. **Wives and Families.** The Association aids widows and assists and maintains children of Officers who were killed during the War. Grants are made after full investigation for the relief of sickness and other distress among the wives, children and other dependants of demobilised Officers.
3. **Disablement.** The Association assists Officers who are totally or partially disabled, helps their families and those who are otherwise prevented from earning their living. Maintenance grants are made to the disabled, and capital grants to those who are fit to start again in civil life.
4. **Housing.** The Association is prepared, through the Housing Association for Officers' Families, to assist ex-Officers and their dependants in necessitous circumstances, in obtaining housing accommodation.
5. **Advice and Assistance.** The Association is prepared to advise its members, and widows and dependants of ex-Officers, on all matters pertaining to gratuities, pensions, treatment, and re-settlement in general; and further to take up any individual case where dissatisfaction with the State Award is reasonable or where there is undue delay. The Association is also able to provide for free legal and medical advice in approved cases. In cases of urgency or distress, financial assistance can be given. Members are invited to co-operate in this work by bringing to the notice of the Association individual cases where advice or assistance seems desirable.
6. A financial Advisory Bureau, under the supervision of the Hon. Legal Advisor to the O.A., has been established, from which all members can obtain advice as to the investment of money in stocks or businesses.
7. The Association has arranged for its members (through the Senior Officers' Club) to be granted special terms at certain Hotels throughout the United Kingdom and Abroad.

CO-ORDINATION.

Practically all Associations and Societies dealing with the ex-Officer and his dependants have now become merged in or affiliated to the Officers' Association, including the following:—

Disabled Officers' Fund.	Lloyd's Patriotic Fund.
Disabled Officers' Home and Club.	Officers' Families Fund.
Disabled Officers' Residential Club.	Royal Military Benevolent Fund.
Housing Association for Officers' Families.	Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.
Imperial Association, for Assisting Disabled Naval and Military Officers.	Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association (Officers' Branch).
King's Fund (Officers' Branch).	

And numerous Divisional and Regimental Associations.

DONATIONS.

Although a great deal of work is being done to assist disabled Officers, their widows and orphans, a great deal yet remains to be done, and an organized appeal is now being made to the different sections of the community throughout the country, in order that they may contribute as largely as possible to the immediate needs of the above.

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Lieut.-General Sir H. MILES, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.B.E.

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Air-Vice-Marshal Sir J. SALMOND, K.C.B. (Representing the Royal Air Force).

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Colonel F. D. WATNEY, C.B.E. (Clerk to the Mercers' Company).

Sir LAWRENCE WEAVER, K.B.E. (Treasurer, Officers' Housing Association).

SIDNEY YOUNG, Esq. (Chairman, British and Argentine Meat Company).

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Lieut.-Colonel C. C. MACDOWELL, C.M.G., D.S.O., *Assistant General Manager.*

Sir GEORGE FOWLER, *Honorary Legal Adviser.*

Major-General Sir H. G. RUGGLES-BRISE, K.C.M.G., C.B., *General Secretary.*

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Messrs. HOLT & CO., 3, Whitehall Place, S.W. 1.

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} Bankers.

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THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

Name :
(Block letters, surname first).

Address :

Rank : Regt. Battn. or Ship Honours.....

Present Profession or Occupation :

State if requiring Employment :

I desire to be enrolled as a Member and I enclose herewith { Banker's Order } being a
P.O.O.
Cheque

Life Membership Subscription :

Annual Subscription :

Donation of :

(Signature).....

Life Member's Subscription, £5 5s. 0d.

This form to be returned to *The Secretary :*

Annual Subscription, Half-a-Guinea.

48, GROSVENOR SQUARE, W. 1.

To be returned with the application for Membership to
Secretary, Officers' Association, 48, Grosvenor Square, London, W. 1.

THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

BANKER'S ORDER.

To Messrs..... Bank..... Branch.

Please pay to Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., of 67, Lombard

Street, London, E.C. 3, the sum of.....

and a similar amount on the 1st day of.....in each year in future and
charge to my account.

£ Signature

Dated.....192.....

2d.
STAMP.

THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

SUMMARY OF NINE MONTHS' WORK.

Full particulars of the work accomplished by the Association since its formation, with details of expenditure of a sum of **£251,624** to the 31st October, 1920, are given below.

EMPLOYMENT.

1,175 Officers have been placed in permanent employment.

6,000 Cases of Distress have been relieved.

Grants and Loans have been made amounting to **£48,987**.

In most cases these grants have enabled the applicants to start in business.

DISABLEMENT.

2,473 Disabled Officers have received Grants and Loans which have saved them from destitution.

£101,845 has been expended for this purpose.

FAMILIES.

1,560 Widows, Wives and Orphans, and Children of Officers have been helped.

£28,893 has been expended for this purpose.

HOUSING.

This branch makes grants in specially deserving cases, usually arising out of disablement, to clear off arrears of rent, pay off mortgages, and to help in the cost of removal and establishing a home.

Grants and Loans amounting to **£13,252** have been made, and the sum of **£15,500** has been granted to the Officers' Housing Association for this purpose.

GRANTS TO OTHER BODIES.

Grants to Convalescent Homes, Hospitals and other Bodies established for the care of Officers and their dependants have been made to the amount of **£14,220**.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership of the Association to date is **17,969**. 45 Regiments or Battalions, both Regular and Territorial, are on the Annual Regimental Subscribers' List. Many Divisional and Regimental Old Comrades' Associations also are Annual Subscribers, or are affiliated to the Association.

CO-ORDINATION.

Practically all Associations and Societies dealing with the ex-Officer and his dependants have now become merged in or affiliated to the Officers' Association, including the following:—

Disabled Officers' Fund.
Disabled Officers' Home and Club.
Disabled Officers' Residential Club.
Housing Association for Officers' Families.
Imperial Association for Assisting Disabled Naval and Military Officers.*
King's Fund (Officers' Branch).
Lloyd's Patriotic Fund.
Royal Military Benevolent Fund.
Officers' Families Fund.
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association (Officers' Branch).

BRANCHES.

Branches of the Association have already been established in Scotland and Wales, and Local Committees in the following towns:—

Edinburgh.	Ipswich.	Paris.
Cardiff.	Nottingham.	Cairo.
Birmingham.	Canterbury.	Cape Town.
Manchester.	Norwich.	Durban.
York.	Bristol.	Johannesburg.
Portsmouth.	Gloucester.	Calcutta.

Other Branches are in process of formation.

EXPENSES.

The cost of the Appeal has amounted to **£12,462**. Other Administrative expenses both of Headquarters and of Branches have amounted to **£16,465**.

August
Eighth
1921.

Field-Marshal, The Rt. Hon. Earl Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O.,
C/o. The Officers' Association, K.C.I.E.
48, Grosvenor Square,
London, W.1.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to General Sir Arthur Currie with reference to The Officers' Association.

Sir Arthur is at present in England, but on his return I shall bring your letter and the accompanying pamphlets to his attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary to Principal.

January
Twentieth
1923.

Professor John McNaughton,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear McNaughton:

Herewith please find letter
which I have received from Mr. Beatty. You will,
I know, communicate its substance to Mr. Ogilvie at
the R.M.C.

With all good wishes, I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Enc.

January
Twelfth
1923.

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,
President, Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

There is now attending the Royal Military College a young man by the name of Edgar Ogilvie, son of Colonel Ogilvie of Kingston. Ogilvie graduates this year and aspires to be employed by the C.P.R.

I am told that he is unusually good-looking, well set up, of the very best character and antecedents and that he has had a highly creditable course at the College. I was asked to write to you concerning him but before doing so I wrote to General Macdonell at Kingston asking for his opinion. He quotes from his own report on Ogilvie - "Conduct, 'Excellent'. I am pleased with this Cadet.... is making good as Company Quartermaster Sergeant." He also states "I think you can safely recommend Ogilvie to the C.P.R. as being one whose services would be valuable to them and who would certainly give his employers his best and loyal support in every way."

In my letter to Macdonell I asked him to advise me whether I could say in confidence to you that here was a young man whose services would be valuable to your Company, and I know Macdonell would not write as above if he had any hesitation about the matter.

Yours faithfully,

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

Jan 7⁵.th. 1923

DEPARTMENT OF LATIN

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am very much obliged to you for your kind attention to the business of young Edgar Ogilvie. I think having just seen him again that he will do a great deal of credit to those who give him a leg up. He is a thoroughly nice modest hardworking young fellow with all his father's steady diligence and all his mother's charm which is considerable. I know you do not share Sam Hughes's insensate prejudice against the Canadian Permanent Force

which did work in preparation for the War especially for
what saved us thousands of lives our Artillery
that has been most imperfectly recognized. Colwell
Ogilvie was one of the most meritorious of our sum-
mers and got little thanks for it. It is but tardy
justice that the good legacy he left his boy
should justify especially as the boy is heir to his
best qualities. Thank you ever so much for your
kind remarks about the fun we had together at
your luncheon. I am stupid enough! God knows with
most people but you always stir up any seams of
life there are in me. With best wishes to you and Lad,
Carrie and your little boy for the New Year I am yours faithfully,
John Macmurtrei

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,
KINGSTON.

Jan. 4th. 1923.

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

My dear General,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst., I have just finished writing the Christmas Term Report on Ogilvie. He has a very good report and has gained places in several Subjects. I will quote an extract from my Report which will give you some idea of what I think of him, "Conduct "Excellent". I am pleased with this Cadet.. .. is making good as Company Quarter Master Sergeant."

I think you can safely recommend Ogilvie to the C.P.R. as being one whose services would be valuable to them and who would certainly give his Employers his best and loyal support in every way.

I am very glad to hear that your Mother is well.

With very many thanks for your good wishes to Lady Macdonell and myself which is heartily reciprocated.

With kindest regards to Lady Currie and yourself and also to your Sister and wishing you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Macdonell

A-CM

Ogilvie has been steadily improving, he is sound & will I believe do well

January
Second
1923.

General Archibald Macdonnell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Royal Military College,
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

Friends of young Mr. Edgar Ogilvie, who I believe graduates from the College next Summer, are asking me to use my influence with the C.P.R. to find employment for him with that corporation. I hear him very well spoken of but I shall not make any recommendation in his behalf until I hear from you. Please tell me what you think of him and whether I can in all confidence say to Mr. Beatty - here is a young man whose services would be valuable to the C.P.R. I know you wont say so unless you can without any demur.

I spent the holiday with my Mother, whom I was glad to find in very good health and spirits.

Lady Currie joins me in all good wishes to Lady Macdonell, to your daughter and to yourself.

Ever yours faithfully,

ested. Mr. Edgar Ogilvie who is
graduating from that College next
Summer and aspires to be em-
ployed by the C. P. R. His father
^{now retired from active}
^{to} Colonel Ogilvie of Kingston, who
^{service} had an extremely raw deal from
the late Sir Sam Hughes in his
worst days. Both he and Mrs.

Ogilvie were very good indeed
to my boy who was killed in
the War. Their house in King-
ston was a second home to him
all the time he was at the
R. M. C. I would therefore
do anything in the world for
them as you well understand.

But the boy has very decided
merits of his own apart from
all personal considerations. He
is an unusually good-looking,
well set up, and well-bred
lad ^{of the very best character and endowments,} and has had a highly
creditable course at the College.
You friend Sir Archibald
Macdonald will I am sure
give an excellent account of him.
I should say he is just the
sort of young man whom it is
the very life of a great National
Canadian enterprise to have serv-
ing it. I am yours very sincerely
John Macnaughton.

January
Second
1923.

Professor John Macnaughton,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Professor Macnaughton:

On my return to Montreal this morning I found your letter of December 22nd with reference to young Ogilvie now at the Royal Military College. I shall mention the matter to Mr. Beatty, and hope that the C.P.R. may find a place for this estimable young man.

I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed your vacation in Montreal.

Let me say again that you gave us a great deal of pleasure the day you were good enough to lunch with us, and I hope that whenever you come to Montreal you will let me know.

Lady Currie joins me in all good wishes.

Ever yours faithfully,

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August
Eighteenth
1920.

D. W. Oliver Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dudley:-

Please see that my Savings
Account is credited with the amount set forth
in the enclosed cheque.

At the end of this month I
would like the balance to my credit in the
current account transferred to the savings
account, and the whole amount transferred to
the branch of the Bank of Montreal nearest
the University. I think you mentioned the
other day some branch conveniently situated.
I would like the transfer to be made to a
savings account here.

I am enclosing the pass book
as well, which please have filled in and return.

With all good wishes,

Ever yours faithfully,

52
August
Twentieth
1920.

D. W. Oliver Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Wellington Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Dudley:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant, and the arrangements you suggest for the transfer of the account will be perfectly satisfactory to me. At the same time please forward to them the securities left with you for safekeeping, also the parcel containing my decorations.

I am afraid I shall not be able to get to Ottawa next week. I may have to go to Toronto about that date. There is so much to do here that I feel I cannot give the time to spend a couple of days in Ottawa. If I find it impossible to go, I would like very much if Corrigan would present the cup on my behalf.

I have had two games of golf this week, - one on Mr. Angus' links with Charlie Martin, Dr. Keenan and Clark Kennedy. Yesterday afternoon I played with Dr. Armstrong at Dixie, and I think tomorrow afternoon I am going to play at Dixie with your friend, Sir Frederick Williams Taylor.

Lady Markham left yesterday afternoon for Quebec, from which port she sails in a few days for England.

Please give my love to Peggy, and with all good wishes to Mrs. Oliver and yourself in which good wishes Lady Currie joins most sincerely, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Bank of Montreal,

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Ottawa,

August 19th, 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I return herewith your Bank book posted to date. I will have your Current Account and your Savings Account transferred on the end of the month to our Peel Street Office. I have arranged with them to give you full interest for the month of September, and forward you a Bank Book and cheque book on the 2nd of September, as I will make the transfer on the 1st of September, so that you will get full interest on your account here for the month of August. Please let me know if you would like me at the same time to transfer your securities from here to that Office. I would advise your doing so, in case you wish to sell at any time.

I miss our golf games very much, and also having you here. The Governor General has been asked to present the prizes Friday week at Rivermead, we have not yet heard whether he is able to do so. I hope you will be able to come up for

Bank of Montreal,

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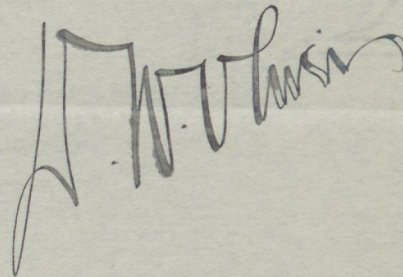
Ottawa,

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Friday afternoon to present your own cup,
and to see the games. I will get the afternoon
off if you can do this.

With kindest regards to Lady Currie
and yourself, in which Irene would join me were
she here.

Yours very sincerely,



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

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Bank of Montreal

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Ottawa, August 30th, 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I wish you had been here for the golf at the end of last week, Saturday's game was marvellous, and you will see from the papers, most exciting. Your cup was presented by the Governor General to W. Thompson, of Toronto, it was such a nice one that T.D. Armour offered to take it and give up the \$100, which was third prize in the open, and also the cup presented by the Association for the 1st amateur, so you can realize how much they valued your gift. I am glad Thompson won it as he is a very fine player and a splendid chap. He is one of the four famous Thompson brothers. I am glad to learn by your letter that you are playing golf, and hope your game improves each time.

I do hope that you will get a house soon, as it cannot be very comfortable living at the Ritz.

Bank of Montreal,

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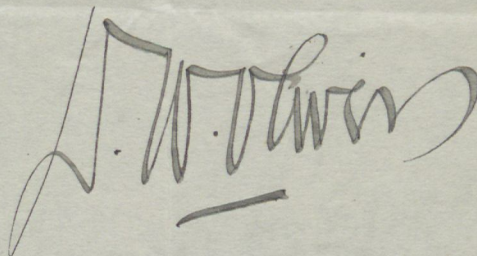
Ottawa,

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I have given instructions to have all your securities sent to the Peel Street Office of the Bank of Montreal on the 1st of September, and am transferring your accounts on the same day.

With kindest regards to you and Lady Currie, in which Irene and Peggy would join me were they here.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Currie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing of the letter.

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

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September
First
1920.

D. W. Oliver, Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Wellington Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Dudley:-

I am enclosing herewith Bank Book of current account and also of Savings account. Please have them made up and returned to me.

I saw Mr. Aylmer to-day and arranged matters with him at your Peel Street branch. I thank you very much for your prompt attention to my wishes re the transfer of account.

I shall be glad to know whether you and Corrigan are thinking of coming to Montreal on Labour Day. If so, I shall be very glad to play with you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Septemebr
Eighth
1920.

D. W. Oliver, Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Wellington St.,
Ottawa.

Dear Dudley:-

Thanks very much for your
kindness in having my pass books entered and
sent to me.

In looking over them this
morning I notice that I have drawn a few cheques
on the Ottawa Branch of the Bank of Montreal
which have not yet been presented. As far as
I can learn they are as follows:

July 2nd	- Mrs. Michaelson	\$25.00
Aug. 16	- Headquarters Rifle Association	10.00
17	- Royal Can. Institute	5.00
20	- McCandless & Co.	72.38

If these cheques are presented
will you please pay them.

I suppose at the end of the month
the Militia Department will deposit another
cheque to my credit, which I would ask you to be
good enough to send to the Branch here.

I also note that on July 15th
I was charged 65¢ for a stamped cheque book. I
think there must be some mistake about this,
because, as you know, I was in Metis from the
7th of July and I had no occasion to order a
cheque-book.

D. W. Oliver, Esq., - 2 -

I am returning herewith the
vouchers duly signed.

I am going up to my mother's
tonight and will return on Sunday bringing
the children with me.

With all good wishes to Mrs.
Oliver, Peggy and yourself, I am, dear Dudley,

Ever yours faithfully,

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Bank of Montreal

Ottawa.

September 9th, 1920.

My Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of the 8th instant and instructions have been given that as soon as the cheques referred to come in, they are to be forwarded to Montreal to be charged to your account at Peel Street. At the end of each month when I receive your cheque from the Department of Militia & Defence, I will send it on to Peel Street for your credit. The 65¢ charge for cheque book must be an error and I am crediting your account with this amount.

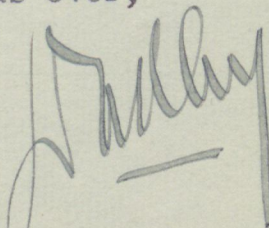
I hope you will find your Mother and the children in good health when you arrive on Saturday. I am going out to have a game of golf with Corrigan this afternoon and we will both miss you very much and wish you were with us.

I enclose editorial out of the morning's Journal, in case you have not seen it.

I do hope that you will get a house to live in soon.

Irene and Peggy would join me in all good wishes were they here. Mine you always have.

Yours as ever,



General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B.,
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
MONTREAL - P. Q.

52
October
Fourth
1930.

D. W. Oliver, Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Ottawa.

Dear Dudley:-

I thank you for your letter of
October 1st, and for the enclosure contained.

I want to tell you how busy we have
been here lately, so much so that the golf sticks
have been put away. Monday is our opening day
and the succeeding three days I spend in New York.
On Monday, the 11th, the Surgeons of the United
States meet in convention here, and I am making
the address of welcome. On Tuesday I am going
to Ottawa, thus beginning the visit in Canada to
the McGill Graduate Societies.

This trip will take me to Victoria
and back. It will be very interesting meeting
the graduates from the University and I am sure a
great deal of good will result. I shall arrive
back in Montreal but a short time before the
campaign for funds opens.

If it is a fine day in Ottawa on
the 12th, I shall be very glad to have one more
turn with you at Rivermead. I congratulate you
very much on the excellent score you made the
other day. I would be very happy, indeed, if I
could go out in 41.

I am glad to know how well Peggy
likes her school. We have not yet succeeded in
getting a house.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs.
Oliver and Peggy, and with all good wishes, I am,
dear Dudley,

Ever yours faithfully,

Bank of Montreal,

PEEL STREET BRANCH

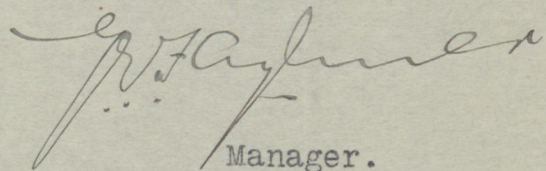
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Montreal, 19th October 1920.

Dear General Currie,

I have to-day received from Ottawa Branch a debit for \$63.50, which is being charged to your Current Account. It is in payment for a cup purchased by Dudley Oliver at your request, and the receipt for it is enclosed.

Very truly yours,



Manager.

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

McGill University,

Montreal.

52.
November
Sixteenth
1920.

Brigadier-General D.M. Ormond,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Dan:-

This is a brief note to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th of October, which I found awaiting me on my return to Montreal. I have also received the photo and wish to thank you very much for it. I am gradually completing my Rogues' Gallery. I have all the British Army Commanders, many of the Corps Commanders and very many of my own friends in the Canadian Corps. A few weeks ago I ordered from England a further supply of photos and when they arrive I shall be only too pleased to send one to you.

The fifteenth marked the beginning of our actual drive for funds in Montreal and I am just leaving the office to attend the universal mid-day lunch which seems to be a feature of all these campaigns. We are all confident that the amount which we have set out for will be reached, and I personally believe, much over-reached.

I enjoyed very much seeing you in Regina. It was quite a busy day and one doesn't get the opportunity on such occasions to spend as much time with one's friends as one could wish.

Please let me know how the Society for the Prevention of War gets on.

You mentioned that the Dominion Government are likely to have a bad time in Regina and Saskatchewan, when the elections come generally

Brigadier-General D.M.Ormond, -2-

on. This morning's paper tells us of the meetings held by the Prime Minister and Mr. Calder last Saturday. They seem to be having rough going in places, but apparently are holding their own.

Ormond, With all good wishes, I am, dear

Ever yours faithfully,

52
December
Tenth
1920.

Dudley Oliver, Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Wellington Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Dudley:-

Thank you very much for your telegram with reference to my election to the Directorate of the Bank of Montreal.

I have known for some time, of course, that this was coming on and I assure you that I appreciate most cordially the honour. It is but one more evidence of the kindness I have received from Montreal citizens ever since I returned to Canada, and I also know, Dudley, that just as likely as not, you were the one to first make the suggestion. I have just come back from attending my first meeting. I missed last Tuesday's meeting owing to the visit to the University of the Governor General. It costs, as you know, something to miss a meeting. I must always make future appointments with the idea of keeping Tuesday and Friday mornings free.

I had your letter of a few days ago saying that you were coming to Montreal to spend your Christmas. It is more than likely that we shall not be here then, as we are going up to spend Christmas with my mother. When we return to Montreal I think we shall take Hamilton Gault's house for six months. Hamilton should be back in Montreal on the 22nd and I thought it would be nicer for him to spend Christmas and New Year's in his own house..I have not yet definitely settled upon it, because I think I can make better terms with Hamilton himself than I can with his agent.

Please give my love to Mrs. Oliver and to

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Peggy, and with all good wishes to yourself, I
am, dear Dudley,

Yours ever,



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Sir Arthur Currie

McGill University Montreal Que

We are all delighted that you have been elected a director of
the bank

5⁰⁵pm Dudley

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February 21, 1921.

Dudley Oliver, Esq.,
C/o Bank of Montreal,
Wellington Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Dudley,

I have your letter telling me that you are coming down to Montreal next Friday to see the Skating Championship. We shall be very glad to see you and hope that you will stay with us during your visit. It may not be possible for me to meet you at the train, but I know that you know Montreal well enough to find your way to Hamilton Gault's house. I suppose you will come down on Friday morning. If so, we shall expect you to lunch. I am sorry Mrs. Oliver is not coming with you, but we shall look forward to a visit from her some time before we give up this house. Everything is going very well, but we can give each other the news when we meet.

Please remember us most kindly to Mrs. Oliver and to dear little Peggy. Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

I am,

Yours ever,

Principal.

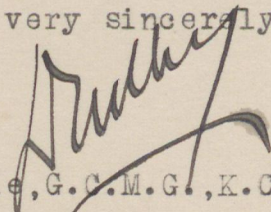
Twenty-sixth
January
1924.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

With regard to our
confidential conversation, I
enclose copy of letter received
from Col. Dennis and my reply
to him.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,


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

*Please do not
acknowledge*

C O P Y

January 24th, 1924.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company
Department of Colonization and Development,
Office of the Chief Commissioner
MONTREAL.

WAE

Dear Mr. Oliver:

There has been a delay in forwarding you the promised memorandum, due first, to the fact that I was laid up for a few days and since my return to the office, have been very much pressed with arrears of work.

Regarding our discussion with reference to improving conditions in the West for the farmers:-

(1) Development Service. We have for many years, carried on through our Development Department, the work of breaking land and providing improvements for farmers, and several other organizations in the West have also undertaken to do development work of the same character. This has been done by employing tractors or horsepower in breaking and cultivation of the land and of course, in each case, the construction of buildings has been done under expert supervision and at less cost than was possible if the farmer undertook to do the work individually. However, I am free to say that the whole matter of developing farms in advance has not been satisfactory because we have found that, particularly with regard to the cultivation, if subsequent results were not what the farmer looked for, he would claim that it was on account of the way in which the land was broken, and this, to a limited extent, would also apply with reference to improvements.

(2) Proposed motor truck service. There is no doubt that throughout many districts in the West to-day one of the great difficulties that the farmer experiences is in the shipment of his grain long distances to railway transportation due to want of further branch line construction and as I intimated to you at the time of our discussion, were it possible to institute any trucking system which would deliver the farmer's grain, and at the same time, put him in a position to obtain what he wanted without having to go for it himself, it would be a good move - but the absence of serviceable roads in the prairie districts makes the whole matter of operating motor trucks a difficult one. When the roads are dry they can get about alright, but during the wet periods the roads are generally impassable for anything but horse vehicles.

(3) Field Storage of Grain . The present system throughout all the prairie provinces where the farmer is not located immediately adjacent to elevator facilities, is to provide what are called "Field Storage Bins." There are of all makes and for a time, a galvanized iron tank with a pyramidal top holding about 1,000 bushels was very popular, but it was found that it would not stand up against high prairie winds and today, the field bin almost universally used is a square wooden tank with a sloping roof which holds about 1200 bushels.

The system is to group a sufficient number of these bins close together so that they can be filled directly from the separator and then the separator is moved to another group of bins in a more convenient section of the field. The grain is then hauled from these bins in wagons holding about 80 bushels to the elevator or loaded direct into cars from a loading platform which has to be located at every shipping point so that the farmer can ship grain directly if he so desires rather than put his grain through the elevator.

Personally, I do not feel that the proposal which you made to provide a number of smaller bins which could be filled from the separator and then loaded on motor trucks for delivery to the elevator or car loading platform would be any improvement on the present system.

I trust that the foregoing will outline my ideas with reference to the matters we discussed, but I will of course, be only too pleased to consider further any suggestions that you have to make in connection therewith.

Yours very truly,

SGD. J.S. Dennis

Chief Commissioner.

D.W. Oliver, Esq.,
Manager, Bank of Montreal,
Drummond & St. Catherine Sts.
Montreal, Que.

55 - "Drummond Apts."

Twenty-sixth
January
1924.

Dear Col. Dennis:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th inst. and the interesting information contained therein.

As usual, the C.P.R. overlook nothing in their arrangements out West, but I think you will find something will be done in the way of additional branch lines by the other Railway, or a truck service where possible, to assist the Farmers who are far away from the Railway.

The grain should be carried by the trucks in such a way that it can be left at the Station, in case there are no cars immediately available for shipment to the elevators.

I am sure your splendidly organized service will be able to figure out something to overcome the difficulty which at present exists.

With regard to the roads, it would appear to a casual observer that it would be much easier to improve them or even to build new ones, than to lay railroad tracks which would only be useful for only a small part of the year and the advantage of having the trucks is they could always bring back farmers' supplies and mail from the station at a certain cost, which would cover overhead and interest.

I am of course, quite well aware of the development service that your Company renders, but my idea is that the emigrants should have less trouble than they have now, when they actually arrive in the West, and take up new farms and new land and this is why I feel that expensive machinery could be rented out, if properly distributed and the ground broken and other preliminaries attended to and assistance given them.

I am sorry you have been ill.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Col. J.S. Dennis,
Chief Commissioner,

• Colonization & Development.
C.P.R.-Windsor Station, Montreal.

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OFFICE OF SIR GEO. McLAREN BROWN,
 EUROPEAN GENERAL MANAGER.

25th January, 1924.

Dear Mr. Oliver,

In Sir George's absence I
 am writing to acknowledge your letter of the
 14th instant.

You have probably heard ere
 this of Sir George's operation. He had been
 far from well for some months past, and at
 last the doctors diagnosed stones in the gall
 bladder and he underwent an operation which
 I am glad to say has been entirely successful.
 The operation, however, was quite a severe one,
 and he is likely to be on his back for some
 time. He is to be disturbed as little as
 possible at present, but as soon as I can discuss
 things with him I will show ^{him} your letter.

In the meantime perhaps you could
 let me know which is the particular picture to
 which you refer. Probably it was a copy of that
 in Sir George's room representing Lord Shaughnessy
 standing by the deck rail of one of the boats.
 I enclose herewith a small print of this, and if
 this is the one to which you refer we will have
 a full size copy made in accordance with your
 request.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer L. Furness

Chief Assistant to
 EUROPEAN GENERAL MANAGER.

Dudley W. Oliver, Esq.,
 The Bank of Montreal,
 Drummond & St. Catherine Sts. Branch,
 M O N T R E A L, QUE.,
 CANADA.



February 20th 1924.

Dudley W. Oliver, Esq.,
The Bank of Montreal,
Drummond & St. Catherine St.,
Montreal.

My dear Dudley,

Thank you very much for your kindness in obtaining the picture of Lord Shaughnessy and for sending it to me. That was the one I wanted, and I appreciate very much the trouble you have taken.

I am returning by this mail the books you so kindly loaned to me. I enjoyed *The Way of Revelation* very much indeed, and considered it remarkable for a first effort. Those parts which depicted scenes in the War constitute as fine a portrayal of war conditions as I have ever read.

Give my love to Peggy and with best wishes to Mrs. Oliver and yourself,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 14th, 1924.

D. W. Oliver, Esq.,
Drummond St. Branch,
Bank of Montreal,
Montreal.

My dear Dudley:-

Let me acknowledge your letter of yesterday, and with reference to the suggestion re any large subscriptions I shall bear this in mind.

Some months ago now I wrote you a letter which I never posted, because in it I referred to a couple of books of yours which I have not yet returned. In the letter I thanked you for your kindness in sending me the photograph of Lord Shaughnessy, which I very much appreciate. Some time, and that soon, I hope to return you the books.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Bank of Montreal,

DRUMMOND & ST. CATHERINE STS. BRANCH

Montreal, 13th May, 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

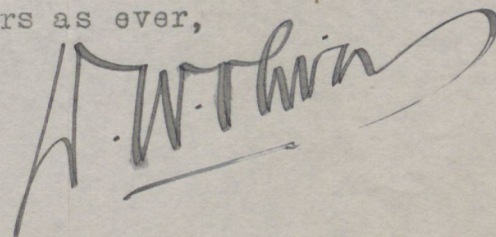
My dear Sir Arthur:-

If at anytime the University receive any special funds by subscriptions or otherwise, that will not be used for even a few months, it would materially help if such funds could be deposited at this Branch.

You will be glad to hear that we would break even in Profits if it were not for the \$8,000. odd we have to pay for Taxes, and this deficit can only be covered by large deposits or a large loan. The former have been brought up to \$1,200,000. The Branch as you know, has only been open for two years.

With kind regards.

Yours as ever,



Bank of Montreal

DRUMMOND & ST. CATHERINE STS. BRANCH

Montreal, 14th March, 1925.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
c/o McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I was so delighted to see you for a second last night, but had to hurry downstairs, as little Peggy was waiting for me and I thought she might be frightened thinking she might miss me.

Irene has been in bed with a very bad grippy cold for a week.

Last Summer I met the President and Vice-Presidents of a number of New York Banks and Trust Companies and one of them has been so persistent that I go to visit him in New York, I went down Monday night coming back Wednesday. In the course of conversation during a luncheon several of them said they would be delighted to see you informally the next time you are down there and as they are amongst the principal men

Continuation of letter to Sir Arthur W. Currie *dated* 14th Mar/25

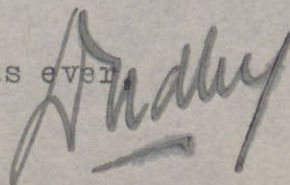
of Wall Street, I hope you will let me know when you are going down again, so that I can arrange a meeting. They do not want any Speeches, they simply want to have a personal chat with you, either at Luncheon or in the evening. When I see you, I will tell you more about it.

With regard to business - I have your letter of the 13th and have opened as instructed, in the name of the Montreal Branch, League of Nations Society, a new account with \$165. transferred from Account No. 8601. This account will be operated by Mr. Corbett and I. enclose pass-book.

If you ever have such a thing as a quiet evening, when you have an hour to spare, I would love to have a chat with you if you will telephone me and let me know. I have been trying to arrange a Supper-Party, but Irene has not been well enough to have people at the house - she has had one cold after another practically all through the Winter.

With love to the family and yourself.

Yours as ever



Bank of Montreal
DRUMMOND & ST. CATHERINE STS. BRANCH
575 ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST

Montreal,

Fourteenth
April,
1926.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

As promised the other evening, I wrote J.G. Geddes, Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland for a copy of their Monthly Magazine for you, which I enclose.

Personally, I do not think there is a Magazine in America more interesting than theirs. The Article on "Is England's Recovery Jeopardizing Our Position in International Trade" is very good and the one on "Government Ownership" page 15, you will find very interesting. I sent Sir Frederick a copy, so he has probably shown it to Beatty, but if he has not, I am sure he would be glad to see it. They also have one on "Monthly Business Conditions" page 23, written by the General Manager of Barclays Bank, Limited.

No doubt, you have seen a copy of the new Monthly Booklet we are issuing, but unless we can get really good writers on different Articles, it will be nothing more or less than a Bulletin, as far as I can see, which information can be obtained

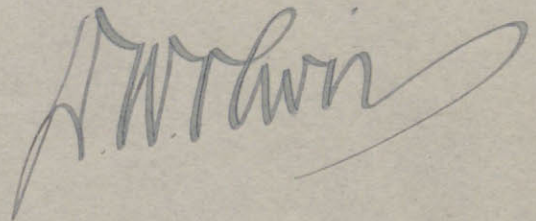
Continuation of letter to Sir Arthur Currie dated 14th April, 1926.

from Messrs. R.G. Dun and Company, Bradstreets and the National City, New York, etc.

It was delightful seeing you the other night and I enjoyed myself ever so much.

Stadler was in the Railway accident - I had a letter from him, saying he was cut around the head, leg and arms, but his Wife was bruised all over and could not move in bed for several days. They left for Corner Brook I think about Saturday last. He is only going to stay there until sometime in May, he is then coming here for a few days, when he will go to the Sea-Side for two or three months if possible. He is far the most interesting man I have ever met, except yourself. When I see you I will tell you more about his plans, which are most interesting.

Yours sincerely,



*Stadler would
be a fine addition
to the Directors of
the Bank. I hope other
Bank will protect
him if we do not.*

April 16th, 1926.

D. W. Oliver, Esc.,
Bank of Montreal,
Drummond & St. Catherine Sts. Branch,
Montreal.

My dear Dudley:-

Thank you very much for the magazine you sent me the other day. I read it completely through last evening and was much interested and impressed.

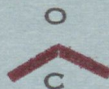
I have not yet seen a copy of the monthly booklet the Bank is issuing. Some time ago the President told us that he intended to issue a monthly report, but your intimation is the first I have had that such had been done. I will inquire about it this morning.

With all good wishes, I am,
dear Dudley,

Yours faithfully,

President: Lt. Col. H. S. Cooper, O.B.E., M.C., M.P.P.

Secretary and Treasurer: ~~W. G. S.~~



ORIGINALS' CLUB

OVERSEAS 1914

~~EDWARD STREET~~

MAIN 2639.

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606. KENT BLDG.

Toronto, Aug; 19th./20.¹⁹²

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

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

It is the intention of this organization to open a Club-house situate on 44I Jarvis St, Toronto. The Club-house is costing us \$20,000.00 and will be managed and run on modern and up-to-date social lines. It is felt that its influence will be of a far reaching character, and will supply a really ideal Club-house or home for any member of that glorious "FIRST CONTINGENT" resident or visiting in Toronto. The purport of this letter is to ascertain if by any chance you might be available for a visit to Toronto in between the period of Sept 1st-11th 1920. for the purpose of formally opening the Club-house for occupation. I need hardly say Sir that you as our Hon President alone would be conferring a real favor on us by so doing, but also in the capacity of our late Commander and well-beloved Chief it would confer an added dignity to our organization. Your welcome is assured in advance. May I be favored with your remarks in this connection please?

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

Er Patterson Capt;
Secretary-Treasurer.
Ex- P.P.C.I.I.

53
September
Fourth
1920.

Capt. C.W. Patterson,
Sec.-Treas. Originals' Club,
606 Kent Building,
Toronto.

My dear Patterson:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 19th, in which you have done me the honour of asking me to take part in the ceremonies consequent upon the opening of the Originals' new Club House.

I have delayed answering your letter in the hope that I might reply favorably. I have always been very pleased to be associated with the Originals' Club, and have always been glad to learn of their activities. I had hoped to visit the Toronto Exhibition next week, but first one thing and then another makes my being able to get away more uncertain. On Monday the Presidents of the different Canadian Clubs in Canada are meeting in Montreal and I have promised to speak to them. On Wednesday the representatives of the Graduates' Societies of McGill congregate here, and I want to meet them; so that it is hardly possible for me to say definitely whether I can spend any time in Toronto next week or not.

You can well appreciate the concern with which I have accepted the Principalship of this University. The work is strange to anything in which I have been engaged before and I find it requires all my time, thought and

Capt. C.W. Patterson, - 2 -

attention to familiarize myself with the policy and the needs of the University. The fall term is soon opening and there is a great deal to do.

I thank you most cordially for the invitation and I would like you to convey to the Executive my sincere appreciation of their courtesy in asking me to go, and my regret in having to refuse their request.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Principal.

January
Twenty-eighth
1921.

David Hunter, Esq.,
Treasurer, The Originals' Club,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith cheque
for \$3.50 for dues from June 30, 1920, to
March 31st, 1921.

As I do not know the address of
the Club I am sending it care of Colonel Cooper.

Yours faithfully..

Major W. F. ORR, M.C., President.
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TORONTO, *April 12th* 1921

To *General Sir Arthur Currie K.C.M.G. etc.*
% McGill University, Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir and Bro:—

As a member of The Originals' Club you must be interested in the payments that are necessary for us to make against the mortgage on our club property, St. Julien House, 441 Jarvis Street. I therefore, make no apology in addressing this personal letter to you.

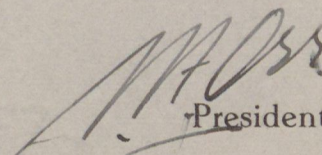
There is now due a payment of \$1500.00, and in order to meet this we must immediately obtain purchasers for sixty of our 5½% 2nd Mortgage Bonds, which we are now prepared to issue. Can you purchase one or more of these bonds? If you can I will appreciate receipt of the enclosed application, together with your cheque to cover by return mail.

I would point out, that in addition to assisting the Club over a temporary financial difficulty, you will be participating in a sound investment with a reasonable return.

On receipt of your cheque the trustees (Lt.-Col. H. S. Cooper, O.B.E., M.C., M.P.P.: Lt.-Col. C. H. Rogers and Major A. Gillies, D.C.M.) will forward your bond or bonds by registered post.

Yours sincerely

W.F.O.



President Originals' Club

N.B.—Kindly make cheques payable to
CHAS. H. ROGERS & CO. (Treasurers to the Trustees.)

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TORONTO, June 12 1921.

2/4 Lt Gen Sir A.W. Currie K.C.B.
McGill College
Montreal Que.

Dear Sir,

attached please find
your cheque for \$7⁰⁰ which you omitted
to sign, there was no doubt an
oversight; would you please sign
same & return.

Sincerely

Yours truly

N. L. Yearwood

Treasurer

52
June
Fourteenth
1921.

Capt. N. L. Yearwood, M.C.,
Treasurer, The Originals' Club,
St. Julien House,
441 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith cheque for
\$7.00 signed by Sir Arthur Currie.

I very much regret the oversight
and trust that you have not been inconvenienced
thereby.

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

December
Thirteenth
1921.

Major W. F. Orr, M.C.,
441 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Orr:-

Thank you very much for your letter
of the 10th enclosing membership card of the
Originals' Club.

I congratulate you on the success
of your efforts in getting a Club House of your
own.

Yours faithfully,

9th March, 1921.

Brig.-General Dan Ormond,
G.O.C., M.D.12,
Regina, Sask.

My dear Dan,

I am going to trouble you to get some information for me. One of the students at McGill owns a quarter section of land near North Battleford. He has not seen this property, but he is anxious to find out what its value is and whether there is any possibility of selling it in the near future. To complete his education here, he feels that he may have to take this step.

The land is N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7-45-15, West 3rd M. It is situated about eight miles from North Battleford and is valued for taxation purposes at \$2,000. It has had this valuation for five years, and in fact it was purchased for this amount nearly twelve years ago. You will probably know somebody in North Battleford who can look this property up and can give us an idea of what it should be worth and whether it could command ready sale. So far the property has cost \$2,700., but I believe the owner would let it go for less than that.

I will appreciate very much any information you can get concerning this.

I heard that you were in Ottawa recently, and am sorry you did not have the time to come to Montreal.

I shall also be interested in hearing how the Chair for the Prevention of War goes.

Has Mrs. Ormond joined you in Regina?

9th March, 1921.

How is our friend, Moore, getting on ?

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

No. GOC.Ns."C"

Regina Saskatchewan,
30th March, 1921.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

Just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant. I did not get back from Ottawa until the 18th of the month, after which I had to go to Saskatoon for two days, so that there has been considerable delay in getting the system working to give you the information about the land. I spoke to Lt. Colonel F.J. O'Leary (late S.C. 1st Brigade Engineers) and he is having one of his men make a valuation which will be authentic. I shall write you at further length on receipt of this information. In the meantime I am endeavouring to catch up with back correspondence.

With best wishes to Lady Currie and yourself and family,

Yours very sincerely,

J. M. O'Leary

Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG.KCB.,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

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May
May
Seventeenth
1921.

Brigadier-General D. M. Ormond, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

My dear Ormond:-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 14th and for the trouble to which you have gone in getting me the report on the section of land.

I am much interested in what you tell me concerning the revival of interest in the Militia in your district. I was glad to see that the Minister strongly opposed the effort to unite your district to one of the others. Such a policy would have been unwise, I am sure, and had it been done would only have to be undone in a very short time.

I am sure you are glad to get your family together again. I am sorry, but I cannot agree with you in your statement that Regina appears to be the most expensive place in Canada in which to live. It may appear to be but I know that Montreal is.

I am leaving for England about the 16th of June to attend a Congress of the Universities of the Empire. I intend going over to France and having another look around the places which were once so familiar.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

No. GOC. Ms. "C"

Regina Saskatchewan,
14th May, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I regret the delay in forwarding you report on the north east of 7-45-15 W3. Same came to hand yesterday and is enclosed herewith, and will speak for itself.

Militia matters in this District have been receiving considerable attention at Ottawa, but have been well supported by the Minister. The opportunities for recruiting are better than I have ever seen them in my experience with the Active Militia, and I can organize and recruit five more Units than have been authorised, although I have high hopes that three Battalions of Infantry will be authorised immediately. I have two Batteries of Artillery fully recruited, but apparently the equipment is not available. The keenness shown in rural districts is quite remarkable, and it is difficult to restrain one's self, knowing that men are available, but that money is not.

My family are in Portage la Prairie where we have a couple of houses, and will spend the summer at Lake Manitoba. I have hopes of leasing a house here from the 1st June. This appears to be the most expensive place in Canada in which to live.

With best regards to Lady Currie and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG.KCB.
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

No.....

Regina

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My dear Sir Arthur,

Seizing time by the forelock, I shall take up my delayed letter to you, it has been daily in my mind but at the moments when I had the time to write I had not the materials. Many thanks for your kind congratulations over my appointment as Hon A.D.C. to His Ex. - I was very pleased, but very very much surprised as I fancied that he would have selected more junior people, but I am immensely pleased about it.

I just returned from Moscow Jaw, where I saw Lux and had a long chat with him, in fact I see him quite often, but he is too single minded even for me, his needle needs de-magnetizing or un-detonating or some radical operation, his mind is unusually retentive

along some ² lines and last evening he regaled us with that touching poem by one Ross Napier concerning the gyrations of a certain little fly, that departed itself in the locality of Petit Port Férme in the summer of '15, you may be able to recall the "opus".

In the course of conversation at a dinner given me by the officers of the 2nd Bn DSR (46057) Lux told me about his work on his War Experiences and nonconfessions, and stated that some weeks ago he had written to you asking you to censor the first two chapters and to write a preface, he says ^{that} he has had no acknowledgement and is wondering why, he has not shown any of the work to me but I fancy it's a sort of Margotism - lest the wit and humor.

a week ago Sat. eve I was at a dinner given to me by the Secy of the G.W.V.A., (which seems

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

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to be coming down to earth) and the 5 year period would seem to be about the time required for their cooling off. I had a short chat with MacNeil and he spoke very nicely of you, and as if they were counting on your weight at no distant date, he said that you would be heard from before long with all returned men backing up anything you proposed - or words to that effect. I did not tell him that many of us expect you to be the premier of Canada before long, whether you want it or not.

I have heard many comments on your Philadelphia speech and many people consider it to be epoch making. We enjoyed it very much and were glad to see it sent out so wide.

My wife has just come in, and sends her love to you and yours.

Out O. T. ⁴6. at the University
has been a real success
the written exams for the
W.O. are taking place today
They have done well in their
other work, and are 166 strong
this year with over one-
third less students than last
year owing to bad crops.

Must now close off
with very best regards
to dear old Paul Tuder who
is doing a good job here
and is liked by everybody
he meets

Very sincerely yours
Dan Osmond

dictated but not
re-read some

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CANADA

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY DISTRICT No. 12
REGINA, SASK.

My dear Sir Arthur, 20th 1924

For some time I have intended writing you about different little matters to give you information that might be of interest. And now going back to Sept. last. - as you are aware the G.W.V.A. had run out its allotted span of five years - which some people estimated would be its life under the methods it used. As per schedule it went "fut". In the fall of 1919 I joined at Platteville and was made Hon. Pres. of that branch, by "working" many of my friends, I got the Plat. Club premises turned over to the G.W.V.A., it was a completely furnished place, and worth about \$22,000⁰⁰ - it ran for a

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bit, but died of too good
treatment, leaving a small
amount of indebtedness
which is now wiped
off - but the premises
went back to the club,
which may again
function, as ~~Manitoba~~
is no longer an arid belt.

When I came here they
asked me to transfer,
which I did not do, as
I saw that they would
be asking for things
that I could not grant,
they would slant me
for not giving way to them,
if I did belong, so that
I might just as well
retain my freedom and
get slanted anyway. Then
they came on hard times
and approached me in
quite an altered tone so
I transferred last fall,
and within a week they
brought around a
letter for me to sign making
an appeal to the troops.

This was alright, and Embury, Ross, Dyer, Dufford, and myself all signed, they made a great effort and raised enough money to stick it out, but it is a dying show. The few who now belong are all out for what they can get out of it. The ex-officers who belong here now freely admit the position.

On the other hand there is a growing demand for ex-C.E.T. men in this area for some organization that will bring them together socially, and they are quite willing and keen to come in on a natural basis, giving to each the status he held in the C.E.T. or any added improvement he has made in his military or social position. It looks to me as if in the course of two or three years that the C.E.T. will be re-organized or out of existence, there will then be room for a new show

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along the lines, of the one outlined by J.A. Clark of Nancouner - that is an organization into which each member would come with the rank he held in the C.O.F.

There has been a very marked change in the attitude of the ex-C.O.F. man, they realize that the people who accepted the responsibility during the war, are doing it in a marked degree today and are the best people to help them out both financially and socially.

They certainly did all they could to belittle the ex-officer after the war, and in most cases now regret it.

We have noted from time to time the rumor that you might be asked to go to Washington, we are interested, and if such a situation arises, all want you to be the one to start it off.

Sir Archie Mac. has been having his troubles, and one fears that he may go to extremes. Arnold, the father and Arnold, the son are a pair, I know them both, the father is a priceless — — — — —, the son has unusual ability but is too fresh. The father came to me before anything was known except the absence of the son, he had first gone to see Embury, who passed him on to me. Arnold had very straight statements on the situation, and but felt himself in a weak position, he then wanted to get out of the mess with the least possible fuss. Unfortunately Sir Archie Mac. gave that talk to a newspaper man, which clearly intimates that young Arnold was a

bit of a liar. Arnold
Sr. then began his newspaper
campaign, and of
course the results have
been against ~~the~~ the
R.M.C. to some extent.

Arnold Sr. came in
to see me the day before
yesterday, having been
sent by Sir Archie Mac.
Arnold showed me the
copy of his letter to Sir
Archie, which contained
some very rotten stuff,
and one is amazed
to think that a whole
recruit class would
stand for it, it also
speaks voluminously for
the lack of morals of
the rising generation,
it was not the universal
lack of sex morals so
much as the absolute
filth of the show. I'm
pretty tough - but they
are past me by a
long way. I can only
fancy that some of

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the ideas must have been gleaned from the American Frats. House visited by Cadets when on their various journeys to West Point or some such show.

From what Arnold tells me Sir Archie is going to change the whole system, and do away with fagging etc. - of course he may take time to think it over, but if he were to carry out all the changes of which Arnold told me, in my opinion he would be going too far. One knows how delicate the situation is but Sir Archie needs friends, who can help him steady the ship.

Outside of the filthy part of some of the silly shows the seniors went to extremes, having an idea that they were going to turn out the smartest recruit class, the R.M.C. ever had, and using methods

contrary to the Commd's orders. There was no reason for so much fuss as I have admitted to you, but the interview to the press by Sir Archie started the fireworks. It is most regrettable, but may have eventual good.

I fully expect to see you in Ottawa next month, if they have the funds to take us down. They have assuredly cut the show down to the absolute minimum.

With best regards

Yours sincerely
Sam M'Donald

September 9th, 1924.

Brigadier-General D. M. Ormond, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Military District No. 12,
Regina, Sask.

My dear Ormond:-

I should have answered long ago the letter you so kindly wrote me last March, but you know how easy it is to put things off.

I was sorry that I was unable to attend the Vimy dinner at Ottawa. I know what enjoyable affairs they are and particularly does His Ex enjoy them. He is coming to Montreal to attend an Officers' dinner to be given on the evening of Armistice Day. I haven't seen him for some time. I was to have gone to Ottawa in June to spend a week-end with him, but was prevented for some reason or other, which I have just forgotten. Certainly we have never had a Governor General who took his job more seriously than Byng. From everything I can learn I consider that he has done well. Don't you? Though if a suggestion is made that he be given a second term I hope he will refuse. I believe it would be a great mistake for him even to indicate any willingness whatever to stay on for any period over that allotted.

I have just had staying with me for a few days Colonel Sandy Urquhart. He is now with Bill Herridge in Ottawa and after a short visit in Toronto leaves there next Saturday night for the Coast. You will be delighted to know that his operation has been a complete success, that the wound has healed for the first time in six years and that he can confidently look forward to taking up some active and useful work in life. Urquhart has made

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a most gallant fight for his health and deserves this good fortune. Had this failed I think he could not have held out much longer as he had begun to feel that the life he would be forced to live would be a most useless one and nothing but a burden to himself and to his friends. Bill Herridge is making the trip to the Coast with him. Perhaps if his train goes through Regina at a convenient hour you might possibly see him. I know it would please them both.

In your letter you spoke of old Mac and his trouble with the Arnolds. As you know I was one of a special committee who investigated the matter. I think that the R.M.C. will be all the better for the row. No doubt Mac's impetuosity resulted in increased publicity. When I first heard of it I said to my wife that I should telephone to him at once and tell him to keep his mouth shut. Had I done so I would have been in time provided he paid attention to me. However, had things been glossed over perhaps the house-cleaning would have been imperfectly done.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

CANADA

Regina
Dec 19/27

Dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for the trouble you have gone to for me on Mrs Gate's behalf. She has some sort of a job to keep her till spring, in the mean time she will send forward her application to the C.P.R.

I'm a poor judge of ages & but from odd remarks etc. I fancy that she is 35 to 37, of very good appearance, and can hold her own in the "best circles" etc. etc.

² I'm sure that he
would pass on
all counts.

My delay in
writing has been
due to my search
through such things
as I have on hand,
to fix the date of the
conversation which
you mention. —

I do remember the
conversation very
well, the sort of day
and the approximate
time — but in your
letter you mentioned
that it took place about
the Thursday before
Armistice — this has
put me on my ingwits
~~and~~ as I placed it
much later — you see
days of the week did
not mean much to
us — and I fix all

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periods or happenings
by dates - or days of
the month, but knowing
your memory so well
it has bothered me, so
I have been digging a
bit -

Thursday was 7th 7th
- we (9th 3rd) were at
Omaning on the road
to Wons. My recollection
does not recall seeing
you there - then the
P.O.W. had tea with me
on the 8th at the same
place - but we moved
to THULIN on the 9th which
was a bright sunny
day - the 7th + 8th were
dull + misty - and
my memory tells me
that it was Sat. the
9th that we had the
chat - I have a vivid
picture of seeing you
that day - and could

4 go to the spot, but
I cannot place
seeing you on the
7th and am sure
that I did not see
you on the 8th then
on the 6th we were
moving up to Onondaga.
— If I am mistaken
in this your record
of your moves will
show — in any event
the day of the week
or month does not really
matter — I do not
remember the words
that passed between
us and could not
quote you — but I
clearly remember the
gist of the conversation
and your — what appeared
to me — optimism —
for I for one did not
look for the Amish to
come on the 11th.

— for the Basch seemed too well organized, and I fancied that he was beating it for a shorter line farther back where he could hold us up till spring—

When you mentioned keeping down casualties, the impression it left with me was, how few there could be as compared with ~~old~~ previous times — and I'd admit that it seemed worth a lot to me to get not less than 15,000 yards beyond mms as soon as possible — so that it would be out of 5.9 range — I'd have taken long chances to have

6 pushed Fritz back -
in fact on the morning
of the 11th Louis Younger
- Rumpf my orderly
officer - the Ford driver
and myself were going
along ^{in the gap} when some belated,
or cheeky Fritz took
a poke at us a couple
of times at about 400
yards - we were a bit
ahead of the troops -
to the north of Trons.
You see were sore
because Clarke had
issued an order of some
sort keeping the 9th
Bde out of Trons until
after 7.00 am. on the 11th
when we were to go
through and lay out
the final line - before
we could get a reply from
Gen. Loomis which

spoiled Clarke's raid,
we pushed off anyway
going around mine
on both sides - except
for the 43rd which reached
through. Clarke was just
a little cheap over that
part of the show -
the works were his
anyway.

— So while I do
not remember the exact
words that passed
between us, I was impressed
with - or pondered over
your injunction - which
I'll admit did not bother
me much - I was
always ready to pay
for anything that I
~~thought~~ believed was worth
the price - and so far
as I know - never paid
too much - you'll remember
when raiding was the
fashion - that I wouldn't
raid until I knew "why".

8/ and if ~~we were~~ it looked
as if we would get fair
returns - the ~~only~~ raises
put on by the 10th during
my day got the result that
we were after - it may
be shameful to admit
that we only did two in
my day.

There was never waste
of men in the 2nd Bde nor
the 1st Div in your day -
nor in the Corps after
you got it - but before
that a lot of things took
place in the 4th Div. that
made runners - and perhaps
made us slower in the
1st Div. - to make a "splash"

I personally like to
take a close up poke
at the swine who printed
the stuff. I've only seen
newspaper copies of your
statement of claim and
their statement of defence
so do not know what
they actually published.

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Best regards
Yours sincerely
Dawsonmond

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CHIVALRIC ORDER, KNIGHTS CRUSADERS
OF CANADA

Box 664,
General Post Office.
TORONTO, 21 April 1924.

General Sir Arthur Currie KCMG, etc.
% Mc Gill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur :-

You have no doubt read with interest the institution of the Chivalric Order, Knights Crusaders of Canada, and it is to discuss matters pertaining to this Order, that I address you.

We Old Veterans are very much interested in the life and progress of our Old Corps Commander, and we feel that his success is also our success, so wrapped up are we in the Great days of the past when we all stood on common ground as Soldiers of His Majesty the King. Therefore, Sir, let me on behalf of the Order wish you continued success and good health.

Perhaps, if you will bear with me, it would not be amiss if I would briefly explain just here, the aims, objects and tenements of the Order. As you know the Order of Crusaders was formed first in England in memory of the Unknown Soldier, who rests in all honour in Westminster Abbey, and is the first Knight Grand Commander of the Order.

In Canada the Order is established for the self same purpose as in the Old Land, with differences only as dictated by the internal conditions of the two countries. The Order is a Secret, Fraternal, Patriotic, non-sectarian Christian Order, to which only

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able bodied Veterans who have served in His Majesty's Forces in a War Area can belong, providing, of course, that they also conform to high moral principals and integrity. The idea of the Order is to bring the Veteran who is willing to again serve, from the darkness of and following demobilization, back to the bright light of discipline and service. The Order knows no Rank but the respect due our leaders, and this equality within its portals is symbolized by the cloak, covering from "neck to heel". The Organization of the Order is as follows:-

1. The Grand Consistory (where all the ceremonial work of the 4th degree of the Order is given, the supreme body of the Order in Canada)
- The Grand Staff Council (a committee which attends to all the business of the Order that no contentious matter may arise to disturb the peace of the Grand Consistory).
- The Grand Camp Fire (where members of the Order gather together in good fellowship and entertain their guests, listen to talks and lectures by prominent men of our nation that we may better know how to govern ourselves as citizens of Canada, as part of the great British Empire.

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2. { The Pro-Grand Conclave (The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Order, governing within the borders of its respective Province.
The Pro-Grand Staff Council.
The Pro-Grand Camp Fire

3. { The Assembly (The local lodge of the Order) which confers the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees of the order, symbolizing 1st. Service and discipline, 2nd Co-operation, 3rd Love of Empire.)
The Staff Council
The Camp Fire

Colonel John A. Currie MPP is the Sir Knight Grand Commander for this year in Canada, and there are now in course of institution some 72 Assemblies throughout Canada, from East to West.

An Assembly has been organized by Veterans graduates of the University of Toronto, with Dr (capt) Russell A. Williams as Knight Commander and its membership is growing very rapidly there now being in the neighborhood of 90 members. The purpose of this letter is to start a similar Assembly in connection with the Veterans of McGill University

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and the Order will consider it a great favour, Sir, if you can assist by selecting an Officer Veteran Graduate of McGill now resident in Montreal to whom you can hand the enclosed papers for purpose of organizing such an Assembly. The name of Veteran has fallen very low in Canada, as elsewhere, and it is the first duty of this Order to so select its members and conduct its actions that the name of Veteran will be placed where it should be, on the highest plane befitting the first citizens of our land.

Your forgiveness, Sir Arthur, is asked in thus troubling you with such a long letter, for reasons that are evident, in the hope and knowledge that the Order will accomplish that for which it has set its mark. It is hoped that you, Sir, will also become identified with the Order, and it would be fitting for me to suggest that you take the Office of Knight Commander of McGill Assembly, pending institution, when you can retire to the Office of Immediate Past Knight Commander. This will entail little effort on your part from your many duties, but will pave the way to the day when we look to you becoming the Knight Grand Commander in Canada.

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In closing, Sir, let me again wish you health to progress in your great work which has such an influence for good, and for the progress of our Dominion as the brightest gem in the Crown of Empire.

Yours for the right.

W. F. Orr
Grand Governor.

N. B.:-

The fees are, for joining, not less than \$10⁰⁰ or more than \$25⁰⁰. In the Toronto University Assembly the fee is \$20⁰⁰ which is probably high enough at present. Ten (10) members are necessary to form an assembly and \$5⁰⁰ for each member joining the Order must be sent to the "Grand Consistory" War Chest.

W. F. O.

February 26th, 1925.

Thomas Mott Osborne, Esq.,
Auburn, New York.

My dear Mr. Osborne:-

Thank you very much for
your note of February 24th.

I shall look forward with
much pleasure to the book on Prisons which you
are sending to me. It has not yet arrived but
I am sure it will prove most interesting.

I enjoyed your lecture at
McGill very much and am sorry I did not see more
of you while you were in the city.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE
AUBURN, NEW YORK

February 24, 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

First: I wish to thank you for the honor of your presence upon the platform last Tuesday afternoon.

Second: I am sending you a copy of a small book of mine on prisons into which I hope you may find time to glance - when you have nothing better to read.

Yours very sincerely,

T. M. Osborne

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Imperial War Graves Commission

CANADIAN AGENCY

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SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY

WOODS BUILDING,
OTTAWA, CANADA

Nov.19, 1925.

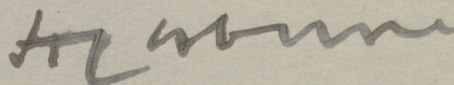
Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,
Office of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Bovey,-

Sir Fabian Ware thought that Sir Arthur Currie might be interested to read his address to the Empire Club, Toronto. I am accordingly sending it and shall be obliged if you will return it to me when Sir Arthur is through with it as it is my only copy.

You will observe that there is an extra paragraph inserted at page 11 in the place marked with a star.

Yours sincerely,



(Colonel H.C. Osborne)
Secretary, I.W.G.C. (Canada)

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November 26th, 1925.

Colonel H. C. Osborne,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
Woods Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Sir Arthur Currie I am returning herewith copy of Sir Fabian Ware's address to the Empire Club of Toronto, which you kindly sent him.

Sir Arthur wishes me to thank you and to say that he read it with much interest.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

January
Fifth
1920.

R. R. Osgoode, Esq.,
St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Mr. Osgoode:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of December 29th.

I have written to the Hon. F.B.
McCurdy, Minister of the Department of Public
Works. This is the Department which, I under-
stand, has to do with the acquisition of
paintings and works of Art. I have attached
to my letter the recommendations of your work
which were enclosed in your letter to me. I
hope the Committee advising the Government
will accept your paintings.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

St. Thomas Dec. 29th /20,

Sir Arthur Currie

President McGill University
Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

As I was desirous of having the Government purchase some of my pictures for the Art-Museum Ottawa I spoke to Hon. T. W. Brothers about it; he told me that a word from you, would have more weight than from anyone else, as you possess one of my paintings, (that given to you by the City of St. Thomas) I thought you might say a word for me, or forward this to Ottawa, with some comment of your own if you thought my case worthy. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal

R. R. Osgood
St. Thomas
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P.S. Please find enclosed letters from some of my officers in France, who knew how and under what circumstances, the pictures were made
R.R.S.

January
Fifth
1921.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy,
Minister of Public Works,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. McCurdy:-

Mr. R.R. Osgoode of St. Thomas,
Ont. is desirous of bringing to the notice of
the Government some pictures which he painted
while serving with the Canadian Corps in France.

I have seen one which was a most
faithful portrayal of the scene it was supposed
to represent. I am forwarding herewith certain
letters received by Mr. Osgoode, which all go to
show the high estimation in which his works are
held. They also certify to the fact that he
painted the scenes on the spot.

I hope the Committee which advises
your Department in matters of this kind will give
all consideration to his request.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ottawa January 7th, 1921.

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

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I wish to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of 5th instant regarding
Mr. R.R. Osgoode of St. Thomas.

I shall have pleasure in
immediately referring the matter to the
Advisory Arts Council, and shall ask them
to give the representations their most
careful consideration.

With kind regards and best wishes
for the New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Curdy

Ponca City, Oklahoma.

January 14th 1922.

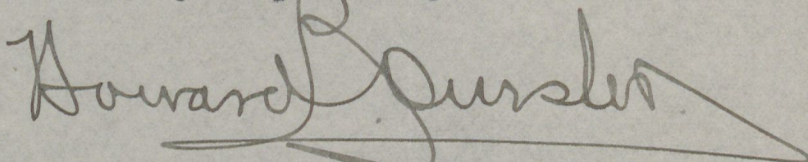
My Dear General;

I have quite an extensive private collection of the autographs of famous military leaders since our Civil War in 1861, to which I am very anxious to add yours.

The unusually distinguished service which you rendered in behalf of your country, and of civilization, during the World's War, greatly enhances my desire for your favorable consideration of this request.

Please accept in advance, General, the expression of my thanks, with the assurance of my very highest appreciation.

Very Respectfully,



Major, U. S. Army. Reserve.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Canadian War Office,
Ottawa, Canada.

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January
Eighteenth
1922.

Major Howard B. Cursler,
Ponca City,
Oklahoma, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of January 14th, in which you do me
the honour of asking for my autograph.

I have much pleasure in forwarding
same herewith and thank you for the kind words
contained in your letter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Ponca City, Oklahoma.

May 20th 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur;

You were very kind indeed, upon my request, to send me your autograph which I received last January, and for which I am very grateful. For a long time, I have hesitated again to address you, but I am doing so in the hope that you may, Sir Arthur, agree with me, that the effort is worthy of trial.

Some months ago I addressed a similar request to the Governor General, Sir Julian Byng, and received a very courteous reply from his private secretary saying that Sir Julian could not comply with such a request coming from one, of whom he was not acquainted. I appreciate the circumstances.

Knowing of the military associations of Sir Arthur and Sir Julian, I write in the hope that you may have a signature of Sir Julian Byng which you would allow me, for my collection.

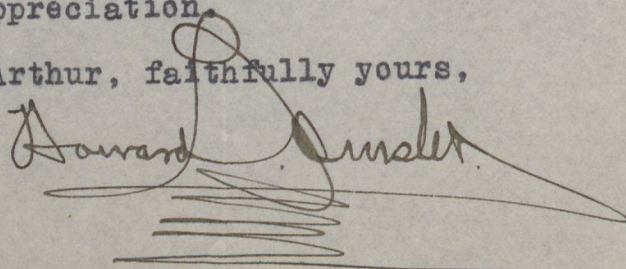
I am looking forward to publishing in reference book form the autographs and brief biographies of the World's War leaders, and I sincerely hope that I may be able to secure Sir Julian's with your assistance, either through an appeal by you to Sir Julian or in the hope that you may have a signature that may not be too valuable to you, to be spared.

Please accept my thanks in advance, Sir Arthur, with assurances of my very highest appreciation.

Believe me, dear Sir Arthur, faithfully yours,
Sir Arthur W. Currie,

Mc Gill University,

Montreal, Canada.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Currie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sir Arthur W. Currie". Below the signature, there are several horizontal lines, possibly representing a stamp or a signature strip.

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May 26th, 1922.

Major Howard B. Cursler,
Division Quartermaster,
95th Reserve Division,
Ponca City,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20th and regret that there is nothing I can do to help you procure a signature from Lord Byng.

Knowing from your letter that Lord Byng refused to send you his autograph because he was not acquainted with you, I consider it would be a breach of friendship on my part were I to send you his signature taken from private correspondence in my possession.

Yours faithfully,