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O' CONNOR,

MAJ. WILLIS

KENNETH A. GREENE

IRVINE G. ROBERTSON

GREENE & ROBERTSON
BROKERS

INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE
HOPE CHAMBERS

TELEPHONE QUEEN 1990

OTTAWA, ONT. July 9th, 1920.

Major H. W. O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Woods Building,
30 Slater Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

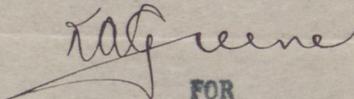
Dear Willis:

We enclose herewith Interim Receipt No.
51017, Canada Security Assurance Co., covering
General Currie's personal effects, while located
in the Woods Building for \$2000. The policy will
be sent you shortly.

Yours faithfully,

IGR:F

Encl.


FOR
GREENE & ROBERTSON

THIS RECEIPT IS GUARANTEED BY
NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED
OF NORWICH, ENGLAND



CANADA SECURITY

ASSURANCE COMPANY

TORONTO BRANCH
NORWICH UNION BUILDING
TORONTO

JOHN B. LAIDLAW
PRESIDENT & MANAGER
SIR JAMES LOUGHEED
VICE PRESIDENT

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SUM INSURED \$ 2000.00	PREMIUM \$ to be named	TERM 12 mos.	FROM NOON July 8th, 19 20	TO NOON July 8th, 19 21	INTERIM RECEIPT No. 51017
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In Consideration of the above Premium
the **CANADA SECURITY ASSURANCE COMPANY** agrees to
indemnify GENERAL SIR A. W. CURRIE, against
loss or damage by fire to an amount not exceeding the above Sum Insured for the term above stated subject
to the conditions of the Company's Policy, which will be issued if the risk be approved on full particulars
thereof being received. This protection not to extend beyond Thirty Days from the date hereof and may be
cancelled previous to the issue of a Policy by notice in writing from the Agent or Head Office, and the
return to the assured of a proportionate part of the premium paid.
This receipt will not be valid when issued for insurance on Vacant Unoccupied or Silent Manufacturing
property. Unless specially allowed in writing the storage of Hazardous Goods is strictly prohibited

LOSS IF ANY PAYABLE TO Assured.

PROPERTY INSURED AND LOCATION

Personal Effects, Woods Building, 30 Slater
St., Ottawa. Goad's Plan S 34, B 205, #30.

GREENE & ROBERTSON

W. A. Greene
AGENT

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KENNETH A. GREENE

IRVINE G. ROBERTSON

**GREENE & ROBERTSON
BROKERS**

INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE
HOPE CHAMBERS

TELEPHONE QUEEN 1990

OTTAWA, ONT. July 12th, 1920.

Major H. W. O'Connor,
Woods Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Willis:

We enclose herewith Policy No. 501180,
Canada Security Assurance Company, for \$2000.00
on personal effects, contained in the Woods Building,
of Sir A. W. Currie.

When Sir Arthur moves his effects to
Montreal we can keep the insurance in effect on
them at the new location if he so desires and,
of course, we would desire to do so very much.

Yours faithfully,

KAG:F

GREENE & ROBERTSON

KAG
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Encl.

ONTARIO

CANADA SECURITY ASSURANCE CO.

THIS POLICY IS GUARANTEED BY
NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED
OF NORWICH, ENGLAND.



Policy No. **501180**

Assured **General Sir A. W. Currie**

Amount \$ **2000.00**

Premium \$ **13.00**

Expires **July 8th, 1921.**

TORONTO BRANCH
NORWICH UNION BUILDING
TORONTO

AGENCY

GREENE & ROBERTSON
INSURANCE REAL ESTATE
PHONE Q. 1990
HOPE CHAMBERS OTTAWA

THIS POLICY IS GUARANTEED BY
NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED
OF NORWICH, ENGLAND



CANADA SECURITY

ASSURANCE COMPANY

JOHN B. LAIDLAW
PRESIDENT & MANAGER
SIR JAMES LOUGHEED
VICE-PRESIDENT

T. B. REDDING
SECRETARY

AGENCY Greene & Robertson, Ottawa.

POLICY NO 501180.

REPLACING INTERIM RECEIPT NO 51017.

REPLACING POLICY NO		CANCELLED	REPLACING POLICY NO		EXPIRED
SUM INSURED	RATE	PREMIUM	TERM	FROM NOON	TO NOON
\$ 2000.	.65	\$ 13.00	12 months	July 8th, 19 20	July 8th, 19 21.

In consideration of the statements, representations and warranties made by the assured and of the assured being governed by the Statutory Conditions and the additions thereto and variations thereof hereinafter set forth and the sum of

Thirteen ----- DOLLARS PREMIUM

the **CANADA SECURITY ASSURANCE COMPANY** hereby insures
(hereinafter called "the assured")
GENERAL SIR A. W. CURRIE,
in manner hereinafter appearing against direct loss or damage by fire for the TERM OF twelve MONTHS
FROM THE eighth DAY OF July, 19 20, AT NOON
TO THE eighth DAY OF July, 19 21 AT NOON
to the property hereinafter described (but subject to the conditions stipulations and warranties contained in this policy to the
AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND ----- DOLLARS, namely :

FORM ATTACHED HERETO
is made part of this contract

Form No. 2

MERCANTILE BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS

1. \$ Nil On the building only of the 6 story building built of steel, frame and brick construction, roofed with composition and its additions communicating and in contact therewith, foundations, landlords' permanent fittings and fixtures attached thereto and forming part thereof including frescoes and plate glass, only while occupied as offices by the Militia Department and known as Wood's Building,
(State kind of business)
situate and being No. 30 on the south side of Slater Street
in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario.
Storm doors and windows, door and window screens and shutters belonging thereto are also held covered while contained in the above described building or on the premises.
2. \$ Nil On rents or rental value of the building described above, subject to the conditions of the rent clause attached hereto.
3. \$ Nil On Stock in trade consisting principally of
(State kind of stock)
only while contained in the above described building.
4. \$ Nil On trade and office furniture, fixtures (other than landlords fixtures) fittings, utensils, and on all other trade and office contents excluding stock in trade and patterns, all only while contained in, or on, above described building.
5. \$ 2000. On Household Furniture, supplies and personal effects (including paintings, sculpture, curiosities, works of art, articles of vertu, all at not exceeding cost), plate, plated ware, jewellery, scientific and musical instruments, clocks, watches, trinkets and mirrors, the property of the Assured or of any members of the Assured's family, all in private use and only while contained in the above described building.
Not exceeding ten per cent of the amount of this item may at the option of the Assured be held to cover the personal effects of guests and servants, loss, if any, to be adjusted with and payable to the Assured named in this policy.
6. \$ On the building only of the story building built of
roofed with and its additions, communicating and in contact therewith,
only while occupied as and situate
7. \$ On contents of last above described building consisting of
only while contained in last above described building
8. \$ On
Subject to 80% Co-Insurance Clause attached.

Insurance map reference: Vol. 1 Sheet 34 Block 205 No. 30.

\$ 2000.00 Loss, if any, on buildings only, payable to

subject nevertheless to all the terms and conditions of this policy.
Further insurance, warranted concurrent herewith, as follows:—

No insurance attaches under any of the above items unless an amount is specified and inserted in the blank immediately preceding the wording of the item.
This insurance does not cover motor vehicles unless specifically mentioned.
Permission granted to make ordinary alterations or repairs, not to exceed fifteen days at any one time, but it is understood that extraordinary alterations, repairs, or additions are prohibited without notice to and the consent of this Company obtained in writing.
LIGHTNING AND ELECTRICAL CURRENT CLAUSE:—This policy also covers loss or damage caused by lightning whether fire ensues therefrom or not, but if dynamos, exciters, lamps, switches, motors or other electrical appliances or devices are insured, any loss or damage to them caused by lightning or other electrical currents, artificial or natural, is expressly excluded, and the Company is liable only for such loss or damage to them as may occur from resultant fire originating outside the machines themselves.

Attached to and forming part of Policy No. 501180 of the Canada Security Assurance Company.

GREENE & ROBERTSON

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STATUTORY CONDITIONS

DIVISION I.

- 1. If any person insures property, and causes the same to be described otherwise than as it really is to the prejudice of the company, or misrepresents or omits to communicate any circumstance which is material to be made known to the company, in order to enable it to judge of the risk it undertakes, such insurance shall be of no force in respect to the property in regard to which the misrepresentation or omission is made.
2. Any change material to the risk, and within the control or knowledge of the assured, shall avoid the policy as to the part affected thereby, unless the change is promptly notified in writing to the company or its local agent; and the company when so notified may return the unearned portion, if any, of the premium which has been paid for the unexpired period and cancel the policy, or may demand in writing an additional premium, which the assured shall, if he desires the continuance of the policy, forthwith pay to the company; and if he neglects to make such payment forthwith after receiving such demand, the policy shall be no longer in force.
3. If the property insured is assigned without a written permission indorsed hereon by an agent of the company duly authorized for such purpose, the policy shall thereby become void; but this condition does not apply to change of title by succession or by the operation of the law, or by reason of death.
4. Money, books of account, securities for money, and evidences of debt or title, are not insured.
5. If the assured now has any other insurance on any property covered by this policy which is not disclosed to the company or hereafter effects any other insurance thereon without the written assent of the company, he shall not be entitled to recover in excess of sixty per cent. of the loss or damage in respect of such property; but if for any fraudulent purpose the assured does not disclose such other insurance to the company this policy shall be void.
(a) If within two weeks after written notice of such other insurance or of any intended insurance, or after that time and before such other insurance is effected, the company does not dissent by notice in writing to the assured, it shall be deemed to have assented thereto.
6. The company is not liable for the losses following, that is to say:
(a) For the loss of property owned by any other person than the assured, unless the interest of the assured is stated in or upon the policy;
(b) For loss caused by invasion, insurrection, riot, civil commotion, military or usurped power;
(c) Where the insurance is upon buildings or their contents—for loss caused by the want of good and substantial brick or stone or cement chimneys; or by ashes or embers being deposited, with the knowledge and consent of the assured, in wooden vessels; or by stoves or stovepipes being, to the knowledge of the assured, in an unsafe condition or improperly secured;
(d) For loss or damage to goods destroyed or damaged while undergoing any process in or by which the application of fire heat is necessary;
(e) For loss or damage occurring to buildings or to their contents while the buildings are being altered or repaired by carpenters, joiners, plasterers or other workmen, and in consequence thereof, unless permission to execute such repairs has been previously granted in writing, signed by a duly authorized agent of the company, but fifteen days are allowed in each year for incidental alterations or repairs, without such permission;
(f) For loss or damage occurring while petroleum, or rock, earth or coal-oil, camphene, gasoline, burning fluid, benzine, naphtha or any liquid products thereof, or any of their constituent parts (refined coal oil for lighting purposes only, not exceeding five gallons in quantity, or lubricating oil not being crude petroleum nor oil of less specific gravity than required by law for illuminating purposes, not exceeding five gallons in quantity, excepted), or more than twenty-five pounds weight of gunpowder is or are stored or kept by the assured or to his knowledge by any other person under his control, in the building insured or containing the property insured, unless permission is given in writing by the company.
7. Any written notice to the company may be delivered at the head office or chief agency of the company in Ontario, or sent by registered post addressed to the company, its manager or agent, at such head office or chief agency or may be delivered or sent by registered post to an authorized agent of the company.
8. After application for insurance it shall be deemed that any policy sent to the assured is intended to be in accordance with the terms of the application, unless the company points out in writing the particulars wherein the policy differs from the application.
9. In the event of there being any other insurance on property herein described at the time of the happening of any loss or damage in respect thereof, then this company shall be liable only for the payment of a rateable proportion of such loss or damage or of such amount as the assured shall be entitled to recover as provided by Condition No. 5.
10. The company will make good loss or damage caused by the explosion of coal or natural gas in a building not forming part of gas works, and loss or damage by fire caused by any other explosion or loss or damage caused by lightning, whether fire ensues therefrom or not, but if dynamos, exciters, lamps, switches, motors, or other electrical appliances or devices are insured, any loss or damage to them caused by lightning or other electrical currents, artificial or natural, is expressly excluded, and the company is liable only for such loss or damage to them as may occur from resultant fire originating outside the machines themselves.

DIVISION II.

- 11. The insurance may be terminated by the company by giving seven days' notice to that effect, and, if on the cash plan, by tendering therewith a rateable proportion of the premium paid, for the unexpired term, calculated from the termination of the notice, and the policy shall cease after such notice or notice and tender as the case may be, and the expiration of the seven days.
12. The insurance, if, on the cash plan, may also be terminated by the assured by giving written notice to that effect to the company or its authorized agent, in which case the company may retain the customary short rate for the time the insurance has been in force, and shall repay to the assured the balance of the premium paid.
13. No condition of the policy, either in whole or in part, shall be deemed to have been waived by the company, unless the waiver is clearly expressed in writing, signed by an agent of the company.
14. Any officer or agent of the company, who assumes on behalf of the company to enter into any written agreement relating to any matter connected with the insurance, shall be deemed prima facie to be the agent of the company for the purpose.
15. Any written notice to the assured may be by letter delivered to the assured or by registered letter addressed to him at his last post office address notified to the company or where no address is notified and the address is not known, addressed to him at the post office of the agency, if any, from which the application was received.

DIVISION III.

- 16. Where property insured is only partially damaged, no abandonment of the same will be allowed unless by the consent of the company or its agent; and in case of removal of property to prevent damage thereto, the company will contribute to the loss and expenses attending such act of salvage proportionately to the respective interests of the company or companies and the assured; and that part of this policy in excess of its proportion of any loss and of the value of the property remaining in the original location, shall, for the ensuing seven days only or for the unexpired term of the policy if less than seven days, cover the property so removed in the new location or locations in the proportion, that the value in any one such new location bears to the value in all such new locations.
17. Subject to condition 19 proof of loss must be made by the assured, although the loss is payable to a third person.
18. Any person entitled to make a claim under this policy shall
(a) Forthwith after loss give notice in writing to the company;
(b) Deliver, as soon after as practicable, as particular an account of the loss as the nature of the case permits;
(c) Furnish therewith a statutory declaration declaring,
That the account is just and true;
When and how the loss occurred, and if caused by fire how the fire originated, so far as the declarant knows or believes;
That the loss did not occur, or if caused by fire, that the fire was not caused through any wilful act or neglect, or the procurement, means or contrivance of the assured;
The amount of other insurances;
All liens and incumbrances on the subject of insurance;
The place where the property insured, if movable, was deposited at the time of the fire;
(d) If required and if practicable, produce books of account, warehouse receipts and stock lists, and furnish invoices and other vouchers verified by a statutory declaration in support of his claim, and furnish copies of the written portion of all policies, separate as far as reasonably may be the damaged from the undamaged property and exhibit for examination all that remains of the property which was covered by the policy.
The evidence furnished under this clause shall not be considered proofs of loss within the meaning of condition 22.
19. The above proofs of loss may be made by the agent of the assured, in case of the absence or inability of the assured himself to make the same, such absence or inability being satisfactorily accounted for, or in the like case or if the assured refuses to do so, by a person to whom any part of the insurance money is payable.
20. Any fraud or false statement in any statutory declaration, in relation to any of the above particulars, shall vitiate the claim of the person making the declaration.
21. If any difference arises as to the value of the property insured, the property saved, or the amount of the loss, such value and amount and the proportion thereof (if any) to be paid by the company shall, whether the right to recover on the policy is disputed or not, and independently of all other questions, be submitted to the arbitration of some person to be chosen by both parties, or if they cannot agree on one person, then to two persons, one to be chosen by the party assured and the other by the company, and a third to be appointed by the persons so chosen, or on their failing to agree, then by a Judge of the County or District Court of the County or District in which the loss has happened; and such reference shall be subject to the provisions of The Arbitration Act; and the award shall, if the company is in other respects liable, be conclusive as to the amount of the loss and the proportion to be paid by the company; where the full amount of the claim is awarded the costs shall follow the event; and in other cases all questions of costs shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators.
22. The loss shall be payable in sixty days after the completion of the proofs of loss, unless a shorter period is provided for by the contract of insurance.
23. The company, instead of making payment, may repair, rebuild or replace, within a reasonable time, the property damaged or lost, giving notice of their intention within fifteen days after receipt of the proofs herein required.
24. Every action or proceeding against the company for the recovery of any claim under or by virtue of this policy, shall be absolutely barred, unless commenced within one year next after the loss or damage occurs.

VARIATIONS IN CONDITIONS

"This policy is issued on the above Statutory Conditions with the following variations, omissions and conditions, which are, by virtue of THE ONTARIO INSURANCE ACT, in force so far only as they shall be held to be just and reasonable to be exacted by the Company."

1. CO-INSURANCE CLAUSE.—This policy shall be subject to the following co-insurance clause if it is stated on the face of this policy, as required by the Ontario Insurance Act, that it contains a co-insurance clause.

It is a part of the consideration of this policy and the basis upon which the rate of premium is fixed that the Assured shall maintain insurance concurrent in form with this policy on the property hereby insured (or such item or items thereof as are stated on the face of this policy or in any form or endorsement attached thereto to be subject to this clause) to such percentage of the cash value thereof as may be stated in this policy or in any form or endorsement attached thereto and if the Assured fails to do so this Company shall be liable only for that proportion of any loss for which it would have been liable if such amount of concurrent insurance had been maintained.

REMOVAL

The property insured under this Policy having been removed to the.....story building built of.....and roofed with....., occupied.....situate No.....on the.....side of.....Street,.....it is hereby declared that such property shall in future be held insured in the above described building and not elsewhere.
Additional Premium \$.....
Endorsement Book.....Folio.....
By.....
Date,.....19.....

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

For value received.....hereby transfer, assign and set over unto.....of.....the*.....

of the Property, all.....right, title and interest in this Policy of Insurance, and all benefits and advantages to be derived therefrom.

Witness.....hand and seal at.....this.....day of.....19.....

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of }.....L.S.

CONSENT

The CANADA SECURITY ASSURANCE COMPANY, hereby consents to the above assignment, subject, however, to all the provisos, conditions and stipulations in the said Policy contained therein or endorsed thereon*.....

Endorsement No.....

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

For value received.....hereby transfer, assign and set over unto.....of.....the*.....

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Endorsement No.....

* Purchaser, or Mortgagee, "as the case may be."

* NOTE.—If assignment be made to a Mortgagee, or as collateral only, insert the words:

"The Insurance thereunder continuing in the name of the assured, with loss (if any) payable to assignee, as interest may appear."

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"The Insurance thereunder continuing in the name of the assured, with loss (if any) payable to assignee, as interest may appear."

CANCELLATION

Received of **CANADA SECURITY ASSURANCE COMPANY**

.....Dollars,

being return Premium, in consideration of which this Policy is hereby cancelled and surrendered

.....Agency.....19.....

\$.....

.....[L.S.]
SIGNATURE OF ASSURED.

.....[L.S.]
SIGNATURE OF PERSON OR COMPANY TO WHOM LOSS IS PAYABLE.

Hope you are feeling better.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

Oct. 18th/21

Dear General.

I received your letter today and will do all I can to let His Ex. know your wishes, I feel sure that His Ex. will do anything you want, if he can manage it.

I am at a loss to understand Balfour v. Montreal Canadian Club. Allen Mc Gee phoned me

Sunday to find out if His Ex.
was in Ottawa or Quebec, I told
him to write to His Ex direct.
I hope that His Ex. will go
to the Canadian Club on Nov 11th.
I will feel it strong to him
today. ~~As~~ it may have a little
effect.

Best wishes to Lady Curie, Marguerite
Garnier & yourself

I am your as ever

P.S.

Will you ask Lady Curie
what date she expects
us in Montreal.

W. Ellis

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

Dec. 24th

Dear General.

Your letters were waiting
for me when I reached the office
this morning.

Now in regard to the Canadian Club
and the University Settlement, I phone
Balfour last night to Quebec, so
I am sure you will have an answer
at once. I cannot understand the
delay in answering. It sure is
bad stuff work.

I wrote to Casan who is

in the Agriculture Dept. He is
out of town so I could not get him
on the Phone, & will let you
know what he says as soon as
I get a reply.

I am sorry about Macpherson,
but he is such a good fellow,
& is trying so hard to get on,
I felt sure a letter from you would
be such a help. He has lots
of ability, & was a real good
fellow in France. ~~that~~ I am
afraid I let my feeling get ahead
of my good judgement - when
I told him to get a letter

from you. I know how you
are battered, so will behave
in future.

We will be delighted to
be with you, will you
and Lady Curie come to
the opera with us on Saturday
night. we should love to
have you. I will phone
you from Kingston, as we
are going to the Berminghams
today.

Best love in to Lady Carrie
and the kiddies

I am

Yours ever

Wells

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KENNETH A. GREENE

IRVINE G. ROBERTSON

GREENE & ROBERTSON
BROKERS
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE
HOPE CHAMBERS

TELEPHONE QUEEN 1990

OTTAWA,
ONT. July 14th, 1920.

Major H. W. O'Connor,
Wood Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Dominion of Canada
Guarantee and Accident Policy No. RT. 6643 covering
General Sir Arthur Currie's personal effects
against burglary, theft and larceny to the extent
of \$2000. from the 8th instant to July 8th, 1921.

Yours faithfully,

KAG:F

GREENE & ROBERTSON

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Greene

Encl.

August
Sixth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Headquarters, Militia Department,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am enclosing herewith a
recommendation from our old friend Lieut.-
Colonel McLaughlin, D.S.O., for the award of
a Meritorious Service Medal to Serg't-Major
Fawcett.

It seems to me Mac is a little
late in making this recommendation, but I am
forwarding it to you and would ask that you
see that it gets into the proper hands, and
that a suitable acknowledgment is made to
McLaughlin.

Ever yours faithfully,

Tyrone Aug. 2nd 1920

To - Gen. Sir Arthur Currie K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
Headquarters, Militia Department,
Ottawa.

Sir -

I have the honour to forward
to you a recommendation for Serjt-
Major Fawcett, who served in the 2nd
Battalion E.O.R., for the "Meritorious Service
Medal".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. H. Laughlin

Lieut. Col.

late O.C. 2nd Bn. E.O.R.

August
Thirteenth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have made up my mind to go to Ottawa on Saturday morning and will leave here by the earliest train I can get. Please get a room for us at the Chateau for Saturday night.

On Saturday afternoon I have promised to play a game of golf with Corrigan and would like to have a game with you on Sunday morning, if possible. I shall go to the Militia Department to see you as soon as possible after my arrival.

Please have some one look up and verify the attached account. Remind me to make out a cheque for it when I am in Ottawa.

Ever yours faithfully,

August
Seventeenth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am enclosing herewith an
account of Dr. Martin's for \$12.00.

At the time he submitted his
first account I took the matter up with our
Dental Department, and I was under the impression
that they would settle with him. Will you
please see the head of that Department and
ascertain if they made any payment to Martin
at all, or if this amount is in excess of the
allowance of the Dental Department. You have
on file there Martin's first account.

Ever yours faithfully,

August
Seventeenth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Department Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am very anxious to get
as soon as possible the descriptive article
which I asked Duguid to prepare. You will
remember he delivered it to me a few days
before I left Ottawa.

The people in New York are
worrying me about it, and I wish to get
it off.

Ever yours

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August
Nineteenth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Thanks very much for sending me down cheque books showing the standing of my account, both current and savings, in the Bank of Montreal at Ottawa. The books I really wanted were the books of account in the Bank of Montreal here. Please send those along as soon as convenient.

Also please look up my old receipts and let me know whether this account is correct or not. I know that I have paid for several of these Gibbs' books before.

Yours faithfully,

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August
Twenty-fifth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

With further reference to
the account of James Hope & Sons for \$3.50,
I am afraid you have offered the explanation
without looking up my bills.

According to my record, on June
7th I paid one account for \$3.50, and on June
11th I paid another for \$3.72, and my recollection
is that they were for these two books.

Please look up the accounts
which must be on file, and greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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August
Thirtieth
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

I have your letter of the 28th instant, and it is some relief to know that I do not owe Hope & Sons \$3.50. I am sending herewith a cheque for \$1.50 to pay Blair's account for the gloves. I remember now that Day did get me a pair of white gloves.

I telephoned up on Saturday to find out if there is any hope at all of anything being found for Forbes of the 15th battalion. You remember I mentioned the probability and the desirability of his being appointed to take the place of Malone. I have had letters from Bill Aitken of Winnipeg and Alistair Fraser of Toronto, stating that Forbes was very, very hard up.

I am glad you enjoyed your game of golf last Wednesday, but I am not at all satisfied with the score I made then. I have had two 9ls since, and hope with further practice to be able to give you the licking you deserve.

Sir Auckland Geddes came to town yesterday, and tonight I am giving him a small dinner party at the Mount Royal Club.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

E.H.



Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

August 28th, 1920.

Dear General,-

I have taken up the matter of Hope's account. I regret exceedingly that the account really belongs to me, and I was trying to stick you for it. I have paid it to-day so you will not be troubled about it again.

With reference to Blair's account: Day tells me that he bought a pair of gloves for you at the time you wired him to have your uniforms packed and taken to Kingston for the R.M.C. Ball. If you like I shall pay it for you, but will await your instructions.

There is nothing new around the Department; everybody is still away. General MacBrien left last night for Toronto to attend the function given by the Toronto Exhibition authorities for V.Cs.

I certainly enjoyed my game of Golf with you and am looking forward to a return march. You have improved a lot and some of these days I know you will be taking me on.

Best love to Lady Currie and tell her I hope she gets a house which she will like.

With very best wishes and thanking you very very much for the good time you gave me when in Montreal,

I am,

Yours as ever,

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

Wells

September
Fourth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. of Militia & Defence,
Slater Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

When you were last here you asked me if I had seen the report of Brigadier General King on his return from his last visit in England.

On looking through one of these boxes I ran across the report. Please let me know if you want it or any part of it.

Yours ever,

52
September
Eighth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Dept. of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

I received your letter of yesterday and am forwarding by this mail the report of General King. I do not think there is any reason why it should be returned to me.

I am glad to learn of the improvement in Mrs. Birmingham's health. I know how pleased you will be about it. I am also glad to learn that Sandy Urquhart is getting along well and I sincerely hope that he suffers no drawbacks.

We are leaving tonight to spend a day or two with my mother. I hope to get back to Montreal next Monday and to bring the children with me. We have not yet succeeded in getting a house.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,



E.H.

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14/9/20

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

September 9th, 1920.

Dear General Currie,-

I am enclosing you a clipping from the Editorial column of the Ottawa Morning Journal, dated September the 9th, which I know will be both pleasing and interesting to you.

This article shows the high opinion which our country has for your ability, and anticipates the success which we know will attend you in reorganizing Canada's greatest educational institution. As I have said many times before, I am afraid your future destiny will be in Ottawa, and perhaps I shall again have the pleasure of helping you to hunt for another house, unless of course, an official residence is by that time provided. I know Lady Currie will take my scalp off for making such a suggestion, ~~but~~ I know it is true. There are far greater things ahead of you, and Canada's greatest pleasure shall remain in store until this event comes to pass.

Everything is going on all right; General MacBrien is most kind to me and I am really very happy with him. I miss you a lot, though I must say he does not work quite as late hours as you did.

With best wishes, Sir, to Lady Currie and yourself,

I am,

As ever,

General A.W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL.

W. H. D.



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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

17th Sept., 1920.

Dear General,-

I received your letter in regard to sending your saddle and equipment to Strathroy. I have sent to-day the box containing the following:

- 1 blanket
- 1 Saddle
- 3 Bridles
- 1 Cleaning kit

The box was sent by express and I will send the express receipt to you.

I am glad you enjoyed your stay at Strathroy and that you are quite well. I am looking forward to my next visit to Montreal and hope to have time for a game of golf.

Best love to Lady Currie and the children, I am

Yours as ever,

Wills

Gen. Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG., etc.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

September
Twenty-second
1920.

Major Willis O'Connor,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Herewith please find a letter I
received this morning.

Please pass it on to the Department
of Air Services for their attention, if anything
is necessary.

Yours ever,

Encl.

October
Fifth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

You will remember the article in whose preparation Duguid assisted. The publishers are anxious to have about twenty illustrations of the Canadian soldiers and I would like if you would consult Duguid, if possible, and by the end of the week send me anything that you think should appear.

They are pressing me for the article, which I am sorry to say I have not yet sent them.

I hope to see you in Ottawa next Tuesday.

Ever yours,

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October
Twelfth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received some time ago from Mr. Baugh of Carson, Virginia. Will you please answer it for me. I have forgotten whether I knew Mr. Good or not. I know it is against the Department's regulations to give out any information adverse to a man, but if he has won the honours mentioned here no harm would come from confirming it.

I am also enclosing a cheque for Parker's Dye Works. I wish you would fill it in for whatever the amount is, somewhere between \$10. and \$11. I believe, and take delivery of the stuff from them, mailing it to Garner at Strathroy.

We are leaving tonight for Toronto on our way West, visiting Toronto, Hamilton, London, Detroit, Chicago, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg, returning here by the 5th or 6th of November.

I am also enclosing herewith a letter I received from some chap in London regarding a record of my war service. Please read it over and send it back to him with any corrections or amendments you consider necessary.

I am sorry to trouble you, Willis, in these matters, but I feel sure I can count on your good nature to help me out again.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

52
November
Fourteenth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

Replying to your letter of the
4th instant, I am forwarding by this mail a
signed photo for Harry Crerar. Please remember
me most kindly to him.

I am sorry that my visit in
Ottawa was so short that I did not have time
to have a longer chat with you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever,

52
November
Eighteenth
1920.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Department Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

With reference to your letter of
October 22nd regarding the old account for £5-11,
which Gordon was to pay, I am enclosing herewith
a cheque. I sincerely hope this finally disposes
of what in the end became rather a disagreeable
state of affairs.

I know that you are leaving for
the West in a few days and I hope you have a good
trip. All the fellows out there are looking
forward to MacB.'s arrival.

Ever yours,

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8/10/50

Sir

Not having been favoured with a reply to our several communications on the subject of the outstanding account of £5/11/- we must ask you kindly to oblige us with an immediate settlement to obviate any unpleasantness.

We are,

Sir

Yours obediently,

p.p. FORTNUM & MASON Ltd.



E.H.

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

October 22nd, 1920.

Dear General Currie, -

I am enclosing you an account for £5/11/-.

This was an account which Gordon was supposed to pay. I spoke to him several times about it. You will probably remember that in closing up "A" Mess accounts, I managed to sell the old Green wagon and various other supplies, cleaning up all the Mess accounts with the exception of the one above mentioned. Gordon said he would look after this, but evidently he has overlooked it. When you have time, would you mind letting me know what you think we ought to do in regard to the payment of this account which really must be settled up some time.

With best wishes,

Yours ^{as} ever, -,

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

November
Nineteenth
1920

Major H. Willis o'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

I am enclosing herewith a notice of the death of one Pirmez, who apparently was one of the Belgian interpreters with the Corps. It states here that he came from the Belgian Consulate at Calgary.

Do you remember him and was he a friend of George Rools? I would like to acknowledge this notification, but before doing so would like to learn something more about him.

Ever yours,

52
January
Sixth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am returning herewith a letter which has been misdirected. I never noticed it until I had finished the reading of it and came to that part where you offered best wishes to Mrs. Griesbach.

I note that it deals with the rank of Brigadier-Generals. In that connection I saw General Rennie in Montreal yesterday and had some further conversation with him regarding the promotion which you know he has so long desired and to which I think he is entitled. It seems to me that we came to some conclusion last May or June whereby, on a man's retirement from the Militia, he might receive a step in rank given in consideration of outstanding service Overseas or of long service in the Militia. I do not care to be bothering the Heads of Departments about these things, but I am going to leave it to you to intimate to General MacBrien and General Elmsley that I think General Rennie on his retirement should be promoted to the rank of Major-General.

I may be met with the objection that he is simply on the Reserve, but then he was placed on the Reserve without anything being said to him and I know he would just as soon be retired. General Ashton and I often discussed his case and I know Aston will support him.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever,

52
January
Ninth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Looking over some old papers the
other day I ran across this False Docket No. 691,
Headquarters File C.-39-1-1-11.

I am sorry that this has been
kept so long and hope no inconvenience has been
caused thereby.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours ever,

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January
Fourteenth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Department of Militia & Defense,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have just received the enclosed cable, which is evidently intended for some one in the Department of Militia.

I have paid \$1.07 charges on same and will you please ask Colonel Regan to see that I am reimbursed.

Yours ever,

January
Twentieth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. of Militia & Defense,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant and am sending by this mail autographed photo for Day. I have none of the better ones left.

I shall be very glad to see you on the 26th. Please let me know if MacB. would take lunch with me that day. If he would I will be very glad to get one or two other chaps to join us.

Yours ever,

February
Ninth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have your letter of the 8th instant and am enclosing herewith cheque for \$4.25 to cover the items mentioned.

I am very glad that the boxes have been shipped to Montreal and I wish to thank you very sincerely for all the trouble you have taken in connection with them. They probably will be along to-day. They had not arrived when I left home this morning.

I also appreciate your trouble to get the sword and other boxes down by Cochrane. I am sorry I did not see the boy when he was here.

I wish you would ask Day what happened to the key of the box containing the sword, and also that box which the citizens of Victoria gave me containing the bonds. I was always under the impression that you had the key of the box containing the sword, otherwise I do not know where it can be..

With all good wishes I am, dear
Willis,

Yours ever,



E.H.

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

February 8th, 1921.

Dear General,-

The special permission arrived yesterday to ship your "spirits" to Montreal, and I had the Dominion Express Company forward them to you this morning. There were 15 cases in all. I am enclosing you a list of the original packing notes, but in Box No. 15, there are only 5 bottles instead of 6 as shown, as Cochrane checked this box up. They were all sealed before leaving here with lead seals, so I know there has been no shortage from the time they left General MacBrien's house until they were sent over to the Express Office, Corporal Cochrane being with them all the time.

In connection with the sealing, I had to give the chap \$1.00, to make sure of its safety.

Regarding Cpl. Cochrane's trip to Montreal the other day, with your sword, etc., he had to pay \$1.25 for a taxi-cab to take him to your house, - or at least, \$1.00 for the taxi, and 25 cents to the porter who helped him with the things ~~carried~~. He also had 2 meals in Montreal which amounted to \$1.00 each, so when you have a chance, would you mind sending me up a cheque for \$4.25 to cover the whole amount.

I hope everything will be satisfactory, and that some day in the near future I may be permitted to have some of the contents of the cases. You know as well as I do how much I appreciate that "Vin Rouge".

With best love to Lady Currie and Marjorie,

I am,

Yours as ever,

General Sir Arthur Currie,
GCMG., KCB.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Willis

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E.H.

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

April 21st, 1921.

Dear General,-

I am enclosing you a letter which I received from Colonel Regan; also your Income Return, partly made up. If you will let Colonel Regan have a detailed account of your income, he will have this form completed for your signature. You will note the exemptions he has claimed, which I fell sure will be quite satisfactory to Mr. Fellowes, when the Order-in-Council is shown to him.

With very best wishes to Lady Currie and the children, and also to your self,
Sir,

I am,

Yours as ever,

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG., KCB
Montreal,
P.Q.

Wells



Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

21st. April, 1921.

Dear Willis:-

I spoke to the Inspector of Taxation yesterday regarding the exemption of sums paid to Officers whilst on leave, and cited General Currie's case as an example. Mr. Fellowes stated that, if the amount was for services rendered he felt sure that it was taxable. I argued that it was in the nature of a gift or gratuity, but he could not see it in that light, however he stated that if I would send him a copy of the Order-in-Council regarding the General's leave he would go into the matter and give me a definite ruling. I will not do this however, unless Sir Arthur so desires, and I would suggest that he forward his return as per attached, claiming exemption, and it is likely to go through, if not there will be no question of a fine, but Sir Arthur would be required to pay 6% interest on the difference between the income as shown and the amount re-assessed. I really feel that the amount should be exempted as it is similar to War Service Gratuity, which is exempt.

Will you please tell Sir Arthur, that if he so wishes, I would be glad to complete his return for him if he would forward particulars of his income.

Yours sincerely,

June
Ninth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Department of Militia & Defence,
OTTAWA.

Dear Willis:-

Please send down as soon as possible
any boxes of mine which are not furniture. This
will include all the boxes I brought from overseas.

Please let me know how they are
shipped.

Yours faithfully,

September
Twenty-seventh
1921.

Mrs. H. Willis O'Connor,
160 Bay Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Mrs. O'Connor:-

I thank you for your letter of the 26th and for the parcel which arrived by the same mail. It was very good of you to take the trouble to send it to me.

We are looking forward to having you and Willis come and spend a day or so with us some time soon. I was very glad to see him the other day and to have a chance of even so brief a chat. I am glad that you like Ottawa and I am sure you will become more attached to Canada as the days go by.

With all good wishes to Willis and yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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October
Twenty-second
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

You will remember that last Monday I wrote to you and I enclosed copies of letters which went by the same mail to the Military Secretary of His Excellency, the Governor General. Up to the present time, and this is Saturday, the 22nd, I have received no reply.

Now Willis, this is not good enough, and His Excellency has asked me to tell him of anything which I think is wrong. You received your letter on the 18th and Balfour must have received his. He should have answered at the latest on the 19th and I would have had it the next day, the 20th. I cannot get an answer now before Monday. During each of the last three days the people interested have rung me up and asked if I had a reply from Ottawa and I have been forced to tell them on each occasion that no reply has come.

This puts the Governor General in a wrong light and can only result in people getting the impression that he is casual or indifferent. If he cannot give his patronage to "Abraham Lincoln" under the circumstances which I have outlined, he can at least say "no" and the Committee will know where they are at.

I feel that the Governor General is not to blame, but that Balfour is to blame.

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In one of the letters which I sent you I recited another case where Balfour's casualness or indifference called forth much adverse comment. I refer to the matter of no reply being received to the invitation of the Canadian Club to take luncheon with them on October 14th.

I do not wish to write direct to the Governor General, but I think he should know of these things. It hurts me very much when I hear anyone criticising, and if Balfour cannot attend promptly and properly to correspondence, the sooner the Governor General gets somebody who can the better it will be for him.

Will you please find out if you can when we may expect a reply to the letters sent nearly a week ago.

Yours ever,

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October
Twentieth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Conner,
Government House,
OTTAWA.

My dear Willis:-

I wish you would take some trouble and find out who looked after my horses when they were out in the Remount Station near Dixie. I understand that Mr. Cavan represented the Quarantine Department. He may be able to give you some information.

The reason I am anxious to find out is that I have already given two men a bonus for looking after the horses, while a third wrote to me last Fall and said he was the man who had been responsible and asked for help for that reason, and now, to-day, Mr. Morris also makes the same claim.

Yours faithfully,

October
Twenty-first
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Lady Currie has tickets for
Friday, October 28th, so we shall expect you
down on that day.

Please send word when we may
expect you to arrive.

Yours ever,

4. H. 12-11-21

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Dear General.
This is what Casson
has to say.
Yours
your assent
Willis

Nelson, B.C.,
November 7, 1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sir Arthur Currie to you re the grooms that attended his horses while in quarantine at Lachine, Quebec.

The letter reached me at Kamloops, that will account for the delay. At the present time I cannot remember the name of the first groom, however you know him as he was your groom overseas. When he left, this man Morris was put in charge and gave satisfactory service. However, coming on spring time I asked the men to remove the snow from the buildings, they refused, the result being that I discharged the crew and engaged a new one. A man by the name of Nugent replaced Morris. Nugent fully expected to deliver Sir Arthur's horses and yours but the Militia Department had charge of the men to deliver the horses and Morris had sufficient influence to obtain a position to deliver some of them, a position he was not entitled to in my estimation

on account of having refused to do as ordered.

I fail to see why Morris should ask for a bonus. He got more than he deserved. Nugent was entitled to something providing Sir Arthur felt like giving it. Your overseas groom, Morris and Nugent are the only men that attended Sir Arthur's horses.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Cavan

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CANADA

Ottawa, November 8, 1921.

Major Willis O'Connor,
c/ Government House,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 7th. addressed
to Mr. Cavan has just been received.

In reply I would say that Mr. Cavan
is at present in Western Canada, but he will be return-
ing to Ottawa in the course of ten days. I will
refer your letter to him upon his return, and no
doubt he will give you the information for which you
ask.

Yours faithfully,

F. Torrance

Veterinary Director General.

Dear General

*I am afraid I cant get
any information till Cavan returns*

W. Hillier

December
Sixth
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Old Mac at Kingston wants information as to the Corps guidon. This is a small Canadian flag flown from the car. Will you please give him a thorough description of it as to size, colour, emblems, etc. I gathered from Mac's letter that he wants to reproduce it in the Sir Arthur Currie Hall.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. O'Connor, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Willis,

Yours ever,

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March
Eleventh
1922.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Thank you very much for the trouble
you took to send me a copy of the Special Order.

I am sorry you were not in Montreal
when the Byngs were here. I sincerely hope for their
sake and yours that it will be possible for you to
accompany them on their western trip. More than once
while they were in Montreal I was telephoned to by
certain people to ask the Governor General to do
things. Had you been with them these people would all
have telephoned to you, because they would have less
diffidence in approaching you than they have when it
comes to speaking to Balfour or any of the others.

I think the Governor General increased
his prestige and his popularity while here. I took
him slumming one Saturday afternoon and encouraged him
to say something about that experience when he spoke
to the Women's Canadian Club the following Tuesday. I
had left for Philadelphia before he made his speech
and have not seen an account of it, but I have heard
a good deal about it. Some of the more serious-
minded women like Mrs. Reford, Mrs. Arthur Drummond,
Mrs. Somerset, etc. thoroughly approved his remarks.
There were others, though, who would prefer not to be
told of the sufferings of their fellow-men and these
were somewhat critical. I told the Governor General
that he might expect to be criticized, but that was
preferable to being considered a 'Tomlinson', for whom
you will remember, there was no place in either
Heaven or Hell because he had no opinions of his own.
I also hear that some were disappointed because he
turned up one evening to open the Gymnasium of the

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Lower Canada School dressed in an ordinary business suit. All of Lower Canada's friends had turned out in their best evening clothes. I expect some A.D.C. got a wiggling for not telling Bungo just what sort of a function it was to be.

I hope that you will have time soon to come down. I see His Ex. is to be here on the 12th of April, when the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our Board of Trade is to be celebrated.

Byng disappointed me in two things while he was here. I had written to him before he came asking him to go with me some morning to the Montreal Curling Club. He answered that he would do so, but after he got here persistently refused to go. The Montreal Curling Club is the oldest sporting organization in America and every Governor General has always visited them. After I had received Byng's promise to go I told the Club of his acceptance of the invitation and the members were very disappointed when he refused to keep the engagement. Incidentally, I may say that I heard a good deal of criticism amongst the curlers that when the Governor General's match was competed for on his own rink at Ottawa he was absent. Apparently, in the past this has always been a great function. They compete for the Governor General's cup on his own ice and they felt that he should have been there.

The other thing in which he disappointed me was that I asked him to speak to the McGill Canadian Club. This he refused because, according to Balfour, he felt that if his other speeches in Montreal were not to suffer he ought not to make an extra one. This, I think, was a great tactical blunder. I have always advised the Governor General to devote the most of his attention to the young people - those whose minds are plastic and impressionable and to whom he is somewhat of a hero. To such people he can say something which

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will leave a lasting impression, whereas, when he speaks to clubs composed of men of all ages he cannot hope to say anything to influence them very much because their minds are already set. Naturally, institutions like the Canadian Club want to hear him and to do him honour, but he does not want to run away with the idea that in his speeches to them he is saying anything which is going to change their ways very much. To a group of young men who compose the McGill Canadian Club he can say something which will impress them and which will influence them. He is not the only one who makes a mistake by refusing to address a student-body. Mackenzie King did the same thing last year and at the same time spent a week in Montreal attending social functions. These young men do not forget such treatment. I think the Governor General has been very wise in shewing the interest he does in the work of the Boy Scouts. That is a splendid thing to do and is more than worth all the trouble he takes.

You will understand, Willis, that this is a very personal letter and for your own eyes only. I saw where Mrs. O'Connor had attended the opening of the House and so I conclude she is well. We are all looking forward to the great event and hope that it will be another link binding the English and Irish people together.

Lady Currie has been laid up for the last week with chicken-pox. Marjorie and Garner are home from school in consequence.

Please remember me kindly to the chaps at the Militia Department. I shall be glad if you will tell me of the changes there which I hear are more than likely to be brought about.

Yours ever



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160 BAY STREET
OTTAWA.

Aug 27th/22

Dear General Lady Currie.

Thanks so much
for your fine wire. Wife, and daughter
myself appreciate it so much.

My is doing very well, & so is the
baby, though it arrived a bit ahead
of time.

We are going to ask you if
you will be the God-Father, we

truly see, what a ~~it~~ of a
time I may have. 160 BAY STREET
OTTAWA.
as far as I am concerned, a
man is not judged by his Church
in God's eyes, it his life that matters.
as for my own family, I am
not worried, in regard to
future events, the boys belong to
my Church, & they will have a
fine time if I have to teach them.
Best love to Lady Currie.

would both be honoured, - if you
will, you won't have ^{160 BAY STREET} ~~to~~ ^{OCTAWA} come
up, as I will get - Ken Greene to
stand for you. Lady Byrd is going
to be the God-mother, and as the
little girl is to be of the Church of
England, I am sure you both
will be able to guide her. On
account of my present - job, we are
going to have the christening very
quietly carried out, as you can

Margie Garner, & to
you Sir.

I am

Yours abk a. oc.

Willis.

P.S.

Art. Margie if she gets a
box of chocolates send her
when I was in Montreal last.

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November
Thirteenth
1922.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am only too glad to be associated with others who are giving Ken Greene a cigarette box. He was always a good fellow and I liked him.

I am looking forward to seeing something of you this week end. I hope the fine weather out and possibly we may have a game of golf.

With all good wishes to Mrs. O'Connor and yourself and particularly to my Godchild, I am,

Yours ever,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

November 10th 1922.

Dear General.

Some time ago a few of us thought
it would be nice to give Ken Greene, ^{late 38th Bn.} a silver
cigarette box, with all our names engraved on
it, in our own handwriting. The cost of this
will be about \$3.25 each. If you are agreeable
to the idea, please write your name on a piece
of paper and send it to me. It should be written
in ink.

I will let you know exactly how
much you will be touched for when it is finished.

I am, *in*

Yours as ever.

Willis.

P.S. Ken was married to Margret Guthrie
a niece of Hugh Guthrie on the 14th of February 1922
and I know how much he would value
it for you to come if your name was there.

May 10th, 1923.

My dear Willis:-

Herewith please find cheque for \$3.30 re' Ken Greene's testimonial and thank you very much for the copy of the 'Globe'.

I noticed in last night's paper that on Monday Government House had played a game of golf against Sir Henry Drayton's team and that you were the only one to uphold the honour of Rideau Hall.

We returned on Sunday night after most thoroughly enjoying our week-end visit to Ottawa, for which enjoyment we are indebted very much to the O'Connors.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

April 17th 1905.

Dear *General*

The Cigarette Box for Ken. Greene is at last finished, and has been given to him. He was most pleased with it, and I know he will write to you.

When you get time will you send me a cheque for \$3.30 to pay cost of box.

I am,

Yours as ever,

Willis

Sir - Wagnid is sending you a
copy of the letter you asked
for.

July 30th, 1923.

Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.
Governor-General's Train,
Sydney, N.S.

My dear Willis,

I have your letter of the 25th re young Bell. I have had so many requests to recommend officers for the position of Commissioner, Board of Pension Appeals, that I have decided to recommend nobody to the Minister. Not much good would come of my sending him some dozens of recommendations. I, of course, know who Mr. Bell is, but in my opinion he is no better than quite a number of others who seek the position.

I am glad to hear good news of Mrs. O'Connor and the baby. I know how glad you will be to have them home with you again.

Garner and his Mother have been home for a week now and I hope he will be all right. I am very glad the operation is over, and apparently it has been a splendid success.

Please to remember me kindly to Their Excellencies, and with all good wishes,
I am, dear Willis,

Yours faithfully,

By Stanley on fine - the Lady Currie



Sydney, N.S.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAIN

July 25th, 1923.

Dear General,

I have received a letter from Gordon Bell requesting me to ask you to recommend him to Sir Lomer Gouin for a position as a Commissioner, Board of Pension Appeals, which I believe is vacant. I hesitate asking you in regard to this, but Bell is a particularly fine type of young man. He married Grace Drayton, daughter of Sir Henry Drayton. He did splendidly with the 38th Battalion and was afterwards with the Air Force, being the recipient of the Legion of Honour.

You will remember that he and McDowell started the Veteran Motor Truck in 1920, in which you invested \$500. and I put in \$200. I should judge that you will never see anything of that money, but I am sure it is through no fault of Bell's.

I hope that you will be able to do this.

We are now down at Sydney among the Coal and Steel Works. There is a strike going on but it doesn't seem to interfere a particle with Their Excellencies' reception. They are both well and enjoying their visit.

I trust that Garner is improving and that Lady Currie and Marjorie are both well.

With kind regards, Sir,

I am, Yours ~~as usual~~

General Sir Arthur Currie,
GCMG., KCB.,
McGill University,
Montreal, PQ.

P.S. I do not want to
press this case, & know you will do what
you think best. Willis.

Willis

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STOP KIND REGARDS TO ALL YOUR FAMILY STOP HOPE GARNER IS QUITE WELL
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WILLIS

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August 8, 1923.

Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Governor General's Train,
Yarmouth, N.S.

My dear Willis,

It was just like your old thoughtful self to send me a telegram. Five years ago today was certainly a great day; you will remember our little camp up near Gentelles Wood where all was seething activity and great satisfaction. There was certainly no more memorable day in the history of the Canadian Corps or in the history of the War. Those of us who lived through it shared in those wonderful events of the succeeding days and have something we can always treasure and certainly never forget.

The family are all well and Garner is getting over his operation satisfactorily, although, of course, he must keep quiet. I am afraid the vacation is rather a dull one for him. Marjorie has been away most of hers visiting friends here and there. I expect to have only a short two weeks which I shall most probably spend with my Mother.

Please remember me kindly to Their Excellencies, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Willis,

Ever yours faithfully,

May
Twenty-second
1924.

Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:

Thank you for letting me know that Rae is coming to Montreal. I shall be glad to see him and give him some attention.

Regarding my going to Ottawa to play golf, I am afraid that June is a very awkward month for me to take on any new engagements, unless it be during the last week. During the first week there are engagements on two separate days at Macdonald College and also a meeting of the Board of Visitors at R.M.C.; in the second week I am going to Toronto and Guelph; the third week to Dartmouth University, Ridley College and the University of Vermont. I think the last week is free.

I am,

With kindest wishes to Hy and yourself,

Ever yours faithfully,

May 29th, 1924.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have been asked, as Honorary President of the United Services Club, to invite His Excellency to be the guest of honour at the Armistice Day dinner to be held by the Club in Montreal on the 11th of November next.

This dinner is not confined to members of the Club and a very special effort is being made to have it representative of all militia units in the city. It has always been a very pleasant and well-conducted affair and I feel sure that His Excellency would enjoy it and that his presence would be very greatly appreciated.

Yours ever,

July 2nd, 1924

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Thanks for your note of yesterday.

I am sure all of you are as pleased as I am with Urquhart's progress. To me it is a marvellous thing that in spite of all he has gone through during the past five years there is every hope that he will now get entirely well. This means a great deal to him because he can look forward to doing some worth while work. Charlie Neil promised me that when Urquhart was sufficiently recovered to take charge of one of their smaller branches he would see that Urquhart got such a position. I should think the Managership of the Royal Bank's branch in Victoria West, Esquimalt or Oakby ought to suit him down to the ground.

I am very sorry that I was not able to get to Ottawa over the week end, but having just received half a million dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation largely through the influence of Dr. Pearce, head of its medical section, I felt that I could not very well leave Montreal when he announced his intention of visiting us for a few days. It is perhaps just as well because my golf has been so positively rotten that I would have disgusted His Excellency altogether.

Major O'Connor

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I am glad to hear continued good news of Hy and Melodie. Give them our love, and with all good wishes to yourself, I am, dear Willis,

Yours ever,

October 7th, 1924.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

You will think me more than usually casual because I have not before this made some acknowledgment of your kind letter of August 8th.

There are none of these dates whose anniversaries we forget, though the general public seem very indifferent. I cannot help but observe that the Press seldom makes any reference to such days as the 8th of August, 2nd of September, 27th of September,- days which meant so much in the final victory over the Boche. We who lived through them know just how much they mean and I, for one, value such a note as yours more than any public reference to the part one played.

I am sorry, Willis, that I haven't seen you for a long while. I often wish that I could have a long chat with you such as we were accustomed to have on our long rides together in France. I suppose Government House is busily preparing to welcome the Prince, though looking after that young man is quite a task for anyone.

Marjorie is very well and having, apparently, a jolly time. She, Lily and Garner, I know, would like to send their love to you. Please give my love to Hy and Melodie, and with kindest wishes to you, I am, dear Willis,

Yours ever,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

January 10th 1925.

Dear General,

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General to say that it would give him much pleasure if you would stay at Government House, Ottawa, on the occasion of the Vimy Dinner on April 15th next.

I should be much obliged if you would let me know, later on, whether you will be able to accept this invitation, and if so, by what train you will arrive.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Willis

Major.

~~Aide-de-Camp.~~

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

January 12th, 1925.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Will you please convey to His Excellency the Governor General the pleasure it gives me to accept his invitation to stay at Government House on the occasion of the Vimy Dinner on April 15th next and my thanks for his courtesy in asking me. I shall probably go up with the rest of the Montreal fellows on the afternoon train.

Now Willis, what about your visit to us in Montreal? Lady Currie and I are going to New York on Thursday evening and will return next Monday morning. From then on we shall be in Montreal for some time and will be glad to have you at any time. Please let me know when you think you can come and also if Hy can come with you. If she can, of course, my wife will write to her. I hope Hy and the family are well.

I went down to meet Bungo when he arrived the other day and saw him again, of course, at the Charity Ball. I had a few minutes conversation with Her Excellency, but no chance of a talk with him.

Willis,

With all good wishes, I am, dear

Yours ever,

February 6, 1925.

Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O.
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Things with regard to your visit are not turning out well. You may remember when we talked over the telephone that I was not sure about the week-end of February 13th. I am leaving here next Wednesday night for Boston, Providence and New York. I speak in Providence to the British Empire Club on February 12th, at Brown University the next day, going on to New York where I am attending the Annual Meeting of the McGill Society on Saturday night. I am very sorry indeed, but you and Bill must put off your visit. Let us now agree on February 27th and that week-end. Marjorie has some old school friends spending the week-end of February 20th with her. Nothing on earth will induce me to make any engagement for the 27th and the succeeding days and you and Bill must come.

Marjorie is away this week visiting in Danville while Garnet and Lady Currie have been in bed with grippe. What between rheumatism in her ankles and grippe Lily has had a bad time this winter.

Please give our love to Hy, Melodie and the baby.

Yours ever,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

December 5th 1925

Dear General Currie,

Captain Hamilton May, late of the Machine Guns, came to see me this morning regarding his brother Captain W.T. May, M.C., late of the Tunnelling Company of Hill 60 and Kimmel fame, who has applied, I understand, for the position of Instructor of Mining at McGill, as he tells me that Dean Potter is leaving.

I can assure you, Sir, that it is not my business to recommend him as it would be presumptuous on my part but I promised that I would write you. The May family in Ottawa have good standing, the boys did well overseas and are splendid fellows. I know you will give the matter your consideration.

Best love to Lady Currie and Majorie.

I am,

Yours as ever,

Wells

December 7th, 1925.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I have your letter of Saturday with reference to Captain W. T. May, M.C., late of the Tunnelling Company.

I have not yet seen anything of Captain May's application for the position which will be created when Dr. Porter resigns. I see no reason why Dr. Porter should resign for a year or two. However, I shall be very glad to give Captain May's application every consideration.

Please give our love to Melodie and the boy, to Hi and yourself.

Yours ever,

March 11th, 1926.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

I am sorry to learn from Colonel Snow, who has just left me, that the children have not been at all well lately. I hope they have fully recovered and that their mother and you have no more cause for worry.

Garner is getting along nicely but his mother has been in bed suffering from tonsillitis ever since we brought him home. I shall not see you next week as at one time seemed possible.

The other day I met Royal Ewing who suggested the reasonableness of an invitation to Bug Saunders for the Vimy Dinner. You know my reluctance to mention such a thing to you, Willis, but, of course, Saunders had a very fine war record. He began as a Private in the 8th Battalion and brought it home as its commanding officer. I see him every time I go to New York, where he is doing very well in a business way. His address is 115 Broadway. I suppose you are looking forward to a good time at the dinner.

Give my love to Hy and the children, and with all kind wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

March 13th., 1926.

My dear General,

His Excellency is more than delighted that you suggested Bug Saunders of the Eight Battalion for Vimy Dinner, he remembers him quite well and has asked me to send off an invitation to him at once.

I am glad Garner is getting along well, but am sorry that Lady Currie is laid up with tonsillitis, I hope she will soon be better. Regarding my family, thank goodness they are all on the mend, Hy is up but the babies are still in bed - I hope they will soon be alright again. Very sorry I missed you when you were in Ottawa last, I was taking a few days off up in the woods.

Best regards, I am

Yours as ever, ,

Willis

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