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Telephone: Call "WAR OFFICE"
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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

20th July, 1920.

My dear General,

I have just got your letter of the 6th as I am on the point of starting for the Continent on a Mission which will take me ten days or a fortnight, so this is merely to acknowledge and to say I have sent on your letter to General Harman, whose full name and address is as follows:

Brigadier-General A.E.W.Harman, C.B.,D.S.O.,
Commanding 1st Cavalry Brigade,
Aldershot.

In the meantime warmest congratulations on your appointment which I am quite certain you will fill with as great distinction and success as your last ones. I will write you again as soon as I come back. Kindest regards to Lady Currie from my wife and myself,

I remain,

Yours in haste,

P. B. Rodd

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

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

27th September, 1920.

My dear General,

When I last wrote to you I was on the point of starting for Poland, and I thought it might interest you to see the enclosed account of our doings there, if you have time to look at it. I had a very amusing time, and enjoyed myself thoroughly although one could not be proud of the performance of our Government when they ^{were} ~~are~~ stampeded into abandoning Poland at the ^{hiding} ~~on~~ of the Bolsheviks in this country. However, since then all the Kameneff revelations have opened people's eyes a bit, and the Soviet are not quite the "white-haired boys" which they used to be thought.

I hope you and Lady Currie are both flourishing, and that you like your new post.

With kindest remembrances from my wife and myself to you both,

Yours very sincerely,

P. de B. Rochefort

December
Tenth
1920.

Major-Gen. Sir Percy Radcliffe, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., etc.,
Director Military Operations,
War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1,
London, England.

My dear P. deB.:-

At the time your letter of the 27th September arrived in Montreal I was just about to begin a trip across Canada in the interests of McGill University. You may have seen it announced in your papers that we were seeking to raise for University purposes the sum of \$5,000,000. I am glad to tell you that despite a rotten market and uncertain times we succeeded in raising \$6,400,000.

During the trip I was accompanied by Herbert Molson, whom you will remember, and who is one of our Governors. We saw a great many old friends of Overseas. Generally speaking, our fellows have settled down very well, though just now there happens to be a great deal of unemployment. This has chiefly occurred amongst that body of men who were always unwilling to leave cities for employment. A great many chaps on returning from the War seemed to prefer a job in a city to one on a farm, in the Mines or forests, or on public works. The result has been that the falling off of trade, which is always greater at this time of the year than any other, leaves a large number out of work.

Let me tell you that I enjoyed most thoroughly reading your report on the Poland operations. It was intensely interesting and I can well imagine just how annoyed you were on many occasions with the lackadaisical methods of the Polish Commanders and staffs. They preferred, apparently, to "Deb", as Sir Julian would say. However, "all's well that ends well" and I congratulate you on having performed your mission so successfully.

Lady Currie and I like living in Montreal very much and I hope that some day we may have the pleasure of welcoming Lady Radcliffe and yourself here.

The work at the University is decidedly interesting, though I shall feel much more at home as one's grasp becomes firmer and as the organization reaches a satisfactory state.

Will you please remember us most kindly to Lady Radcliffe, and I would like you to remember me to Lyndon Bell and the others whom I knew at the War Office.

With all good wishes for a happy Christmas and the best of fortune in the New Year,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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Telephone: Call "WAR OFFICE."
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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

31st December, 1921.

My dear General,

It is very nice to get a letter from you again. I have been making enquiry about Colonel Mayes who, it appears, does not hold a commission in the British Army, but Bill Lindsay who is over here has given me an address, viz., The Junior Naval and Military Club, 96, Piccadilly, W.1., which might eventually find him, although at the present moment he is believed to be in Greece, where he has been moving in the most exalted circles ! I remember him quite well in France as a very plausible talker and an enthusiast on his own subject and I only hope that there is some explanation of his wife's sad circumstances.

It is very nice to hear what a good impression Lord Byng is making. I must say I should have been very much surprised and disappointed had it been otherwise. He is a man we can ill afford to spare from this country, and I don't think we could have paid Canada a bigger compliment than sending him
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out to you.

My wife is at Mentone, where we have a tiny house of our own, and I spent a very pleasant month with her there in November. I am just off on a liaison trip to Constantinople, Egypt and Silesia, after which my time here will be about finished, and I shall be going on half-pay to my very great satisfaction. I am beginning to feel the strain of the last seven years, and really do want a long and complete rest. One's experience of the politicians this last twelve months or so has not been very encouraging, and at present I feel that if ever I do any more work I shall prefer it to be not in the Government service.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to yourself and Lady Currie, in which I know my wife would most cordially join,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

P. de B. Roddiffe

~~XXXXXX~~ General Sir Arthur Currie,

G.C.B., K.C.M.G.

McGill University,
MONTREAL.

DOCKET STARTS:

RALSTON

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February
Ninth
1921.

Rt. Hon. Wm. M. Hughes,
Premier of Australia,
Kew, Melbourne,
Australia.

Right Honourable Sir:-

I feel that I should first introduce myself to you. I am General Currie who, during the closing years of the War, commanded the Canadian Corps. My relations "over there" with the Australian Corps were of so intimate and pleasant a character that I feel as if I knew the man who so brilliantly guided the destinies of Australia during that trying period.

While I have never had the honour of meeting you personally, I have on more than one occasion attended the same ceremony as yourself.

I am taking the liberty of introducing to you Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O. Colonel Ralston at the close of the War commanded the 85th Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders. He served throughout with this unit, was four times wounded, and, as you can see, was rewarded for outstanding services. In private life he is a lawyer, is a K.C. and has been a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

He is visiting Australia for the first time and I shall appreciate very much anything that you can do for him. I have every confidence that both of you will derive much pleasure from your acquaintance.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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February
Tenth
1921.

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

My dear Monash:-

This letter will serve to introduce to you Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O., who finished the War in command of the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders Battalion. Colonel Ralston served throughout with this unit and was four times wounded, one of which occasions was during the battle of Amiens, which neither of us will ever forget and to which we can both look back with a great deal of satisfaction. It gives me pleasure to say that he was one of the most outstanding officers in the Canadian forces.

In private life he is a lawyer and has won for himself a record at the Canadian Bar in keeping with his record as a soldier.

He is visiting Australia for the first time and I most cordially commend him to you. I am sure both of you will derive much pleasure from meeting each other.

Let me say that I received the letter which you wrote to me some time ago, and which I shall take occasion to acknowledge in greater detail in the near future.

I shall appreciate very much anything you can do for Ralston.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

February
Tenth
1921.

Thomas Wilson Leys, Esq., LL.D.,
Auckland Star,
Auckland, N.Z.

My dear Dr. Leys:-

You will remember that I had the honour of conferring on you last August the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at a special Convocation of McGill University, held on the occasion of the visit to Canada of the Imperial Press Conference.

The purpose of my writing to you now is to introduce to you Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O. Colonel Ralston at the close of the War commanded the 85th Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders. He served throughout with this unit, was four times wounded, and, as you can see, was rewarded for outstanding services. In private life he is a lawyer, is a K.C. and has been a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

He is visiting New Zealand for the first time and I shall much appreciate anything you may be able to do for him. I have every confidence that both of you will derive much pleasure from your acquaintance.

With all good wishes and hoping that some time we may meet again, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

February
Tenth
1921.

Sir Joseph Cook,
Melbourne,
Australia.

Dear Sir Joseph:-

Let me first recall to your memory who I am. I am General Currie, who during the closing years of the War commanded the Canadian Corps. I had the honour of meeting you on several occasions, both in England and in Paris when you were attending the Peace Conference.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce to you Lieut.-Colonel J.L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O. Colonel Ralston at the close of the War commanded the 85th Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders. All his service was with them. He was four times wounded, and, as you can see, was rewarded for outstanding services. In private life he is a lawyer, is a K.C. and has been a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

He is visiting Australia for the first time and I shall much appreciate anything you may be able to do for him. I have every confidence that both of you will derive much pleasure from your acquaintance.

With all good wishes, and hoping that some time we may meet again, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

February
Tenth
1921.

The Right Hon. William F. Massey,
Prime Minister of New Zealand,
Wellington, New Zealand.

Right Honourable Sir:-

Let me first recall myself to your memory. I am General Currie who commanded the Canadian Corps in the latter years of the War. I had the honour of meeting you on several occasions in England and also when you were attending the Peace Conference in Paris.

I am giving this letter of introduction to Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O., who accompanied me to Paris at the time I visited there during the Peace Conference sessions. Lieut.-Col. Ralston is a King's Counsel and a very prominent member of the Nova Scotia Bar and his reputation as a Counsel extends throughout Canada.

I, of course, know him better as a soldier. He was one of the most outstanding officers in our forces and won for himself a most distinguished record. He served throughout as a Battalion officer, was wounded four times and won for himself both the C.M.G. and the D.S.O.

He is visiting New Zealand for the first time and I have much pleasure in commending him to your good offices. I have every confidence that the pleasure from meeting each other will be mutual.

I hope, Sir, that all goes well with you and with New Zealand. I note with delight that you had the honour of receiving a renewal of the confidence of the electors.

Lady Currie joins me in all good wishes to yourself and Mrs. Massey.

Yours faithfully,

February
Tenth
1921.

Major-General Sir A.H. Russell,
Hawkes Bay, N.Z.

My dear Russell:-

This letter will serve to introduce to you Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, C.M.G., D.S.O., who finished the War in command of the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders' Battalion. Colonel Ralston served throughout with this unit, was four times wounded, and, as you can see, was rewarded for outstanding services. It gives me pleasure to say that he was one of the most outstanding officers in the Canadian forces.

In private life he is a lawyer and has won for himself a record at the Canadian Bar in keeping with his record as a soldier.

He is visiting New Zealand for the first time and I most cordially commend him to you. I am sure both of you will derive much pleasure from meeting each other.

I shall be glad indeed, Russell, to hear from you and to learn what you have been doing since I last saw you "over there". I shall always remember with pride that I had the honour to command your Division for some four days.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

R ALSTON

DOCKET STARTS:

RANKIN

June 25th, 1923.

R. F. Rankin, Esq.,
Niagara Falls, Ont.

My dear Dick:-

When I came to the office this morning I found awaiting me the letter which you had written from the Victoria Hotel on the 12th of June. I think it must have come across by the same boat as yourself. I immediately telephoned to the C.P.R. Steamship offices and found that the Montcalm had arrived late Saturday evening and that you and Mrs. Rankin were passengers. Why did you not send me a wire from Quebec? I should have been delighted to meet you. In fact we were spending Saturday evening quietly at home having returned the day before from New York.

Not having heard anything from you yesterday or to-day I conclude that you have gone on to Niagara Falls. We shall be here this week, but on Saturday are going up to my mother's place in Strathroy, Ont. and early next week we shall be in Toronto, where my boy's ankle will be operated upon. I do not know how long we shall be there, but if you receive this letter soon I hope you will write me a short note addressed to Strathroy telling me what your probable movements are. We should like very much to have you visit us in Montreal before you return.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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VICTORIA HOTEL,

ST. JOHN'S LANE,

LIVERPOOL.

13th June 1923

My dear Arthur

You will think that I have delayed a long time before replying to your welcome letter of 3rd Jan'y last. Fact is I have been waiting for something definite to turn up in so far as our proposed visit to Niagara Falls is concerned. You will see by above address that we are on the way & hope to leave here by the Montcalm (C.P.R. boat) on the 15th due at Montreal on the 22nd. I do hope that this will reach you in time & that it will be possible
Yours

For you to meet us there. We are both
looking forward with a great deal of
pleasure to the trip & hope we shall be
fortunate in having good weather.

Glad to learn that Sam Hutson is
getting his head above water again. And also
that you renewed acquaintance again with
so many of our old friends in Victoria.

Sorry to learn of Phillip's hard
luck. He seemed to be up against it
whilst interviewing you in London if
I remember right.

Reminds us kindly to lady Currie
Trust the kiddies are well

With all good wishes in which wife joins

Yours as ever

Dick.

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19/7/23

Dear Sir Arthur

Regret impossible transfer
to Emp of Britain at £28 rate,
but would be pleased to give
them vice accommodation
at the first class minimum
rate of \$192.50 each. Charles

July 19th, 1923.

R. F. Rankin, Esq.,
C/o. Mrs. Hanan,
14 Simcoe Street,
Niagara Falls, Ont.

My dear Dick:-

On my return to Montreal I found awaiting me your letter of the 28th of June. I am sorry that I was not in the city when it arrived in order that I might have dealt at once with the matter of your return accommodation to England.

I have seen the C.P.R. people and am sorry to have to tell you that it will be impossible for them to give you accommodation on the Empress of Britain at the rate of £28 each, which is the minimum rate on the one-class boats. I may say that the minimum rate on the Empress of Britain for first class accommodation is \$192.50 each. Such accommodation they will be very glad to arrange for you. I have never travelled on the Montcalm, but I have on the Britain and my opinion is that you would be just as comfortable on the former as on the latter, with a decided saving to yourself in the matter of rate.

We shall look forward to seeing something of you in August, but I am unable at the moment of writing to name a date because my wife is still away in Toronto with Garner, who was operated on there a week ago last Monday. I am glad that you are enjoying your visit to the Niagara Peninsula. It must be a delightful place at the present time.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Rankin and her mother and to yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

P.S. I am returning herewith Mr. Beaumont's letter.

14 Smicoe St.
Niagara Falls.

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My dear Arthur

Delighted to get a
line from you + sorry I did not
wire from Quebec but not having
your private address + being Saturday
thought that the wire would have been
handed in at the University + you
would not get it until the Monday
morning. Unfortunately too my letter
being so late - I knew that if it had
been at all possible you would have
met the boat. We were very much disappointed

We

CANADIAN PACIFIC



We had about an hour to spare at Montreal before the 10 o'clock train left - I looked up the telephone directory in order to give you a ring but again disappointed. Possibly your private house is not in the City - There were about $\frac{1}{2}$ a dozen Curries but no A.W.

Boch sorry indeed to learn of the trouble you are having with the boy - Sincerely hope the operation will prove successful.

Delighted

Delighted to have an opportunity of visiting
you in Montreal prior to our departure. It
is exceedingly kind of you to have Currie to
invite us - We shall be free any time after the
10th - August & trust you will be able to (without
inconvenience to yourselves) fit us into your program.
This is a delightful country & up to the present
enjoying life to the full.

Re enclosed I understand that W. Beatty the
President of M.C. Gill is also Chairman of the C.P.R.
& if not bothering you too much I was wondering
if when next you meet him whether you would ask
him if it would be possible to book us by the
"E of Britain" leaving Quebec on the 25th August
at the rate I have already paid or £28 each to ship
I think transport from Montreal to Quebec by rail is
provided at the Company's expense for passengers.
On receipt of your reply I will notify the Agent at Toronto
of my movements.
With yours in wishing you & yours all happiness
& success.
John A. Dick.

August 13, 1923.

My dear Dick:-

We are glad to have your note of August 4th and to learn that you are able to spend a few days in Montreal before sailing on the 24th. We shall, therefore, look forward to seeing you at our home on the 20th when you arrive from New York, just one week from today. I think your train gets in about 8.30 in the morning. If you will let me know by which line you are coming from New York I shall be very glad to meet you.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Rankin, her mother and yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. F. Rankin, Esq.,
14 Simcoe Street,
Niagara Falls, Ont.

114 Simcoe St.
Niagara Falls

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My dear Arthur

Many thanks for

Yours of 19th ult + for the
trouble you have taken with the
C.P.R. - Yes, I think it best
to go by the "Montcalm" + have
decided to accept the Company
offer - She sails on the 24th next.

At present we are
Spending 10 or 11 days at the Hotel
Niagara

Niagara at Niagara-on-the-lake
a most delightful spot. You
probably know the district as I
understand that it was a great
Camping ground during the war.

According to present arrangements
we shall leave here on the 10th or
11th - Spend a few days with Mother
& then leave for New York on the
16th & Montreal on the 20th - Hope
to be able to renew our old ac-
quaintance with you & yours
then - And if possible will open
let me know at above address
before the 16th whether you will
be at home or not -

We are both sincerely sorry
to learn of Garner's hope the operation
has proved successful.

Best of all good wishes in which
we join
Yours very sincerely
Dick

November 26th, 1923.

R. F. Rankin, Esq.,
14 Bomb House Lane,
Gibraltar.

My dear Dick:-

We were very glad to receive your letter written from Gibraltar and to learn that you and Mrs. Rankin had arrived safely at home again.

Marjorie got the shoes all right and I hope she has by this time acknowledged Mrs. Rankin's kindness. We have had the most delightful fall that I have ever lived,- very open and warm until Saturday when it began to snow and in twenty-four hours fourteen inches fell. Unfortunately, it is going tonight and the streets are quite slushy. It was our first snow of the year and while the older folks were not overjoyed to see it I imagine all the younger folks were hugely delighted. I think the snow fall is a record one in fifty years for twenty-four hours.

All are well at home. The children have been going to school and I have been very busy at the University which opened partly on the 15th of September but the great majority of the departments on the 1st of October. Our enrolment is about the same as last year, although, generally speaking, there are fewer students going into universities this year. This is accounted for by the fact that the great war classes are over and also by the fact that times are just a little hard. Probably more people

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might attend universities if not quite so much money was spent for automobiles.

You mentioned Lloyd George's visit. We had him here for a few days and he left a very fine impression. The picture of him you referred to was, of course, taken at Dixie where I had him out for a game of golf. I believe generally that his trip through the United States had been productive of much good. We apparently converted him to the use of the amplifier - an electrical contrivance which enables the voice to be heard at greater distance. At first he absolutely refused to use one here and we had great difficulty in prevailing on him to try it. I notice now he is employing them on all his campaigns in England. It is very hard to size up the situation there. I would think that Free Trade was too solidly entrenched in the minds of the people of the British Isles to have any sudden change, but our reports are that Baldwin's party is likely to hold its own. I think one of the factors in Baldwin's favour is that people are not quite ready to trust Lloyd George again. It would appear from the press that he is the dominating figure in the Liberal party.

I am so glad that you enjoyed your trip to Canada so much. It has probably done you a great deal of good, so much so, I hope, that you will soon visit us again for it certainly was a great pleasure to have you if only for a few days.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Rankin and with all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,



14 Bomb House Lane

Gibraltar

29. 10. 23

My dear Arthur

Back in harness
again - Seems frightfully
strange to be busy again.
Found plenty waiting for
me to get on with. Have
just about broken the back
of

Of it hence can find time to
scrawl a few lines to
you to thank you again for
your & Lady Currie's extreme
kindness to us during our
stay with you in Montreal.
We both thoroughly enjoyed
every minute of it & it will
take a long time before it is
effaced from our memories.

Wife is very busy just
now moving into our new
home

home. It is an awful business
moving. You already have
had experience of that.

The Prince seems to
have enjoyed his stay in
Canada if one can judge by
Newspaper reports & also
Lloyd George - Picture of
him ^(the latter) in the papers this
week playing golf at the
Montreal Club. Presume
this is the beautiful place
you took us to at Dixie?
We

We had a delightful passage
home in the Montreal & often
thought of you during our
stay in London & Windsor &
wishing you both could have
joined us in some of our
excursions.

Is Ales Irish Rose still running?
Hope you are all keeping
well

With best wishes in which
wife joins
Yours as ever
Dick.

P.S.

Wife has just posted shoes
for Marjorie - hope they arrive O.K. & fit.

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August
Nineteenth
1920.

J. S. Rankin Esq.,
Union Bank Building,
Regina, Sask.

My dear Rankin:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of recent date.

Let me assure you that nothing
would give me more pleasure than to speak a
kind word as to your ability should reference
be made to me at any time. There is no need
to remind me of your association with the 46th
and the 75th, for I am not likely soon to
forget the services of such an outstanding
officer as you proved to be.

I thank you very much for your
kind congratulations with reference to my
appointment to this University. Not the
least pleasant thing about it is the number of
letters I have received from old officers of
the Corps. I am very glad that you are keep-
ing up your connection with the Militia. To
put it on a decent basis will require all
possible help from officers who gained their
knowledge at the Front. I was sorry to see
that Alex. Ross had retired, but in Dan Ormond,
his successor, I feel you have an equally
efficient officer.

I hope I may be privileged to
pay a visit to the West shortly, and if so,
that I may have the good fortune to meet you
again.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

January
Third
1923.

R. F. Rankin Esq.,
79 Governor Street,
Gibraltar.

My dear Dick:

Your letter of the 14th of December came in this morning, and I am delighted to hear from you again, and particularly glad to note that you hope to visit Niagara Falls early this year. That being the case we shall look forward to seeing you at our home here in Montreal. There is no possible chance of our going away until after June at any rate.

Last year we spent most of the Summer in Montreal and a most delightful Summer it was. ~~We~~ ^{Went} up to Winnipeg in June to the conference of Canadian Universities and spent some time with my Mother in Western Ontario on the way back. In August ~~we~~ ^{Went} with the Montreal Board of Trade party on a trip across the continent. We had our own special train and the C.P.R. said it was the finest train they had ever put out. While it was a trip made according to schedule still it was very delightful. We spent five days in Vancouver and Victoria. While in Victoria we went down to call on Mrs Muirhead, who with Aggie and Bertha, lives very quietly in the old place. Of course, all of them looked older but they seemed just about as subdued as ever. I did not see Jim, but I did run across Sam Matheson, Peter Lamplin, Bob Swinerton and a good many others. Before I reached Victoria, Swinerton had wired me challenging me to a game of golf. We spent a most delightful day on the Oakvale links.

Sam is still running the "Colonist" and gradually getting his head above water again. You know that in the days of the boon he spread out too much and very nearly went bankrupt. He looked well though, and I believe would be on easy street if he were not spending so much money on his farms, of which he has several. You know the way Sam does things - he buys the most expensive breeds of live stock and then houses them in buildings far better than many human beings live in. He has one farm up near Cobble Hill and

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another near Sydney.

I saw Eddie Vigor in Vancouver - to me he looks just about the same as ever, but he is married now and has a family.

The other day I had a letter from Phillips, who you will remember is a Corporal in the Engineers. He is having a bit of hard luck in as much as he has been let out from Government service just a few years before retiring allowance is due. This, of course, is a mean way which all Governments have. I have tried to help Phillips with the Department at Ottawa, but without success.

Montreal must be slightly different from Gibraltar, especially at this season of the year, but I confess I like our Winters very well - the family don't feel the same way though on the whole we all like the City very much.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs Rankin, and when you pass through on your way to Niagara Falls please make up your mind to spend a few days with us.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,



14 Bomb House Lane

Gibraltar

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My dear Arthur

Delighted to receive

Your welcome letter of 30th
Nov. last & to learn that you
& yours were all well - Great
thing in life is good health.

Well I expect the
result of the election in the
Old Country came as a great
surprise

Surprise to you all in Canada.
It certainly did here, but
apparently the present
foot will not be allowed
to go to any extremes. They
will be too closely watched.
The money market seems
much the same which is a
good sign.


Rather a good story is
floating round re W. Thomas
the Colonial Secretary. It is told
that when he first visited the
Office the porter asked him who
he



he wanted to see - Mr Thomas
said he was the Colonial Secretary
whereupon the man turned to
another porter & said 'Another
shell shock patient - Some
greeting eh?'

The warm weather you wrote
about has apparently left
you if the reports from New
York can be relied upon.
Terribly cold there - Has it
affected you so much?

Glad to learn that you
are



are still very busy at
the University - Yes I agree
with you that the desire to
own an auto: either in the States
or Canada seems to come before
everything else.

Wife hopes that Marjorie has
received the 2nd pair of shoes.
Apparently Marjorie's letter has
gone astray as to date no word
has been received.

Wife joins me in wishing you
& yours all happiness, good health
& prosperity
Yours as ever
Dick

14 Bomb House Lane
Gibraltar

29. 4. 25.

My dear Arthur

It seems ages
since we had a line from
you or yours - And as we
are anxious to learn of
the whereabouts of two or
three parcels which we sent
to you & Lady Currie also
Margorie for & was thought I
had

had better drop you a line.
If I remember rightly two
of them were registered.

We sincerely hope + trust
that you are all in the
best of health + enjoying
life to the full.

We have been having
rather a gay time recently.
Quite a good trip through
Morocco - which embraced
visits to Casablanca, Rabat

Fez

Fez, Meknes, & Tangier.
All very interesting places
& all quite foreign to
any thing we had seen

before except of course
less crude sights in Algiers.

On our return & after a
few days rest we started

off for a tour in Spain,
visiting Ronda, Cordoba,
Madrid, Toledo, The Escorial
& Granada. Some wonderful

simple overburdened with
riches, but oh! the poverty
in the surrounding neighbourhood.

We hope to be in England
in July next - Do you think
of coming over? Should be

delighted to meet you all
again.

I am a grass widow
for a few weeks - W. R.
is in Ireland trying to settle
up her late Uncle's affairs.
Best of all good wishes to

Your sincerely
Catharab
Dick.

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May 15th, 1925.

R. F. Rankin, Esq.,
14 Bomb House Lane,
Gibraltar.

My dear Dick:-

I have just received your letter of the 29th of April and I hasten to apologize for my wife and Marjorie for their shameful neglect in not acknowledging your Christmas messages and the parcel sent at that time. I know they were received. I have often heard both speak about them and say that they must thank you, but I am quite sure they haven't done so. They deserve a jolly good scolding, but I don't suppose that would do any good.

You mention that you will be in England in July. At present we have arranged to sail from here on June 5th and will be over there during the summer. We must have a reunion or so in London.

Everyone has been in very good health during the winter. Marjorie came out last fall and has had a very hectic social time. But I shall not attempt to give you any particular news now. It will all keep until July.

Please remember us most kindly to Mrs. Rankin and with all good wishes to you both, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

RANKIN

October 15th, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Rattray,
58 Home Street,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Colonel:-

I should have answered your letter of the 16th September before this but I was waiting to find out a little more about the matter, and also to learn whether there would be any real occasion for moving along the line you suggest.

So far I haven't got much information more than what you gave me and what I saw in the Press, where it was intimated that startling revelations would be made. I have not heard from any authoritative source at Ottawa that they contemplated relieving the present commanding officer pending any further investigation. How the present incumbent ever enjoyed the confidence of so many people in Winnipeg was always more than I could understand, but apparently, his position has been very strong. In case any move is made to dislocate him I am sure there would be a good deal of secret pressure brought to bear in his behalf. It seems that the only thing to do is to watch how the cat jumps and move accordingly.

One hears good reports about the crop situation in Manitoba. I believe it has been more abundant and of a better quality there than in the other western provinces, though I am told that business conditions in Winnipeg itself are none too good.

Colonel Rattray

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I would be interested in having your views on the political situation in the west. I am not asking this for any personal interest I may have, because I have none. All talk about my entering politics has no foundation whatever in fact and therefore a good deal of recent editorial comment is altogether wasted. I am told that the West is quite independent regarding either of the old parties, that Mr. King can have their support only if he does exactly what they demand, though they will not give slavish support to any political party. I do not know what Mr. Neighen's strength is, though it seems to me that if an election took place now there would be no doubt about King's return to power. The Dominion Conservative Party under its present leadership has made no gain in the Province of Quebec and unless it can break up the solid support now given the Liberal party, any hope for a return to power must remain very low.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Confidential

58 Home St.,
Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 16, 1924.

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

Dear General Currie:

Our letters are not very frequent and generally when something is wanted, "A friend in need is a friend indeed" so they say. I am not in "need", but I would appreciate the good offices of a friend just now.

Perhaps you know that a commission was appointed to investigate certain supposed irregularities in the supplying of coal to Fort Osborne Barracks. This Commission has reported and I am given to understand that it has recommended that its powers be extended to investigate other departments and that while this investigation is going on the senior officers at Fort Osborne be suspended.

Some of my friends in Winnipeg, entirely unknown to me, have interested themselves in my behalf and they are strongly urging the Minister of Militia to appoint me as Commanding Officer during the further investigation and if a change is made to give me the appointment permanently. It came as a great surprise to me, but as it strongly backed I am going to try to get it.

I know Hon. J. A. Robb and Hon. Chas. Stewart very well, but I do not know Hon. McDonald, Minister of Militia nor Hon. George Graham, who is at present acting Minister of Militia.

And why I am writing you is that you might interest yourself on my behalf, and I would greatly appreciate it, should you care to do so.

I do not know whether you have heard anything about the findings of the Commission. It has not been made public, but my information is that it will be startling and discreditable to the parties concerned. They say give a man rope enough and he will hand himself. Apparently General K.--has done this.

I am told that the Commission recommends the Court Martialling of him and a couple of others.

They have discovered that 4700 tons of coal have been paid for but not delivered during past two years, and it is said that speculations to the extent of \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 a year has been going on for two or three years. Horses which were bought for \$50.00 per head were charged to the Government at \$250.00 per head, etc., etc.

My information is that they canvassed the situation carefully as to the officer that would be recommended out of the officers in Manitoba and it was unanimously decided that I was to be the one recommended. They do not want a Permanent officer in command during the investigation.

At present I am with Osler, Hammond & Nanton as Inspector of Lands and Loans, but I am out in the country all the time and I find it telling on me, as the work is fairly strenuous, also the pay is not just as much as I have been used to live on, so I would welcome a chance to get something that would ease off my travelling and I feel I could fill this position satisfactorily to all. So that is why I would like to get it and why I am approaching you, so if you would care to interest yourself I would be very glad.

I hope you had a pleasant summer and that your work still continues congenial.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. G. Rattray

JGR/R

Conditions in Manitoba from a crop prospect are fine. I think Manitoba will have more grain - wheat - oats - barley - Rye - Flax - than in any previous year in its grain growing history.

I need scarcely add that a good deal of the above information is strictly confidential at the present - until the Commission finds it all published.

JGR

DOCKET STARTS:

RED CROSS

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February 23rd, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel John F. Buckley,
45 Belmont Park,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to the proposal to build a Nurses' Home in London as a memorial to the Nurses of the Overseas Nursing Service who died in the war.

You ask my advice as to the wisdom of making an appeal to ex-members of the C.E.F. for this purpose. Personally, I do not believe that the response would be very great. I note that the literature informs us that "the Rolls of Honour in our own hospitals perpetuate the memory of the Nurses who went out with our armies and who suffered with them", while it is intended to perpetuate the services of the Sisters from the Dominions by the erection of a Nurses' Home. There must, of course, be a far greater number of Home Sisters than of Sisters from the Dominions, yet the cost of the Rolls of Honour in the hospitals would be far less than the cost of a Nurses' Home.

You know as well as I do the great calls upon the ex-members of the C.E.F. who have the means to contribute to any charitable thing, and I feel that most of them would consider that they could not afford to make a contribution intended for the erection of a Nurses' Home in London. This, of course, is only my personal view.

Lieut.-Col. Buckley - 2 -

If it is intended to proceed further with the matter, I would suggest that it be referred to the new organization of returned soldiers formed as a result of Lord Haig's visit.

I am, Ever yours faithfully,

FOUNDED 1896



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THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL DIVISION

45 BELMONT PARK

MONTREAL. 22nd February, 1926.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE MANAGER.

General Sir Arthur Currie, LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I have been requested by Mrs. David Fraser, the representative of the Canadian Red Cross Society in London, England, to ask whether you would consider it advisable to appeal to ex-members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in connection with the building of a Nurses' Home, as a Memorial to the Nurses of the Overseas Nursing Service who died during the War.

This Nurses' Home is to be built in connection with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital at 144 Euston Road, London, England, and I understand that all parts of the British Empire are contributing.

The number of Canadian Nursing Sisters who died during the War is larger than that of any other part of the Empire, and Mrs. Fraser, who is a Member of the Committee, feels that you might consider an opportunity should be given to Canadians to contribute in some shape or form.

I am enclosing herewith a printed circular in connection with the movement, from which you will note that subscriptions at the rate of one shilling are being asked for, so that it is not a question really of a large amount but rather that Canada should have an opportunity of assisting in some small way in the erection of the Memorial.

If you consider that an appeal such as has been suggested should be made, I will be glad to know in what way

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General Sir Arthur Currie.

you think it would be best to make the appeal; and if I can be of any assistance in this matter, my services will be at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
Quebec Provincial Division

..... *John G. Buckley*

Manager

ENCLS.-2

JFB:DAW

19, Tedworth Square,

S.W.3.

Sir,

MEMORIAL TO OVERSEAS NURSES WHO FELL IN THE WAR.

In the Civic Hall at Wembley on the eve of Empire Day, the proposal to erect a memorial to the Nurses from Overseas who fell in the War was explained to a large audience, but no appeal for subscriptions was made on that occasion.

Nevertheless, money is required to carry out the scheme, and it is proposed to start a shilling fund for this object.

We feel sure that the officers and men of our army and navy, who know from experience all that skilled nursing meant to the sick and wounded during and since the war, will be glad to contribute this small sum (or more if they feel so inclined) as a token of their gratitude to the whole nursing service. That gratitude and the desire to support the scheme will assuredly extend to their relations and friends, and indeed to all who remember how their own anxieties were alleviated by the certainty that our valiant men, wherever they came from, or to whatever seat of war they were sent, were sure of all the relief and all the comfort that fully trained nursing could give them.

The Rolls of Honour in our own hospitals perpetuate the memory of the Nurses who went out with our armies and who suffered with them, and we greatly desire that in the same way the services of their Sisters from the Dominions, India and the Colonies, be commemorated in this country. The Memorial is to be a Nurses' Home in connection with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and the names of the Overseas Nurses who died on active service will be inscribed on its walls.

It is requested that Postal Orders and Cheques be addressed to me at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144, Euston Road, N.W.

Yours faithfully,

J. Duffin & Co.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION

THE EXTENSION APPEAL FUND

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL

144, EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, N.W.1

The Extension Appeal Committee have decided to raise their Nurses' Home as a Memorial to the Nurses of the Overseas Nursing Services who died in the war. No memorial solely dedicated to the memory of Overseas Nurses has yet been raised in this Country, and in order to attract the attention of Overseas visitors as well as those in Great Britain, a modern Operating Theatre is being shown in the Palace of Transport & Housing at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley.

Visitors to the Exhibition are urgently reminded that it is the only Exhibit of this kind in the Housing section and that friends of the Hospital will be present to explain the need of the Extension of the Hospital, made necessary by the great demand from women in all parts of the country as well as in London for treatment and admission.

The names of the 97 Overseas Nurses will be inscribed in the Home which will be dedicated to their memory, and a special Overseas Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. The following are members:

Vice-Chairman: Lady DORIS GUNSTON

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| Miss Aikman | * Mrs. E. H. Gibson, C.B.E. |
| The Rt. Hon. Sir James Allen, K.C.B.
High Commissioner for New Zealand | Mr. V. Gordon,
High Commissioner for Newfoundland |
| The Rt. Hon. L. S. and Mrs. Amery,
Secretary of State for the Colonies | * Lady Hall (<i>ex officio</i>) |
| Mr. D. J. Armour, C.M.G., F.R.C.S. | Mr. J. Howard, Agent General for Nova Scotia |
| The Lady Victoria Braithwaite | Countess Jellicoe |
| General Lord Byng, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O.,
Governor-General for Canada | The Rt. Hon. P. C. Larkin,
High Commissioner for Canada |
| * Lady Willoughby Carey | * Lady (Hardman) Lever |
| Sir Atul Chatterjee, High Commissioner for India | * Mrs. Lightfoot |
| The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Cook,
High Commissioner for Australia | Sir Francis Newton
High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia |
| The Hon. George Fairbairn, Agent General for Victoria | The Lady Northcote |
| * Mrs. Horace Farquharson | Viscountess Novar |
| * Mrs. David Fraser | * Lady Plender (<i>ex officio</i>) |
| Lieut.-Col. E. F. C. Garraway, K.C.M.G.,
Commissioner for Basutoland | Lady Robinson |

* *Executive Committee*

IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MEMORIAL, SOUVENIR BRICKS AT 1/- WILL BE SOLD

All Donations to the Nurses Memorial should be sent to:

The DOWAGER MARCHIONESS of DUFFERIN and AVA,

Tel.: MUSEUM 3506

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144, Euston Road, London, N.W.1

DO NOT FAIL TO VISIT THE PALACE OF HOUSING and TRANSPORT TO SEE THE
OVERSEAS NURSES' MEMORIAL EXHIBIT Bay 16 Avenue 6
BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION, WEMBLEY.

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL EXTENSION APPEAL FUND

Memorial to Overseas Nurses who gave their lives in the War.
(Nurses Home costing £15,000)

AUSTRALIA

Matron Jean Miles Walker, R.R.C.
Sister Hilda Mary Knox
" Edith Ann Moorhouse
" Norma Violet Mowbray
" Gertrude Evelyn Munro
" Katherine Lawrence Porter
" Fanny Isabel Catherine Tyson
" Blodwyn Williams
S/Nurse Louisa Annie Bicknell
" Emily Clare
" Ruby Dickinson

S/Nurse May Hennessy
" Letitia Gladys Moreton
" Amy Veda O'Grady
" Rosa O'Kane
" Kathleen Power
" Doris Alice Ridgway
" Elizabeth Rothery
" Mary Florence Stafford
" Ada Mildred Thompson
" Beatrice Middleton Watson

Voluntary Workers

Miss Adele Brennan Miss Lydia Grant
Miss L. B. Riggall

SOUTH AFRICA

S/Nurse Edith Agnes Baker
" Dora Bernstein
" Gertrude Eliza Dunn
" Beatrice Hearn
" Annie Winifred Monro
" Ida Wardle

S/Nurse Julia Kathleen Watkins
" Daisy Aletta Fitzhenry
Prob. Nurse Emily Pauline Hermonie Paff
" Kaloolah Beaufort
" Eleanor Eileen Black
" Dorothy Kathleen Bolus

Nursing Sister Constance Alexandra Edmeades
Sister A. M. Bain

INDIA

Nursing Sister I. Kearney

Nursing Sister K. Christine Jay

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E. M. E. Cook
Catherine A. Fox

Ada Gilbert
Mary Gorman
A. G. Hawker
Nora M. Hildyard

Helena K. Isdell
Mabel E. Jamieson
Mary Lind
Letitia Moreton

Mary H. Rae
Lorna A. Rattray
Margaret Rogers

CANADA

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Acting Matron Margaret M. Fraser

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Christina Campbell
Ainslie St. Clair Dagg
Lena A. Davis
Carola J. Douglas
Alexina Dussault
Minnie A. Follette
Agnes Florian Forneri
Margaret Jane Fortescue
Minnie K. Gallagher
Sarah Ellen Garbutt

Mathilda Ethel Green
Victoria Belle Hennis
Lenna Mae Jenner
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Jessie Nelson King
Margaret Lowe
Henrietta Mellett
M. Frances E. Munro
Jessie Mabel McDiarmid
Katherine M. MacDonald
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Evelyn V. McKay

Mary Agnes McKenzie
Rena McLean
Agnes MacPherson
Eden Lyal Pringle
Ada J. Ross
Mae Belle Sampson
Gladys Irene Sare
Etta Sparks
Anna Irene Stamers
Jean Templeman
Addie A. Tupper
Gladys M. M. Wake
Anna Elizabeth Whitely

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

Marion Graham

Maud Poulter

Julia Winchester

NOTE.—The Extension Appeal Committee wish to thank the Directors of Messrs. Humphreys, Knightsbridge, who have so generously erected and loaned the building; Messrs. Crittall, High Holborn, Metal Window specialists; the Festiniog Slate Quarries, Portmadoc, for slating the building; Messrs. Allen & Hanbury, hospital specialists, for equipping the operating theatre; the British Thomas-Houston Company for the special operating-theatre lights; and Messrs. J. Sanders & Son, Ltd., Crawford Street, for wiring the building. The Committee wish to express their indebtedness to the above firms and especially to Messrs. Humphreys without whose aid the Exhibit would not have been possible.

DOCKET ENDS:

RED CROSS

DALMALLY HOTEL,
ARGYLLSHIRE, N.B.

PROPRIETORS:
CAPTAIN AND MRS. J. S. REDMAYNE.

SALMON AND TROUT—LOCH AND RIVER FISHING—
CLIMBING—SKETCHING—GOLF—MOTOR GARAGE, ETC.

20.11.20

Dear General Currie

I wonder if you could do anything with the Canadian Government or military authorities of the Dominion, to help me

I enclose the letter from the Officers association here in England which speaks for itself — it seems the Association will do nothing for us Canadian ex Officers — simply, because we are Canadian.

As perhaps you know, I sacrificed all my former business when I joined up with the Canadians in October 1914 for special duties at the request of the authorities. I left my business standing at a few hours notice, in those early days of stress and difficulty, one did not stop to count the cost.

When demobilised I had to start about for means of living, scraped together all my small savings and took this little Scotch Hotel & Farm & started in March.

I have had a successful first season, but as I had to start without quite enough capital, I had to use up the revenue of the hotel as it came in to meet the capital expense of stocking the empty farm. If I had been operating in Canada I believe I could have got a loan from the Dominion government up to £600 on easy terms wherewith to stock my farm — Here no such provision is made.

I had to start without sufficient capital to stock the empty farm, and consequently had to use up the Hotel takings or revenue of this my first season for that purpose as well as to meet the capital expenditure which is incidental to the first year of the business but which does not recur afterwards.

So I had to use hotel takings or revenue to the extent of £1415-

To meet the following Capital expenditure

(1) Purchase of Farm Stock	£ 350	
(2) .. Farm implements & carts	£ 150	
(3) .. Additional Furniture	£ 310	
(4) External repairs to Hotel	£ 175-	
(5) Landlord's fixtures which I had to take over	£ 430	

Total £ 1415-

All this Capital expenditure, incidental to first year only & which will not recur has been paid off out of the first seasons Hotel takings as well as the current running expenses of the Hotel and Farm.

The net result is that I end my first year £400 on the wrong side, and I am in urgent need of a Loan of £400 at 10% for one year - or even for 8 months - in order to enable me to 'carry on' during this first slack winter period while the hotel takings are small.

Next year I should get a clear income of at least £1000 a year from the Hotel - because I shall not then have these capital expenses to meet out of the second years hotel takings.

I have no securities which I can pledge with a bank - only my farm stock & some furniture value £700 so that I am obliged to look to private individual sources for such temporary loan - or to some organisation dealing with the re-establishment of Canadian officers into civil life.

Considering the work I have done in Canada generally and in British Columbia in particular before the war & service during the war, there surely must be some person or organisation in Canada which would help me in my present difficulty with loan of £400 at 10% for one year. - even though I be settled here in Scotland.

DALMALLY HOTEL,
ARGYLLSHIRE, N.B.

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SALMON AND TROUT—LOCH AND RIVER FISHING—
CLIMBING—SKETCHING—GOLF—MOTOR GARAGE, ETC.

The difficulty is to know where to apply.

My Book on B.C. Fruit Farming has been the means of sending hundreds of desirable settlers to the Province, and I have also done useful work here for the C.P.R.

Even now I am doing a lot of publicity work from Canada among the Scottish farming folk who make the best settlers in the Dominion.

I am a member of the Canada Club and personally know Sir George Perley & Sir Robert Borden. I have always paid my debts.

Can you help me to get this temporary loan of £400 at 10% for one year which I so urgently require - because it will make all the difference between failure & success

- if I don't get it soon I fear I shall be under within sight of success.

The last two proprietors of this hotel made fortunes with it - The small farm which I have had to stock out of the first seasons hotel latrings (through lack of capital) feeds the Hotel.

The combination of Hotel and farm is a perfect date and sound business - and all I need is this temporary loan of £400 at 10% to keep me on my legs through my first winter - after that I am safe.

It is worth noting that a number of people who were with us this first year have already booked definite dates with us for next year - so much so that we are already pretty well booked up in advance from March 24 to June 16 of next year.

I have no wealthy friends here who could assist

and most of my relatives consider it a social disgrace
and loss of social caste to be an ex-Officer and Ex-prison
to earn an honest living as a hotel keeper

I can't imagine any Canadian holding such stupid
opinion. —

It shall be glad to answer any questions I hope
that you will be able to submit my urgent
needs to some Canadian person or association
that will help an ex-Canadian officer with
temporary loan of £400 at 10% for one year
under the circumstances detailed above.

Yours faithfully

V. S. Redmayne

Captain
O.M.F.C.

Refer

Colonel W.R. Ward

Colonel Ross C.M.G. (Chief Paymaster)

Colonel Kemmis Betty O'K. Record

all of whom I served under.

THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

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*Please quote at the head
of any reply*

/FW

*and address to Department
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Telephone: MAYFAIR { 6732
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48, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, W. 1.

All replies must be
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The Secretary,
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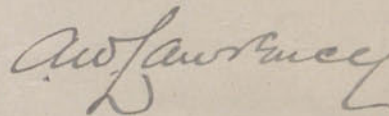
18th November 1920.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for assistance from the funds of this Association, I am directed by the Committee to inform you that as you have served in the Canadian Forces during the late war, they are unable to deal with your case.

The Committee suggest, however, you should apply to the Canadian Government for assistance.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

J.S.Redmayne, Esq.,
The Hotel,
Dalmally,
Argyllshire.N.B.

THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

In reply please quote

C. R. No.

*and address to the
Secretary.*

Telephone : MAYFAIR { 6732
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48, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, W.1.

10th December, 1920.

Dear *General,*

I am directed to write to you with reference to the treatment by this Association of Officers who served in the Canadian Forces.

Owing to an inexplicable error, a letter was sent to a Captain Redmayne, an Ex-Officer of the Canadian Force, to the effect that a Sub-Committee could not deal with his case as he had served in the Canadian Forces during the late war.

Directly the error was brought to notice, it was at once rectified, and Captain Redmayne has been informed.

I can only express my deep regret that such a mistake should have been made.

Yours

*sincerely
H. Ruggles Brice*

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



Personal

Vancouver B.C.
29th Oct 1925

Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal
Que

Dear Sir Arthur

Referring to our Meeting
at the Vancouver Hotel, while you
were in Vancouver last.

I am just dropping you a
line bringing to your memory
the substance of our conversation
viz: Position as Manager of
one of the Canadian National

Hotel.

When Loroti saw something up I
enclosed a copy of a letter received
from Mr. A. S. McLean Supt. of Hotels for
the C. & N. R. Complimenting me on my
management of their Hotel at Brandon
which I had charge during the Summer
months in 1922

Hoping you will use your influence
on my behalf either with Mr. McLean
or Mr. E. Pratt. both of the C. & N. R. Hotel
Dept. you doing so will oblige

Yours truly

Geo. R. Raymond

*Sir Arthur wartime
chauffeur at the front*

May 21st, 1925.

Lewis R. Reece, Esq.,
Hereford, 1 Hill Crescent,
Surbiton, Surrey,
England.

My dear Reece:-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 11th. I am sorry that I did not answer the one you sent me some time ago. I have often intended to do so but you know how one puts off such matters.

It is true that we are counting on going across this year. I had all arrangements made for sailing on the 5th of June but instead of doing that I have to have a small operation performed which will keep me in the hospital the most of June. I think that Lady Currie and Marjorie will go on the 5th and Garner and myself get along a little later. While there we intend to stay at the same hotel as in 1921, The Stafford, St. James's Place.

I shall not attempt to give you any of the news now, Reece, but will wait until I get in touch with you after arrival in England. I am glad to hear that all goes well with you.

With kindest wishes to Mrs. Reece and yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Hereford,
1, Hill Crescent,
Surbiton,
Surrey.

May. 11. 1925

Dear Sir Arthur

I expect You will be surprised to hear from me after all this time, but You may rest assured I have not forgotten You

I heard from May O'Connor the other day, and amongst a great deal of interesting news she mentioned that You and Family were probably coming over this Summer, Well if that is correct and You require anyone to make any arrangements for You I shall be only too delighted to do anything for You.

If You arrive at Southampton I will meet You with a Car if You tell me when You are arriving.

Did I write you about the C.E.F
Reunion Dinner We held in London
recently! I believe I did, it was a great
success and we had Maj Gen Garnet Hughes
in the Chair and of course the Canadian
High Commissioner was present.

How is dear old Canada getting along!
I am still just as home sick as ever
As regards my self I have no complaints
to make, The Wife has been very ill but
is now well on the road to recovery

I trust Lady Gurne and Children
are quite well, Hoping to hear from
you shortly

Yours very truly
Lewis R. Reece

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July 5th, 1922.

Louis R. Reece, Esq.,
Hereford, 1 Hill Crescent,
Surbiton Hill, Surrey,
England.

My dear Louis:-

On my return to Montreal after a short vacation of a fortnight I found your letter of June 10th and was glad to hear that everything is going along very well with you.

Business conditions in Canada are something like they apparently are over there, namely, about the same, although I do believe that indications shew that a gradual betterment is taking place. As usual very much depends on this year's crop which promises very well. Lately they have enjoyed a much needed rain in the Northwest and from what I heard and saw there I know everyone is quite optimistic. The lumbering industry in Canada has much improved in the past year, while the mining industry is better than ever. Of course, what bothers us here, as it bothers people everywhere, is the enormous public debt and the very high rate of taxation. I think if I were you I would hang on to my job there until things begin to move more lively here.

You ask about books published with reference to Canadians at the front. There are, of course, a good many and some are not worth reading or buying. A very readable book has just come out entitled "The War as I Saw It" by Canon Scott. I am sure you would enjoy it very much. A couple of years ago Livesay, whom you will remember as war correspondent in the last three or four months of the war, published a book called "Canada's Hundred Days". I thought it was worth reading and keeping. I have sometimes thought of writing something, but as yet have not the available time.

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Everything is going very well and I enjoy living in Montreal very much. The family are all well. The children have grown so much that you would hardly know them.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Reece and yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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May
Tenth
1921.

Lewis R. Reece, Esq.,
1 Hill Crescent,
Surbiton Hill,
Surbiton, Surrey, England.

My dear Reece:-

I thank you for your letter of
April 19th and for your kindness in suggesting that
while I am in England this summer I stay with you.

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This is indeed an offer of very great
kindness, Reece, and while we are deeply grateful
I am afraid it will be impossible to accept. I
hope, though, that I may have the pleasure of seeing
you again. My wife and kiddies will likely be with
me. We shall leave here some time about the middle
of June, but during the first month in England I
shall be very busy attending the sessions of the
Congress of the Universities of the Empire, after
which I would like to go to France to look over the
battlefields again.

Willis O'Connor is still in Ottawa
acting as Staff Officer to General MacBrien. He
was out for a trip to California during March and
possibly that may account for you not hearing from
him.

You speak of trying to obtain a book
containing a full history of the Canadian Army in
the War. I do not think that such a book has been
written yet. I know that the Department of Militia
at Ottawa have the matter in hand and that Major

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Duguid, whom you may remember as G.S.O.2 in the
3rd Division, has been retained for the purpose.

Let me again thank you for your
kindness, Reece, and with all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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January
Fifth
1921.

Louis R. Reece, Esq.,
42 Arlington Road,
Surbiton, Surrey, England.

My dear Reece:-

I was very glad, indeed, to get
your letter of December 13th.

When I was in Ottawa Willis always kept me posted as to what you were doing and as to how you were getting along. You know I left there about the 1st of August last and have not seen much of Willis since. I am glad that you have a good position there and I think it would be as well to hold it down as long as it is satisfactory. There is much unemployment in Canada and you know the old saying "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

You were good enough, Reece, to ask about my family. Lady Currie has been in splendid health since coming to Canada. Marjorie started to school in Montreal last January and is getting along well. She had an attack of scarlet fever in May last year which kept her out of school for a couple of months. Garner has not been so fortunate. He hurt his ankle coming over on the ship and every month or so used to go lame. He started to school in Ottawa last January, but after seven weeks of it I had to take him away. We had the ankle X rayed and there was disclosed an erosion of one of the bones. I had visions of a tubercular joint and felt very much concerned. I took him up to Toronto to see Dr. Clarence Starr who comforted me to the extent of saying that there was nothing tubercular, but that the boy would have to lay up for a long while. For the next seven or eight months he had his ankle in plaster paris and used to get along by wearing a splint. Starr is so satisfied with his progress that the plaster paris and splint have been removed. In May last year Garner went to live

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with my Mother in western Ontario. We thought the life on the farm would be better than in the city. He is there still. We spent the Christmas holidays up there and I am glad that he is getting along well, though we thought it wise to leave him there until after the summer holidays.

Willis will have kept you posted regarding the news of your old friends in military life. He, as you know, is now staff officer to General MacBrien, who is the chief military officer in Canada.

I like my position in Montreal very much, though it does not permit of much leisure time. I hope to leave here for England about the middle of June. There is a Conference of the Universities of the Empire to be held early in July. I want to take that in and also spend a month or two over there studying the Old Country Universities. I would like very much to see you again, Reece. I assure you I have not forgotten our long association, nor the grateful, loyal and efficient service you gave me. Before closing I might tell you that I have the old horse, Brock, up at my brother's place in Ontario. He is looking well and still carries himself well.

It will also interest you to know that I never heard anything further regarding the car I was to receive on arriving in Canada. You will not have forgotten that I, personally, never placed much confidence in the gift to myself of Gaby.

With all good wishes, I am, dear
Reece,

Ever yours faithfully,

October
Fourth
1921.

Colonel J. L. Regan,
C/o. P. S. Ross & Sons,
142 Notre Dame Street,
Montreal.

My dear Regan:-

I did hear that you had left the
Service and were in the City.

I should like very much to have
a chat with you. I wonder if you could come to
my house, 595 Sherbrooke St. West, next Sunday
evening. I am going out of town on Sunday and
I am afraid I cannot get back until about 8
o'clock, but if it is not too late, I shall be
glad to see you afterwards and we might spend
an hour or two together.

One is so busy these days at
the College, owing to its being the beginning
of the session and the celebration taking place
next week.

Yours faithfully,

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Montreal, 7th. December 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur-

In order that you may know something of my work for our soldiers' families, I am sending you two reprints of surveys made last year in two directions, that of the health of our children, and that of high rentals being charged these families. The Rental Survey may be of special interest to you as it discloses some of the very bad housing conditions in the city, although this was incidental to the object of the survey. The Health Survey discloses rather bad conditions found in our children, and is really indicative of what we can expect in the average child in this Province of Quebec, if not throughout Canada. I am proud to say that Dr. Pitt in Geneva, who is in charge of the Child Welfare Division of the League of Red Cross Societies, is using my Health Survey as a guide to his Child Welfare workers in central Europe.

Our Health work is not restricted however to preventive work for children, but covers the needs of our men and women through weekly clinics held by specialists in this office.

We are spending about \$30,000. monthly on relief for our families in Montreal alone, and most of this goes for health work, curative and preventive, although we have quite a large number of families receiving regular monthly allowances owing to the death of the breadwinner and non-receipt of Government pensions.

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Sir A. Currie-

Some day I hope that you will honour us by coming down to the Fund office during the morning and seeing something of our work when you feel free to give us an hour. ~~during the morning.~~

Yours ever cordially,

Henry Reed

Convener of Auxiliary.

HR YR/R

57
August
Seventeenth
1920

Brigadier-General Robert Rennie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Rennie:-

I did not see your letter of
July 16th until yesterday.

The subject matter thereof was
one which I had idscussed with General Ashton
on several occasions this spring. He, as well
as myself, was in favour of meeting your
wishes. I will now write him a personal
letter concerning it, and I trust the Depart-
ment will shortly make the necessary decision.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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April
Sixth
1922-

General Rennie,
136 Adelaide St.E.
Toronto Ont.

My Dear Rennie:-

I intend to arrive in Toronto next Saturday by the same train as I travelled on last time. I am not quite sure where I shall stay, but am under a half promise to go to Col. McKeown, Welsley Crescent.

I have your letter of the fourth instant with reference to Lord Byng's decision as to dress. I cannot understand why His Excellency could not fall in line with your wishes.

I shall not forget joining the Reception Committee at five minutes after seven.

Yours faithfully,

R-

Principal.

DOCKET STARTS:

RICHARDSON, FRED.

February
Second
1921.

Major Fred Richardson, O.B.E.,
Cook Street,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Fred:-

I am sorry that I have not before this written you a reply to your letter of last December, in which you sent me some notes on the Harris Plumbob. I passed the plans over to one of our experts in the Department of Surveying and am attaching herewith his report. He assures me that it is unworthy of any consideration whatever, and that about the only feature omitted is a hammer with which to drive the tacks into the hubs. I do not know anything about these instruments, Fred, so you will have to decide yourself as to whether his report is any good or not.

I haven't heard much news from Victoria for some time. It is true that I receive the "Daily Colonist" regularly, but I am afraid I do not read it very carefully. I did note that in the last election you tried out proportional representation and that, apparently, you were not unanimous as to the merits of the system.

I also see that Joe North is considering a protest against his defeat. Joe is not a bad sort of a fellow and was rather a useful man in a Band. I remember he could play a horn, a trombone and could beat the drum, but if Joe is the best man you can get as Police Commissioner, why you had better lock up the City and throw the key into the sea.

I also notice that Fanny Robertson has started the old Fifth Regiment going again. I wish him all success. I would be glad to know how the 16th Canadian Scottish is getting along. Please remember me most kindly to the officers and many of

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my old friends in both regiments.

We have had a very nice winter here, Fred, much milder than usual, although we are not holding any golf tournaments, something I see is a practice in Victoria. Are you going to Bisley this year. If so, I shall look forward to seeing you then, as I am going across to England in June.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Robertson, to your daughter and to young Fred.

Ever yours faithfully,

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March 17th, 1921.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

My dear General:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 16th regarding Fred Richardson, and it would appear that your good nature is being imposed upon by this man.

I have known Richardson since 1909, when he was a member of the Bisley Team, and like yourself I gave him a little more freedom on account of his knowledge as a rifle shot, and after our return I was pestered by letters such as you have received from him asking for favors. For first-class cheek and gall Richardson beats the record, and would suggest that you write poor Fred a polite letter of sympathy and tell him that you cannot give him the assistance which this case would appear to deserve. The fact of the matter is, that he is looked upon as a nuisance by all rifle men who come in contact with him.

Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Alex Bertram

Alex. Bertram
-RR-

April
Eighth
1921.

Major Fred Richardson,
133 Cook Street,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Fred:-

I was very much interested in getting your letter of the 7th of March.

I had already seen by the Colonist that Joe North had been elected as Police Commissioner. To me it seemed a peculiar step to take, but perhaps Joe is a different person from the man I used to know. A good many of us have changed a lot during the last six or seven years.

I am very much interested in what you have told me regarding the shooting ability of your daughter. I had noticed in the papers that she had won her place on the Rifle League Team on more than one occasion. I can well understand your wish to take her across to England with you. I am afraid, Fred, there is nothing I can do to help you in that direction. Lord Shaughnessy was not favourably disposed and General Sir Alex. Bertram offered no encouragement whatever.

I hope to go across in June and will be there during July. I hope it may be possible to get to Bisley, though the Conference of the Universities of the Empire have an extensive programme which takes up pretty well all the time of the first three weeks of July.

I saw Cy Peck in Montreal last week and was glad to learn from him that the 60th Battalion was beginning to move. I feel sure that it won't be many years before it is one of the very best in Canada. The more I think of it I am sure we were doing partic-

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ularly well with the 50th in the short time of its existence before War broke out. That was really a very fine camp we had when it is realized that it was our first one.

I understand that Burstall is on a trip to the coast and has, I suppose, inspected you all. I read rather an amusing thing in the paper here the other day telling us how he had arrived in Vancouver on the same train with the prominent Socialist who had been released from Stony Mountain. There were nearly 5000 Reds down to meet the Socialist and when Burstall saw the crowd he was sure they were there to join in a reception to him and remarked to a friend that there were twice as many as had assembled to greet the Prince of Wales. He was all smiles and beginning to bow right and left when he noted the red flags and heard the socialists shouting a welcome to the other man.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Richardson and the family. All mine are well and join me in all good wishes to you.

Ever yours faithfully,

January
Fourth
1922.

Fred Richardson, Esq.,
301 Union Bank Building,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Fred:-

Thank you very much for your letter
of December 20th.

All your good wishes I most heartily
reciprocate. Please remember me most kindly to
Mrs. Richardson, to young Fred and to your daughter.
I remember what a pretty girl she was when I was
there a couple of years ago.

The news you gave about the 16th
and the 5th is very interesting. If I were you
I would write to Cy Peck concerning your difference
of opinion with the 16th and I will write to Sandy
Urquhart, who I see has had to go to the hospital
again but who wrote me just before Christmas
saying he was taking command of the regiment. I
may say, Fred, that I never had a great deal of
use for Martin. He possesses one splendid quality,
and that is, he was one of the most gallant soldiers
who ever served in the Canadian Corps, but he always
was a perfect crank and I can well imagine there
would be nothing but trouble so long as he was in
command. Unless you can have harmony and goodwill
in the regiment you can never build up any esprit
de corps, without which progress and improvement
will not come.

I am sure Fanny will do well with
the old 5th. He wrote me a letter in November
outlining some of the things he had in his mind
to do which would help recruiting. He told me
that he was preparing a history of the regiment

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and asked me to make some contribution to it. I have not written to him yet because I have not had time to do what he wanted. I cannot tell you how busy I have been, Fred, and to sit down and write what I know about the old 5th would be to take time which I have not got at my disposal. Since returning from England early in September I have had only one Sunday which was free. On every other Sunday I unveiled a tablet in some church or presided at a meeting somewhere. However, I shall write to Fanny and he may publish my letter or letters if he thinks they will do any good.

When you next write to me please tell me who the officers are in each regiment. You said that between the 16th and the 47th there was a duel. I do not quite understand this as I was not aware that the 47th had any interest in Victoria. I have noted by reading the 'Colonist' the different functions that have been held in the new Drill Hall and it seemed to me that you were having quite a busy season. That is all to the good because the more you can make the drill hall the centre of activities - social, sporting, military and otherwise - the better it will be for the local units.

You may have seen in Mackenzie King's announcement that he proposed to unite under one head the Departments of Militia, Naval Service, Air Service and Mounted Police. This is in accordance with a recommendation I made when I was Inspector-General and a letter which I wrote to Mackenzie King after his election. I think the disposition of everyone is to give him and his party a chance to see if they can bring some order and improvement out of the present chaos. I also think that most people would be better pleased to see the Liberal party led by some stronger character, for, after all, King is a bit of a theorist and there are few who regard

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his war record with any favour. I most cordially agree with his efforts to give Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta representation in the Government. I do not believe in the isolation of Provinces, though, if such representation meant a discarding of principle or a truckling with class government, it would be well to avoid it. I quite approve of his taking Senator Bostock into the Government, though I am not quite so sure that Dr. King will add any strength to his cause. King is a very good surgeon and a very decent fellow, but I think he should stick to his surgery.

I read with interest the results of your elections and was not sorry that there was such a complete change in the Council. Marchand is another theorist and fanatic, but will be held down by Lineham, Leeming, Gillespie and others who are practical business men. I had a letter from Lineham and am looking forward to seeing him in Montreal. I cannot understand, Fred, the strength which the Worth-Hall party has shewn. I do not think it reflects any great credit on Victoria, nor will it add to her prestige. You know as well as I do that Joe Worth is no more fit to be at the head of any civic department than he is to command a regiment. I read the report of his speech delivered at the Victoria Theatre and failed to discover anything interesting or edifying in it. You tell me that it filled the theatre and that 2000 people were turned away. All I can say is that people who like to grovel in muck of that sort have very little to do.

Everything is going on very well here, Fred, and I am becoming more attached to Montreal every day. It may be that I shall get out to the coast this summer, but of that I am not sure. I shall always be glad to hear from you old man and hope that you may find time soon to write me again. I shall convey your messages to Bill Shaughnessy, to

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Willis and to my people.

Please remember me kindly to
Percy and to the others you mention, and with
all good wishes to yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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May 1st, 1919.

Major Fred Richardson,
Musketry Instructor,
Canadian Corps.

Dear Major Richardson:-

Now that the Canadian Corps is fast breaking up and the time will soon come when that splendidly efficient fighting force will be but a memory I would like to express to you, as one whose services helped materially in making it efficient, my warm thanks for your loyalty, your devotion to duty and the success which attended your Department.

It would be difficult to estimate the value which confidence in one's weapon gives to the soldier. After all it is the infantry who deliver the final thrust which brings victory. Their weapon is the rifle and it was in giving them confidence in that weapon that your work lay. I have been served by many Instructors in Musketry, but by none whose success as an Instructor was greater than yours.

In future years it must give you pride to know that your services in this great War were of a most useful character, that you always did a little more than your bit, and that your efforts were appreciated.

With all good wishes for your success when you return to private life, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lieut.-General

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301 Union Bank Bld, S
Victoria B.C.
Jan 12th 22

Dear Arthur,

I cannot convey in adequate words what I wish to state, but you can rest assured that the Old Flicker is yours body soul and carcase toutjour, my old sweetheart was much affected with the receipt of your comment of my services.

Now Arthur you have always known me better than any other man because I made up my mind that you should, and I can always make you understand yourself perhaps better than anyone else, that may be ego just the same its true, after reading your letter I must tell you that this country cannot do without you for long, and YOU must keep working to that end, you are as far as your wording goes for I glean much advancement in your criticism, the same savours of honesty, and Arthur you have that right spirit which makes the biggest men, I am not much on religion but you have it and don't know it, well it will assert itself if you wish to travel along the advanced lines, you cannot tell me that the big men who are your sponsors are not watching your every move, and maybe you are not aware that these said men have something for you to accomplish that they cannot do, well did it ever strike you that this world is not altogether philanthropic, what it does for us is to help accomplish something that it has aims for, and I am sure from deduction that you are the man and its up to you, I know that it never struck you that it took a real man with a real mans observation to do what you did do, that would be natural in your case, I have in mind the days gone by when Fred said get out of that poky office and be what you were intended to be, well did you ever stop to think that you had the best gift man can be endowed with, and that is discernment of the right man for the right place, well just keep that in front of you and concentrate, remember it is only the mouse advising the Lion, personally I shall never amount to much as I know myself to have only mediocre friends, and I believe I am not sufficiently self-fish to wish it different, (no reflections) I could fill any position that would be given me I know impartially, for I have schooled the Old Flicker to be honest, though it took some hard thought, and my one real wish is to see the only friend I want to become the saviour of this country, its strange Arthur how it sticks with me that my wish will someday be consummated, I even go so far as to argue the obstacles to be overcome, and I have overcome any obstacles that you could put up, do not forget that all that is past is past and only the future lives, very often our past helps for every knock is a boost, let us take the much despised Joe North, who has a past like Joe, well every knock has been a boost and it succeeded where nothing else could, so keep the mind right and develop in the way you are going, avoid contact with anything that you instinctively feel is not understood, even if its with your own family, I know Arthur you do not mind the Old Flicker talking to you, I guess its habit, You wished me to give you a list of names for the 5th and 16th, the Fifth are as follows, Fanny, Chess, T, B, Monk, Crockett, Aitken, Robertson, Shaw, Ker, Gonn

Gonnason, and Frank Hatvher B.M.

The 16th are Sandy Urganhardt, O.C, Martin, Monteith, Gus Lyons Dick Wallace, Doyley Rochfort, Heb Gillespie, Campbell, Dunford, Smith, and Musketry Officer Henson, Adj. Capt Hills, Batt'n S.M Anderson,

As far as I am concerned I have never been appointed except by wire from Cy Peck, and that is as far as I have got, they allowed me to act and even took my subscription from the Mess, just the same I know that the O.C, is not au-fait with the facts, so I just sent in my resignation, I gave them a winning team this year and do not feel inclined to bow the knee to anyone, if Urquart wants me he will let me know, I do know that the fifth do want my services, and I had only 4 years to go to get my Officers long distance decoration, I am not so sure that Cy is really interested, for I have learnt to know a man after I have been with him a short while, and I have sized him up as a politician pure and simple, just the same Ol' Cy is a well meaning man,

The Mayor is already showing the Ego of a real Marchant but as you state he will get his wings clipped, What you state with regard to Mc Kenzie X is just likely to be the least bit astray, I always feel for the Theorist, he usually is amenable to practical advice if it touches anything that comes in contact with his theory, or theories, I'll make you a bet he comes to you yet, if not personally by proxy, so keep your eyes skinned,

Did it ever strike you that dear Old Bill S was some sort of a well meaning pal, he has got some of the best brainy ideas it has been my fortune to come across, altogether different to Willis, and yet as a mans true friends they stack up ace high,

I got to know Bill real well after I had got is number when you sent him on that memorable trip with me, and as I never told you about Liege, I think I'll do so now, well after we left Brussels, Bill was properly tanked all the way and we struck Liege, and stopped at the Swedes Hotel which was near the Cathedral, and opposite Maxims, well Bill would have a real dinner and of course Bill would have various kinds of Vin Blink, after the meal he saw the bright lights of Maxims and suggested a stroll we went right across the way and Bill says have a drink, well being a Yorkshire man what would you have done, a he man brought in some Opal colour-ed drink and it smelt of aniseed, so I told Bill not to drink the stuff, well Bill will always try one thing once, and that was the end of my command of Bill I went home and they brought Bill home by the frogs march, well Bill did not remember just what he had done so I played a bluff on him, I went in to his room and asked him what he had done the night before, he did not know all, so I told him a man had been that was going to deliver the Chimes of the Cathedral and that he was waiting for a cheque for a few thousands of Dollars which Bill had bargained for, well if you had seen Bills face he was like a worsted pup with a putty tail, I kept up the farce until he gave me more data of his peregrinations of the previous night, Dear old Bill laid his head on my shoulder all the way to Duren and was quite satisfied that the Olk Flicker had the command of the Ship, he sure will never forget Fred,

Say Arthur what are we going to do with the New Breakwater is it to be just a monument, *lots of fun*

Fred

February
Twenty-first
1923.

Major Fred Richardson,
301 Union Bank Building,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fred:-

I was delighted to get your letter the other day. I know I am very much to blame for not writing to you but I fear I am rather an indifferent personal correspondent.

I follow the Victoria news fairly well through the 'Colonist', which I read in batches of a dozen at a time. It pleased me very much to see how easily Reggie Hayward had disposed of Marchand, who never was anything else but a psalm-singing old humbug. Reggie ought to make a good mayor as far as good business instinct, good judgment, earnest and faithful service are concerned, but he has never been away from Victoria long enough or far enough. I was surprised to see how well Dr. Ernest Hall ran. It is hard to understand mass psychology, but I suppose the public pitied him for the position he found himself in after the judgments rendered against him. He is a very likeable fellow, but a crank. Victoria, however, would not be satisfied and would not appear normal to the outside world if she did not have one or two cranks either on the School Board, the Police Commission or the City Council.

I am glad to hear that the old 5th regiment is prospering. It certainly deserves success and no doubt will continue to merit it. I am very sorry that the 16th is finding the going so hard. There is plenty of room in Victoria for two good Militia regiments, especially when they represent different branches of the service. There ought to be no difficulty whatever in having a good regiment of artillery and an equally good regiment of infantry, but frankly, Fred, I do not like to see the evidence of bad feeling between

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the two regiments. It was quite apparent last fall when I was there and I think the 5th were doing as much as anybody else to keep the spirit alive. I don't know when men will learn the homely lesson that 'more flies are caught by honey than by vinegar' and the best results come from co-operation. Rivalry is a good thing so long as it doesn't engender bad feeling. Poor Sandy Urquhart seems to be having a hard time. The trouble with Sandy is that he is too much of a gentleman. He ought to have taken Martin by the back of the neck and thrown him out of the regiment. Instead of that, thinking that Martin was something of a gentleman too, he let him stay on for six or nine months hoping to get his resignation each day. Martin was a very gallant soldier and good fighter, but he never could get along with men. Urquhart has some good young men, but he has some who are merely using the regiment and living on the past. These men are absolutely no use in a Militia organization.

I am sending you by this mail a copy of a new magazine called the "Listening Post". I do not know how it will go but I think it deserves support. It is a small effort intended to stand for what is best for returned soldiers generally and for the country they so worthily represent. It will also be a medium whereby we can learn something of the life and activities of some of those we knew so well years ago. The old "Listening Post" you know was the first trench journal and was got out by the 7th battalion.

I do not know what I can tell you, Fred, about myself that would be interesting. I am no more enamoured of political life than I ever was and things are going very well here in Montreal. I am working hard and behaving myself. The family are all well. Marjorie still goes to school and Ethel has come back to use since last September when she brought the children back to Montreal while we were away on our trip West. That was a very enjoyable trip, though a hard one. There is no use going to Victoria for only

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a couple of days. I would like to spend a couple of months there and look forward to doing that one of these summer vacations. I am sorry we did not see more of Mrs. Richardson and the family. We saw in the 'Colonist' an item which led us to believe that your daughter was married. We all join in wishing her every happiness and good fortune. You will be irresistible, Fred, as a grandfather.

I very seldom see anyone from Victoria here, though Sam Matson visited the city for part of a day. I did not see him but had a brief note from him saying he hoped to be back again. Apparently, his plans did not materialize. I am very sorry for I would have liked very much to have seen him. Please remember me kindly to him.

I noted the other day by a report on you which was asked from me that you were representing Fraser Bros. of Montreal. I hope your business prospers. You will always know that should you come to Montreal you are very, very welcome at my home.

With kindest wishes always,

Yours faithfully,



Thompson

Sept 13/23

Dear Arthur

Better news. Bleeding Ulcers ^{stopped} am now being fed up with plenty of Green food. to stem diabetes, + feeling very much liker to be again a good deal of my old self.

The Dr however states that I must be opened up + have the Ulcers cauterized + then I shall be better than ever. now Arthur on the face of it how do they get that way, if a man gets his Stomach muscles parted they take a long time to heal. now what I want you to do is please see your head Surgeon + Dr (medico) + if they say that it is best to be done why I'll be on the slab before you can get reply. (my Ulcers are duodenal)

It will mean my losing my ability to earn upkeep for my old Dutch after I get out + that is what hurts. I've never come across a single case where they cut the Stomach that was not worse than before, or I should state not fit for the Battle of Life.

PLEASE USE BOTH SIDES.

I know Arthur you will be pleased with
this news more so than my letter of few days
ago, for I was surely scared to death, & I
think I may be pardoned at that for I was
bleeding so rapidly, so last long & I had gone
weak & had fainting spells though not
of the unconscious kind.

I am propped up in Bed & altogether
feel like I might be old again.

^{Paul} A chap named Ross Mac (who was with
Mc Rae) in the bed opposite here & has claimed to
have every disease under the sun after fighting the
Pension Board for the last 4 months has just
got news that he is to get Full pay & Pension.
if you could see the Blythe now you would not
believe he was very bad, you will remember him he was
in the 10th Bn & crossed, loud mouthed a regular
nut, with lots of Hospital knowledge, I think he
really knows more than the Drs, he is up to every
dodge that's pure.

Mrs R came over to see me & I was never so
glad to see her in my life. say Arthur if every
man was loved by his wife like I am who's
this world would be Paradise.



I have had to take young Ted from this job + put him on the road which means that after + mas I will have lots of experience + broke but I will make him come through if its possible. + I hope he is a fighter, one cannot tell till they face the music.

I have asked the Sr to send me out as soon as possible for I really love my work + like to conquer. I really cannot see what big able bodied men find in getting into bed + take all the God can give them. I sometimes think they can smell easy money.

We have in this ward young Juvenato of Cowichan + also May Marshall of the 16th he is nearly always out - at least he leaves here just before lunch + rets at 10 pm + goes away Fridays + gets back Monday, he has Rheum, you will know him I am sure, I guess he is a total disability (210 lbs)

The weather here has been really wonderful
 + not at all like Vancouver at this time
 of the year.

The boosters are getting busy + they have
 made a big difference already. The Coast
 is chinking up + I should not be surprised
 if we had a Boom.

Seattle right down to Los Angeles
 have started Boosting B.C. we had
 in Victoria + just many Hollywood + Co.
 this summer.

I am enclosing a photo of Dorothy
 her son. "Stanley Clayton Grant."
 I call the little runt. "Pussfoot."
 fine kid though.

Ma sends much love to all
 + so do I.

Fred

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September 27th, 1923.

Major Fred Richardson,
Shaughnessy Hospital,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Fred:-

I was very sorry indeed to get your letters of recent date, which arrived practically together.

I have never known you to be quite so despondent as your first letter indicated. It was a new Fred to me, though I can well understand what was passing through your mind. We are all very glad to learn by your second letter that things look more hopeful. When I received it I immediately consulted Dr. Martin, our Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the outstanding medical man of Montreal. He has written to a friend of his in Vancouver to go and see you. Martin did not like the combination of diabetes and an operation and thinks that the letter ought to be delayed until the former condition is improved as much as possible. However, I am sure the doctor to whom he has written will give you the best advice. The S.C.R. ought, of course, to bear the expenses and reconsider the amount of your pension, because there is no doubt that your condition was aggravated due to war service.

Somehow or other, Fred, I feel that the future is not quite as unpromising as you seem to feel. Young Fred is a good boy, at least I consider that he has plenty of pluck. If he would only settle down and consent to be guided by you there is no reason why he should not soon take your place as the family provider.

I was sorry we did not see more of you when you were last in Montreal. I stayed in

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that Saturday evening thinking you might ring up and come around to the house. We seemed to have had only half a chat and my wife and sister were looking for you also.

I want to congratulate you, Fred, on the splendid showing you made at Ottawa. Not quite so brilliant as in the old days, but considering the state of your health, a most remarkable shewing. I think you were in every prize list and jolly well up in most of them.

Thank you very much for sending me Dorothy's picture. The grandson looks to me a very bonny boy and in a few months I warrant will have worked himself so thoroughly into your old heart that you will think he is the only boy in British Columbia. Dorothy looks just as sweet as ever and you will not forget that though she may have twenty husbands there is only one 'Dad' for her.

Please write me again soon for all of us are anxious about you. You can always be sure, Fred, that I value your loyalty and friendship very much.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Richardson and the other members of the family, I am,

Yours faithfully,

P.S. I remember that chap Ross of whom you spoke very well. I think you have sized him up correctly. He was never very much good in the battalion and seems no better now.



Shaughnessy Hospital
Vancouver B. C.
Oct 2/23

Dear Arthur,

I am much better, bleeding has dried up & I am gaining weight. I am actually 152 lbs. a little difference when you think of 185 lbs the last time I saw you. I have so far declined the operation. I know if I have this performed it will mean I am slowed up for life, & if I stay as I am I shall most probably run into cancer etc. pleasant to contemplate.

I wrote you twice since the first of Sept. & gave the letters to the orderly to post I trust you rec'd these.

I have had to take Ted away from the Hudson's Bay & get him to take my lines.

I feel much more cheerful now. Though I got the scare of my life. You remember the last time you saw me after the fight I made of it. well I was something similar but not quite as bad. I now begin to think I shall get over the operation.

You can address your letters to K. Ward above Hospital
I have given up smoking. it was very hard but I just made up my mind to do so & feel much better

I think you will have to do the same Arthur. it is a great dope after all. but Oh! how I could just enjoy a cigar now.

Life after all is worth while if only to succour those we love. but when I think of some poor chaps who are here why I feel my ailment is nothing in comparison. Poor devils they will only leave this institution one way.

Drop me a line Arthur you always cheer me up. though I am not what can be called a quitter.

We have many arguments & the War is always won - never lost by some of them. so life after all is very interesting.

I have a letter from Victoria stating Dudley is going to Los Angeles. why? I do not know he seems to think he will be better off there. I know he is a knave for trying. at his time of life when he can make a hit with the Deadly Dope.

Give my regards to all Ma. Marjory. James. Miss Ethel & Self.

The Old Flucker

R. Ward

Oct 20/23

Dear Arthur

Thanks for newsy
letter. Yes; Lloyd George is the
real man. we all feel the
honour he bestowed on you
& I can tell you a few more
wouldn't hurt any.

I trust England will take
him back & let him govern
things generally. if they do
not do so it simply means
that Europe will be in conflag-
-ration again. The French are &
always have been the bugbears,
& the arrogance they display
ought to have a shake up.

He sure did rap the U.S. &
they deserve it. They have ruined
Canada in the Past & all our
own fault. we should do away
with American institutions,
no matter where you turn it USA
in Canada. in fact we are no

no longer Canadians, if we receive
a few millions of emigrants they
get them. take poor victims for
instance who they have just trans-
-planted the old Town to California.
but I must not trespass too much
for I know you are anxious to
know how I am getting on.

I went out yesterday for the first
time & to say I enjoyed it
is putting it mildly. I have
gone thin but am cheerful
& again I believe will be full
of figs. though when I saw
the Pains full of Blood I got
scared & perhaps lost my nerve
when at that time was pretty
ragged. the Dr you sent to, to
look me up has not seen me.

They still think I ought to
go in for the operation, but I
have seen too much of it & know
what it means, it is unnatural
& if I can take care my spirit
will avoid further trouble.

I noted that McGill is coming
up in the Spok & believe me
Arthur if you could make them

Take up the Rifle in real earnest & as
 their scholastic membranes would so
 materially benefit. The educational
 values derived from concentration cannot
 be estimated. Any man who can be
 taught concentration will not readily
 procrastinate. I delivered a lecture in
 Victoria last year on Rifle Shooting
 & its real other values & received splendid
 recognition from a very learned man
 who wrote a eulogy on the subject.
 Mind Golf will do the same but
 not quite so concentrative. & no other
 sport will accomplish this.

You did not state how Gaver was
 coming along. Personally I feel that
 he will have to reach 16 before he
 shows the signs you are anxious for.
 but if you can persuade him to go
 in for swimming during the summer
 he will readily respond. Take as
 example Marjery. it was the means
 of building her up mentally & physically,
 & look what she has accomplished & what
 she will accomplish. her brain is a
 marvel & someday you will be thankful
 that you made her your chess.

The complexity of the human brain is a great study & we can never satisfy ourselves. I guess Arthur you off times wondered how I secured such success when training troops. I just stepped inside of every brain. (I mean every) & the dullest was made to respond because they could not avoid the contact.

Setting aside Ego I am aware of my ability from personal study & therefore confident. & if I had my time to go over again I would not be where I am. for I know that observant men can reach any height. I just do not know where you will end but its up to you. You have a gift & you are content to let it be more or less dormant. I do know your meditative moments raise you to heights that can be scaled easily if you were to let go. & the people of Canada would know that they had a Cavour. now look at Baldwin. The hash that clever man is making is enough to make a saint weep. all he can think of is politics. its subjects but of the wrong kind. Harding was great because he was more reserved & closed his mouth when to open it meant criticism & ridicule. I have been informed that I may be liberated soon. There is one thing I should

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like & that is to be sure of the future.

Generally speaking I have given my all
to others, am not sorry I have been
unselfish & would do it all over again.
It has gained me sincere friendships
& that means everything almost to any-
-one.

Young Fred got married on the
4th November so that will be
the last of the junior branch of
the family he has grown into
a very fine man & as he grows
older is developing another "Flicker".

I guess Arthur I'm worried you
reading such a long diatribe but
then I just know you will read
it & think again of the old Flicker
& times that are past.

Sincerely
Fred

Love to ALL

May 13th, 1924.

Major Fred Richardson,
Jubilee Hospital,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fred:-

I was very glad to learn by your letter of the 4th that your operation had been so successful. I had no idea that it had come off for the last news seemed to indicate that the doctors were doubtful as to the wisdom of proceeding with an operation. In fact that was one thing that always worried me. The doctors told me that they were not certain you could stand an operation. Now that it is all over and you are feeling so much better the relief is very great. I most sincerely trust, Fred, that the results will be permanently beneficial and that you will fast recover your former robust health.

I am just going up to the Hospital now to see Sandy Urquhart, who a week ago yesterday was operated on here by Dr. Archibald my professor of Surgery and the greatest Lung Surgeon on the continent. The doctor is extremely delighted with the success of Urquhart's operation and looks forward to permanent beneficial results in his case. Urquhart tells me that he hasn't felt better in years. Of course, he will be in the hospital for a month at least, but what a blessing it will be if that old wound permanently heals and he gets rid of that everlasting suppuration. Archibald removed some rotten bone, some rotten cartilage and a foreign substance.

I shall write again, Fred, but I wanted to get this line off to-day to tell you

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how glad I am that you have stood the operation
and that it has been so successful.

All the family are well and
ask to be most kindly remembered to you.

With all good wishes to
Mrs. Richardson and to yourself,

Ever yours faithfully,

Jubilee Hospital
May 4/24

Dear Arthur.

Just a line to let you know that
the great event is well over (12 days).

I wrote you the night before the execution but
found the letter still on my table after I came out
of Ether.

They performed the short circuit & have
surely gashed the Flicker (paragonically speaking) up
the back. The Dr informs me that they could
have tried to do without operating but that I should
have surely gone out with the tide when no one
could help me. They found two active volcanoes
as well as many adhesions these the latter they
broke down & short circuited the Ullens; the latter
they found too far round the bend & could not
properly get at.

Well I had some misgivings as I had very
little blood to work on having had two very
severe bleedings in 1 month. I fought however like
the old Flicker you have always known & never really
had any misgivings when I knew that Dr Tom
McPherson & Dr Wace undoubtedly the two very best
operators anywhere went through me like a
cyclone & both now state I am a real marvel

The way I am picking up. Really Arthur I feel like a new man. no hooping, that terrible fear of bleeding out. my nerve is getting stronger & when you see me next when I hope will be soon it will be no easy how well I am. of course if you could see the old 185th thicker down to 130 as I must account, am at present why that would be different.

Everyone has been more than kind. it would seem I just stumble never had an evening. my room a constant tower of flowers. letters from all sources. I can tell you Arthur I almost feel glad that I had to go through it may be the wonderful show of things from people I never knew even took an interest.

Yes. I really think "Dumny Jim" will live long to relate.

Give my love to Lady Helen. My papers done. Books & for my own see Bill I that I condemned to rectitude twin, & see twin that because I had a model in the shape of a 6" diameter in front of me I am not any more tired than I was.

Best of love Arthur. with a love desire.

Fred

Jubilee Hospital
May 19/24

Dear Arthur.

Many thanks, am so pleased
Sandy is getting back again. please give him
my regards. it was not his fault I did not stay
with the 16th. he treated me real white. I know
if he had been O.C. when I was in the 16th we
should still be wearing Riets. just the same
I am really glad it turned out as it did for
I am all for the dear old 5th.

Well I have a 13" incision 16 stitches, + 6
do that must have been done with Baling wire
for they sure did not intend me escaping intern-
ally after they put in the Mattress sticking.
I am told I was the Gold Medal Anesthetic
taker. I really never worried when I was told
that Wace + McPherson was to do the job, as a
matter of fact when they wheeled me into the
Slaughter house. The Supervisor requested that
I have my hand strapped. that brought me
to my senses + I guess she nearly lost her under-
wear from the look I gave her. I calmly told her
that I was no wigger + that I would not need
to have the straps. I just turned to McPherson
+ said "All is not Melk that comes from the

cow" & that made them all laugh & that laugh went with me into dreamland.

Today I went to my office. Yesterday Elk Lake. So when you come to do some thinking that to day is the 19th & on the 23rd Apr I was slashed & the cut is healed so that I can stand massage treatment over it, & strange to state it seems incredible that the cut has healed without a red scar. The muscles are tight ~~fat~~ but I'll lay on my tummy this summer yet. I have gained from 136 to 150 in 18 days. The Drs can hardly believe in a lb a day, but I've done it before. I can realize that before the operation the poor tummy had almost got my nervous system strangled for I've always had sub. but I now realize that I was fast losing out.

You remember DM Eberts. he is in the next room & I rather think it all over this trip. he has Glycosuria & Meningitis rather a poor combination. Mrs Eberts does not seem to hold any hopes. Age is a bad actn with any disease.

Do not be surprised if I ring you up by the 11th June. lots of love to all

Fred

133 Booth St.
Victoria

Dec 24/25

Dear Arthur

Dear Arthur.

There more you visited the old home. You know Arthur it must be one of the greatest sorrows in life to get back & renew, & moreover when one really observes the difference in humanity it creates mingled feelings. Don't forget this goes for Lady Ma as well as yourself. You she is rather think more than you would come in for ardent criticism. However old dear all the heart is given to "them no doubt he was developed, but where does he get the ground utterances, they surely cannot be compiled from other persons? & many more such, but all depending towards honesty. One of the best I can quote & one I love to hear was Lady Curie shows her pride in Sir Arthur.

That's the one way of keeping the right medicine at work.

Arthur you remember the early days my words to you. I know you have always felt I meant them. Well don't let those words just when

they are, you must still go ahead & only on the lines pursued at present. It is not enough that the name spread in Canada it must be universal. I can assure you that will be easy. And you can think what one persevering honest worker can do, well what must several million be able

to accomplish.

Whist on my back this time & when
nearly out I did some heart to heart thinking
one thought was why not put my material
Self aside almost entirely & just pick out the
good points & stand in with F. R. on the spiritual
side. Arthur is a knockout. I'm sure
of the success I desire & as long as you do
the same why nothing can stop the eventual
progress. For you know after all there's a good
deal of similarity in us, particularly where
Self is concerned. & all the publicity on similar
lines help much. Just look at the inspiration your
works have effected with regard to likening to ^{the} Canadian
Soldier Spirit to the true Canadian spirit which almost
has died. (now reborn) why all in the West are quoting
you. it's the apt words that get through. I cannot
get out of my head the dream that some day
I'll see my dearest wish consummated. No! not yet Arthur
it will keep & I do not think after seeing you this time
that I'll be disappointed.

Tell Ma Bunie I've seen some faces that speak true happiness
& that news is not lying. it's great when ones own enjoys the success of life
The flowers were great & much enjoyed. in fact better medicine
that the to - lots of love from Ma, Dorothy & I
Affee Fred

133 Cook St,
Victoria B.C.
Feb 20th/26

Dear Arthur,

Just a line to let you know we are still alive
and all of the old pep,

Victoria is taking on new lease of life and looks
good to us her right now, the prepaid taxes are ahead of May last at
date, and it looks as if they would have very little to collect on due
date, this is a very big showing

Chess has a real live organization, we have just
had a dinner given by the 56th Batty and your name came up for the big
hand by all who spoke, so that's that,

Hope to go with team this summer and will call
you must let me know the new address,

The B.C.R.A have now got on their feet and can
go ahead without making the necessary calls on various friends for
assistance, but just the same we pass ntching up that might come our way,

How's the family, Lady Ma I trust is in the pink,
Margery I guess is going ahead, that girl has some cranium, give the same
scope and see results, is Skeezicks getting fatter, if not why?

Be sure to give sister Ethel our love and very best
wishes, tell her to come on out and spend a summer with My Old Dutch,

Percy sends best possible and hopes you smoke the
Deadly Dope, he is just as full of Gizz & Jazz as ever,

Do you ever hear from Farmer or Hayter, shall look
up Gen, 1 Farmer when over,

Can I do anything when in Lt. Btn.?

Have you got a Photo with your signature on if so
please relay soon, and one of Ma as well as the two irrepressibles,
am having a new one taken of myself with all the trimmings, talk about
an animated Xmas Tree wait till you see it, if Pathe ever gets hold of
a moving close up why he'll want to give me a permanent positsh, what
ever that is,

By the way keep in front of the Public I have an
idea that its about time I prophiced again, so keep busy, its easy to
die, I mean die out,

The Old Paint Pusher sends his Splash and hopes
for the best, I met his wife the other day and she is full of regrets
that Harry does not take the interest she thinks he should, as a matter
of fact she thinks that Harry can do what the Old Flicker can, (POOR GIRL
she is to be pardoned for such thoughts)

Have you seen the Canadian Marksman lately, I do
quite a lot of writing to that organ, so tell Leacock he,sgot to look
out for his laurels,

With nothing more to report, (a la guerre)

The Old Flicker,

Victoria B.C.
Mch 24th/26

Dear Arthur,

I am enclosing you a letter that I have written to the Canadian Marksman address 26 Wellington St Ottawa, you will send the enclosed to this address after perusal, if however you think it amiss do not mail same but just give me corrections,

I have done alot of writing to the Shooters magazine, and find that items have been digested with thanks and relish, (YORKSHIRE) as a matter of fact Arthur I have been seriously thinking of going into Ink for sometime, I see by some of the letter I receive I must sling a wicked pen,

Now what I would like you to do is to write to the magazine and let your versatile pen do some stunts for the benefit of the boys, it would help and further my scheme and that is you are still going to lead Canadians, don't fool yourself with the idea that the Old Flicker has given up all hopes, Canada is in need of a leader and you are the logical man to lead, if you do not begin to foster the idea to-day to-morrow is sure to dawn, remember how I told you your fortune years ago well it still holds good,

I hope to see you all a different Fred than when you and Lady Ma saw me at the Hospital, in fact Arthur I am growing so handsome that the Ladies find it hard to keep off the doorstep, you old Pussy Willow you do not think that is right, wait till you see me and then yawn,

Where are you living, why have you not written the old Flicker, I know the old yarn give me something different,

Tell Bill Shaughnessy that I,m goi g to write a book with him the central figure, say Arthur if you did so I fully believe that he would have a cat fit,

They elected me President for the 5th by acclamation, nominations closed, carried,

We have a little trouble just now with the younger element, Gonnason, Diespecker, Kent, Lampman, & Co, they do not want W,C, Thomson & Bell in the mess and these two have done things to help the 5th to its victories, the above junipers do simply nothing at all but gas, I told Chess to give em -ll, I wonder what you,d have done to the young blighters, I have an idea, Chess is too easy with them,

just the same Chess is making a real live organization of the 5th, we have three times as many as the 16th. that is a poor outfit, a few officers that really do not take any interest in anything but their Sporrans, (You remember the old Scotch saying, Gie us yer haund, ahm a mon o verra few words) that about fills the bill,

Well I must ring off and wait till I get to Montreal when I can join the magic circle,

Heaps of love to all,

Fred,

Victoria B.C.
Mch 25th/26

"Father says"

Editor C.M,

This in all probability is the last effort before I take on the responsibility as a humble member of the Bisley Team,

Right here I wish to thank the very many who have been kind enough to write and thank me for what I have previously written in the C.M. I can and do assure you that what I have written has been for all good, when any one who has spent as much time as Father has in the realm of the Rifle he must and does feel that he owes to his fellow man a debt that he is anxious to repay, my earnest wish is that all those who have requested Rifle Comfort will all be satisfied that they have been supplied with the right medicine,

I have another wish also that all those who can and have the knowledge will give up some of that knowledge and impart same to those striving to learn, just try it and you'll see what a great comfort it is to you, and then again you will be doing something for the **DEFENSE OF EMPIRE THAT WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE NEED MOST,**

Remember what Our Currie says, (and you may believe me that many of his sayings will become immortalized,) one of the best I remember well,

"Comrades you fought for and won a distinction that will for ever live in history, you own a birthright that should be foremost in your thoughts, carry that thought with you always and Canada will have placed herself in the forefront of Nations, the spirit you displayed of unselfishness should be developed for the good of all, the courage you ~~showed~~ at crucial moments must be carried through your Civil life, showed

The above is gist of Western Speech, let us adopt what our brilliant leader has not let us forget, let's show him that the same spirit still lives, I have watched carefully his progress since his adoption of the East, he has carried out his part of the programme lets go him one better and outdo him, I, m sure no one would be more pleased than he if we did so,

When we progress with the Rifle, and do all we can to foster the spirit we are doing what Our CURRIE wishes, he never will be tired of telling that his start in life on the all essential of CONCENTRATION was first brought vividly to his mind at the Ranges, he was a very ardent advocate of the use of the Rifle and what it really meant to all who use it, the Rifle gives you what no other branch of Sport can, it demands a physical mental energy that causes higher intellect, I have gone carefully into statistics and find that in one of the Cadet School Battl,ns that the active member is ahead many degrees in his studies over the ones that do not take up this form of concentration, and I, m quite sure that if a similar probe is attempted at any of the Schools you will find the same average,

A great many people think that to learn to shoot well is only fostering the war spirit, it is not so, the war spirit should have nothing to do with it, just adopt the Rifle as a pleasant means to accomplish other aims,

I am afraid that many of you will think that Father has lost his sense of humour, nothing is farther than that thought, Father will have to be six feet deep before that can occur, they say a Zebra cannot change stripes neither can Father,

With very best wishes for a banner year to all,

"FATHER,"

301 Union Bank Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C.,
October 2/26.

General Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
The Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Arthur:

Enclosed kindly find the sum of £5- being balance of amount after deducting £5- for shield you so kindly attended to for the ~~100~~ 112th. Battalion Cadets. The shield may cost more than £5- but that will be taken care of at this end. You may depend, Arthur, that it will be a credit to yourself and we are going to give a big write - up on the subject. I have been so very busy since returning home, my son having gone into the Tire business, therefore I have a double burden to carry.

It is strange how many people are interested in your opinion both before and after the election. Some of them I am sure from a purely friendly point. Others I am not so sure about. You remember the Meighen subject we discussed of at the Mount Royal Club. It would seem as if that personage had been justly dealt with in his own constituency.

Did you know, Arthur, I somehow think it is better the way it is and I am not so sure that B. C. really intended voting Conservative and am almost positive that were an election to take place right now but that you would find we had changed completely. You see, after all is said and done there is not much difference between Provincial and Dominion Politics, actually the press seems to be the arbitrator and influences the majority of minds.

The old Fifth is not yet out of its troubles. The youngsters were revolting but now seem to take kindly to existing conditions and are making it pretty hot for Chester. I rather think Fanny Robertson is in sympathy with the rebels but just the same Chester is right with all his faults.

You will be pleased to know that business at this end is growing somewhat and that better things for the coming year can be expected. We all send our love and affection to you.

Sincerely,

Fred.
FD

FR/N

133 Book of
Victoria B.C.
Oct 10/26

Dear Arthur.

Just arrived home & am up against it for fair. I thought I could stand the road but Arthur I simply am gone. I got as far as Chilliwack & bled like a stuck pig. The Dr there sent me home & here I am. The S.C.R I am trying to persuade to let me remain at home for treatment. The Hospital will kill me I mortally detest the loneliness of a room with 4 bare walls.

I'm going to make a big fight for it & I must remain at home for good, but what am I to do for a livelihood if I'm to quit. This is where I am to be guided by you. I've done a great deal for my country & you will admit more than most in the permanent force. at the present time they have given me a pension of 20% - 50% but Arthur that will not keep us.

I joined up in 1888 & have had continuous service. You know most about it.

This letter will grieve you but the Old Flicker is through with hard work. really Arthur I hate to be beaten you know my spirit but I must realize that to keep it going I shall lose my life & that's as

Sure as life is real.²

• I believe my old heart will bust if I have it any worse than I am at present. I cannot believe there is a man living who has ever made the fight I have. Life is sweet but only to me for my old Sweetheart & those who have become very dear to me.

I must quit Arthur & God bless you all

Fred.

November 13th, 1926.

Major F. Richardson,
301 Union Bank Building,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fred:-

Your letter of a few weeks ago startled me. I was more sorry than I can say that your health had gone back on you again and that you regarded the future so pessimistically. I thoroughly investigated the possibilities of anything being done by the Government in view of your long service, but there is no hope in that direction. However, your letter of the 5th is much brighter in tone.

I have got in touch with the Crown Pants Tailoring Company and said what I could in your favour. I hope that it brings you another successful agency. No one has ever possessed the quality of sticktoativeness in a greater degree than you, Fred, and I know you will look the future in the face with courage undaunted by any present hard luck. Young Fred is a good boy and I am sure will gradually take the burden from your shoulders; while from Mrs. Richardson you will get nothing but the best of care and devotion and encouragement.

Please give my love to her. I shall write again, Fred, very soon.

Yours faithfully,

301-2 Union Bank Building,
Victoria B.C.
Nov 26th/26

Dear Arthur,

Thanks for your kind favour, do not think that I am not a fighter Arthur and that I, m disposed to feel pessimistic, I know that if I go about on the road that I shall break down with the old trouble it has got to be such a menace, for this is the ninth time I, ve got it in the neck, you see I bleed so much that I lose all my strength as well as blood, I simply flood r ght out, youve never seen me at the worst, Ive be out all but the funeral service, the Dr states that if I keep to the road I might as wel take out a lot in Ross Bay,

Ive gained all back again but am so dam, d weak and blown and of course I feel as if a job under the Govt would do me more good than trying out the old Road work. I note a great many who get the snaps and wonder if they could not find me who has been a staunch but not a forcible adherent, Col Wilby got a good job, he did not deserve it any more than I just the same he is deserving, and is a jolly good man at his work,

Ive lost all my money and will simply have to take a menial job for no one wants a crock they all know that I am likely to go up anytime, the Pensions board allows me now 48,00 per month, and very likely will at next board give me nine perhaps you do not know what it is to face the future and at the mercy of things generally, now please forgive me for telling you of my feelings but do nt forget that you are the only one who could wring anything out of me for I, m dam, d proud,

Its the Old dutch I think of no myself, the worst of it is the Drs warn me about strenuous work and yet they do not give me enough for any length of time to get me really back in cãndition,

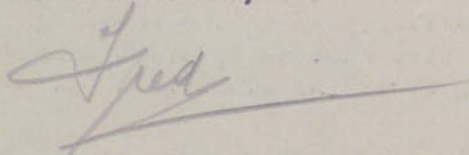
Young Fred is with me but it costs more than he can make to keep things going, if I had a position where I could get action and ~~xxx~~ have to supervise I can make it 100% for any job they can give me but they are afraid that I, d crock up and they state this,

There Ive wearied you and this is the last on the subject, so please think kindly of the old Flicker, I, d made 10,000,00 but it has all gone but the d dregs,

As soon as I can I, m g oing to the woods to live and drop out amongst the snails and gollywogs,

All the boys send their best, and you remember what I said about Stern, why he is the 5th regt and it is doing the best out here of any of them, Chess has made good, I, E, as good or more so than you or I would think,

Ma sends love to all,



301 Union Building,
Victoria, B. C.,
November 5, 1926.

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

Dear Arthur:

I understand that the Crown
Pant Tailoring Co. of Montreal are in the
market for a representative in B. C. and
Alberta. We have written this firm under
date of November 5, with regard to same.

Now would you be kind enough
to ring them up on the telephone and tell
them what kind of a man they would have if
they gave their line to me. I rather think,
Arthur, that an immediate application will
have to be made because there are a several
after it. You can tell the Crown People just
exactly how and what I am.

You will be pleased to know
that I am getting rapidly better in health,
but how long for I cannot tell. However I
have young Fred with me and that helps a
great deal.

Sincerely,

Fred.

F. RICHARDSON & SON
301 Union Bank Bldg
Per..... Victoria, B. C.

FR/NP

November 13th, 1926.

Crown Pants Company,
322 Notre Dame St. West,
Montreal.

Dear Sirs:-

It has been intimated to me that your Company are desirous of securing a representative in British Columbia and Alberta.

I have been asked to write you on behalf of F. Richardson & Son, 301 Union Bank Building, Victoria, B. C. It affords me pleasure to say that I have known Mr. Richardson for more than 30 years and can testify that he is thoroughly reliable, aggressively industrious and capable. He has had long experience as a salesman and I believe is regarded as a most successful one. I sincerely think that he would be a satisfactory representative.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

RICHARDSON, FRED.

DOCKET STARTS:

RICHARDSON, M & L

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

Nov 30th - 26
Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Arthur; You will be very much surprised to receive a letter from me, and I am very sorry I did not write to you two months ago.

I wanting you help and influence with the mgre of the Bank of Montreal, just to give us a five year chance to pay them in full.

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Wash.

We were or thought we were very well off a few years ago! The Merchants Bank and its Mgr here put the real fittings on us, they really Broke us and with the head officials of that outfit got clear. Then we had to take the Ranch Back with the stock all cleaned off so we tried Farming and got hit with the dry years, so we got well

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

in the hole, we had sold
the 3000 acre Runch at
\$30⁰⁰ per acre and were again
offered \$10⁰⁰ but asked the
Bank to carry us so we
could get \$20⁰⁰ anyway. The
Bank of Montreal took over
the Runch and put a
one armed man named
Mitchell on to value it.
Mr Mitchell put it at
\$8⁰⁰ per acre as it was
under ditch and all the
work complete (which
had cost us \$30⁰⁰⁰—)

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Wash.
He said he would buy it—
at that himself. The Gov
engineer said he would be
glad to buy it at \$5⁰⁰ an
acre cash. The Bank of
Montreal eng here asked
me for a second mtg
on the Hotel and they
would carry over the Ranch
until conditions took
a change. He let the
Ranch go and did not let
any one know they were
going to do so or Mr
Mitchell would have

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Wash.

Bought it and he was very sore at not getting a chance to do so. That sale would have given us \$15,000⁰⁰ to the good. The Bank of W gave us a very raw deal and no one can understand how they would do this.

I bought this Hotel when waiting payments on the Ranch on which we were skinned. I paid down \$500⁰⁰ cash, price \$23,000⁰⁰. It cost \$44,000⁰⁰ to build in 1910, I paid \$17,000⁰⁰ off altogether and paid

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Wash.

\$4000⁰⁰ For other things,
Delco plant etc and by
putting in the plant failed
on a payment and was
at once Inclosed.

\$9000⁰⁰ would clear us
up and we still have
150 Head of good horses
and the old worth Ranch
of 800 acres and some
other things and we
want the Bank to pay
up the Mtg to the man
we bought from and
give us 5-years to pay.

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

If the Head officials know
the Raw deal we got on
the Irrigated Ranch they
would see we got a
chance and the Bank
will then get every cent
as well. The Bank he did
not give us a fair chance
at first. We could have
got all the money to pay,
up the foreclose amounting
to about \$8600⁰⁰ but the
Bank mgr here wanted
\$4000⁰⁰ cash and free,
Rent for 5 years as well

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sept. 6
We could have got the \$8600⁰⁰
but not the \$4000⁰⁰ extra,
so failed to get the loan.
We were offered the
\$8600⁰⁰ twice and now
that the mgr here has
offered to take rent and
some payments we
will not be able to get
the \$8600⁰⁰ in time as
we have only until
Dec 7th when our
Hotel will be sold.
Arthur will you go
to the Bank officers

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

For me, It will be the
Best good turn in the
world and ask them
to wire the Officers at
Winnipeg to order the
taking up of the 1st
lot and rent the Hotel
part for Bank Office
and give us 5 years
to pay up. This would
save our life, we will
look \$20,000⁰⁰ if we lose
the Hotel now. And
can pay if we get

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask
a chance. Louis has
been blind in his right
eye for two years and
has had two operations
and may see soon.

Give my love to all
and Louis sends his,
and do what you can
for me.

Yvonne Richards out

Bk 618.

Maple Creek,
Sask

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

P.S. Mine at \$9000⁰⁰
for 5 yrs @ 8% would
have been a no. 1 loan
for any rich man
with some money
to put out, +
Minnie R.

December 14th, 1926.

Mrs. Minnie Richardson,
Commercial Hotel,
Maple Creek, Sask.

Dear Minnie and Louis:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of
your letters of November 30th, December 1st and
December 10th.

I took the matter up several
times with the Head Office officials of the Bank of
Montreal here, but I do not think I have been able
to do very much for you. I am afraid I cannot put you
in touch with any one who would loan \$10,000 on the
security offered. Apparently, like so many others,
you are unfortunate victims of circumstances, the real
trouble being that values of property in the Maple
Creek district have depreciated rapidly owing to un-
satisfactory farming and ranching conditions.

As far as I understand it the Bank
(Merchants) held as security for their advances to you
only a second mortgage with rather a doubtful equity.
No reduction has been made on advances since they were
granted in 1919-20 and the debt has increased by the
addition of interest. I believe they formerly held a
first mortgage over 3023 acres of farm and ranch land,
but this was sold for taxes in 1921 and the period for
redemption expired in 1924. I believe that some of the
Bank officials were in favour of redeeming the land
from tax sale proceedings, but the higher authorities
at that time were against increasing the indebtedness
to protect lands that were not then saleable, that were
of questionable value and situated in a poor grain
growing district. The lands were allowed to pass. Our

Mrs. Richardson

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other security was the hotel property on which we held a second mortgage. The first mortgagee commenced foreclosure.

I am sorry I cannot induce the Bank to act differently than they have already done. Their experience has not been satisfactory in a business way. I wish I could help you but I am afraid there is nothing more that I can do.

Yours faithfully,

Head Office
Bank of Montreal
Montreal

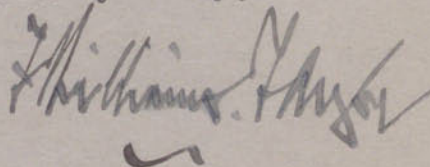
Tenth
December
1926

My dear General,

With reference to your interview with me today on behalf of Mrs. Richardson, of Maple Creek, I enclose memorandum giving the facts of the case without prejudice, revealing the other side of the picture, and I think you can rest assured that these people have been given every consideration. They are unfortunate victims of circumstances, the real trouble being that values of property in the Maple Creek District have depreciated rapidly owing to unsatisfactory farming and ranching conditions.

I return Mrs. Richardson's letters to you.

Yours very truly,



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

CONFIDENTIAL

Memorandum for the General Manager.

L. E. & S. J. Richardson

Ranchers and Hotel Proprietors

Maple Creek, Sask.

Joint names of L.E. &
S.J. Richardson . . . \$8,698.

Reservation held - \$6,000.

Security

Second Mortgage over Maple
Creek Hotel valued

at \$12,000.

Prior encumbrances 7,300.

Equity (doubtful) \$4,700.

No reduction has been made in advances since they were granted in 1919/1920 and the debt has increased by the addition of interest.

We formerly held First Mortgage over 3023 acres of farm and ranch lands situated in the Maple Creek District. Lands mortgaged to us were sold for taxes in 1921 and the period for redemption expired in October 1924. In January 1924, we asked the debtors for additional security by way of mortgage over hotel property and this security was not furnished until after we had placed the notes in our solicitors hands for suit. In October 1924, we had our Mr. Mitchell inspect and value the lands mortgaged to us. He valued -

1500 acres irrigated lands valued at \$11,750.
1523 acres ranch lands valued at 2,284.
\$14,034.

Tax arrears and penalties to December
31st, 1923, amounted to \$ 3,000.
Annual taxes, approximately 750.

Our Maple Creek Manager and our Mr. Mitchell recommended redeeming the lands from Tax Sale proceedings but our Saskatchewan Superintendent recommended against increasing the indebtedness to protect lands that were not saleable, of questionable value and situate in a poor grain growing district. We approved of the Superintendent's recommendation and the titles were allowed to pass.

Our Mr. Mitchell also inspected and valued the Maple Creek property over which we hold Second Mortgage and placed a valuation

thereon of \$12,000. (exclusive of furnishings and fittings). First mortgagee commenced foreclosure of his First Mortgage over the hotel property and in November last, on the recommendation of our Saskatchewan Superintendent, we approved of purchasing First Mortgage continuing the foreclosure action to enable us to effect a sale to one, John McLaren, who had made a firm offer of \$13,500. payable - \$1,500. cash and balance \$1,000. or more yearly with interest at 4%, the purchaser to support his agreement by an assignment of a mortgage of \$9,000. considered worth 100%. A further condition is that the Bank will lease a corner of the hotel property for a term of five years at \$100. per month, including heat. It is estimated it will cost the Bank approximately \$2,000. to move from our present premises and install necessary furniture and fittings, which amount McLaren agrees to re-imburse us.

The debtors proposed that Bank should protect the property at foreclosure sale and resell it to them. Richardsons proposed that they would obtain a new mortgage loan of \$12,000. and would pay Bank \$4,000. from proceeds and give us a six year lease of premises, rent free. Our Superintendent rejected these proposals as he considered it very doubtful if Richardsons could obtain mortgage moneys and as his experience with them had been most unsatisfactory and they were not considered successful hotel keepers.

It is estimated that it will cost Bank \$7,500. to acquire title by foreclosure. A sale at \$13,500. to McLaren would, therefore, leave an equity of \$6,000. to apply on the indebtedness of \$8,698., leaving a balance of \$2,698. not provided for which will probably be a loss.

10th December, 1926

Commercial Hotel

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FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

Sir Arthur Currie Dec 10th - 1926
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Art; Thanks for what-
ever efforts you made for the
wife & the Hotel;

An extension of time
has been granted anyway,
for how long do not know
just now. We made the offer

here an offer of \$1000⁰⁰ a year
and all we could pay over
and above to give us a
5yr term to pay it off.

Oh if we could get a
\$10,000⁰⁰ loan at 8% on these
same terms, we can

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FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

settle with the Bank.
and can then clean up
our horses and pay them
all. Could you put us in
touch with some one who
would loan the amt
the security is No 1.

Best wishes for
the new year.

Louis E. Richardson
Maple Creek
Sask.

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.
Dec 1st - 26

Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Arthur,

I made a proposal to the Mgr of the B of Montreal here to clean up our troubles this way.

That the B take over the 1st Mtg and then move in to the Hotel at 1200⁰⁰ a year rent and that we pay them \$1000⁰⁰

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

a year extra and all
over and above that we
could. By selling out
the horses and other
property we can pay
it all.

And another
was that we sell the
Hotel at once when
a Beer License comes
and pay them in a
lump at once.

This should meet
the approval of the
Bank if they wish.

Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

to help to get their own
with full security as
the Hotel would carry
\$10,000⁰⁰ Insurance to
them as well, and
gives us a chance to
get some of our own,
would you lay this
before the proper
Director and have
them give instructions
this week to O.K. if
They can't do better,

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Commercial Hotel

HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER
FIRST CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

Maple Creek, Sask.

and it will help us
all,

Please do this for
your friend

Minnie Richardson

DOCKET ENDS:

RICHARDSON, M & L

February 19th, 1926.

Wm. Rider Rider, Esq.,
Manager, Photographic Department,
The Daily Mirror,
23-29 Bouverie Street,
London E.C. 4.

My dear Mr. Rider:-

Professor Barnes to-day gave me a message which you were kind enough to send. It brought back other days when I saw you quite often.

Last summer I had the pleasure of spending a week on the battlefields with George Gibson, whom you will remember as an officer in the Medical Corps and Assistant to General Ross. Gibby wrote his impressions and they appeared in a recent issue of the Canadian Medical Journal. I think you will enjoy reading the article and so I am sending by this mail a reprint.

With many thanks for your message and all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

June
Eighteenth
1921.

Miss Maggie Riddell,
216 Union Avenue,
Montreal.

Dear Maggie:-

I should have acknowledged before this
your letter of the 15th.

I am very glad indeed that you have
consented to look after "Rokeby" while we are away.
I much prefer having you there to anyone else. I
would like if your sister would be good enough to
see Lady Currie next Monday and learn from her what
she would like to have done.

We are going away on Tuesday morning,
leaving Montreal at ten o'clock. I am quite agree-
able to the payment of \$50.00 a month while we are
away, ~~and~~ if you will do the house-keeping and cleaning
that should be done. You may order from the shops
with which we regularly do business the necessary
foodstuff.

We have taken the house for another
year and would be glad if you would think of the
possibility of your remaining with us.

I am sorry that you are laid up and
hope that you will be all right again in a few days.
With many thanks for your good wishes
for our trip, I am,

Yours faithfully,

216 Union Ave.

June 15th / 21.

General Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir -

Lady Currie asked
me if I could go to look after
Rokeby during your absence
and said I was to see you about
it. I will be glad to go, but I am
afraid I will not be able to see
you before you leave for Moscow
unfortunately I am laid up in
bed sick and the doctor tells me
I am not to move out for a week
or so yet. I worked very hard one
of the very hot days last week
and got overheated and went down
into the cold cellar to pile wood
after-wards and got a chill so

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when I went to see the doctor, on
Monday he told me I would have
to go to bed and stay there till I
would be better. so I thought if I
was not able to go when you leave
my sister could go for me and
stay there at night and see that
every thing was alright for a day
or two till I would be able to go
then I could go and stay, and
if you could write out instructions
of what you would want me to
do or if it would be more satisf-
-actory my sister could go and
see you for me. and about the
wages, unless there would be
extra house cleaning or curtains
to take down & clean put up
would be the same as when

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I was there before but if there
was much extra cleaning I
think I would need forty five
or fifty for that is quite a large
house, and my board besides
but I promise not to be
extravagant in any way and
if you leave ^{me} in the house I will
do my best to give satisfaction
Mr Jarvis spoke to me about
three weeks ago and asked
me if I would look after Pokely
while you were away I thought
then the Gaults were to look
after it, but he ^{has} made
different arrangements with you
since

I hope you will find this
satisfactory I am very very sorry
I have just happened to get laid
up at this very time as I have
never lost an hour through
sickness all the twenty-two
years I worked at Rokeby

Hoping Lady Currie

yourself and family will
have a pleasant summer
and a safe return

I remain

Yours respectfully

Maggie Biddell

Headquarters Rifle Association

(Organized 1908, under authority of General Order 90 of 1908)

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SGT.-MAJOR (W.O.) T. VERGETTE

320 WAVERLY STREET

OTTAWA, July 22nd 1920.

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To:

Gen. Sir. A. W. Currie, G.C.M.C., K.C.B., Etc
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of
"Constitution and Rules of the Headquarters
Rifle Association, 1920".

The Headquarters Rifle Association
depends almost entirely on the support given
by members of the Permanent Staff stationed
at Militia Headquarters, Ottawa.

This year, however, the Association
is faced with a heavy expenditure, as
it has been found necessary to increase the
salary of the markers owing to the higher
cost of living and increased cost of car fare
to the Rockcliffe Rifle Ranges and the cost
of the silver spoons, which are presented by
the Association to the winners of each Class
at the weekly shoots, has considerably increased.
Furthermore, the printing, which had been under-
taken by the Departmental Press in previous
years, has now to be done outside, and is a
heavy expenditure.

Your kind assistance is therefore
earnestly requested.

Cheques, &c., should be forwarded
to the Treasurer, (Q.M.Sgt. W.A. Tucker, C.A.P.C.)
Canadian Building, Dept. of M.&D.

W.A. Tucker, SQMS,
Treasurer, H.Q.R.A.

August
Seventeenth
1920

Sgt.-Major T. Vergette,
320 Waverly Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Vergette:-

I am in receipt of a letter
dated July 22nd from Q.M. Sgt. Tucker,
Treasurer of the Headquarters Rifle Association.

Will you please pass on to him
the enclosed cheque as my contribution to the
funds of that Association. I hope the season
will prove a very successful one.

Yours faithfully,

Headquarters Rifle Association

(Organized 1908, under authority of General Order 90 of 1908)

SECRETARY

SGT.-MAJOR (W.O.) T. VERGETTE

320 WAVERLY STREET

OTTAWA, 19th August, 1919

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To :- General Sir A.W. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B. &c.
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Sir,

I am directed, by the Executive
Committee of the Headquarters Rifle Association,
to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of
your generous donation of \$10.00 to the
Association.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Vergette
Sgt.-Major (WO)
Secretary, H.Q., R.A.

DOCKET STARTS:

RIFLE ASSOC., QUEBEC



P.O. BOX 2255.

MONTREAL

March 30th, 1928.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of the 12th inst., enclosing cheque for \$20.00, your annual subscription to the funds of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association, for which, on behalf of the Council I thank you very much. I also wish to assure you that it is gratefully received and will be faithfully applied.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Harrison".

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE.

JBj/MC

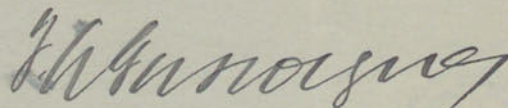
MONTREAL, May 21st, 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l, QUE.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Many thanks for your letter of May 20th.,
and I will meet you next Tuesday afternoon at 5.00
o'clock, together with Colonel Peltier and Harrison.

Yours faithfully,



May 20th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Gascoigne, D.S.O.,
Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel Gascoigne:-

I should have acknowledged
before this your letter of May 18th.

I am very much interested
in the welfare of all Rifle Associations and would
naturally do what I could to help the Quebec Association.
If next Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock will suit you
I could meet Colonel Peltier, Colonel Harrison and your-
self at my office. Will you please bring with you the
financial statements for the past three years.

I am, Ever yours faithfully,

PROGRAMME
OF THE
50th ANNUAL
PRIZE MEETING

OF THE
Province of Quebec Rifle Association

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Mr. J. B. Johnson,
P. O. Box 2255, Montreal.

MONTREAL, May 13th, 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K. C. B.
M o n t r e a l, QUE.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Will you kindly grant an interview to Colonel Peltier and Colonel Harrison, Presidents of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association and myself, in connection with matters affecting that Organization.

The fact is, we are badly in need of funds to carry on our work, and enclosed is a draft of a letter which the Council considers sending out to firms and influential people in Montreal, appealing for financial support. It was the wish of the Council that this letter should have your approval and go out over your ^{name} ~~signature~~ and that of General Meighan, Ross and Labelle, and Colonel Molson, or any others that you might think advisable, and it is hoped that, knowing the value of rifle shooting among the Militia, that you and the other Gentlemen will be willing to do this.

We would like your advise and a opportunity of talking it over with you, and if you would kindly name other than next Monday afternoon a time and place/where we could meet you, we would be very grateful.

Yours very sincerely,

ENCL.

J. H. Gascoigne Secy
Quebec P2RA

MONTREAL, MAY 10th, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

We desire to enlist your assistance towards The Province of Quebec Rifle Association, an Organization founded over fifty years ago, for the purpose of encouragement of rifle shooting in the Province of Quebec.

In times of unrest and strikes, from which, fortunately, we have been free for some time, the Militia is called upon to assist the Civil Authorities in protecting valuable property against unruly elements who get beyond legitimate control.

In times of greater trouble when the fate of the Country and Empire may be at stake, the Militia is the first line of defence, and signally vindicated itself during the "Great War", when practically every able-bodied Officer, N. C. O. and man physically fit, in the Canadian Militia, enlisted for services Overseas. Many of these lads gave their lives in the Great Cause to the honour and glory of Canada.

It may be said that in time of war, civilians can be taken from offices and factories and eventually trained into soldiers, and while this is true, yet much valuable time and money would be saved if these same men knew how to handle and use a rifle with ^{the} discipline and knowledge which goes with it. The rifle after all is ^{still} the final arbitrator in war.

Britain's first Army of 150,000 of all ranks, called by the Enemy "The Contemptibles", but recognized as the finest body of troops that the World has known, took years of training to acquire the proficiency in rifle shooting which did so much to favourably decide the course of the War in the early stages, by this wonderful shooting ability that held back the German Army, upset German calculations and gave France the time so necessary to organize her fighting forces.

Montreal, May 10th,
1926, -
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During the whole course of the War, Sharp-Shooting was considered a most important factor at all times.

Owing to the heavy debt entailed by the War and other causes resulting therefrom, the Government of Canada has thought fit to retrench and economize appropriations for Militia work, and the allowances formerly made for the training of the Militia has been greatly ^{cut} down, so that a great deal of important work, especially in the encouragement of rifle shooting has been curtailed, and training and other expenses have been carried on at the expense of the Officers of the various Units, many of whose resources and money, through the affects of the War, are limited.

While both the Federal and Provincial Governments make the Province of Quebec Rifle Association moderate yearly grants, they amount to only a small portion of what is required to properly carry on the work for which the Association was organized, in the fostering of rifle shooting in the Province, and offering of suitable prizes which will bring competitors to the Rifle Ranges at Pointe-au-Tremble, where the spirit of competition brings out the best characteristics of our Militia men.

The Association is badly in need of funds for suitable ~~trophies~~, prizes and running expenses, and we appeal to your generosity to help in this good work, feeling sure that you will recognize the necessity of the manhood of this Province being prepared for any eventualities that may arise.

A representative from the Province of Quebec Rifle Association will call upon you shortly, and we trust that you will make it convenient to see him.

Yours very truly,

m MONTREAL, May 27th, 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G. C. M. G.
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l, P. QUE.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Referring to our conversation in your office relative to medals given by the Province of Quebec Rifle Association.

On investigation, I find that in 1920, the Council approved a resolution to the effect that retiring presidents should receive a silver medal and retiring vice-presidents, a bronze medal.

These medals are the ordinary Association medals, costing \$4.00 each for the former and \$2.00 each for the latter, and when presented, has the name of the retiring officer engraved, together with the date.

The idea of giving these medals was a sort of recognition on the part of the Association to the retiring officer for past services. So far two Presidents and two Vice-Presidents have received these medals, so that the expense has not been very great.

I am sorry that the Vice-President referred to was not aware why the medal was presented, and this should have been shown by the Secretary at the time it

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was sent to him, and not being understood, I can
understand the medal not being appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. Gascoigne

MONTREAL June 1st, 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l, P. Q. U. E.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Referring oncemore to our conversation.

I enclose a draft of a short letter, making ^{an} appeal
for funds, and should be glad to know if you think
this fills the bill.

I have not seen General Meighen, Labelle or
Colonel Molson, but of course will do so before the
letter itself is sent out.

Apologizing for taking up so much of your time,
believe me,

Yours sincerely,

W. H. H. H. H. H.

Col. Bowey telephoned

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Montreal, Que., June 1st, 1926

Dear Sir:-

The Province of Quebec Rifle Association was founded over fifty years ago for the purpose of encouraging rifle shooting among the Militia in the Province of Quebec, and the holding of annual competitions where the Militia men of the various units can meet together in trials of skill at target shooting, with the weapon with which they are armed.

The Officers of the various units have always spent considerable of their ^{own} money on their men, and have done it cheerfully, to aid in their efficiency, and the Militia of Canada as a whole, vindicated itself in the Great War, when practically every able-bodied man in the service at that time, enlisted for overseas, so that anything spent for the betterment of the Militia, is money well used and in a good cause.

While both the Federal and Provincial Governments make the Province of Quebec Rifle Association yearly grants, they amount to only a portion of what is required, and the Association is now in need of funds to properly carry on the work for which it was organized, and the offering of suitable prizes, which will bring competitors to the Rifle Ranges at Pointe-au-Tremble, where the spirit of competition brings out the best characteristics of our Militia men.

Will you kindly help us in this very necessary work among the Militia men?

This appeal for funds is sent out with the approval of the following officers, who have always had the welfare of the Militia at heart and have taken a great interest in rifle shooting:- General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B., - Brig.-Gen. Frank S. Meighen, C. M. G., - Brig.-Gen. J. G. Ross, C. M. G. - Brig.-Gen. F. Labelle, and Colonel H. W. Molson, C. M. G., D. S. O.

Please make your cheque payable to the Association and send it to Mr. J. B. Johnson, the Secretary at #160 St. James Street, Montreal.

Yours very truly,

C. Peletier, Lt.-Col.

P r e s i d e n t.

F. A. Gascoigne-Lt. Col.

V I C E - P R E S I D E N T

June 7th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Gascoigne,
Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.,
Montreal.

Dear Colonel Gascoigne:-

Let me acknowledge receipt
of your letter of last Tuesday.

I quite approve of this
letter and hope the campaign for funds will be
successful. I have much pleasure in enclosing my
cheque for \$20.00, which I will be glad to con-
tribute annually.

Yours faithfully,

MONTREAL, June 8, 1926.
GW.

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

Dear Sir Arthur;

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th inst.

When we called on you we wanted your moral support,
but the financial support which you have given as well will be
received, I can assure you, with great pleasure by the Council.

I shall have great pleasure in forwarding your
letter and cheque to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

Yours Sincerely,

J. H. Gasnois
K.P. 1222A.



P. O. Box 2255, Montreal,

June 8th, 1926.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for \$20.00, donation to the Prize Fund for the Province of Quebec Rifle Association and note that you will contribute annually.

Please accept the sincere thanks of the Council for your kindness as it is gratefully appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J.B. Johnson".

Secretary, P.Q.R.A.

DOCKET ENDS:

RIFLE ASSOC., QUERBEC

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January 30th, 1924.

Hon. Peter C. Larkin,
High Commissioner for Canada,
Kinnaird House,
Pall Mall East,
London, S.W.1,

My dear Mr. Larkin:-

Let me thank you very much for your letter of the 16th of January, though I am extremely sorry that circumstances necessitated your writing it.

I am sorry that young Ritchie has made such a fool of himself. He had a good war record and his father is an estimable citizen of Victoria and the west coast generally. I give letters of introduction to very few people, yet with all one's care it seems that every now and then some -- -- fool lets one down. I appreciate very much your kindness to him and your endeavour to make his way smooth and regret more than I can tell you that one whom I introduced to you should prove so disappointing.

May I say in closing that all your friends here are delighted to hear of the splendid way in which you are discharging the responsibilities of High Commissioner.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



CABLE & TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
"DOMINION," LONDON.
TELEPHONE, GERRARD 3917.

OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

KINNAIRD HOUSE,
PALL MALL EAST,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Private

16th January 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You will remember that on October 26th you gave a letter of introduction to me to Mr. Robert A. Ritchie.

I have seen Mr. Ritchie several times since he has been over here and when he told me the purpose of his visit I gave him letters of introduction to Sir Daniel Neyland and Sir Howard Frank, both of whom are on the Disposals Board, and one or two others. However, I heard that he was drinking and carrying on generally and consequently unable to attend to his business. This morning he came in to tell me that his employer, Mr. Myers, had been over here and was returning to Canada leaving him "high and dry" with a big hotel bill at the Savoy and no passage money home. I told Mr. Ritchie I thought Mr. Myers was quite justified in doing so if he had ceased to keep his contract by being unable to attend to his business and that the best I could do for him was to give him a steerage passage to Canada. From his appearance I should judge that he had been on the warpath last night for he showed general

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

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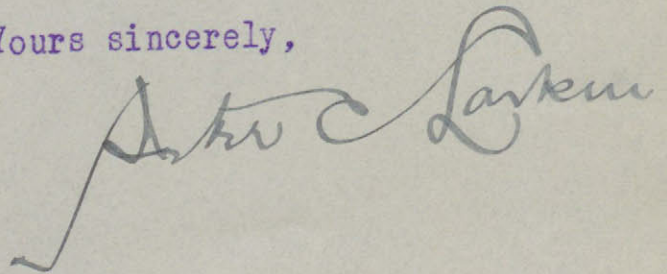
signs of dissipation. What this young ^{man} wants is to go through a really hard time to bring him back to his senses. He says he will telegraph his Father and Uncle to get money to pay his hotel bill and passage out.

I would not inflict all this on you but feel that you should be informed of the facts.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur C. Larkum". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed phrase "Yours sincerely,".

October 26th, 1923.

Hon. P. C. Larkin,
High Commissioner for Canada,
London, England.

My dear Mr. Larkin:-

This will introduce to you Mr. Robert A. Ritchie of British Columbia whom I have known for the last ten years and whose father has long been a friend of mine. Mr. Ritchie was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and served in the Flying Corps.

Mr. Ritchie is in England for the purpose of making a report to the British Disposals Board with reference to a large number of railway trucks and cars made for the Russian Government in the days of the war.

Any courtesies which the High Commissioners Office is able to extend to him will be greatly appreciated by myself.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

KINNAIRD HOUSE,
PALL MALL EAST,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

CABLE & TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
"DOMINION," LONDON.
TELEPHONE, GERRARD 3917.

9th November 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Your letter of the 26th October was presented to me yesterday by Mr. Robert A. Ritchie, and I have been pleased to give him a letter to Sir Daniel Neylan of the Disposals Board, so that he may take up the matter of the railway trucks, etc. which are for sale in Vancouver.

I need not assure you that if I can be of any further assistance to him in any way I shall be only too delighted.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

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VICTORIA, B.C. October 23rd, 1925.

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

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

As your time is no doubt all taken up until you go aboard the Steamer, I am taking the liberty of writing you in the hope that you may have time on your way to Vancouver, to read this letter and the enclosed copy of letter addressed to A. M. Whiteside, Chairman of the Bureau of Mines of the Board of Trade Vancouver.

I have undertaken rather an ambitious task in Vancouver, and I need all the help I can possibly muster. We are out to secure a supply of Natural Gas for Greater Vancouver, and I have been elected to take the lead in the effort. Will you please ~~bare~~ with me if I go into a little detail to show you how the effort has originated, and how I come to be at the head of it at present.

Since the close of the War there has been a strong effort by several companies to discover oil and Natural Gas in the Fraser Valley, but the promoters have been local people with little or no experience or natural ability, and as a result the effort has fallen short of success, but in spite of their serious mistakes very wonderful showings have been developed to encourage the work. The outstanding discovery was three heavy flows of Natural Gas which were struck at 2416, 2700, and 2829 feet deep, in the well drilled at Boundary Bay, just 15 miles in a direct line from the centre of the City. This discovery occurred in 1921.

All the practical men in the district strongly advised the General Manager to stop drilling and develop the discovery without going deeper. Being a headstrong man, and as the signs of oil were wonderful, he and one of the drillers decided to go deeper in search of oil, with the promise to come back for the gas later if necessary. This was a very serious mistake as the driller in charge, for some unknown reason never cemented off the water in the whole 4113 feet drilled. No one can understand his action as it is a physical impossibility to develop a discovery of either gas or oil with a well full of water. All practical parties who were watching the formation penetrated, and examined and tested the sands encountered were confident that the well had encountered good oil sands as well as

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the Natural Gas discovery. The test was never made as the driller at this late date could not successfully shut off the water, and later for lack of money the work was closed down. Thus a very important discovery has been laying dormant for over three years.

There was a total of more than \$200,000.00 of local money spent in this particular effort and the registered shareholders number over four thousand of Vancouver and Victoria people. The Company and the former Management have been in default for over three years and nothing being done.

I have never had anything to do with the management of the Company until a short while ago when the old Board of Directors proceeded to sell out the machinery and the remaining assets to a syndicate of themselves, who were going to drill a fresh hole down to this gas and develop it in their own interests, without submitting the deal to the shareholders for their sanction. On behalf of a great many shareholders in Victoria, I was appointed Chairman of a Shareholder's committee, and in my name issued an injunction against the former management to restrain them from exceeding their powers and stopped the sale. We then secured an order from the Supreme Court to convene the General Shareholder's Meeting and elected an entirely new Board of Directors who were instructed to proceed to form a new Development Company to take over the Leases machinery and equipment (the entire remaining assets) and develop the gas discovery for the good of the City of Vancouver and in the interests of the old shareholders, but giving an attractive arrangement to those of the Shareholders and the public who subscribed to the new Company.

I was appointed General Manager of the Development Co., and we at the outset decided to seek the help of the better Business men of Vancouver to assist in the effort. We placed our proposition before Mr. A. M. Whiteside of the Board of Trade (as above mentioned) and at his request submitted to them documentary evidence of the occurrence of the gas, by letters and documents from practical oil and Gas men well qualified to judge, and estimate the value of the discovery, and who were eye witnesses of the spectacular gas blow. The report which I enclose herewith is a carbon copy of this letter which I write to Mr. Whiteside under date of Sept. 17 th., last.

I have seen quite a few of the business men, and about two weeks ago arranged a luncheon meeting ~~sixth~~ at the Vancouver Hotel to discuss with a small group, the effort and the best way to get the support. At that meeting Mr. Chris Spencer senior member of the firm of David Spencer Limited, W. H. Malkin, Mr. Francis Wright of Smith Davidson and Wright, and Mr. A. M. Whiteside definitely promised to support the effort by contributing along with others towards the financial requirements. We are seeking to raise \$25,000 in this way, and with a letter from Mr. Spencer I had an interview with the Lieut. Governor Mr. W. C. Nichol.

In addition to the Business men's effort General McDonald of 522 Rogers Building Vancouver (a one armed gentleman) I cannot recall his initials, who represents in Vancouver a strong Financial firm in Montreal who successfully financed, or assisted to finance

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the Vicking gas field which is now supplying Edmonton with Natural Gas, and who is ~~an~~ a business associate of Mr. A. M. Whiteside, on reading the enclosed letter or report, stated that his people would consider financing the Company if properly lined up. The details were immediately sent to them and Mr. Whiteside assures us that it will no doubt be a success. I am therefore very anxious to have the proper backing, and local support necessary to give them confidence. Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Wright have both stated that they would consider acting as Directors along with other ~~similar~~ gentlemen of the same calibre.

Our proposition is to raise \$50,000 by the sale of stock at par, \$25,000 from the Business men's group, and the other \$25,000 from the shareholders. As we have the machinery and equipment and almost sufficient casing to drill the well down to this depth, we are confident that the work can be completed for less than this amount. We propose to take over the Leases and equipment which represents a book value of some \$83,000 (considerable of which is represented by casing which is in the ground and cannot be recovered) and give the ^{old Company} a block of stock to the value of \$50,000, or on a fifty-fifty basis. Thus the discovery will, probably be developed with only \$100,000 capital issued. This then would make a very attractive and fair proposition to all parties.

As I am a comparative stranger in Vancouver, and as I am exceedingly anxious to fortify myself as well as I can to interview such men as General A. D. MacRae, General Odum, Mr. Eric Hamber and many others, I thought you would be at least interested in the magnitude of the effort, and might give me a letter of general introduction to assist me to get a hearing from such men. I should be indeed proud if you could see your way to support the effort even if only in a nominal amount, and I will pledge to you that if you did go that far to assist the effort, and also for an investment, I would see that your letter and name were not abused in connection with the organization of the Company or in the sale of the stock. Should you be willing to do this you would not need to state the amount you would subscribe in the letter, and I should treat it as confidential. If however this is asking too much I certainly would appreciate a letter which would help me to get a hearing from such of the better Business men as should, and I believe will, support the issue from a civic standpoint if not alone for an investment or speculation.

I am confident, and this confidence is based on personal investigation of the showings which were produced by drilling, and from the statements of practical Oil and Gas men that we will succeed in getting a supply of Natural Gas, and very probably oil in commercial quantities. While our effort at present is entirely to develop this discovery, we hope that in addition we shall be instrumental in proving the structure to be also oil bearing. When I recall that His Majesty's battle Cruisers "Hood" and "Repulse" had their oil tanks refilled here in Victoria last summer, by two huge tank steamers which crossed the Indian Ocean and then the Pacific & bringing the fuel oil from the fields at the head of the Persian Gulf, I believe there is no more important work than to definitely establish the possible or potential oil Field right here on this

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Coast. I take a very serious view of the future, and the necessity of such a valuable asset, *and* I am sure you will believe me when I tell you that my actions are prompted more from a Loyalty standpoint than for the possible monetary remuneration which would follow.

If I have not wearied you, I trust you will read the majority of the enclosed report, and if you are writing me will you please address me at 535 Rogers Building Vancouver my headquarters over there.

I shall be going over to Vancouver on Sunday, but I expect you will have gone East before Monday.

I trust you will pardon my writing as I have and hope I have not asked too much. With sincere wishes and best regards to Lady Currie and family I beg to remain,

MADE IN CANADA
Respectfully yours

Albert E. Robertson

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Please excuse mistake: as I have written this in a great hurry-

Princeton, B.C., Sept., 26th, 1925.

Geo. Mitchell Esq.
842 Cambie St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:-

With reference to the question of Natural Gas in the Province of British Columbia.

As you know I was for some years in charge of some 12,500 wells for the Department of Mines, Ontario; nearly 4000 of which were gas wells.

The presence of Natural Gas in Ontario has made millions for the consumers of the Province; about one million dollars having been saved per year over the price of coal at \$7.00 per ton, and this extending over a period of nearly 30 years.

Now in the Province of British Columbia, in spite of your wood fuel, which is a vanishing product, and your coal, which is always affected by labor and transportation influences, the possibility of obtaining commercial Natural Gas should not be neglected for a day. You in the west having enjoyed abundance of fuel and a mild climate, have but to look over the Natural Gas areas of the world and you will find that many industries "follow the Gas". Certain industries you cannot have unless you have mineral or rock gas. The acquisition of gas in the Province cannot be over estimated, but its advantages are not known here, hence it appears hard to believe that so many advantages exist.

You have hundreds of evidences of the existence of gas reservoirs in the sub-surface rocks of the Province. In nearly every one of the borings, gas flows have been encountered, but not developed because chiefly "oil" was the element sought and funds for this particular search for gas was not available.

Geologically the formations are perfect. The upper or closure strata are known to be impervious. Vast volumes of this valuable fuel lie stored up in the measures beneath this capping.

We have considerable knowledge of the outlines of the early shore lines during the time when organic matter in its immensity was developed and cast upon these shores; in fact the earliest Geologists of a hundred years ago traced them by the sandstones marked by ripple marks, rain prints and organic remains and they had at that time, no knowledge of the use of Petroleum. These masses of organic matter became embedded by the accumulation of sediment, and the entombed mass changed and gave off the hydro-carbons in the forms of our natural gas and oil of today. The shore lines follow from Mexico, paralleling the lines of the Rocky Mountains, and strike through the Fraser Valley and on up the Coast to Alaska. All the way the proximity of these shore lines (no connection with the present sea margin) are marked by the great petroleum producing areas of the West.

That gas exists in the lower measures within economic distance of Vancouver, is beyond a doubt. That it can be drilled into and tapped and turned into the channels of commerce is a matter for the enterprise of our citizens who want to see this great aid to commercial development "harnessed".

When I arrived here from the East, fresh from the problems of nurturing the gas resources of Ontario, I was taken out to see the Boundary Bay well, then recently drilled into a gas flow. I examined the well and placed a conservative estimate

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on the flow, with the well full of water, at 500,000 cubic feet per day, and showed that if turned into casing-head gasoline alone, and sold at 25 cents per gallon would mean an income of \$375.00 per day from a recovery of three gals., per thousand cubic feet, and the fuel value of the treated gas only reduced 5% fuel value, and this was only the first of several gas sands struck. What this well would have developed had the water been pumped out at that time I am unable to estimate, perhaps ten times the amount.

I have never changed my opinion as to the productivity of the area and fully realize the values undeveloped.

Yours truly,

E. S. Estlin.

Vancouver, B. C.,
September 17, 1925.

Mr. A. M. Whiteside,
Chairman of Bureau of Mines,
Board of Trade,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following up our interview of last Saturday, and again today, we are herewith submitting certain letters and documents as evidence of the occurrence of Natural Gas, especially in the Boundary Bay area. While we are reproducing the letters and documents herein, I beg to submit the originals, as far as possible for your information.

It is a matter of general knowledge that while the Boundary Bay Oil Co. Ltd., were drilling their well in 1921, that a very heavy pressure of gas was encountered in many strata from 2400 feet down, but especially between 2400 and 2800 feet. The files of the Vancouver "Sun" and the "World" of August and September 1921 will reveal several news articles and paid advertisements telling of the gas discovery, and stating that the gas could be seen burning in a huge flame from the top of the derrick which could be seen from Vancouver Heights at night.

It was a very great mistake that the management failed at that time to develop this natural resource. No excuse can be offered for this error, as the best authority available, and many qualified to judge, stated from their personal observation that the flow and pressure was such as to prove conclusively that commercial gas was discovered, and advised that a test be made to ascertain the amount which could be delivered per day.

Mr. E. S. Estlin, former Commissioner of Gas and Oil for the Province of Ontario, who had just arrived on the Coast, visited the well while it was blowing, and he emphatically stated that commercial Natural Gas had been discovered, and considered it of sufficient volume to warrant the belief that a supply was available sufficient to supply the whole of Greater Vancouver.

Letter from Mr. Estlin attached

The following is a copy of letter from H. G. Doll, of 1241 Homer Street, Vancouver, an oil well driller from California, with over twenty years experience in all branches of the work. He is now a resident of Vancouver for over five years, and on account of his health is making this his home. Mr. Doll cannot understand the apathy of the business men of Vancouver toward this very great natural resource which has been discovered so close to the City. He has followed the drilling operations very closely since coming here, and his letter is written from a practical standpoint, and from personal observation, and he goes into details explaining how his conclusions are arrived at.

Mr. Doll enclosed a letter which he received from Mr. Harvey Nutt, a personal friend and fellow driller in California who was second Driller on the Boundary Bay well at the time the gas was struck, and who also pronounced the discovery a commercial flow. Mr. Doll also testifies as to Mr. Nutt's ability as a driller. We only reproduce part of Mr. Nutt's letter dealing briefly with his opinion of the gas flow.

Copy of letter from Mr. H. G. Doll

1241 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B. C.
September 14, 1925.

Messrs Boundary Bay Development Co. Ltd.,
535 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Replying to your enquiry as to my opinion of the possibilities of Natural Gas being developed in the Boundary Bay area, I wish to state as follows:

The Boundary Bay Oil Co. Ltd., when drilling their well on the Delta in 1921 encountered heavy gas at a depth of 2417, 2700, and approximately 2800 feet. The Company at this time asked me to go out to the well (they having known of my experience in the oil fields of California). I remained at the well for five days, so what I am saying in regard to the gas is not hearsay.

When the gas was struck at 2700 feet the pressure was great enough to throw the mud and water out of the hole at times to a height of from 20 to 30 feet while pulling out the drills stem. When the drill stem was withdrawn Harvey Nutt, the second driller, rigged up a temporary connection to the 10 inch casing to carry the gas clear of the derrick and set it on fire. When we found we had illuminating gas we decided to close the gate valve and secured a bushing from the Sperton Oil Co., and piped the gas away from the rig so we could see the approximate amount of gas coming and how large a flame it would make.

After the heavy gate valve had been closed two and a half hours, Mr. Nutt said he wanted to open the gate valve himself to see what pressure had developed; He said he could open a gate such as the one used, with 1500 pounds pressure against it. He was not able to open it by hand and had to use an iron bar, and I would feel safe in saying that the pressure was upwards of 2000 pounds per square inch, and if the well could have been allowed to blow, would have made anywhere from 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Their Big mistake in not having their water shut off spoiled our whole programme. When we would open the valve enough to get a good flame the water would rush out and put the fire out. We finally ran a two inch pipe with a bleeder on it, allowing the water to run off, while the other end was carried to the top of the derrick and we succeeded in getting a nice blaze which lit up the whole delta for several hours.

Mr. Nutt and myself advised the Company that the well was worth testing, as a gas well so close to a large City like Vancouver was worth more than an oil well, but the Head Driller, Mr. Milburn, advised them to go on down and get the oil, and you know the results.

Some people argue that the gas was only a pocket, and that it exhausted itself. This I should like to thoroughly explain. When going back into the hole with the drill after we had the gas flowing and burning for several days we found 1100 feet of sand in the hole, 700 feet of which was up in the 10 inch casing. This sand, while the gate valve was closed, or partially closed, had settled to the bottom, forming a plug so that the gas could no longer come through it, and the water and mud on top added to the pressure to keep the gas under control.

While cleaning out the hole they used exceptionally heavy mud in order to keep the gas under control. Later the hole was drilled to a depth of 4112 feet and a string of six inch casing was set with 400 feet of perforated casing on the bottom, and everything set to bring in an oil well, but never having cemented off the water in the well, the test was never possible.

Finally after a great deal of unsuccessful work, an attempt was made to bring in the gas previously encountered, and the casing was split at 2500 feet, and an endeavor was made to cement off the water but without success, but after splitting the casing at this depth the gas started coming, and is still coming today. My opinion is that this must be an immense volume of gas, or the water, after standing over four years with a hydrostatic pressure of 1300 pounds per square inch, would have long ago drowned out or driven the gas back into the structure so far that it would not be able to get up through the six inch hole.

The gas is still coming, and it is my opinion that if the water can be cemented off, I think the hole can still be made to produce.

Being familiar with the Boundary Bay log of the well drilled, I would like to point out that I find the structure here very similar to that encountered in California and Texas, and the evidence which I saw personally, compel me to recommend that the effort be made to develop this great natural resource which would make Vancouver another Los Angeles on this side of the line.

Hoping this explains my opinion of the gas on the Delta to your satisfaction, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. C. Dell,

P.S. Reference Mr. Harvey Nutt mentioned in my letter. I have known him personally for about twelve years, and he was considered one of the best Rotary Drillers in California. I know for a fact that he was selected by the Standard Oil Co. as one of eight

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drillers who were sent to Oklahoma when that Company first started Rotary drilling in that State in 1916 or 1917. At present Mr. Nutt is with the Pan-American Oil Company at Signal Hill, California; I would like to enclose a short letter which I received from him under date of June 15th last, in which he states that he was of the opinion that the gas was in commercial quantities, and was found in a porous rock.

H. C. D.

Copy of portion of Mr. Nutt's Letter.

915 Cherry St.,
Long Beach, Calif.,
June 15, 1925.

Friend Harry:

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I received your letter Saturday
I am with the Pan-American Oil Co., at Signal Hill.
In regard to the gas in that well up there, I believe they have it
in commercial quantities. We got it around 2800 feet as nearly as
I can remember in a sort of a porous rock,

H. J. Nutt.

We also submit a letter from Mr. Frank J. Grant, of Wasco, California, dated August 5, 1925. Mr. Grant is a member of the Grant family of 4118-14th ave W., Vancouver, well known in Vancouver and Victoria. He was one of the drillers on the Boundary Bay well under Mr. Milburn and Mr. Nutt, and has since become a head driller in California. He just recently successfully brought in a 25 million cubic foot gas well. His letter is very emphatic in stating his conclusions as to the possibilities of gas and oil in Boundary Bay lease, derived as a result of his recent experiences in California.

Copy of Mr. Frank J. Grant's letter:

Box 23,
Wasco, Calif.,
August 5, 1925.

Mr. R. R. Patton,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Seeing that you are the only Director of the old Boundary Bay Oil Co., whom I know the address of, I thought I would drop you a line about your prospects up there.

I am with the Main Oil Co. of California as a driller which you probably know. I spudded in on their Trail Blazer No. 1 well and went down with it to production. We have a twenty-five million cubic foot gas well here. Believe me it is a dandy.

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The thing that interests me most though, is the similarity of this formation to that of the old Boundary Bay hole, which you know I worked on from topto bottom.

To me the formations are identical, and I am sure that if a well was put down properly on the Boundary Bay lease you would get gas production which would surprise you. It is my firm belief that you have a gas field, and if formations don't lie, which they seldom do, you have an oil field which would rival some of the best in this country.

I have had a lot of experience in this field, and have watched developments with keen interest. Being a Canadian though, I want to see Canada developed, and that is why I am writing this letter.

You have a wonderful field there. Why not get at it? There is nothing that would fill me with more pride than to see a good live well equipped crew go in there and put you a hole down to production, which I repeat again I firmly believe they can do. You can get gas enough there to supply the whole lower Mainland, and it would not surprise me a bit if you get oil in huge quantities.

If you are still in the game I would be glad to hear how developments are going on up there.

Yours truly,

Frank J. Grant.

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Herewith a copy of News item which appeared in the Vancouver "Sun" of August 21, 1921, when the public witnessed a demonstration of the gas burning in a huge flame at the top of the derrick. Depth of well 2416 feet.

1st Heavy Gas Stratum 2416 feet

Delta Lighted by Gas Flame

Thousands of Farmers
Visited Boundary Bay Oil Field
Yesterday

Delta farmers and those who visited the Boundary Bay oil derrick Friday night were given a demonstration which has set a lot of Vancouver people wondering whether or not they are shortly to become oil millionaires.

Driller Milburn, after having a heavy gas pressure on the well all day, connected a 2-inch pipe to the gate valve, ran this pipe up over the top of the 116-foot derrick and turned on the gas, which was then lighted.

So strong was the pressure that from 9 till 11 o'clock a flame from ten to twenty feet long was shooting up over the derrick, lighting up the whole district.

Farmers from miles about gathered around to watch the spectacular scene.

"Struck Oil!"

"Have they struck oil?" is the question which was heard all around the derrick and all over the city on Saturday.

A representative of The Vancouver Sun visited the well Saturday afternoon and put this question to Head Driller Milburn.

"No, we have not struck oil, but just what we have struck I am not yet in a position to say. The pressure of such large quantities of gas is most encouraging, in fact, every indication is as good as it could possibly be without actually having oil," stated Mr. Milburn.

The well, which is 25 miles from Vancouver, is located on Boundary Bay within a few miles of Mr. Dominic Burns' ranch, also the old Oliver homestead.

—Sunday Sun, August 21st, 1921.

Another copy of a news item which appeared in the Vancouver "World" of August 30, 1921. Depth of well 2700 feet.

2nd Heavy Gas Stratum 2700 feet

Another Flow of Gas Tapped

Oil Indications Continue Most Promising at Boundary Bay
Crowds Witness Big Gas Flame

A strong flow of gas preceded by a goodly showing of oil caused much excitement in Boundary Bay oil circles on Monday night and gave renewed confidence to those engaged in drilling operations on the company's property. The oil and gas were struck at a depth of 2700 feet, and so strong was the pressure that the gas, when lighted, shot the flame into the air between 40 and 50 feet above the 116 feet high derrick.

When the news of the strike reached the city, crowds made their way to the highest point on Kingsway, where the flame from the burning gas could be distinctly seen.

This morning, operations at the well were being confined to "mudding."

—Vancouver World, August 30th, 1921.

A further item from the Vancouver "World" dated September 6, 1921. Depth of well 2829 feet.

3rd Heavy Gas Stratum 2829 feet

Gas Flow of High Pressure

Indications Continue to Look Promising at Boundary Bay

Bringing with it for a time more traces of oil and lasting practically the entire day at very high pressure, a strong flow of gas in the drilling operations at Boundary Bay on Monday morning, again caused excitement to reign at fever pitch in the city and the vicinity of the well-known resort on Labor Day, attracting hundreds from Vancouver to the scene of the drilling and bringing confident predictions that the long-expected big oil strike is now practically certain.

The drill has now reached a depth of 2829 feet, and after passing through 12 feet of blue shale, is into the limestone capping. The pressure from the gas was by far the strongest yet met with and with oil at times flowing for five minutes steady, excitement continued to rise. "Mudding down" operations were immediately commenced and at noon today it was stated that drilling had again been started.

—Vancouver World, September 6th, 1921.

NOTE: These copies can be checked with the files in the "sun" office. The writer personally checked them today.

An analysis of the gas taken from Boundary Bay well was made by G. S. Eldridge & Co. of Vancouver, and the following copy is a true copy of same under date of August 26, 1921.

Copy of letter of analysis

Cave Building,
567 Hornby St.,
August 26, 1921.

Messrs. The Boundary Bay Oil Co.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:-

We have analyzed the sample of gas submitted by you and report the following results:-

Paraffine (mainly Methane)	85.7
Ethane	Trace
Oxygen	3.2%
Nitrogen	11.4%
Carbon Monoxide	none
Carbon Dioxide	Trace

Letter of analysis continued:

The above results show that the sample submitted is chiefly natural gas mixed with about 14% of air.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. Eldridge & Co.,

Per G. S. Eldridge.

Original of this letter herewith submitted and marked "S"

NOTE: The air in the sample of gas occurred because of the crude appliance used in taking the sample of gas from the flow from the well.

Herewith a clipping from the Vancouver "Sun", under date of August reference a strike of Natural Gas, and showing of oil in the Abbotsford area.

"NATURAL GAS IN SUMAS PROBABLE"

New Westminster- A company has recently been incorporated by local business and professional men, to carry out experiments to discover the volume of natural gas which has been flowing for some time from a small well in Sumas Municipality.

The concern, which intends to spend \$5,000 immediately, will be known as the Sumas Oil and Gas Co. Ltd. and its officers are Magistrate H.L. Edmonds President; Dan Smith, Managing Director; William Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer; Edward Sisson of Vancouver, is also connected with the new firm.

In a wire recently received from the Division of Chemistry, Mines Branch, Ottawa, information was given that test gas taken from the well contained 96.65 per cent methane. This is said to compare well with leading gas fields of Canada.

A sample of the gas was sent to the Geological Department at Ottawa for their analysis and the following wire was received in reply:

Copy of wire of analysis from Ottawa.

Original of this wire is held by D. Smith at Abbotsford, B.C.

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Daniel Smith,
Care Whiteside & Edmonds,
New Westminster, B. C.

Ottawa Ont., August 8th, 1925.

Percentage composition of gas sample sent July eighteenth, Methane ninety-six decimal five. Ethane one decimal fifteen, Carbon Dioxide one decimal nought eight; Nitrogen one decimal twelve; Specific Gravity Decimal five seven one. Written report mailed for our records. Please state exact locality.

John McLeish,
Director.

A second sample was analyzed by G. S. Eldridge & Co., Vancouver, which shows a very close similarity. - Copy of this letter is submitted, and appended is a comparison showing the similarity with the Ottawa wire.

Copy of letter of analysis from G. S. Eldridge & Co., Vancouver.

Mr. Daniel Smith,
c/o Whiteside & Edmonds,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have analyzed the gas contained in the sealed bottle submitted by you and report as follows:-

	Eldridge Analysis	Ottawa Anal.
Carbon Dioxide -(C.O. ²)	6.2%	1.08%
Carbon Monoxide -(C.O.)	none
Oxygen -(O.)	0.4%
Methane -(C.H. ₄)	95.1%	96.5
Ethane -(C ₂ H ₄)	1.5%	1.15
Nitrogen -(N.)	2.8%	1.12
Specific Gravity571

G. S. Eldridge & Co.

The natural gas struck at Steveston, B. C. near the Boundary Bay and referred to on page 61 of Memoir 135 the Geological Survey above referred to, was struck at 860 feet and the closed pressure taken by a pressure gage was 88 pounds per square inch. This gas was analyzed by Sir Beverton Redwood of London England, a world authority on Petroleum. In his treatise on Petroleum (1913 Volume 1, page 264) he gives the following analysis of Natural Gas from Cleveland Ohio, showing the similarity between the two.

Constituents	Steveston, B.C.	Cleveland, Ohio
Nitrogen	6.30%	6.30%
Carbon Dioxide	2.14	0.20
Hydrogen	none	none
Ammonia	none	none
Oxygen	none	none
Sulphureted Hydrogen	none	none
Paraffine	93.56	93.50
	100	100

NOTE: It is a well known fact that Cleveland, Ohio, enjoys the purest natural gas in America.

All these samples of Gas taken at Steveston and Boundary Bay at the Western Coast line, and again at Abbotsford 40 miles up the Valley, indicate by their close similarity that they are closely related and of the very highest quality and heat value. - The suggestion that it is possibly marsh gas is too absurd to be taken seriously.

You are possibly aware that originally the Geological Survey of Ottawa was not favorably inclined toward the possibility of the Fraser Valley producing oil or Natural Gas, but in their published reports they always protected themselves by saying that as the Valley had so much delta formation with very little surface exposures, it was impossible to determine the fact without drilling.

After a great deal of drilling had been done they issued their Memoir No. 135-1923, by W. A. Johnston, which while not yet favorable to oil, is a considerable change of tone, and admits that drilling has established the possibility of oil bearing formation, because of the occurrence of marine formation at depth, but their treatise on the possibility of Natural Gas is quite favorable. They state that the drilling had definitely established Natural Gas, but of course they protect themselves in all their statements by saying the evidence is not conclusive as to commercial quantities.

Chapter V- pages 60 to 73 deals with the matter quite fully and is indeed a great concession from the stand they took formerly. Their article tells of many gas and oil seepages occurring in different places in the Valley.

In connection with the attitude taken by the Geological Survey it is almost a universal rule that the Government Geologists and practical drillers are always at variance in a new field until the drill penetrates the underlying structure.

Oil and Gas Geology is a very open question and there is a wide difference of opinion amongst the Geologists in the past few years in trying to determine its ultimate source and its mode of origin.

We would refer you to a publication by the Department of Mines, Ottawa, dated 1914, entitled "Petroleum and Natural Gas Resources of Canada", in two volumes. The material being supplied by Frederick C. Clapp, Marius R. Campbell and others. The works are to be seen in the City Public Library.

The preface to Volume 1 states that "Arrangements were made with F. C. Clapp of Pittsburg, Pa. in April 1912 to prepare this monograph on Petroleum and Natural Gas with special reference to Canada etc." "Under the arrangements made by Mr. Clapp the following Gentlemen have contributed chapters or sections to this report:-

(1) "Marius R. Campbell of the United States Geological Survey, Chapter 1 V, Vol. 1, on Theories as to the origin of petroleum and natural gas and their migration in the rocks of the earth's crust. . . . etc."

We mention this because the article by Marius R. Campbell, Geologist of the United States Geological Survey is very emphatic in showing how different Geologists disagree, and how impotent they are to determine the presence of oil or gas in the structure under consideration without the drill.

After reading this article and being familiar with the work done especially in the Boundary Bay well, it makes it difficult to understand the lack of interest taken in this discovery by the Ottawa Geological Survey. We are confident that they are not possessed of the true facts of the discovery and of the structure.

On Calling on the Geological survey and enquiring as to the structure encountered they will tell you that they consider the structure in the Boundary Bay area and the greater part of the Valley is a mud fill for a great depth, and is not consolidated. The fact that the Boundary Bay Oil Company Limited drilled 2300 feet of open hole with only 117 feet of surface casing, and with no difficulty with caving structure, setting their 10 inch casing at this depth and then proceeding to 4113 feet with open hole again in very hard and solid sedimentary rock formation all the way, except in the sands, proves conclusively to the practical man that the formation is consolidated. The drillers from California all testify that the formation here is better consolidated than in California, and that the structure is very similar.

In addition to those already quoted we might refer you to Mr. R. C. Campbell-Johnston, of 1337 Alberni Street, Vancouver, Geologist, who has followed the work of this field quite closely and who seems to be entirely in agreement with the article above mentioned. He expressed himself as believing the discovery of Gas in the lower rock formation an evidence of a Natural Gas coming from oil or coal, or both, and considers it absolutely absurd that it might be a marsh gas.

Purpose and Plans of this Effort briefly stated:

The purpose of this effort is to organize a Development Company which will take over from the Boundary Bay Oil Company Limited, the oil and gas Leases on which the discovery was made, the heavy duty California Rotary Drilling Machinery and equipment, including tools, derrick, buildings, etc. etc., to develop this natural gas stratum at a depth of from 2400 to 2800 feet to get a Commercial Gas supply for the City of Vancouver and District.

We have interviewed Mr. J. Keiller, Gas Engineer for the B. C. Electric Gas Company, outlining our proposed effort with a view to co-operating in marketing the gas when produced. He assured us of their great interest in the matter and that they would be able to take at present 3,000,000 cubic feet per day, with an ever increasing and unlimited market to take as much as we could supply as soon as the discovery had been established.

The plant which we have is one of the heaviest and best in Western Canada, and with the casing, drill stem, etc., we have an asset which represents in the neighborhood of over \$50,000.

We have an understanding with the Bond holders who are the deferred creditors, to grant the Development Company an extension of one year for the repayment of the bonds, and a spirit of co-operation is manifest by all interested. (full details can be given when desired).

The present movement, or re-organization of the Boundary Bay Company is entirely a shareholders' effort and is not a promotion in the usual way.

It is not necessary to go into the details of the fight waged by the Shareholders' Committee with the former management, but sufficient to state that the Committee petitioned and secured from the Supreme Court of British Columbia an order to convene the General Shareholders' meeting, and an entirely new management or Board of Directors was elected who have no special or ulterior motive in connection with the company save to protect their investment and those of their fellow shareholders as far as possible, and to undertake to develop this gas discovery for the

benefit of the City and District, and to do same in a proper and business like way. Each one of the present directors elected has expressed his readiness to retire and make way for any number of experienced business men who will give of their service and experience to make of this a great public spirited effort. It is not necessary for us to enlarge on the possible benefits which would automatically accrue from such a natural resource only 15 miles from Vancouver, but we cannot help but enthuse over the possibilities which would result to a seaport city like Greater Vancouver along with the settlement of the equalized freight rate question.

The following copy of letter from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in reply to an enquiry made early this year as to the daily consumption of natural gas, is very significant, and what has been done there industrially, can be accomplished here, and we firmly believe the gas supply is to be had.

Copy of letter from Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

March 18, 1925.

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herewith
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Boundary Bay Oil Company,
447 Bender Street, W.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:-

Answering yours of February 25th, we would answer your questions as follows:

Daily consumption of natural gas is 169,000,000 cubic feet. The Midway Gas Company is bringing in natural gas from nine separate fields, as follows:

	<u>Cr. Ft. per day</u>	<u>Length of lines</u>
Taft Fields (near Bakersfield) 2 separate fields	40,000,000	110 mi.
Brea Field	5,000,000	25 "
Coyote Hills Fields	1,000,000	20 "
Santa Fe Springs Fields	25,000,000	17 "
Dominquez Field	26,000,000	13 "
Torrance Field	20,000,000	15 "
Signal Hill Field	50,000,000	20 "
Huntington Beach	4,000,000	25 "
Total	169,000,000	

This gas averages 1,150 BTU per cubic foot and is sold for industrial purposes by the Southern Gas Company, at rates ranging from 22½¢ to 30¢ per thousand cubic feet.

Yours very truly,

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

A. G. Arnell,

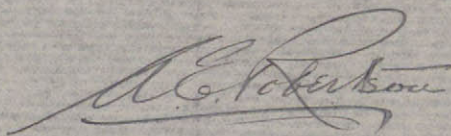
Secretary.

This, therefore, is not an effort which should be undertaken only by the small investor and wage earner who comprise most of the present shareholders, but is one which we believe is deserving of the best efforts and investment of the larger and representative business men of the City.

Knowing all the details which have transpired and being in very close touch with the work in the local field, the writer has prepared this letter to you as Chairman of the Bureau of Mines of the Vancouver Board of Trade, in the hope that the facts and evidence submitted would be sufficient to arouse a public spirited endeavor in an undertaking which with proper management might well prove the greatest asset to Vancouver, while at the same time returning very handsome profits as a direct result, not to mention the indirect return from a prosperous industrial seaport centre.

We would, therefore, invite your co-operation and that of the whole Board of Trade as far as it is possible to go, and further to give us the benefit of your advice in organizing the Development Company if you are prepared to co-operate as indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



Gen. Supt.
Boundary Bay Oil Co., Ltd. (B.B.O.)

NOTE

Memoir No. 135 of the Geological Survey with map above referred to, is herewith submitted for your information.

Article published in the Daily Colonist,
Sunday, Aug. 25th, 1918.

ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF OLD "DANDY FIFTH"

Story of the Old Unit Which Proved the Foundation of
British Military Organization in Province of British
Columbia --- Some Interesting Reminiscences.

PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS OF CORPS

From Regiment Was Sent Overseas First Active Service
Draft From this Western Section of Canada -- List of
Some Who Gained Distinction in Great War.

Tomorrow will be the anniversary of the departure of
the first overseas draft of men from the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A. and
the fact, coupled with the recent demobilization of the unit to
pre-war status, makes timely a history of the origin and achievements
of the unit.

Early in April, 1877, Russia declared war upon Turkey,
and two months later her army crossed the Danube.

European opinion on the quarrel between the two warring
nations differed, and for a time it seemed likely that other Powers
would be drawn into the conflict. The Russians were advancing upon
Constantinople, and Britain, realizing that the occupation of that city
by them would be a menace to the Indian Empire, ordered the Mediterranean
fleet, which was lying in Besika Bay, near the mouth of the Dardanelles,
to proceed through the Strait and the Sea of Marmora, to the Turkish
Capital, ostensibly for the protection of British life and property there.
Relations between Britain and Russia were close to the breaking point.

FELT FAR AWAY .

In America, far from the scenes of the Russo-Turko con-
flict, there were evidences of this unfriendly feeling.

The steamship *Cinbris* appeared off the Maine Coast
within fifty miles of St. John N.B., with a large body of Russian seamen
with the many authentic accounts of meditated marauding descents by
Fenians, who were gathering in American centres, taking advantage of the

possibility of Britain being occupied with Russia, caused Canada to take notice of developments. All the Militia Units on the American frontier, extending 500 miles from Sherbrooke to Lake Huron, were ordered to be in readiness. Guns and howitzers were placed in positions at certain lake ports, fitted with ship carriages, to arm steamers which were prepared to receive them. On May 24th and July 12th a large force was mobilized at Montreal. That portion of the Dominion to the West of the Great Lakes was, as now, forgotten, until a fleet of five Russian warships dropped anchor in San Francisco Bay. The British Pacific fleet, for which Esquimalt was the base, was cruising in South American waters, leaving nothing to prevent a raid on Victoria, Nanaimo and New Westminster, other than H. M. frigate Opal and gunboat Rocket.

FORM MILITIA UNIT

Lieut. General Edw. Selby-Smith, commanding the Canadian Militia, had in 1875 recommended certain protection for the British Columbia coast towns, but the recommendations were not heeded until the need was obvious to the Government at Ottawa.

Word was received at Victoria that one of the Russian vessels had left San Francisco and proceeded north. There was wild excitement in Victoria. Money was withdrawn from the banks and taken to Port Townsend for safety, and the citizens prepared for defence. It was during this period of preparation that the unit of the Canadian Militia, now known as the 5th (British Columbia) Regiment of Canadian Garrison Artillery had its inception.

Captain F. Robinson, of the Opal, loaned pieces of ordnance to the Canadian Militia, and Lieut.-Col. C.F. Houghton, Deputy Adjutant General, M.D. No. 11, called for volunteers to man them. The Russian ship arrived. She sailed into Esquimalt without a courtesy, and figuratively speaking, disdainfully smiled upon the two small ships there to oppose her. Captain Robinson immediately boarded her, and learned she was the Russian flagship. Not in the least bit daunted he ordered the admiral to hoist his anchor and depart within twenty four hours or make the necessary salute. The Russian took advantage of a wind blowing towards the American Coast and sailed for Port Townsend.

VOLUNTEERS RESPOND

In the meantime the D.A.G.'s call for volunteers had been answered. Three companies of artillery were formed, two of which

were commanded by Captains Dupont and Machael. David G. McNaughton, who had been a sergeant in the 10th Battery, New Brunswick Brigade of Artillery, and who possessed a first-class certificate from the School of Gunnery at Kingston, was one of the volunteers. His knowledge of gunnery soon became apparent, and he was detailed to instruct the embryonic artillerymen. Mr. McNaughton still resides in Victoria, at 165 Beechwood Ave., but there are very few of the present Victorians who are aware that he was the first qualified gunner of the Canadian Militia in the Province.

March 3rd, 1878, saw the end of the Turkish Russian war, the treaty of San Stefano, signed on that date when the Russian Army lay encamped at the gates of Constantinople, being the dictation of a relentless Power to a crushed and helpless state. That, at least, was the British opinion of the time.

GOVERNMENT AWAKE

The Canadian Government, now being fully awake, proceeded with the protection of Esquimalt and Victoria. Lieut. Col. D.T. Irwin (Captain, Royal Artillery) Inspector of Artillery, arrived in Victoria May 27th, 1878, and with Captain Robinson, senior Naval Officer, and Lieut. Col. Houghton, made a careful examination of the coast, with a view to determine upon the best sites for defensive works. Rear Admiral de Horsey, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific, afterwards detailed Captain Bedford, H.M.S. Shah; and Captain Burrows, Royal Marine Artillery; and Gunnery Lieut. Lindsay, H.M.S. Shaw, to assist in this important duty. As a result of the survey ten pieces of ordnance was placed in position for the protection of Esquimalt and Victoria harbors.

The actual work of construction began June 10th, 1878, and was completed August 30th. The labor was performed by civilian laborers, and volunteers, from the Artillery companies, who gave their services gratuitously. The Guns were transported and mounted by a naval detachment under the direction of Captain F. Robinson, H.M.S. Opal.

These fortifications were a great pride to Victorians, and one of the delights of the time was inspection visits on Sundays and holidays. Visitors came at less orthodox times, and stores became missing as a result. The D.A.G. in his report of December 21st, 1878, mentions that "the door of one of the storehouses has been broken into, and a wheelbarrow stolen therefrom."

SUNKEN BATTERIES.

As the four batteries erected have long since been demolished, and replaced by more modern ones, it is now quite safe to describe where they were and of what they consisted. Finlayson and Victoria Point Batteries (Beacon Hill) were each composed of two 64-pr. R.M.L.; Macaulay Battery had three 7-in. 6½ ton R.M.L.; and Brothers Island Battery had one 8-in. 9-ton R.M.L. and two 64-pr. R.M.L. The general nature of the works was that of sunken barbett batteries. These guns were described as "rather formidable ordnance."

It was also Lieut. Col. Irwin's duty properly to organize the three volunteer companies of artillery into a battery of Garrison Artillery, and to instruct it. Pursuant to these instructions, he arranged for a systematic course of drills and lectures. In his report, he mentioned "the high rate of wages paid labor and the limited population of Victoria placed almost insuperable difficulties in the way of the establishment of anything like an efficient artillery force to man these guns and maintain an effective fire against ships in motion, a duty requiring the greatest possible amount of training and intelligence on the part of the gunners. The history of the 5th Regiment, C.G.A. will show that the "insuperable difficulties" were imaginary, that the gunners had the intelligence, that they assimilated a great amount of training, and when they were needed they were at hand.

As a result of Lieut. Col. Irwin's efforts the organization of the Victoria Battery of Garrison Artillery was completed. The following officers: Captain C.T. Dupont, 1st Lieut. D.G. McNaughton, and 2nd Lieut. A.W. Jones, were gazetted as from 19th of July, 1878.

SEYMOUR BATTERY.

The Seymour Battery was formed in New Westminster on October, 1878, the Lieutenant commanding being Geo. Pettendrich, late Captain 3rd Foot, East Kent Regt. (The Buffs). The second Lieutenant was Wm. N. Bole, better known to present residents as Judge Bole. The armament of this battery early in 1878 consisted of two field guns, probably relics of the Hudson's Bay Company regime, quite unserviceable, owing to the rotten condition of their carriages, one being reported as utterly useless, and the other scarcely safe for practice with shot or shell, and totally unfit to be moved. The battery harness was in the possession of a Mr. Murray, and he refused to give it up until his claim

for rent was settled by the Militia. In May, 1878, and December 21st, 1878, the D.A.C. of the District recommended the Battery be equipped with 7-pounder Abyssinian guns.

From 1878 until 1883 the Victoria Battery performed routine drill, gaining considerable proficiency.

PROVIDED GUARD

In September, 1881, the Marquis of Lorne, the then Governor-General, H.R.H. the Princess Louise, arrived at Victoria, and for two months sojourned at Carey Castle. The two artillery batteries and two companies of Victoria Rifles provided a guard at the Castle, each Battery and company doing duty for a week alternately. The weeks the Seymour Battery performed this duty must have been a pleasant relaxation from the worry of its rotten gun-carriages and seized harness.

Until 1883 there is very little to record of the Seymour Battery; there is no doubt its troubles were continuous, and there is every reason to believe that in his reports of 1879 to 1883, inclusive, the Deputy Adjutant-General recommended that the battery be equipped with 7-pounder Abyssinian guns.

PICTURESQUE VOLUNTEERS

In 1860 there existed in Victoria "The Vancouver Island Volunteer Rifle Corps," the Colonel of which was Sir James Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. A few of the pioneer families possess pictures of groups of these riflemen, dressed in a uniform very much like the present day outfit of a lumber-jack, and all be-whiskered like the raiders of the Spanish Main. Another link is the few remaining copies of the "Volunteer's Manual," compiled by Lieut. E.C. Sparshott, R.M.L. I., at English Camp, San Juan Island, and published in 1861, for the Rifle Corps and dedicated to Colonel James Douglas, C.B.

The negro population, which was considerable in the sixties, had a volunteer infantry company. This unit was formed as an expression of loyalty to Great Britain, but had no official existence, and though its career was a useful one, it was short lived.

CONFEDERATION.

British Columbia had become part of the Dominion of Canada, in 1871, and under authority of the Canadian Militia Act two companies of rifles were formed in Victoria, one in Nanaimo and one in New Westminster,

The Victoria companies were in command of Major Roscoe, Captains R. Wolfenden and Vinter were in charge of companies Nos. 1 and 2 respectively. Other officers were Captains E.H.Fletcher, Geo. Jay and Roland Green.

After the formation of the Artillery Batteries the preference for the more elite branch of the service was soon shown by the falling off of enlistments in the Rifles. To offset this the rifle companies in Victoria were united and changed into an artillery battery. British Columbia was then possessed of three batteries of artillery. The need for closer relationship between these batteries, for training and administration was soon apparent, and a movement was started for their formation into a regiment.

GARRISON ARTILLERY

In accordance with the Canadian Gazette of 13th October, 1883, the Victoria and Seymour Batteries of Garrison Artillery and the companies of the Victoria Rifles were united into a Regiment of Artillery, and designated "The British Columbia Provisional Regiment of Garrison Artillery", and Captain Charles Thomas Dupont became Major commanding. Other officers of the Regiment were Captains A.W.Jones, J.L. Raymur, W. H. Dorman, and Richard Wolfenden, Lieutenants W. Shears, G.A.Keefer, Geo Jay and Surgeon J.B.Matthews, M.R. C.S., L.S. Apoth., Staff-Sergeant Kinsella, C.A., was promoted to Regimental Sergeant Major. Other N.C.O's were Sergeants Ross Monro, Robt. J.Plummer, John M. and George Langley. Most of these old artillerymen are still with us, retaining a military bearing and physique which speaks well of their soldier days.

The first recorded duty of the Regiment was to furnish a Guard of Honour to the Lieutenant-Governor at the Legislative Assembly, 3rd December, 1883. On that parade a gunner was noticed wearing a civilian felt hat. Just a reading of the regimental order on this incident would be enough to cause a modern adjutant to suffer all the effects of shell-shock.

On July 23rd, 1884, the Regiment went under canvas at Beacon Hill, and there is no record to show that the Militia Department supplied anything besides the canvas. The Department early cultivated the idea that a militiaman could look after himself. The idea became a custom and then a habit. A well-established habit is seldom broken. During this "camp" "Reveille" sounded at 4:45 a.m. Early enough, but-- there was a "Rouse Sounding" at 4:30 a.m.

In 1885 again there were rumors of War with Russia, this time over the Sealing question, and the Regiment displayed great zeal. Gun Drill was continuous. The many confidential orders issued by the Acting Deputy Adjutant-General were strictly adhered to. The War-Clouds, however, drifted away, and the Regiment settled down to routine work. Soon after, 28th October, 1885, Major Dupont retired, with his rank, and Captain R. Wolfenden succeeded him as Commanding Officer.

LIEUT.-COLONEL WOLFENDEN

May 8th, 1886, the name of the Regiment was changed to "The British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery," and on the same date Major Wolfenden was promoted to Lieut.-Col.

The first unit of the Canadian regular forces arrived here 10th November, 1887. It was "C" Battery, R.C.A., and escorted by the Brigade to the barracks at Beacon Hill, just north of the Albion Cricket grounds. "C" Battery was stationed there until the erection of Work Point Barracks, after which the old Barracks became the Exhibition building of the local Agricultural Association.

Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden retired 5th June, 1888, and was succeeded by Major Prior, who became Lieut.-Col. 7th July, 1888.

In the summer of 1890 Lieut.-Col. Prior commanded the Canadian Rifle Team sent to England. During this year a detachment of the Brigade was on duty at Wellington, while the miners were on strike.

DRILL HALL BUILT.

In 1893 the old drill shed on Menzies Street was torn down, and work started on the erection of the large Drill Hall now there. During the period of construction the Brigade drilled and had its headquarters in the City Market, Fisguard Street, and for a time the City was relieved of what was then considered a "white elephant".

May, 1893, the name of the Brigade was changed to the "British Columbia Battalion of Garrison Artillery", with the addition of a battery at Vancouver. Later, in September, the batteries were changed to companies, and re-numbered 1, 2, and 3 being in Victoria, 4 at New Westminster and 5 at Vancouver.

The Drill Hall was completed in January, 1894, and was formally opened by the Lieutenant-Governor on the 24th of that month. A promenade concert was given and refreshments served.

In 1896 the designation of the Battalion was again changed this time to 5th Regt. Canadian Artillery, and another company, No.6, at Vancouver was added to the establishment. Shortly afterwards the Regiment was divided into two battalions, the Victoria companies becoming the 1st Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col.F.B.Gregory, and the mainland companies becoming the 2nd Battalion, under the command of Major Townley. Lieut.-Col. Prior remained in command of the Regiment.

REGIMENT IN SEATTLE

In 1898, the citizens of Seattle, as an expression of their appreciation of British feeling towards the U.S. in its skirmish with Spain, invited the Regt. to participate in their Fourth of July celebration. The American and Canadian Governments consented, and the "Glorious Fourth" saw the old "Dandy Fifth" under arms, master of everything it surveyed on Puget Sound. The "Seattle Spirit" was everywhere in evidence. Nothing was too good for the Canadian soldiers. On the return of the two battalions to Victoria and Vancouver the commanding Officer thanked the Regiment for having "So well upheld the honor of the Regiment under rather trying circumstances."

The pipe-clay equipment was withdrawn from all ranks, except trumpeters, in 1899, and the Oliver equipment issued instead. New style serge frocks with breast pockets were also issued. The "pill-box" forage cap was retained.

The Regiment underwent another change in 1899, for in accordance with Militia Order 144, July 26th of that year, the 2nd Battalion became the 6th Regt. Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles," and the 1st Battalion became the "5th Regt. Canadian Artillery," in command of Lieut.-Col. F.B.Gregory.

1899 saw the commencement of the South African War, and the 5th Regt. C.G.A., supplied one officer (Capt. M.G.Blanchard) and twenty five other ranks to the half company being formed in British Columbia as part of the special Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment to serve in South Africa. The quota from the "Fifth" departed from Victoria on Sunday, 22nd October, 1899, and on February 18th, 1900, Sergeant W.I.Scott, and Gunners J.Todd, J.H.Somers and A. Maundrell made the supreme sacrifice at the battle of Paardeberg Drift. Captain Blanchard afterwards died of wounds. A tablet erected by the members of the Regiment in memory of these brave men has been placed in the entrance of the Bay Street Armoury.

In April, 1900, a number of men were transferred from the Regiment to "A" Company of the 2nd Special Service Battalion, R.C.R. This Regiment was retained here, and for a year was quartered in the Marine Hospital on the old Songhees Reserve. The Sergeant-Major of this Company was Chris. Hollyer, afterwards pay sergeant of the Regt. now serving overseas.

PARADED FOR "MOVIE"

The first moving picture performance ever held in Victoria was presented in the Drill Hall one Saturday evening, in May, 1900. On this occasion the Regiment paraded in uniform. There are many who will remember the consternation caused by the train speeding at sixty miles an hour, straight at the audience, and the mirth provoked when one "cullahed" gentleman pushed another from a bridge into a stream.

In the fall of 1900 the Regiment, with the 6th Regt., D.C. C.R., and the companies of R.G.A. and R.E., stationed at Work Point Barracks, was mobilized under active service at Esquimalt.

Members of the South African contingent returned to Victoria on Thursday, 15th November, 1900, and were welcomed and escorted to the Drill Hall by the Regiment. The Mayor welcomed the veterans home. The parade dismissed, and the band furnished the music for a promenade concert. For several years the Saturday evening promenadesconcerts given in the Drill Hall by the Band were very popular. Artists of note were brought from Canadian and American centres, championship basket-ball was played, and other attractions were given.

ROYAL VISITORS

During the visit of the King (then the Duke of Cornwall and York) and Queen to Victoria, early in October, 1901, the Regt. furnished a guard of three officers and 106 other ranks. This guard, in conjunction with a detachment of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, was in almost constant attendance on the Royal Couple.

Lieut.Col.Gregory retired December 3rd, 1901, and was succeeded by Major R.Ross Munro, who was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel shortly afterwards. A year later Lieut.Col. Munro resigned. Major J. Parker Hibben and Captains D.B.McConnan and Bryan Tyrwhitt Drake waived their claims to promotion, and Capt. J. A.Hall took over command of the Regiment 3rd December, 1902, and became Lieut.Colonel 28th February, 1903.

Another change in uniform came into force in 1906, and the "pill-box" forage cap gave place to field service caps. Later the naval pattern cap was adopted, and is now universal in the service.

In June, 1908, Lieut.Col. Hall commanded the British Columbia contingent to the Quebec Tercentenary Celebration, and 1st Sept. 1909, retired from the command. Major A. W. Currie, who succeeded, was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel 20th November, 1909. This officer enlisted in the Regiment as a gunner in 1897.

On the invitation of the management of the A.Y.F. Exposition, the Regiment proceeded, Sunday, 5th September, 1909, to Seattle, and once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Americans.

The remains of the late Lieut.-Col. Richard Wolfenden, I.S.O., V.D., were escorted to their last resting place by the officers and men of his old command, Sunday, 8th October, 1891.

The coal miners in Nanaimo, Extension, and Ladysmith went out on Strike in August, 1913, and the resulting developments were alarming enough to call out the Militia as an aid to the civil power. On the 13th of the month a detachment of the Regiment proceeded to Departure Bay by boat, and the following day another entrained for Nanaimo. Until August, 1914, the Regiment supplied a large detachment as part of the Civil Aid Force stationed in the coal mining area.

SPLENDID RECORD

Victorians have always taken a pride in the proficiency of the "Dandy Fifth", but its standing amongst the other artillery units of Canada is not generally known to them. In 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1913 the Regiment won first place in gun practice, and the Turnbull Shield. The Lansdowne cup was won in 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913. The most coveted honor, the Governor General's cup was won in 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, and 1913. In 1914 the regiment dropped to second place on account of the large number of men who were a portion of the Civil Aid Force at Nanaimo, and who, in consequence, could not take part in the competition.

IN PRESENT WAR

Of the part the Regiment has taken in the Great War the general public is not well informed, and the time has not arrived when all can be told. At this period it is permissible to state that the Regiment has done all it has been permitted, but not all that it has sought to do.

On the 2nd of August, 1914, two days before the declaration of war on Germany, the 5th Regt. C.G.A. was mobilized for active service

and on duty in the Esquimaux fortress. The 4th of August found the 3rd (New Brunswick) Regt., C.G.A., in camp at their annual training, and it has claimed the honor of having been the first on service, but as the "Fifth" was officially called out under service conditions two days before, the honor is hers.

During the last four years the Regiment has been on continuous service in the local forts, and has trained and sent to France nearly 1,500 men, of whom 100 were commissioned officers, Considering the fact that the authorized establishment of the unit is 373, all ranks, and has not been exceeded, it will be understood how the Regiment has "carried on."

On the 26th August, 1914, the following officers, NCOs and men left for overseas: Capts. R.P. Clark and P.T. Stern, Honorary Captain, Chaplain Rev. Wm. Barton, Lieuts. K.H. Bovill and W.B. Shaw, Color-Sergeant Major R. Parker, Sgt. F. Young, Cpl. W.B. Monteith, Cpl. E. Waller, Bdr. L.C. Diespecker, Bdr. J.E. Burns, Gunners J.B. and J.M. Armstrong, C.T. Balderston, J.M.G. Bell, H.S., V.W. and E.D. Carter, R.A.R. Clark, P. Edmunds, S.G. Fieldsend, A.S. Grice, S.J. Hodson, K.C. McCallum, E. MacMillan, J.C. Orr, A. Page, P. Searle, F.H. Small, J. Ward, J.A. and W.J. Watson, R.H. Williams and H.G. Warren, Sgt. V. Zala, Corpals. W.G. Eden, E.W. Prior and H.L. Robinson. Bdrs. A.L. Price and T.W. Guant and Gunners T.W.F. Alexander, T.W. Buss, J.A. Chisholm, W.C. Clare, B.W.M. Compton, M.P. Harrison, F.C. Hanaington, O. Mulcahy and E.V. Robley. Corpals. F. Fox, B. Keogh and G. Paradise. Bdr. Phipps and Gunners A. Corbett, E.D. and E.W. Dingle, E. Dowling, S. Evans, J.E. Farmer, P. Foreman, R. Harvey, H.C. Laundry, T. Loader, C. Morris, A. Phillips, H.J. Ramsay, P.A. Thunder, H. Whaite and J.M. Smith.

This contingent popularly known as the "Immortal Sixty-Eight", was merged in the 1st Brigade, C.F.A., C.E.F., and has nobly upheld the traditions of the old Regiment.

CONTINUOUS DRAFTS

Following the 1st Contingent, the Regiment supplied drafts continuously until very recently. The 10th Bde. Ammun. Col., C.F.A., 15th Bde. C.F.A., 4th Div. Ammun. Col. C.F.A. were supplied by the "Fifth" men serving in almost every fighting battalion in France and their honors are legion.

Lieut.-Col. Arthur Currie is now a Knight, a Lieutenant-General, and commands all the Canadians in France.

Lieut.Col. J. A. Hall raised and crossed overseas with the 88th Battn. C.E.F., and is now attached to the War Office on munitions work.

Lieut.Col. Wm. Winsby raised and went over with the 47th Battn., and is now an acting Brigadier-General in the Imperial Army.

Capt. R.P.Clark, of the First Contingent, has won the D.S.O. and M.C., and is now General Staff Officer, Canadian Headquarters, France. Captain P.T.Stern after service in France is now Major and an acting A.P.M. at Liverpool. Capt. C.W.Birch, went over with the 10th Bde. C.F.A., and did of wounds.

Space is not sufficient to recount the many promotions and decorations won by the junior officers.

On the Home station the men of the "Fifth" have been called upon to perform every duty that a soldier may be expected to do. Whenever men were required for any special purpose, or of any special qualification the "Fifth" has invariably been called upon to supply them.

All British Columbia knows of the 5th Regiment's Band. The present band was formed twenty-five years ago, and during this period has made an enviable record. Under the leadership of Bandmaster J. Finn it played an engagement at the St.Louis World's Fair, and afterwards toured the large American cities, returning to St. Louis for a second engagement. The present bandmaster, Warrant Officer W.J.Smith assumed his duties in 1914, and under his leadership the band has performed at over four hundred public functions, and has been instrumental in raising many thousands of dollars for patriotic, Red and Blue Cross, Belgian and Halifax Reliefs, and Prisoners-of-War, and Veterans Funds. Sixteen members of the band have served overseas, four of whom wear wound stripes and two have made the great sacrifice.

On the 15th of this month the Regiment was demobilized by 11 M.D. Order 774.

At the time of demobilization the officers were Lieut.Col. Angus, O.C. Major H.H.Woolison, Capt. A.E.Robertson, Capt. W.Walter Winsby, Adjt. Capt. J.E.Grant, M.O. Lieuts. D.R.Finnick, S.H. de Carteret, W.C. Thompson, F.W.Russell, Lieut.Col. Ridgway Wilson on the regimental reserve, still continues on the district staff. Hon. Lieut. J. Caven is quartermaster. Most of its personnel was attached to other units for all purposes and those not within the military ages were released from service until

further orders. If these services are again required, the old "Dandy Fifth" will prove that its motto, "Nunquam non paratus" is no idle boast.

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These cuts appeared in the Colonist at the same time.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1918

Lieut.-Col. R. Wolfenden	Lieut.-Col. E.G. Prior
Lieut. Col. Hon. Mr. Justice Gregory	
Lieut.-Col. Winsby	Lieut-Col. John Hall
Lieut.-Col. Ross Munro	Lieut.Col. R. Angus
Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur Currie, C.B., K.C.M.G.	
Sergeant's Mess at time Unit disbanded	
First Contingent sent to South Africa in 1899	
Fifth Regiment Band, formed 25 years ago.	

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GEN SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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AS WE ARE COMMENCING RECRUITING THIS WEEK FOR THE REORGANIZED FIFTH REGIMENT I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE A MEASURE FROM YOU AS HONORARY COLONEL FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES

F A ROBERTSON.



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December 9/20

Lt-Col. F. A. Robertson
Victoria, B.C.

Wish fifth all success in present recruiting campaign. The old Regiment has outstanding and splendid record of achievement under both peace and war conditions. Adam Smith's postulate that man's first duty is readiness to defend his country in time of peril still holds good. Keep up old traditions & lead.

A. W. Currie

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3rd March, 1931.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson, D.S.O.,
Chairman - British Columbia Returned
Soldiers Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fannie,

I should have acknowledged receipt of your letter of February 14th before this, but immediately on receipt of it I got in touch with the firm of P. Lyall & Son, of Montreal, and learned from them that the manager had left the day before for a trip to Winnipeg and Victoria in connection with contracts which the firm has in these places. It may be that he has visited Victoria before this, but if not, you will doubtless be on the watch for him and can obtain from him the encouragement you seek.

I am glad to know that the old "Fifth" is making steady progress, and that although recruits are coming slowly, you have hopes that before many months elapse you will be back in your old premier position. I would suggest to you that you do not become impatient; after War it is always hard to reorganize the militia - the old soldiers have had enough of uniform and it will be some time before they feel disposed to do the drudgery of militia work, yet I believe that the necessity for a strong and servile militia is just as great now as ever, and I hope that the feelings of our people will in time become such that every man will realize that his duty to his country demands that he prepare himself to defend it if necessary. I take the "Colonist" regularly and in that way keep in touch with what is going on.

I was glad to read the other day that your brother's inventions had all been taken over by the War Office; I am sure that something useful will come from all the thought he has given to these things.

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Please remember me kindly to Mrs.
Robertson, to your brothers and to all my old
friends in the militia in Victoria.

With all good wishes to yourself,
I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

January 8th, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson, D.S.O.,
C.O. 5th Regiment C.A.,
Drill Hall, Bay Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fanny:-

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I am by this mail returning to you the photograph which you left with me nearly eighteen months ago, when I visited Victoria with the Board of Trade party. I have duly autographed it and apologize to you for keeping it so long.

I find that I owe you many apologies. I remember last year your writing to me and telling me of the birth of your child. I sincerely hope that all the family are well. I know just how a baby adds to the pleasures of a home.

May I also thank you for the Christmas card and in return may I wish you and the old regiment all the good fortune possible during the coming year. Now and then I have letters from Victoria, being very well favoured in that regard this Christmas. Bob Clarke wrote to me as did also Billy Langley, Christie, Charlie Tennent, Sandy Urquhart and Fred Richardson, while I had a telegram and letter from Dr. Charlie Martin who told me of his meeting with you and the rest of the fellows in the Mess.

I have been sorry to learn of Fred Richardson's illness although for some years back he has been anything but a well man. During the war when visiting us at Camblain l'Abbe he was quite ill and had to receive medical attendance. He also seems to have been a bit unfortunate in his family. Both his children are married, I believe, but just how well they have done for themselves I do not know. Fred possesses a very cheerful, optimistic spirit and deserves better fortune than has come to him lately. I most

Lt.-Col.F.A.Robertson - 2 -

sincerely hope he fully recovers his health and that his business is successful. I like him very much despite all his odd ways because his heart is in the right place.

Just now in Montreal we are having most delightful weather. The fall was so open that we played golf here on Christmas Day and there were comparatively days up to that time that it would have been impossible to play. About New Year the colder weather came, since when it has touched zero once or twice. At present there is plenty of snow on the ground to make most excellent sleighing. There is no wind and lots of sunshine. Altogether Montreal can be a very pleasant place for those who like a Canadian winter. We like it here very much.

Please remember me most kindly to your brother, to Mrs. Robertson and to my friends in the Regiment, and with the best of wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lt.-Col.F.A.Robertson - 2 -

Let me urge you to do so, and while in the city come and stay with me. You should not go back to the coast without visiting Montreal, one of the most interesting cities in the world.

I hope that Mrs. Robertson and the baby are well. Please remember me kindly to her, and with all good wishes, in which I know my wife would like to be included, I am,

Yours faithfully,

January 30th, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson, D.S.O.,
British Columbia Returned Soldier Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Fanny:-

Thank you very much for your letter of January 24th and for the photograph of the group of the Old Fifth officers which came this afternoon. I shall appreciate this interesting souvenir of a most delightful evening.

I congratulate you most warmly on the success which attended the old regiment last year. I had noted in the Artillery returns and also in the Daily Colonist that you had been highly successful, and I should have written to you at that time. I hope that this year you will be even more successful and that the Governor General's cup will go to Victoria.

I knew that Wendall had gone to California and sincerely trust that his health and business prospects improve there. I see you still have with you Chester, Monk, Crockett and Aitken. These should prove a first rate quartette, with your own good self in command and Fred to give you advice, I see nothing but success.

I am glad that you are counting on attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association in Ottawa. No doubt after the meeting is over you will take a run to Montreal.

HON. J. D. MACLEAN, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
HON. CHAIRMAN.

LIEUT.-COL. F. A. ROBERTSON, D.S.O.,
CHAIRMAN.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA RETURNED SOLDIER COMMISSION

VICTORIA, B.C.,
January 24th, 1924.

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

Dear General:

I have to thank you for your letter of the 8th instant with accompanying photograph. I am forwarding you under separate cover photograph of the group taken in the 5th Regiment Officers' Mess when you were here. I intended to have this sent you long ago but it was only yesterday when we got the last signature of the officers present.

The old Regiment is still carrying on and last summer we succeeded in obtaining four trophies out of the possible six. The Governor-General's Cup and the Turnbull Shield went to Quebec but all the other Trophies went to the 5th Regiment. We missed the Governor-General's Cup by less than two points and the year before we missed it by less than one point so that next year we hope to be able to capture the most coveted trophy. Colonel Harris is still in command of No. 2 Company while Major Monk has been transferred from No. 1 to the 58th when Major Shaw left for California. Major Crockett is now in command of No. 1. Major Aitken is still in command of the 12th Siege although they did not attend camp last year owing to lack of recruits.

I expect to attend the annual meeting of the Can. Artillery Association in Ottawa the latter part of next month. They did me the honor of making me one of the Vice Presidents last year and have offered to pay all my expenses if I will attend this year and represent western Canada. I will have to stop off on my way down at Vancouver, Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg to get the views of Artillery Officers in these Provinces. I am not particularly looking forward to the trip in mid-winter but it will be some gratification for me to attend at least one meeting of the C.A.A. during my tenure of command.

Thanking you for your messages and good wishes and with kind regards to Lady Currie, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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F. A. Robertson

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BRITISH COLUMBIA RETURNED SOLDIER COMMISSION

VICTORIA, B.C.,

March 27th, 1924.

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

Dear General:-

I have the honour to report that the Reunion Dinner of the 5th Regiment Officers on March 20th was an unqualified success. In case you missed the Colonist Reports I enclose herewith copies giving an account of the affair. I will, in a few days time, send you a photograph which was taken by flashlight before we sat down. There were 52 present. I was very sorry that Major Richardson and Major Lettice were unable to be present as both were in Hospital.

I also enclose a mimeographed copy of some songs which the Glee Club had rehearsed. These songs were interspersed throughout the programme and as they were generally repeated with a great gusto added to the general conviviality of the evening.

The first toast was to the old Victoria Battery organized in 1878 and replied to by two of the first officers of that Battery, Colonel A.W. Jones and Mr. A.G. McNaughton. A toast to former Commanding Officers was replied to by Colonels Gregory, Hall and Winsby. General Ross spoke for the permanent forces and before we let Commander Baird reply for the Navy we all sang "All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor", "It is the Navy" and Dr. Robertson followed with "Rule Britannia" in which the chorus we all joined.

After the formal toasts we had a resolution proposed by Major Aitken and seconded by Major Monk that the 5th Regiment should disband. This resolution provided an opportunity for general discussion in which Harry Pooley, Judge Lampman, Bob Clarke, Major Langley, Alexis Martin and others took part. The resolution was lost by a unanimous vote.

During the Dinner we received a special message of congratulations from the Lady Douglas Chapter of the I.O.D.E. of which Mrs. R.B. McMicking is Regent. This message was greatly appreciated. Your own letter was keenly welcomed and the many references made to yourself throughout the evening proved what a very warm place you hold in the hearts of your old comrades. The formal part of the Dinner concluded about 12.30 when about half of the number went home, the rest stayed until nearly three o'clock playing games, singing songs, etc. We did not forget Sir Roger de Coverley. Everybody seemed to have a good time but although we had Cock Tails, Sherry, Claret, Port Wine, Liquor and whiskey no one seemed to be the worse of wear.

Yours sincerely,

F. A. Robertson

Lt. Col.

O.C. 5th Regt. C.G.A.

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DOCKET ENDS:

ROBERTSON, F. A.

33 Helena Ave
Toronto Ont.
26/1/26.

Gen Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Sir,

You will no doubt be surprised at hearing from me & might question (rightly so) the propriety of my writing to you, but I thought I would take this opportunity of requesting a favour to which, should you comply I would be deeply indebted. Might say that I enlisted with the original 19th Batt. 2nd Div. in 1914, & whilst overseas was under your jurisdiction I enlisted as a Private, & one of the brightest spots in my army life, was when, after promotion by stages to Sergeant, I was decorated with the M.M. by yourself when in Belgium. date: - 2-11-17. Before being discharged I obtained my commission. Altho in "civilian life", I often allow myself to

remember "Army-days" + I thought it would be so nice + fitting to the occasion, were I only able to possess a photograph of the General of whom we had, + still cherish, fond recollections. Is it asking too much of you to forward a photo of yourself in uniform to me? I do not mind how small or how large, as long as I can obtain one. If you do not happen to possess an actual photo, possibly you have a litho or a print. Trusting I do not offend by writing, + hoping to receive a favourable reply,

I have the honor to be
 Yours obediently
 S. H. Robinson.

Lieut S. H. Robinson M.M.

January 28th, 1926.

S. H. Robinson, Esq.,
33 Helena Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Robinson:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 26th of January in which you pay me the compliment of asking for an autographed photograph if one is available. It so happens that I have now no photograph in uniform, it being almost six years since I laid the uniform away. I have, however, a print which you may regard as better than nothing at all.

While the war seems to belong to the distant past the memories are still wonderfully fresh and, like you, I often think of army days and welcome an opportunity to talk about them when some old veteran is near. Last summer I had the pleasure of spending a week going over the familiar ground in company with Dr. George Gibson who served throughout. I was so fond of him that for a few months I had him as an A.D.C., though practically all his service was in the medical section, and with the troops in the field. I am sending you a reprint of an article in which he describes some impressions of our visit.

Yours faithfully,

33 Helena Ave
Toronto.
2/2/26.

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

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines in deep appreciation for your kindness, in looking favourably on my request, by forwarding to me the print of your self, your kind letter, + the reprint of an article by W^r Geo. Gibson. While I am not perhaps one who may be termed "sentimental", or "eccentric" in any way, you have no idea as to just how gratefull I am to you. Re the print, allow me to say it is splendid, will be framed, + also always will it have a place of honour in our home. Your letter will be kept amongst my most cherished documents. The article by W^r Gibson I have just read: it is magnificent, with a

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touch of pathos perhaps, but glory-
fying through out, by the visions
one can see whilst reading it, of
that esprit-de-corps which prevail-
ed between Officers + men of our
Canadian Corps. I have nothing
more to say Sir, except to convey once
more to you, my most gratefull +
heart-felt thanks. You have once
more demonstrated that, in civilian
life, as in Army life, Sir Arthur
Currie, can still "play the game"
with those who had the honour
to serve under him. Kindly ac-
cept my most sincere wishes for
the future to you + yours.

Yours faithfully
S. H. Robinson.

DOCKET STARTS:

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Ottawa, 13th June,-

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I have received your letter of the 12th instant, with enclosure regarding information asked for by City Historian, Rochester, N.Y.

The Historical Section has been asked to furnish the information asked for and will no doubt communicate direct with your correspondent.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. MacBrien

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

June 12th, 1922.

Major-General J.H. MacBrien, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear MacBrien:-

I am enclosing herewith a
letter from the City Historian of Rochester,
New York, with reference to World War Posters.

Will you please see that it
is referred to the proper department for
attention.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

June 10th, 1922.

Edward R. Foreman, Esq.,
City Historian,
Museum Building,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of June 7th with reference to
Canadian or British World War posters.

I am referring your letter
to the Militia Department at Ottawa and you
will no doubt hear from them in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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HAVE HONOR
YOU WHO READ
FOR THE SONS OF ROCHESTER
WHO WENT FORTH TO SERVE
1914 - 1918

World War Service Record of Rochester, N.Y.

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Sir Arthur Curry, K. M. C. G. - C. M. G.
President McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

I thank you for your letter of June 10th acknowledging my communication of June 7th with reference to Canadian and British World War Posters. Your kindness in referring my letter to the Militia Department at Ottawa, is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Edward R. Foreman
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The Meaning of the World War Service Record of Rochester



The Official History

☪ Rochester will write its own war history. The material furnished by the people will be compiled under authority of the municipal government by the Board of Trustees of Public Library, and will be the only official record.

Considered in the mass the contribution of Rochester to the winning of the war was glorious. It should be blazoned upon the printed page.

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☪ We seek the complete story of all Rochester Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who entered the United States service from Rochester, or who served with the military forces of the Allies, or entered such service in localities other than Rochester; also an account of the accomplishments of all civic organizations and their leaders in war enterprises, including the munition production record of the industries. Such parts of the record as are available for the purpose will be published. Material not suitable for publication will be preserved permanently and exhibited in the Municipal Museum.

Spiritual Values

☪ The World War Service Record of Rochester is not compiled merely to preserve history. It will *make* history because in great emergencies men are moved by example. We need but say to the brave past: "Rise and walk before us that we may realize you."

When our liberties were in real peril the sons of Rochester breasted the danger. In their consummate courage, and in the loyal cooperation which united the home folk, the soul of Rochester found highest expression.

Our great city may well memorialize these brave men and women by every expression of honor and by every tribute of love. "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

Their deeds are our memories and our hopes.

Your Respon- sibility

☪ Just as the responsibility for the winning of the war was personal, so will be the attempt to make an adequate record. The whole-hearted help of every man, woman and child in the city of Rochester is needed as it was in war time. Send in your war record, with photographs, letters and souvenirs. Address the City Historian, Museum Building, Exposition Park, Rochester, N.Y. Telephone, Main 6213.

DOCKET ENDS:

ROCHESTER

211 Wright & Callender Building,
405 S. Hill Street,
Los Angeles,
Calif.

25th. August, 1922.

Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.C.,
K.C.B., L.L.D.
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

Sir:-

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your
kind reply to my letter of 25th. July.

I may say that my plans are maturing very
satisfactorily and all those whom I have seen, in
authority here, are giving me every help and encourage-
ment.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

D. O. Y. Rockefeller

November 7th, 1923.

W. D'O. Rochfort, Esq.,
Suite 9, Army & Navy Mansions,
109 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

My dear Bill:-

A few days ago Mr. Frost called on me and presented your letter of October 15th.

I think he came to see me the day he left Montreal and consequently I was not able to do very much for him. However, I introduced him to Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, who is far better acquainted with the insurance situation in Montreal than I am. I understand that Mr. Frost is anxious to increase his representation in this city. He evidently had enjoyed himself thoroughly while here and from what he said to me I believe he carried away the most pleasant impressions of Montreal as a desirable place in which to live and make a living.

I was pleased to learn from him that you were doing well in London and I hope that every possible measure of success will come to you. Now and then I hear from D'Oyley, who seems to be getting on very well in California. I have not been out to the Coast since a year ago last September, when I spent three days only in Victoria. Once in a while one sees somebody from there, but really not very many. You will remember old Fred Richardson of the 5th Regiment and will regret to learn that his health is not at all good. Apparently he should be operated

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upon, but his medical advisers dislike taking that action on account of diabetic condition he suffers from. He is still shooting, but not winning many prizes.

I also learn that the 16th Canadian Scottish in Victoria is having rather rough sledding. I think all the units there need something of the old Number 1 spirit.

With all good wishes, I am, dear
Bill,

Yours faithfully,

*Telegraphic Address,
Paustraders, London.*

*Telephone,
Victoria 8384.*

*Suite 9,
Army & Navy Mansions,
109, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.*

Oct. 15th. 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

This will introduce Mr. T. F. C. Frost,
a partner in the firm of Messrs. Morgan, Lyons & Co.,
one of the largest Insurance Brokerage firms in London.

As this is Mr. Frost's first visit to
Canada, I should be deeply grateful if you would give
him any assistance, or, to put it in the B. C. vernacular,
give him a "line" on the Insurance "game" in Canada.
Mr. Frost is a very great personal friend of mine, so any
courtesy shown him will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards to yourself and Lady
Currie, and trusting you are both in the best of health.

Yours very sincerely,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Montreal, Quebec.

W.D. Rachford

W.D'O.R/S.

TELEPHONE :-REGENT 3978.

52, RUPERT STREET,
PICCADILLY CIRCUS,
LONDON, W.1.

December, 13th, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Many thanks for your letter of Nov,7th, and it is needless to say how pleased I was to hear from you. I would have answered much sooner only have been rather "Under the weather" lately.

It was awfully decent of you to be so nice to my friend Frost, I appreciate it immensely. He has raved about Canada to me, since his return, and the kind reception he had by those with whom he came in contact while there, particularly yourself. You have certainly made a good friend in him, which pleases me very much as he is one of the best.

I am very sorry to hear your news about poor old Fred Richardson, better known as Farther!!! I shall take the first opportunity to write and try to cheer him up a bit. I shall never forget the first time I met the old rascal at the old drill hall, he had on that tunic of his which was so plastered with shooting badges and decorations etc, that it took some little difficulty to find "Farther" amongst them all. I am going to beg a photo of him in his "Full rig" when I write.

I often think of the old days in Victoria and the pleasant times we all had in the old 5th, and tho' we will never, I expect, experience just those same sort of times again they have left us ~~an~~ uncommonly pleasant memories to discuss and dwell upon. I feel as you do, that tho' the B.C. Regiments may be going pretty strong, I very much doubt if they will ever have the same esprit de corps and "Pep" that old No 1 had.

Things are going fairly well with me but times over here have been, and are, very difficult, aftermath of the late little International unpleasantness I expect. Back to the good old West for me as soon as I get properly on my feet. I have passed through Montreal

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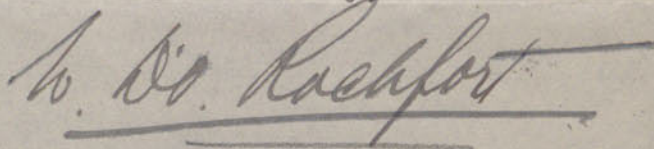
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several times during the last few years but was only there between trains sort of thing so had no time to get in touch with any of my friends there. I am going out to California (via Montreal) next summer for a few months when I shall take pleasure in calling upon you to have a chat over old times.

Do drop me a line again when you have a minute to spare. Again many thanks for your kindness to Frost, and with all good wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Xmas. and a Happy New Year.

Yours very sincerely,



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

W!D'O.R/SM.

DOCKET STARTS:

ROCKEFELLER, J. D

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ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Feb. 13, 1922

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank
you ever so much
for the copy of your
despatches which
I received a few
days ago.

I have not had
a chance to read

them yet but I am
looking forward to
that pleasure soon.

I am now at
Ormond Beach
Florida which I
like very much.

Please remember
me to Lady Currie.

Thanking you again
for the book, I am,

Very Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

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ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Feb. 21, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you
very much for the book
called "Canada's Hundred
Days" which I just received.
It will add so much to my

collection of books on the
Great War.

I did hate to have to
leave school, but it cer-
tainly is a lovely place
to be.

Thanking you again for
the book, I am,

Sincerely, John D. Rockefeller 3rd

May 20th, 1922.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Esq.,
26 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:-

I am returning herewith
corrected proof of my address to the Men's
Bible Class.

I appreciate the honour you are
doing me in having this printed and would be glad
to receive a copy as finally issued.

With all good wishes to Mrs.
Rockefeller, to John and to the other members of
the family, I am,

Ever yours faithfully.



Loomis School,
Windsor, Conn.

Jan. 11, 1923.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have started
an autograph collection of all
the people of note that I have
met. Would you be so good as
to sign your name on the
enclosed piece of paper.

Hoping not to inconven-
ience you, I am,

Very Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

Sent.



Loomis
Windsor, Conn.

Jan. 31, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you
very much for your auto-
graph. It adds greatly
to my collection. Hoping
you are well, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

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J D R 3RD

Seal Harbor, Me.

August 12, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you ever
so much for the book you sent
me. It is most interesting. It
certainly is good of you to.

bother to send me the books
which you have sent.

Please remember me to Lady
Currie.

Thanking you again for the
book and hoping that you are
well, I am,

Your friend
John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

DOCKET ENDS:

ROCKEFELLER, J. D.

R
May
Sixteenth
1921.

B. Graham Rogers, Esq.,
Summerside,
Prince Edward Island.

Dear Sir:-

I am pleased to learn that the Silver Black Fox who bears my name has proved himself to be a useful animal. I am sure I wish you, his owners and the fox himself and his progeny the best of good fortune.

I am glad to know that the industry is making such definite and pronounced progress.

Most cordially reciprocating your kind personal wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. Graham Rogers

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SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CANADA

MAY ELEVENTH
1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have much pleasure in informing you that the registered Silver Black male Fox which I gave to be auctioned off for the benefit of McGill University at the time of the Live Fox Exhibition in Montreal last November, has proven himself a good sire, and is now the father of three very handsome puppies. This fox, you will remember, was purchased by Holt, Renfrew & Co.

The fox was duly registered in the Silver Black Fox Breeders Association of Prince Edward Island in the name of "Sir Arthur Currie", and the three young "Sir Arthurs" I am going to call "Sir Arthur 2nd", "Sir Arthur 3rd", and "Sir Arthur 4th". I had the registration certificate framed and forwarded to Holt, Renfrew & Co. for their office in Montreal.

I know you will be interested in learning that our fox industry is making very good progress, and has developed into a very wonderful industry, and there is every indication of there being a very remarkable future in store for it.

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Sir Arthur Currie --2.

There is no other fur that has the
wonderful beauty and texture that a choice Silver
Fox pelt has, and as Robert Service says:

"A prize likewise in a woman's eyes
is a peerless black fox skin".

With kind personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

BGR/RG.

B. Graham Rogers

December
Twenty-second
1921.

M.J. Creahan, Esq.,
C/o. Brigadier-General Odum,
1001-1008 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Creahan:-

I am sending you herewith a letter which I have received from a man whom I used to know when he was a member of the 88th Fusiliers in Victoria.

You can see by his letter that he is extremely hard up and that his wife, who is about to become a mother, feels the suffering very much. It is impossible for me to help him, but I have written to him to say that I was forwarding the letter to you. I know that you will look into his case and do what you can.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,



"Shoulder to Shoulder"

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January 11th, 1921.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
K.C.B., LL.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Your communication of December 22nd,
in reference to Sergeant Rogers, Irish Fusiliers,
which was acknowledged during my absence from
the city, has just been placed before me. The
matter shall have my immediate attention.

We have been giving this man considerable
relief, both before and since his marriage; he
seems to think that getting married exempts him
from hard work.

Thanking you very much for your good
wishes for Christmas and New Year, and hoping
that this year will be a most happy and prosperous
one for you and yours, I am,

Yours very faithfully,

M. J. Crehan

MJC-HBG.

R
December
Twenty-second
1921.

Walter Rogers, Esq.,
"Linger Longer" Cottage,
Jericho Beach, Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Rogers:-

I have your letter of the 15th and am sorry to learn that you are having a hard time to get along in Vancouver.

I am sorry that I am not able to help you personally. I get a great many requests for assistance from different parts of Canada, but there are so many of our men in Montreal as badly off as you are that it takes all one can spare to help them. I am writing to Mr. M.J. Creahan of Vancouver, who is now President of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, and I feel sure that he will help you.

I hope it won't be long before things are better with you and that things go well when the baby arrives.

Yours faithfully,

March
Sixteenth
1921.

Brigadier-General Alex. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Regina, Sask.

My dear General:-

I am sorry that I have not before
this acknowledged your letter of February 23rd.

Permit me to say that I think the
idea is a splendid one and should be put into
practice. You are right in saying that I am
extraordinarily busy and have a great many requests
similar in character to the one you have preferred.
However, I shall try and give you something.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Ross
and yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

March
Sixteenth
1921.

Rev. Canon Scott,
Quebec, P.Q.

My dear Scott:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I have received from Brigadier-General Alex. Ross.

I think the idea outlined by him in this letter is a splendid one and worthy of all support and encouragement. Will you please help me to fulfil the request he makes and write me something concerning the Second battle of Ypres which would bring out the qualities displayed by the Canadians in that action.. I suppose Ross wants something of an inspiring nature, rather than a bald statement of facts, though, as far as the battle of Ypres is concerned, the recital of the bare facts is sufficient inspiration.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

The Association of Canadian Clubs

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Regina, Sask.,
23rd February, 1921.

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

My dear General Currie:

I am President of the Regina Canadian Club and Vice-President of the Association of Canadian Clubs for Saskatchewan for 1921 and am looking around for ways in which the influence of the Club may be extended and its objects promoted. One thing that has struck me recently is the apparent indifference of a very large portion of the people to the efforts of the corps in France and a tendency to forget the achievements of our men. To my mind the heritage of tradition bequeathed to Canada by her soldiers in the years of the war should be Canada's most valuable possession. I have, therefore, been casting around for ways to secure the perpetuation of the memory of the deeds of the corps and I have secured the endorsement of my Club to a suggestion to endeavor to secure the observance in our schools of the days on which the great battles of the corps were fought and at that time to have read a message describing in simple language the part played by the corps and perhaps emphasizing the lessons to be learned therefrom in every day life.

As a start I thought perhaps I would approach our board with the suggestion that the anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres be observed, and it has occurred to me that perhaps you would be good enough, having regard to the object which I have in view, to write the message to be given to the children on that day. To

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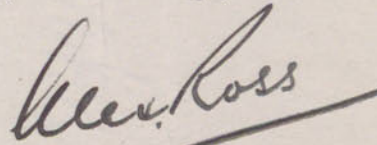
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my mind this battle was one of the outstanding features of Canadian history and no one is so well qualified to write upon it as yourself, and I am sure that a message dealing with the battle, its results and its lessons would be very much appreciated.

I know you must be very busy, but having regard to the great benefits which may be derived from the successful promotion of such a scheme, perhaps you might be able to spare enough time to do this.

Yours very sincerely,



Vice-President

AR:EG

9 Romanlea
Cookham, Berks.
England.
27th Dec. 22

Dear Sir Arthur Currie

To commemorate
my association with the Canadian
Cops in France, under your
command, Mrs Ross and I
would greatly appreciate your
willingness to stand sponsor,
by proxy to our little son
(Donald Scott).

You were good enough to
write to Mrs Ross on the
occasion of our marriage in 1918.

Trusting that you are
enjoying the prosperity and
recognition warranted by your
war service.

Yours sincerely
Jas. Ross

late Major
H^q Cdn. Inf. Bⁿ.

christened and the Vicar -
Dr. Batchelor - acted as your
deputy. It was quite an
informal christening but
very impressive.

Trusting that you are
enjoying the best of health
and happiness.

Yours very sincerely
James

Christened on 9 Romanlea
D. Bachelors at Cookham
deputy Highways Berkshire
informal christening
very impressive
8th Sept. '23.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Since receiving
your letter I have been down
with a rather bad attack of
malaria fever. I have however
fully recovered.

Mrs Ross joins me in
thanking you very much for your
extremely kind letter, the wording
of which was most pleasing.

We feel sincerely honoured
at your consenting to be Donald's
Godfather and I am sure that
Donald himself will be justly
very proud later when he reads
in World's History of the Deeds of
Sir Arthur Currie in the Great War.
Donald has been duly

September 4th, 1924.

Hugh M. Rowe, Esq.,
2555 Eccles Avenue,
Ogden, Utah.

My dear Hugh:-

On my return from a short vacation I was delighted to find your letter of August 14th recalling, as it does, reminiscences of one's boyhood days, which, as the years go on, become more and more shadowy.

I think the most positive recollections I have of you are two: One where you are playing the old game of shinny, I recollect that you and two other boys would take on the whole school and generally win the game. The other recollection is of a picnic in what was known then as Mann's Wood, where you, though quite a boy, sang a song. I remember you being dressed in a fancy costume. I have just come from a visit to my old home and the place where the picnic was held is now an oat field. The whole neighbourhood is very much changed. When we were boys I think the average attendance at the school was probably from 35-55. At the present time I believe there are not more than 15 or 16. The families are not nearly so large as they were, while on some of the farms no families are now living.

I did not see any of your people, but my sisters told me their last news was that your mother and sisters were well. I think it is about a year since I saw Lottie, while it must be five years since last I saw Esther. Please remember me most kindly to them and to your mother.

Hugh M. Rowe, Esq. - 2 -

I met Professor Young early in the summer when he came here first to do some work in our Library. I must get in touch with him again and the fact that he is a friend of yours makes the meeting with him more interesting.

I thank you for the invitation to visit Ogden but the probability of my doing so is quite remote.

With all good wishes and many thanks for your letter, I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. M. ROWE
2555 ECCLES AVENUE
OGDEN, UTAH

August 14, 1924

Sir Arthur W. Currie, President
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

My dear Cousin:

You will probably be surprised to hear from me, as I have neglected writing you for so long. All during the War I heard from you through Mother, who naturally took a great interest in your career as Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Armies, and, of course, I was equally interested.

Two or three things suggested writing you. One was the enclosure, an editorial appearing in the Ogden Standard, our local paper, and another was that in a conversation a few days ago with Professor Levi Edgar Young of Salt Lake City, who is a very good friend of mine, he advised me that he intended visiting you in the near future. I informed him that you were a relative of mine, and that we used to go to the same school out in the country near Strathroy. He seemed to be very much pleased to have met someone out here who had personally known you, although when I come to think of it, it is a great many years since we have seen each other--just a couple of kids. You were probably about the age of my boy, who is now about six and a half years old.

Mother is getting quite old now, as I presume you know. She will be 84 on her next birthday. During the last ten years I have had her out here on two different occasions, sending her over to California to spend the winter. She certainly loves to travel and gets considerable enjoyment out of it, notwithstanding her age. I notice by her writing that she is a little more shaky than she used to be, but she certainly is enjoying wonderful health for a person of her age.

I have not been back home for several years, but I do get back as far as Kansas City or Omaha every year, and I think possibly this fall when I am shipping I will visit the folks at home.

I would certainly like to see you again, and would like to have you advise me if you intend at any time in the future to cross this way, as the Bonneville Club would like very much to have you address them at one of their dinners in Salt Lake City. Professor Levi Edgar Young was President of the Bonneville Club last year. This year the President is Mr. Neslen, who is the present Mayor of Salt Lake City. I am the Vice President this year. The Bonneville Club aims to have as speakers only men who have accomplished something, and I know that the members would delight in hearing you. You know you are nearly as well known in this country as you are in Canada, and I might say as well liked.

Should you happen out this way, Mrs. Rowe and I would be delighted to have you visit us, if only for a day or two.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Yours truly,

Hugh M. Rowe



OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Toronto, July 10th, 1920.

Personal

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I was very sorry to leave Ottawa without having the opportunity of seeing you and saying Good-bye, and to once more assure you of my appreciation of the invaluable services you have rendered to Canada and the British Empire.

I am leaving for England in a few days for a real rest. I have not had one for the past ten years. My present feeling is that I shall endeavor to visit the battlefields where our Canadian soldiers have so immortalized themselves. If you have any suggestions to make as to how I could see the battlefields with the greatest advantage, I would appreciate it very much if you would drop me a note giving your suggestions. You can reach me in care of the Canadian High Commissioner's Office, London.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

W. Russell

General Sir Arthur Currie,

O t t a w a.

Ottawa. 23rd. July 1920.

Dear Mr. Rowell,

Your letter of the 10th. July to Sir Arthur Currie has been received and forwarded to him at Little Totts Beach, where he is at present. Doubtless he will answer you himself but as you state you are leaving within a few days for England I think it would be wise for me to give you what information I can respecting your tour to the battlefields.

Formerly there was a Canadian Section at HESDIN equipped with a number of motor cars which were placed at the disposal of distinguished visitors from Canada but in December last this section was demobilized, so unfortunately at present there are no facilities in the way of motor transport which can be offered to visitors. There are in France, now, two small Canadian sections-- the Battlefields Memorial Committee and the Graves Registration Section. These sections have two cars each which are only sufficient for their own needs.

It is quite possible that the Canadian High Commissioner may be able to get you a car from the War Office on repayment of Government rate, which is much less than the ordinary civilian rate. When I left England the usual charge was from Frs. 400 to Frs. 600 per motor, per diem, civilian rate. The Government rate, if I remember rightly, was about Frs. 100 per diem.

It is also quite possible that it can be arranged for Brigadier-General Hughes to take you over at least a portion of the battlefields. He is now working under the High Commissioner in connection with the construction of the Canadian Battlefields Memorial and doubtless Sir George Perley would be able to give you definite information as to whether it is possible or not.

There are comfortable hotels at CASSEL,

POPELINGHE, BIELM, ARRAS, AMIENS and possibly some other places adjacent to the battlefields. You will require about three to four days to see thoroughly the principal battlefields upon which Canadians fought.

Of the officers now overseas, I think that General Hughes or Lieutenant Boughton of the Battlefields Memorial Section or Captain Cheyne of the War Graves Section are best qualified to give you definite information regarding the actual positions held or captured by Canadian troops.

A copy of this letter is being sent to your Toronto address as well as this original to the Canadian High Commissioner's office, London.

I desire to express the hope that you will enjoy your well earned rest and that your trip to the battlefields will be a successful and interesting one.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Mack

The Hon'ble. H. W. Howell, K.C., M.P.

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November
Eighteenth
1922.

Newton W. Rowell, Esq.,
134 Crescent Road,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Rowell:-

I shall be very glad indeed to receive a copy of the Burwash Memorial Lectures on the British Empire and World Peace.

One has listened to many experiences in these matters recently, in view of the presence here of Admiral Sims and Philip Kerr, both of whom, I think, have left behind them very good impressions.

I wonder whether Bonar Law and his new Government will be able to contribute to the straightening out of things in Europe. The people shewed very clearly that they were very, very tired of Lloyd George and Winston Churchill. I should think that the former must be very disappointed in finding himself in such a weak position, for I formed the impression that he hoped to return at the head of a party sufficiently strong to enable him to hold the balance of power. He now has to adopt some new line in order to regain his prestige and I should think he would not spare some of those who intrigued against him when he was in power. I wouldn't like to be in little Amery's shoes.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

134 Crescent Road
Toronto

Nov 14/22

Dear Sir Arthur

May I ask you
to accept a copy of the
Burrwash memorial lectures
on the British Empire and World
Peace recently published

I know how deeply interested
you are in any questions
affecting Canada + etc

relations to the other portions
of the Empire and the cause
of world peace and I thought
this book might not be
without interest to you

My son was delighted to have
the privilege of meeting you
when down at McGill with the
Toronto University track team
It is a great pleasure to
hear on all hands of the
success of your work.

I am sure you must have
had a most interesting visit
to Western Canada.

With sincere regards

Yours faithfully

W. P. Powell

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ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB

CANADIAN BRANCH

~~SECRETARY'S OFFICE~~
~~ROOM 224, MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING~~

MONTREAL, Dec. 15th, 1922

President's Office.
Phillips Place Building.

My dear Sir Arthur;

I think it is a good thing that I have a fairly useful pair of shoulders, because I have received so many disappointments lately.

I was confidently expecting His Excellency because of the importance of the Banquet. We cannot change the date, due to the fact that the American Curlers only arrive here on the morning of Friday, the 12th, and play their Gordon Medal match in the afternoon.

I will send you a copy of the programme covering the week's activities as soon as it is issued, but I can say this positively now, that the important game with the American Curlers is on Friday afternoon, viz, the Gordon Medal Match. On Saturday afternoon we have the British Empire Match, which will be made up of the Scottish curlers and the requisite number of local rinks against all of the American curlers, while on Monday afternoon, Jan. 15th, we have the test match with the Scottish curlers - six rinks a side. This is the big important feature of the week's curling as far as the Scottish team is concerned.

I suppose it would be infra dig to suggest to Major Hodgson that His Excellency might possibly be induced, in view of the importance of the occasion, to attend the Banquet and go from there to his private car ?

I remain,
Yours very truly,

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

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December
Fourteenth
1922.

W.H.C. Mussen, Esq.,
Royal Caledonian Curling Club,
Phillips Place Building,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Mussen:-

With further reference to your letter regarding the attendance of His Excellency, the Governor General, at the banquet to the visiting Scottish and American Curlers, the following is an extract from a letter which I received to-day from Major Hodgson:-

"I have shown your letter to His Excellency and he much regrets that it will not be possible for him to attend the banquet of the Curling Clubs of Montreal on January 12th as he has to return to Ottawa that day. He would, however, very much like to visit the rinks one day between January 4th and 12th whilst he is in Montreal and see a match, preferably one against the Scottish Curling Team. Would you let me know whether this will be practicable and if so, suggest a day and time so that something can be arranged?"

It has occurred to me that the Curling Clubs of Montreal might suggest altering the date of their banquet to suit His Excellency. I am afraid this would be no good because he has a number of evening engagements of one kind and another that he must fill. As you know he is only to be in Montreal for a week."

If you let me know your decision I shall communicate it to Major Hodgson.

Yours faithfully,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

December 13th 1922.

Dear General,

Sladen has handed me your letter because I am making all arrangements in connection with His Excellency's visit to Montreal and his engagements there.

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Yours sincerely,

Patrick R. Hodgson

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Etc., Etc.,
Mc Gill University
MONTREAL.

December
Sixth
1922.

W. H.C.Mussen, Esq.,
Royal Caledonian Curling Club,
Phillips Place Building,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Mussen:-

I have your letter of yesterday
re the visit of the Scottish and American Curlers.

I urged the Governor General to
participate, as you suggested, but I have not
received from him definite consent or refusal.

I shall be very glad to be with you
myself and shall again write to His Excellency
saying that I hope he has made up his mind to be
present.

Yours faithfully.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB

CANADIAN BRANCH

~~SECRETARY'S OFFICE~~
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MONTREAL, Dec. 5th, 1922

President's Office.
Phillips Place Building.

My dear Sir Arthur;

I wrote you on Nov. 16th regarding
the visit of the Scottish and American Curlers.

As I have received no reply I am wondering
whether my letter miscarried, or have you been away so
much that you have not thought of the matter again ?

We are preparing the final details of our
whole scheme of things for the Bonspiel week, and expect
to hand all our material to the printers this week.

Would you therefore kindly let me know
where we stand ?

I remain,

Yours very truly,



President, Canadian Branch,
Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B.,
595 Sherbrooke St. West.
City.



MONTREAL

August 10th. 1920.

My dear Vaughan:-

Acting on your much appreciated suggestion, I brought before a meeting of the committee last night the name of Sir Arthur Currie with the recommendation that he be given the opportunity of joining the Club as a Supplementary Member.

The suggestion was received with much cordiality, and I was unanimously requested to ascertain through you if it would be agreeable for Sir Arthur Currie to join the Club under these conditions.

I enclose a copy of the bylaw governing Supplementary Membership. The fees are- Entrance Fee \$250.00, Annual Subscription \$100.00.

Should he desire to avail himself of this opportunity, I can assure you that the members of the oldest Golf Club in America will welcome with enthusiasm the inclusion in its membership of so great a Canadian as Sir Arthur Currie.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

President.

Walter Vaughan, Esq.,
Drummond Apartments.
Montreal.

Bylaw IV.

Supplementary Membership.

"
The Directors may at any time recommend for election, as a supplementary member, on payment of the entrance fee and subscription prescribed for ordinary members, any person duly nominated for ordinary membership, who in their opinion would be a valuable addition to the Club. If so elected, his name shall remain on the waiting list for ordinary membership until he is entitled in due turn to fill a vacancy in the list of ordinary members, and thereupon he shall become an ordinary member. There shall not be more than fifteen such supplementary members at any one time. Supplementary Members shall not be entitled to vote. "

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May
Thirteenth
1921.

W. R. Baker, Esq., C.V.O.,
President, Royal Montreal Golf Club,
P. O. Box 2349,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Baker:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 12th of May and consider that
the Committee have come to a wise decision.

I esteem it an honour to participate
in the ceremony and shall be glad to join the
Directors at luncheon.

Yours faithfully.

POST OFFICE BOX 2349

TELEPHONES :

MELROSE 450 AND 451



MONTREAL.

May 12th. 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

After my conversation with you yesterday, I discussed the matter of our unveiling ceremony with our Vice-President and we came to the conclusion that on the whole it would perhaps be wiser and altogether safer not to extend the circle of our invitations beyond yourself and anyone you may wish to bring with you, and the Reverend Mr. Almond.

It is proposed that the ceremony shall take immediately after the arrival of the 12.15 train from Montreal on Tuesday the 24th. May, Victoria Day, and we hope that all those who officiate at the ceremony will join the Directors at luncheon.

We all appreciate very much your kind consent to act for us on this occasion.

I am,
Yours very truly,

President.

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

IV.—The Directors may at any Supplemen-
time recommend for election, as a sup- tary and
plementary member, on payment of the Special
entrance fee and subscription pre- Ordinary
scribed for ordinary members, any per- Members
son duly nominated for ordinary mem-
bership, who in their opinion would be
a valuable addition to the Club. If so
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vote. Notwithstanding the limitation of

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MONTREAL

March 31st. 1922.

Dear Sir:-

I have pleasure in advising you that your name has now been transferred from the list of Supplementary Members to the Ordinary Membership list, under the provisions of Rule IV. par 1. copy of which I enclose herewith.

Yours truly,

Agnes M^cConnell
Asst. Secretary.

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

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September
Eighth
1920.

E. F. Waterhouse, Esq.,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Royal Montreal Golf Club,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of September 7th intimating that I have been elected a supplementary member of the Royal Montreal Golf Club.

Will you please convey to the Directors of the Club my sincere appreciation of their courtesy in extending me the privileges of the Club for the remainder of the season.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



MONTREAL Sept. 7th, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honor of advising you that at the ballot held on Saturday, the 4th inst., you were unanimously elected a Supplementary Member of this Club.

A copy of the Club's Book of Rules with all the amendments which have been printed attached, is being prepared and will be forwarded in due course.

Your cheque for \$350.00 has been received and is now carried to your credit and applied as follows:- \$250.00 Entrance Fee and \$100.00 Annual Subscription. The latter amount I am instructed to advise you will apply to the season of 1921, the Directors of the Club desiring you to accept the privileges of the Club for the remainder of this season in an honorary capacity.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary-Treasurer.

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

November 29th, 1926.

Lionel Curtis, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
Royal Institute of International Affairs,
10 St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

I am sorry that I have not before
this acknowledged your letter of October 14th, but
this has been an unusually busy Autumn.

I am enclosing herewith Express
Order for £3-10, being a contribution in aid of the
project outlined. I am sorry that I cannot afford
to make it more. I read with great interest all
reports sent to me.

With all good wishes for the
success of your work, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Royal Society of Arts,
John St., Adelphi, London, W.C.2.

Aug. 6th 1930

Sir,

I am desired by the Council of the Royal Society of Arts to ask you if you will allow your name to be added to the list of its supporters.

The Society, which was founded in 1754, has for more than a century and a half held the foremost position among the Societies whose object is the development of the industrial, commercial, and artistic resources of the Empire. By means of exhibitions, lectures, and discussions, it has aided in the promulgation and popularisation of a knowledge of the applications of Science and Art to the use of mankind. By rewards to meritorious inventors in the past it has fostered and encouraged invention. By its Committees it has investigated many subjects of practical importance and utility. It has greatly assisted Technical & Commercial

Education, and has had a large share in the modern improvement of Decorative Art.

At present many of the more important problems of reconstruction are engaging the attention of the Council in particular as they concern the relations between Science and Industry, and Capital and Labour.

To enable it to carry on its useful work, it is essential that the Society should be established on as broad and influential a basis as possible, and the Council are therefore naturally desirous of adding to the already long and distinguished list of Fellows, resident in all parts of the world.

Should you consent to assist it with your influence and support, I shall be pleased, upon hearing from you, to do what is necessary to secure your election.

The annual subscription is Three Guineas.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. K. Menzies

Secretary.

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

Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce,

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ORDINARY MEETINGS.

Wednesday afternoons, at 4.30 o'clock:—

- NOVEMBER 19.—SIR HENRY TRUEMAN WOOD, M.A., Vice-President and Chairman of the Council
Opening Address, "Science and Industry."
" 26.—H. B. MORSE, LL.D., late Statistical Secretary, Imperial Maritime Customs, "British
Trade in China." Byron Brenan, C.M.G., late H.B.M. Consul-General, Shanghai,
in the Chair.
- DECEMBER 3.—JOHN WESTALL PEARSON, Chairman and Director, British Oil and Cake Mills, "The
Seed Crushing Industry." The Right Hon. Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,
in the Chair.
" 10.—SIR OLIVER LODGE, D.Sc., Sc.D., LL.D., F.R.S., "Sources of Power, Known and
Unknown." (Trueman Wood Lecture.) The Hon. Sir Charles Algernon Parsons,
K.C.B., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., in the Chair.
" 17.—CONSTANTINE GRUNWALD (late Chief of Intelligence Department, Russian Ministry of
Trade and Industry), "The Present Economic Position of Russia, and some Aspects of
its Future Development." Sir Henry Trueman Wood, M.A. (Chairman of the Council),
in the Chair.
- JANUARY 21.—ALFRED H. POWELL, "Ancient Cottages and Modern Requirements." The Right Hon.
Earl Ferrers in the Chair.
" 28.—SIR CECIL HERTSLET, late H.B.M. Consul-General for Belgium, "The Ruin and
Restoration of Belgium." M. Emile Cammaerts in the Chair.

ORDINARY MEETINGS—continued.

- FEBRUARY 4.—ALFRED E. HAYES, General Secretary, English Language Union, "The English Language and International Trade." Sir Edward Brabrook, C.B., in the Chair.
- " 11.—LIEUT.-COMMANDER NORMAN WILKINSON, R.N.V.R., O.B.E., R.I., "Naval Camouflage." Rear-Admiral Sir Douglas E. R. Brownrigg, Bt., C.B., in the Chair.
- " 18.—SIDNEY PRESTON, C.I.E., "English Canals and Inland Waterways." A. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., in the Chair.
- " 25.—JAMES CURRIE, C.M.G., Ministry of Labour (Training Department), late Principal, Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum, "Industrial Training." The Right Hon. Sir John Tudor Walters, M.P., in the Chair.
- MARCH 3.—WILLIAM JAMES GARNETT, "Mongolia from the Commercial Point of View." Brigadier-General Sir Percy Molesworth Sykes, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.M.G., in the Chair.
- " 10.—HORACE M. THORNTON, J.P., "Gas in Relation to Industrial Production and National Economy." Sir Robert A. Hadfield, Bt., D.Sc., D.Met., F.R.S., in the Chair.
- " 17.—WILLIAM WORBY BEAUMONT, M.Inst.C.E., "Street Passenger Transport of London." William Kennedy Jones, M.P., in the Chair.
- " 24.—LEON GASTER, "Industrial Lighting and its relation to Efficiency." Sir Henry Trueman Wood, M.A., Vice-President and Chairman of the Council, in the Chair.
- APRIL 14.—JOSEPH THORP, "The Fundamental Basis of Good Printing." Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E., in the Chair.
- " 21.—AIR-COMMODORE EDWARD M. MAITLAND, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., "The Commercial Future of Airships." The Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., M.V.O., Under-Secretary of State for Air, in the Chair.
- " 28.—BRIGADIER-GENERAL CHARLES H. SHERRILL, LL.D., "A Stained Glass Tour." The Right Hon. Lord Desborough, K.C.V.O., in the Chair.
- MAY 5.—DR. C. E. KENNETH MEES, "A Photographic Research Laboratory." Sir Henry Trueman Wood, M.A., Vice-President and Chairman of the Council, in the Chair.
- " 12.—GRAILY HEWITT, B.A., LL.B., "Rolls of Honour." Halsey Ricardo, F.R.I.B.A., in the Chair.
- " 19.—JOHN SOMERVILLE HIGHFIELD, M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E., W. R. ORMANDY, D.Sc., and D. NORTHALL LAURIE, F.I.C., "The Commercial Application of Electrical Osmosis." Alan A. Campbell Swinton, F.R.S., in the Chair.

INDIAN SECTION.

Thursday afternoons, at 4.30 o'clock:—

- DECEMBER 18.—P. J. HARTOG, C.I.E., M.A., Member of the Calcutta University Commission, 1917-1919, "Some Problems of Indian Education." The Right Hon. Lord Meston, K.C.S.I., LL.D., in the Chair.
- JANUARY 2 (Friday).—A. P. MORRIS (Provincial Art Officer in Burma), "Burmese Village Industries—their Present State and Possible Development." Sir Harvey Adamson, K.C.S.I., in the Chair.
- MARCH 19 (Friday).—SIR WILLIAM STEVENSON MEYER, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., "The Indian Currency System and its Developments." The Right Hon. Lord Chalmers, G.C.B., LL.D., in the Chair.
- APRIL 15.—SIR GEORGE CUNNINGHAM BUCHANAN, K.C.I.E., M.Inst.C.E., "The Ports of India: their Administration and Development." The Right Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., Secretary of State for India, in the Chair.
- MAY 20.—BRIGADIER-GENERAL LORD MONTAGU OF BEAULIEU, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., "Roads and Motor Transport in India." Lieut.-General Sir Herbert V. Cox, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.S.I., in the Chair.
- " 31 (Monday).—ALBERT HOWARD, C.I.E., M.A., F.L.S., Imperial Economic Botanist to the Government of India, "The Improvement of Crop Production in India." Sir Robert W. Carlyle, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., in the Chair.
- JUNE 18 (Friday).—SIR VALENTINE CHIROL, "The Enduring Power of Hinduism." (Sir George Birdwood Memorial Lecture.) The Right Hon. Lord Meston, K.C.S.I., LL.D., in the Chair.

COLONIAL SECTION.

Tuesday afternoons, at 4.30 o'clock:—

- DECEMBER 9.—SIR EDWARD DAYSON, President of the Associated West Indian Chambers of Commerce, "Problems of the West Indies." Lieut.-Colonel L. S. Amery, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the Chair.
- FEBRUARY 3.—SIR FRANCIS WATTS, K.C.M.G., D.Sc., Imperial Commissioner of Agriculture for the West Indies, "Tropical Departments of Agriculture, with Special Reference to the West Indies." Lieut.-Colonel Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E., LL.D., F.R.S., in the Chair.
- MARCH 2.—GEORGE FRANCIS SCOTT ELLIOT, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S., "Trade Routes for the Empire in Africa." Colonel Sir Thomas H. Holdich, R.E., K.C.M.G., K.C.I.E., C.B., D.Sc., in the Chair.
- JUNE 4 (Friday).—SIR JOHN CADMAN, K.C.M.G., D.Sc., "The Oil Resources of the British Empire." The Right Hon. E. G. Pretzman, M.P., in the Chair.

CANTOR LECTURES.

Monday evenings, at 8 o'clock (unless otherwise announced) :—

JOHN THEODORE HEWITT, M.A., D.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, East London College, "Synthetic Drugs." Three Lectures.

LECTURE I.—DECEMBER 1.—Introductory—Simple aliphatic compounds—Alcohols, Formaldehyde, Paraldehyde—Ketones and derivatives such as Sulphonal—Veronal and other compounds derived from Urea—Non-aromatic cyclic compounds, e.g. the derivatives of Borneol.

LECTURE II.—DECEMBER 8.—Phenol, Salicylic Acid and related substances—Derivatives of aromatic amines and amino-phenols, e.g. Phenacetin—Compounds of heterocyclic structure, Antipyrine, Flavine, etc.

LECTURE III.—DECEMBER 15.—Modified alkaloids, e.g. Heroin, Equinine—Organic compounds of Arsenic (Atoxyl), Salvarsan), Antimony, Mercury and other metals—Conclusion.

CAPTAIN H. HAMSHAW THOMAS, M.B.E., M.A., F.G.S., Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge, and formerly of the Royal Air Force, "Aircraft Photography in War and Peace." Three Lectures.

LECTURE I.—JANUARY 19.—The Taking and Production of Aerial Photographs.—Development of the Aeroplane Camera during the War—Types of Photographs obtained—Dark-room work.

LECTURE II.—JANUARY 26.—The Employment of Aerial Photographs in War.—The Interpretation of Photographs—Types of Intelligence furnished—Artillery work—Effects of Air Photography on Strategy.

LECTURE III.—FEBRUARY 2.—The Use of Aerial Photography in Exploration and Survey in Times of Peace.—Comparison of a Photograph with a Map—How Maps may be Compiled or Improved—Application to Exploration—Things Concealed and Revealed—Surveys for Special Purposes—Limitations and Future of the Method.

CHARLES FREDERICK CROSS, B.Sc., F.R.S., F.C.S., "Recent Research in Cellulose Industry." Three Lectures.

LECTURE I.—FEBRUARY 16.—Compound Celluloses.—(A) Lignocelluloses—(1) Jute: Heart Damage of Baled Jute—Bearings on Problems of Constitution and Formation, and on Industries—Special Treatment of Jute and Jute Fabrics for Decorative and "Useful" Applications. (2) Esparto: As a Special Type of Lignification—New Researches. (3) Woods: Lignification and De-lignification—Relations of Lignone to their "Aromatic" by-products. (B) Cuto-Celluloses, a Special Chemistry of Raffia—The Question of Natural Cellulose Esters, and a Technical Ideal.

LECTURE II.—FEBRUARY 23.—The Cellulose Industries.—Cotton Spinning—Investigations of Factors of Process and Qualities of Products—Raw Cotton and (normal) Bleached Cotton—Artificial Silk, Controlled Hydration of Celluloses by Chemical Process and a Critical Re-investigation of Paper-making Processes—Twisted Paper Yarns.

LECTURE III.—MARCH 1.—Cellulose and Derivatives.—Nitrates—Acetates—Progress of Research and Industry—Specific Volumes of Cellulose and Hydrates—Data of Fundamental Importance, Scientific and Industrial—The Problems of Constitution.

WALTER ROSENHAIN, B.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., Superintendent, Department of Metallurgy and Metallurgical Chemistry, National Physical Laboratory, "Aluminium and its Alloys." Three Lectures.

LECTURE I.—APRIL 12.—Production of Aluminium—Raw Materials—Purification—Reduction Process—Purity Attainable—Deleterious Impurities—Properties of Pure Aluminium in the Cast and Rolled State—Uses of Pure Aluminium—Its Advantages and Defects.

LECTURE II.—APRIL 19.—Aluminium Alloys—Combination of Strength and Lightness—"Specific Tenacity"—Alloys with Copper, with Zinc, and with Zinc and Copper—Constitution, Micro-structure and Physical Properties in Cast and Wrought States—More Complex Alloys—Containing Magnesium—Limitations to the Use of Magnesium—"Hardening" Alloys.

LECTURE III.—JUNE 7.—Special Uses of Aluminium Alloys—Castings for Automobile and Aeroplane Parts—Castings for Aero-engines—Pistons and Piston Alloys—Properties at High Temperatures—Automobile and Aero-cylinders—Other Engine Parts—Structural Uses—Rigid Airships, Aeroplane Spars and Wing-coverings—Possible Future Developments.

ARTHUR THOMAS BOLTON, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., Curator, Soane Museum, "The Decoration and Architecture of Robert Adam and Sir John Soane, 1785-1837." Three Lectures.

LECTURE I.—MAY 3.—The First Lecture deals with the general position in English Architecture at the time of Robert Adam's return from Italy in 1758, and describes the revolution of taste that he brought about. The leading ideas of his scheme of architecture and decoration, now known as the Adam style, are fully discussed.

LECTURE II.—MAY 10.—The Second Lecture continues the subject in greater detail through a selection from the most characteristic works by Robert Adam, dealing more particularly with the interiors and decoration of his famous houses.

LECTURE III.—MAY 17.—The Third Lecture is devoted to Sir John Soane and traces his relations to the movement begun by Robert Adam and to the Greek and Medieval Revivals. Soane's ideas on architecture and decoration are discussed in relation to his more important works. In conclusion, it is pointed out that three-quarters of a century is covered by the work of Robert Adam and John Soane.

JUVENILE LECTURES.

Wednesday Afternoons, January 7 and 14, 1920, at 3 o'clock :—

LOUGHNAN PENDRED, M.I.Mech.E., Editor of the *Engineer*, "Railways and Engines."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY was founded in 1754, and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1847, for "The Encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce of the Country, by bestowing rewards for such productions, inventions, or improvements as tend to the employment of the poor, to the increase of trade, and to the riches and honour of the kingdom : and for meritorious works in the various departments of the Fine Arts ; for Discoveries, Inventions, and Improvements in Agriculture, Chemistry, Mechanics, Manufactures, and other useful Arts ; for the application of such natural and artificial products, whether of Home, Colonial, or Foreign growth and manufacture, as may appear likely to afford fresh objects of industry, and to increase the trade of the realm by extending the sphere of British commerce ; and generally to assist in the advancement, development, and practical application of every department of science in connection with the Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce of this country." In 1908 the Society was granted the privilege of adding "Royal" to its title.

FELLOWSHIP.—At the Annual General Meeting held on June 24, 1914, a By-Law was made authorizing all Members of the Society to use the designation of Fellow.

ORDINARY MEETINGS.—Meetings are held every Wednesday during the Session, at which papers on subjects relating to inventions, improvements, discoveries, and other matters connected with Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce are read and discussed.

INDIAN SECTION.—This Section was established in 1869, for the discussion of subjects connected with our Indian Empire. Six or more Meetings are held during the Session.

COLONIAL SECTION.—This Section was formed in 1874 under the title of the African Section. It was enlarged in 1879, to include the consideration of subjects connected with the Colonies and Dependencies. Four or more Meetings are held during the Session.

CANTOR LECTURES.—These Lectures originated in 1863, with a bequest by Dr. Cantor. The Lectures deal with the latest applications of Science and Art to practical purposes, and are, as far as possible, experimentally illustrated.

FOTHERGILL LECTURES.—Courses of Lectures, similar to the Cantor Lectures, are given from time to time under this Bequest.

HOWARD LECTURES.—The bequest of Mr. Thomas Howard (1872) is now devoted to occasional courses of Lectures on motive power and its applications.

SHAW LECTURES.—Under the Shaw bequest Lectures on Industrial Hygiene are given from time to time.

ALDRED LECTURE.—The bequest of the late Dr. Aldred has been devoted to the establishment of an Annual Lecture.

COBB LECTURES.—Funds have been provided for occasional Lectures in memory of the late Mr. Francis Cobb.

JUVENILE LECTURES.—A Short Course of Lectures, suited for a Juvenile audience, is delivered to the children of Fellows during the Christmas holidays.

ADMISSION TO MEETINGS.—Fellows have the right of attending the Meetings and Lectures. They require no tickets, but are admitted on signing their names. Every Fellow can admit two friends to the Ordinary and Sectional Meetings, and to the Cantor and other Lectures. Books of tickets for the purpose are supplied, but admission can also be obtained on the personal introduction of a Fellow. For the Juvenile Lectures special tickets are issued.

JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.—The *Journal*, which is sent free to Fellows, is published weekly, and contains full Reports of all the Society's Proceedings, as well as a variety of information connected with Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

EXAMINATIONS.—Examinations, founded in 1854, are held annually by the Society, through the agency of Local Committees, at various centres in the country. They are open to any person. The subjects include the principal elements of Commercial Education and Music. Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.—The Library and Reading-room are open to Fellows, who are also entitled to borrow books.

A HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY, written by Sir Henry Trueman Wood, Secretary of the Society from 1879 to 1917, has lately been published (John Murray, pp. 558, 15s. net) and can be obtained from any bookseller. It gives a history of the Society's work from 1754 to 1880.

CONVERSAZIONI are held, to which Fellows are invited, each Fellow receiving a card for himself and a lady.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS.—Candidates are proposed by Three Fellows, one of whom, at least, must sign on personal knowledge ; or are nominated by the Council.

The Annual Subscription is Three Guineas, payable in advance, and dates from the quarter-day preceding election ; or a life subscription of Thirty Guineas may be paid. There is no Entrance Fee.

CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES ARE RECEIVED DURING THE RECESS ARE PROPOSED FOR ELECTION AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE SESSION IN NOVEMBER.

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G. K. Menzies Esq., M.A.,
C/o. Royal Society of Arts,
John St., Adelphi,
London, W.C. 2, England.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6th, and I am glad to be privileged to be associated with the efforts of the Royal Society of Arts in the development of the industrial, commercial and artistic resources of the Empire.

I am enclosing herewith a cheque for the annual subscription and would like to be enrolled as one of the supporters of the Society. You will, I know, keep me fully informed of the work of this Society.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Enclo.

TELEGRAMS,
"PRAXITELES, WESTRAND, LONDON,"
TELEPHONE,
NO 5610, GERRARD.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS,
JOHN STREET, ADELPHI,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

September 13th, 1920.

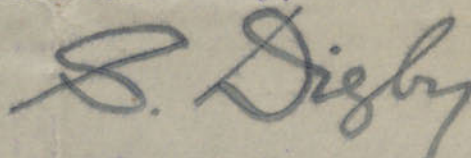
Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st of August, and the Council I am sure will greatly appreciate the honour of enrolling you as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Your formal election cannot take place until the Society meets again in November; but in the meantime you will be considered entitled to the privileges of fellowship, and will receive the weekly Journal.

I enclose with many thanks receipt for your first year's subscription, which dates from Michaelmas, being the Quarter-day preceding election.

Yours faithfully,



For the Secretary.

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

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Walter Vaughan Esq.,
Drummond Apartments,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Vaughan:-

Will you please convey to Mr. W. R. Baker, the President of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, my keen appreciation of the honour the oldest golf club in America is offering me, in permitting me to join the club as a Supplementary Member.

I hope Mr. Baker will convey to the Committee of the Club my most grateful thanks. I am enclosing herewith a cheque for \$350.00, being the entrance fee and the annual subscription, which you informed me the other day would apply to the dues for 1921.

I would also like to know the terms, as mentioned by you, under which Lady Currie could join.

Let me thank you most warmly for your kindness in making the suggestion to Mr. Baker.

Ever yours faithfully,