

thousands of veterans throughout Canada are in a pitiable position and requiring the most urgent consideration of their claims, that the Minister charged with the administration of this work, finds time to harass an excellent official in his Department because of some order-in-council which clearly from the context was never intended to apply to such a case, and, incidentally, is doing his utmost to deprive the Canadian Artillery Association of the services of an officer whose experience makes him most valuable to us. I could name some other Ministers whose appreciation of the appalling responsibilities of the moment are not much higher, and for that reason I was thrilled to see the bold demand that this crisis be dealt with in a manner appropriate to the danger that we face.

I appreciate the tremendous demands on your time, and also the natural hesitancy that you would have to becoming embroiled in any discussion that might interfere with your work as Principal of McGill University, but there is no one in the country who can so well say what you did on the occasion of your visit to Ottawa.

I would point out that if you can speak in Toronto at noon, I could drive you over to Hamilton for the evening meeting, so that you could comply with your promise to speak to them and also speak to us. You will not only have an audience many times the size in Toronto, but you would also be reaching scores of thousands throughout the Province over the radio. It is a fact that no other club in Canada has the same regular broadcasting facilities that we have.

Would there be any possibility of your considering coming to Toronto on the 20th or 27th of April? If you possibly can, I know it will be greatly appreciated, not only by the Empire Club, but by those who feel very strongly, as you do, in regard to the necessity of facing the reality of the dangers that exist.

Yours sincerely,

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