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Department of Militia and Defence,

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My dear Sir Arthur,-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of June the 7th, enclosing a communication from Lieutenant H.A.Cragg, respecting the use of cameras in war. I think that a considerable use could be made of cameras in the way he suggests. We were taught this before the late war, but when it arrived, the use of cameras was forbidden.

My eyes are now practically well, thank you, and I regret very much having missed the Board of Visitors at Kingston. I shall be glad to get your letter regarding it.

I have been very much disappointed in not going over to the Imperial Conference. The Premier is apparently trying to limit the scope of the present Conference, in order to suit his special purposes. It is true, that at the beginning, the Conference was supposed to be a Premiers' Conference, with a limited number of subjects for discussion, but it grew into what is really a full-fledged Imperial Conference, and this has been acceptable, apparently, to everyone except Mr. Meighen, who has gone to England unattended by any advisers. As he is a young man yet, he will probably live long enough to see another war, and perhaps he will then realize more fully the importance of making preparations for defence many years in advance.

I hope to be in Montreal on Saturday