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Department of Militia and Defence.

Ottawa, Canada.

7th October. 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur .-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27th, regarding Sergeant Marshall Hodgson, who is now with the Pay Corps. C.E.F.

I have had a talk with Hodgson and the facts are as follows: He did not make an official application for enlistment in the Canadian Army Pay Corps. He is overage and it would not be possible to make an exception in his case as we have adhered to the Regulations in all other cases.

The establishment for Other Ranks of the Corps was filled several months ago and at the present time there are no vacancies. I have explained the situation to him and told him that you were interested in his case and that if it had been possible I would have been very pleased to meet your wishes but in view of what I have recited above you will see that it would be impossible.

I trust that it will be possible for me to retain his services in the C.E.F. until the spring, when he will have a better chance of re-establishing himself than he otherwise would have during the winter period.

I am very glad that you have written me regarding this case and sincerely regret that I cannot meet your wishes but I trust that if at any time you feel that I can be of any service to you you will give me the opportunity.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully.

General Sir S. W. Currie, GCMG., KCB., Principal, McGill University.

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