

# C. R. Clapp & Company

## Insurance & Real Estate

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Genl. Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

My dear Sir:-

It has not been my good pleasure to know you personally, although I have heard considerably of you, even before the War, through our mutual friend, Brig.-Genl. Odlum. I understand that he has invited you to join us as Directors of a Fire Insurance Company which I am organizing, to be called the British Empire Assurance Company or some similar name. After thinking the matter over, I thought it was scarcely kind on my part not to extend you a direct invitation. I am proceeding slowly with the Board of Directors, and thus far have invited only three or four. Odlum has consented to act, which will represent British Columbia fairly well. Mr. J. R. Shaw has also consented. He is a graduate of Toronto University and a lawyer. He is Managing Director and Vice-President of the Canada Furniture Manufacturers, and also Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. He is associated with a number of manufacturing concerns. He is a splendid fellow and well known throughout Canada. I have written, this week, to Dr. Pratten, of London, Ont., who is the Head of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium and a personal friend of Sir Adam Beck. I have not heard from him yet, but have every reason to believe he will accept.

I may further add that Brig.-Genl. Odlum is very closely associated with me, and if you could possibly consent to act as Director, it will assist both of us very materially and would be appreciated very greatly by Odlum and myself. I shall endeavor to make the personnel of the Board acceptable to all who consent to act. I take it for granted that Odlum has explained to you that it will not be necessary to purchase any of the Stock unless you desire to do so. I am sorry that I cannot give you a list of your co-directors. As mentioned above, I have extended an invitation to only three or four, and thus far no one has refused. I want one or two men in the Province of Quebec, and have in mind Sir Lomer Gouin and Ernest Roy, K.C., of Roy, Morine, Langlais & Lavergne. I am intimately acquainted with Mr. Roy, but scarcely know Mr. Gouin. Possibly you could give me some assistance with him.

I will be very pleased to give you any further information which you might desire, and hoping you will consider the invitation favorably, I am,

Yours very truly,

*C. R. Clapp*