

Sir A.C.Macdonell

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is possible for them to do and I so expressed myself to Gordon Spry who was here about a month ago consulting with me in that respect. He has taken on, as you know, the Secretaryship of the Canadian Clubs of Canada.

There is one fact that I think should be kept ever before the minds of our Canadian people and that is that a man may be a good Canadian and a good Imperialist at the same time. There are those who think that good Imperialism involves the keeping of Canada in perpetual subserviency to Great Britain, while there are others who profess to believe that good Canadianism involves the weakening of ties that bind us to the Motherland. I often think that Canadian Clubs should not be satisfied with merely meeting together to hear some distinguished visitor who happens to be in town. They should make a more determined effort to familiarize themselves with all the phases of all the questions affecting our country's life.

I am very sorry to learn that Lady Macdonell has been laid up. I hope that all she needs is a good rest. Please remember me kindly to her and to Miss Alison.

I do not know when I shall get out West again and hope it won't be too long, for it always gives great inspiration to one to go across our country and see the progress that has been made; while the meeting with so many old friends is a source of great pleasure.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am, dear Mac.,

Ever yours faithfully,