

The Bank of Toronto

Rest letter

General Sir A. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

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Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me for writing to you and I sincerely hope you will not look on me as a general nuisance. The last time I wrote to you it was in connection with the Bank of Montreal, this time it is the Bank of Toronto in whose service I have been since last May.

When I joined this institution their Superintendents Department in Vancouver took me on before submitting the finding of my Medical Board to their Head Office with the result that their Chief Inspector Mr. Grant refuses to submit my name to their Pension Board on account of my present physical condition and he further states that it was a great mistake to have ever taken me on the Staff.

The fact of not being taken on the Pension Fund puts me in rather a rotten position as I am simply what they are pleased to term a temporary Staff Man subject to dismissal at any time and cannot therefore look upon this as a permanent job. Of course I can quite see their point, I am not a whole man being minus full use of my right arm but I was not born that way and I am not ashamed of the fact although it appears that one should be.

I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to you knowing that you will do something for me in the matter as you no doubt probably know their General Manager Mr. J. R. Lamb.

Some of the Returned Soldier Institutions are very anxious to make a case of it but I am not in favour, as I think it would be far better if I could manage to settle it in a more influential way which undoubtedly will be the more beneficial in the long run. Of course as you know the last man in this country to get a job of any account is the returned man no matter what their qualifications may happen to be. They are simply a bunch of no goods and it ends at that.

The Bank of Montreal could give me a job if they wanted to as they are still taking on lots of men but the fact remains they are not what you would call over keen on Returned Soldiers. John Leeming who never joined the army could resign and take a trip to England and come back and get a job, but not so a disabled man. If the biggest institutions in the country cannot give us a job I would like to know who can?