August 25th 1923.

W. H. Stafford, Esq., Almonte, Ont.

My Dear Mr. Stafford :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21st, in which you very kindly asked me to go to Almonte to participate in the ceremony of unveiling a memorial to those citizens of Almonte who served in the Great War.

Thus far this year I have taken no vacation, and have planned to go away for the first two weeks in September. I hope that you will not think me indifferent to the importance of your function.

My sincere regards for the Cotton family and their distinguished record and service makes me more than usually sorry that I cannot be with you.

> With all good wishes, I am, Yours very faithfully,