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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear General Currie -

It looked like old times to see your face in the big gathering last Saturday. It reminded me of Tinquies. I am enclosing you three tables showing imports and exports of Portland cement during the years 1914 - 18 inclusive. They are copied from the annual report of the Trade of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1918. From these tables you will see that we are large importers of cement particularly from the United States and that we export only a negligible quantity. Perhaps the story arose from the \$3 worth of cement which we exported to the Netherlands in 1914.

I have not the figures at hand for the amount of cement exported from the United Kingdom but I doubt very much whether any appreciable portion went to Holland and thence to Germany. Cement does not lend itself to smuggling or contraband trade. I expect to have the figures for the exports from the United Kingdom in a few days and will send them to you as soon as I get them. I am practically certain that none was sent to Holland from any of the British colonies.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Macbail

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