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Major Stanley Wharton, O.B.E.,
c/o Robertson Bros.,
103-125 Queen Street East,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Wharton:

Thank you very much for your letter of
July 27th.

I am delighted to know that you are getting along well in the position you now hold. Frankly Wharton I do not see why you should worry about a position as Assistant Trade Commissioner. In that connection, I am attaching herewith a memorandum issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce. I note that they are calling for application from any one who would like to sit at the next Civil Service Examination. If a candidate is successful he has to go into training for one or two years, and after he has three years experience his salary is only \$1,800. per annum. I also note that the Trade Commissioner's salary, a position which can only be reached after long years of serving, amounts to but \$3,000. per annum. I am quite sure if you stick to your present position you will be earning far more than that in less time than would elapse before you would be a full fledged Trade Commissioner.

I can well understand the pleasure it gives you to meet old comrades of the C.E.F. You run across them everywhere, and always with the strengthening of the feeling that the spirit of comradeship generated over there was something really worth while.

You mention the Board or Special Committee which has been appointed by the Government to enquire into the truth or otherwise of the charges made by the G.W.V.A. re pensions. I know the personnel of that Board very well. The Chairman of that Board is Colonel Ralston, who commanded the 85th Battalion (Nova Scotia Highlanders) during the last year or so of the war. It was I who suggested his name to the Hon. Dr. Beland, who asked me to take the chairmanship. I was forced to refuse, because Dr. Beland intimated that the