

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Office of the Commissioner.

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Private & Confidential.

Dear General Currie,

I have your letter of the 7th inst., in which you made confidential enquiries regarding Inspector W.B.Lindsay, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This Officer was appointed an Inspector in the Force in 1910, having been formerly employed as a Bank Clerk in Quebec.

With regard to his ability as an Officer, I would be inclined to say that he is about the average. He is now Senior Inspector in the Force, and would, in the natural course of events, be entitled to promotion. However, what has stood in his way almost continuously since he has been in the Force is extravagance, which perhaps may be more due to his wife than to himself. It has given us a lot of annoyance, in that we are receiving complaints continually regarding unpaid debts, cheques on banks without funds, and other financial dealings which we did not consider right.

If promoted, he would have charge of a district, and public funds, and up to the present we have not considered it safe to make any recommendation with respect to his promotion, and until he can show himself clear of debt. I might say that this is the only thing that has stood against him.

With regard to his health,- A few years ago, he became enormously fat, so much so that he weighed nearly 400 lbs. He was given leave, and underwent a very drastic treatment in Vancouver for many months, and this reduced him to normal weight. He has to be very careful as to diet, as he puts on flesh easily, and this is really a disease with him. I might say, personally, that Lindsay is of a likable disposition.

Hoping this information is what you require,

Yours faithfully,

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