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Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

Thank you very much for the trouble
you took to send me a copy of the Special Order.

I am sorry you were not in Montreal
when the Byngs were here. I sincerely hope for their
sake and yours that it will be possible for you to
accompany them on their western trip. More than once
while they were in Montreal I was telephoned to by
certain people to ask the Governor General to do
things. Had you been with them these people would all
have telephoned to you, because they would have less
diffidence in approaching you than they have when it
comes to speaking to Balfour or any of the others.

I think the Governor General increased
his prestige and his popularity while here. I took
him slumming one Saturday afternoon and encouraged him
to say something about that experience when he spoke
to the Women's Canadian Club the following Tuesday. I
had left for Philadelphia before he made his speech
and have not seen an account of it, but I have heard
a good deal about it. Some of the more serious-
minded women like Mrs. Reford, Mrs. Arthur Drummond,
Mrs. Somerset, etc. thoroughly approved his remarks.
There were others, though, who would prefer not to be
told of the sufferings of their fellow-men and these
were somewhat critical. I told the Governor General
that he might expect to be criticized, but that was
preferable to being considered a 'Tomlinson', for whom
you will remember, there was no place in either
Heaven or Hell because he had no opinions of his own.
I also hear that some were disappointed because he
turned up one evening to open the Gymnasium of the