

Ottawa. 23rd. July 1920.

Dear Mr. Rowell,

Your letter of the 10th. July to Sir Arthur Currie has been received and forwarded to him at Little Tote's Beach, where he is at present. Doubtless he will answer you himself but as you state you are leaving within a few days for England I think it would be wise for me to give you what information I can respecting your tour to the battlefields.

Formerly there was a Canadian Section at HESDIN equipped with a number of motor cars which were placed at the disposal of distinguished visitors from Canada but in December last this section was demobilized, so unfortunately at present there are no facilities in the way of motor transport which can be offered to visitors. There are in France, now, two small Canadian sections-- the Battlefields Memorials Committee and the Graves Registration Section. These sections have two cars each which are only sufficient for their own needs.

It is quite possible that the Canadian High Commissioner may be able to get you a car from the War Office on repayment of Government rate, which is much less than the ordinary civilian rate. When I left England the usual charge was from Frs. 400 to Frs. 600 per motor, per diem, civilian rate. The Government rate, if I remember rightly, was about Frs. 100 per diem.

It is also quite possible that it can be arranged for Brigadier-General Hughes to take you over at least a portion of the battlefields. He is now working under the High Commissioner in connection with the construction of the Canadian Battlefields Memorials and doubtless Sir George Perley would be able to give you definite information as to whether it is possible or not.

There are comfortable hotels at CASSEL,