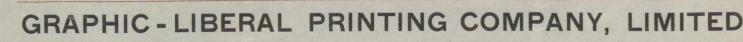
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. In any event had I had the information in 1914 or 1915 I could have protected myself, and later could have done so when Mr. Field was removed from the local management. However, I was overseas and received no intimation personally and neither did my local solicitor, nor business manager of the newspaper I owned here. Under the circumstances I feel that it is a hardship and injustice to be asked to accept this liability, and that morally and by every right at law and fair play I should be relieved of it.

I explained the matter to the bank solicitor here. Mr. Sexsmith and the present manager, Mr. Chaseley, and the latter has agreed to submit it to the head office at Montreal, and I am showing him a copy of this letter.

I therefore take the liberty of presenting the case to you since you will remember me personally, and can, I feel wouch for my bonifides.

The matter is to a large extent largely one of being penalized for war service as had I been at home I could have had the opportunity to protect my interests. Further I submit the bank should view the item from the standpoint of moral obligation since I dealt in good faith with their representative here, and did not directly or indirectly benefit from the loan.

I would ask you as a favor to submit this matter to the head office with a view to having the obligation discharged.

As I have never considered I owed this money this letter should not be taken as an acknowledgment of same.

Yours very sincerely, Chas. A Metherow

Jones Lt. Col. C.E.J.