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to get clear of paying the balance owing on the Corona property. That investment cost me altogether more than \$40,000, and not a holding of any kind to shew for it.

You speak of 'fair-weather friends' and your loyalty to me during the war. I never doubted that and was always grateful for it. I tried to do what I could for your advancement and do not think I failed. You merited every promotion, but I think you were the only Canadian who began as a Major and finished as a Major-General. You know, also, how Alderson bucked your appointment as Chief Engineer to the 1st Division and also as Corps Engineer. I think I stood by you then. I also succeeded in getting those at Ottawa to create a post of Director of Engineering Services for you, but you would not accept the position. With your refusal the position vanished. It was a proposal which was not received by any one at Ottawa with any favour. However, I do not care to say very much about some other things which you mention in your letter and to which I might very well reply. No good would come of it, but there is much I might say. I know that since our more intimate association I have always done the best I can. I have tried with certain of my friends and acquaintances here to find a position into which you would fit, but have always been met with the same reply that staffs are not being increased and that they would help if business were improving or even good.

I heard nothing about the collapse of the oil proposition and sincerely trust you may save something out of the wreck.

Possibly I may see something of you on the other side.

Ever yours faithfully.