

at the next Provincial Election for the Islands
Constitution. I think the mission is buckling at the
muzzle - that is I infer so from her demeanour and
I fear poor G is not too happy. Perhaps I shouldn't
say this. My friend I think agree that the mission
is an excellent one.

That finishes off any queries in your
letter.

So come to the Battalion we have made I think
fair progress but numbers are still small. Last
November the paper strength was 231 but it was
larger paper, I therefore had the temporary ammunition
so intimately with the domestic roll and it ended
up in our stocks, off 88 lbs - we also recruited
and the strength is now 180 all good talk.

The drill season was fairly satisfactory the
inspector passed off well, we had one or two smaller
two marches and then a church parade on 22nd
April the order of service for which I enclose (3 copies).
It was very neat - impressive, General, and several people
told me afterward they were much affected. The church was
crowded and the Padre preached a real stirring sermon.

on the 27th April came the dinner a great
success in its way. Please accept our most grateful
thanks for your kind message in reply to our telegram
it was noticed by all concerned and much appreciated.
Everybody was in top form, both bands of course attended.