

J. W. Paul Mrs

March 27th, 1924.

Captain George E. Cole,
Box 356, South Porcupine,
Ontario.

Dear Captain Cole:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 20th conveying to me the invitation of the returned soldiers of the Porcupine Mining Camp to attend the dinner at South Porcupine on April 9th, in celebration of the anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

I am very sorry that I cannot be with you all on this occasion, but I have a long-standing engagement to attend a similar function at Government House on the same evening. I welcome this opportunity, however, of sending my good wishes to all old comrades of mine who will be present at your dinner.

I am thinking about them more than usual to-day because I am reminded of the events of six years ago. On the 27th of March, 1918, I felt so impressed with the seriousness of the situation that I wrote a special order, which you may remember. In it I endeavoured to express the grave nature of the events then transpiring and my firm confidence in the ability of our fellows to overcome every difficulty and surmount every obstacle. To-day, when we must face the tasks that sometimes make the spirit quake, I am sure we all draw inspiration from thoughts of those darker days when we met undismayed