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Everything at McGill is proceeding normally with the largest attendance we have had for some years and I think I see evidence of progress.

In the Military world here there is nothing new other than that Billy King has come from London to succeed Charlie Armstrong, who merely exchanged with him. King ought to do very well here and I think his coming was welcome. Basil Price has given up the old 14th and has been succeeded by McKenna, whom you may recall. Ned Cape commands the Artillery and Stan Matheson the Royal Highlanders, with Macpherson in command of the 13th and Gavin Ogilvy of the 42nd. Gilbert Stairs is O.C. of the Guards. As you know we can turn out a first rate crowd of the old ones when necessary. The Officers' Club here has a membership of nearly 500 and pays its way very nicely. Paul Tudor spent an evening with me on his way to England where he now resides. He was very loath to leave Canada, but his Mother is getting old and I think he is the heir to whatever estates there are.

I had had news the other day concerning Daddy Dyer. I hear he has practically nothing except his cheerful nature. This year, I am told, he lost his crops as all his farm-buildings were burned, while at the same time he suffered from blood poisoning. I believe the job which Harold Aikins told me had been arranged for him has petered out. There is none of those whom we knew so well 'over there' who deserves more than Dyer and he seems to be the most unfortunate of all. I wish I could help in some way but I do not know what to do.

I am interested in what you told me about the Presidency of the Calgary Canadian Club and the Boy Scout Commissionership. I believe you should accept the former whatever you do with the latter. There is no reason why you should not accept both. Canadian Clubs are fine institutions, if for no other reason than that they bring together from time to time the best men in the community and therefore provide a group which can be made effective when the necessity arises. At the same time I do not think they achieve all that it