

Smoker. It has now travelled all over Montreal and everyone that one meets says how pleased he is. It is splendid to feel that you are really off to a fresh start after such a siege. and no one is more delighted than the old soldier. By the way talking of old soldiers Billy the Gib is our new G.O.C. Charlie Armstrong I believe asked for the job and did not get it.

The Foreign Relations group has been working, but I have had to take a year's leave. there have been so many things to do. However I am enclosing you the report of last years efforts. In case you have not had it. It seems a pity that so much work should end in paper. I wonder whether there is no way in which the work of these groups could be made useful to the Government. I know that is not the ideal of the parent society but I cannot help feeling that we might be of more national value.

I don't suppose that you will have time to read any more - even if you have time to read so much as I have written. otherwise I would try to send you some more news.

I hope you will have a most interesting journey in China. and am quite sure that you will do much good there. The world needs a strong Chinese Government and we can help them, having no axe to grind. I understand by the way that the objection of the foreign legations to leaving Peiping is that they cannot take their armed guards to Nanking. If so it is interesting and suggestive.