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My dear Norris:-

This morning I received your letter of April 8th with reference to the case of Mr. St. Clair.

No one knows better than I do just what a splendid-hearted, noble-minded fellow he is. I first met him in 1896 when I joined the staff of the Boys Central School in Victoria. For four years I saw him practically every school day and we had many a single stick and fencing bout together. I know the splendid ideals which he has constantly put before the youth of Victoria during all the years he was associated with the schools. I know that every pupil who came under his influence must have been benefitted thereby.

I know St. Clair's indomitable spirit and the courage with which he carried on in the face of his affliction, and yet, in spite of all this, I cannot see any way under the sun in which he can receive recognition in the form of a pension, or otherwise, from any other body in Canada than from the School Board of the City of Victoria. The Dominion Government give pensions only to members of their own staff, whether civil or military. It would be useless to suggest to them to do anything for St. Clair. I do not know what the School Board of Victoria has done in the way of a pension,