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Strathcona Trust.

OTTAWA, Nov. 10, 1909.

Sir,—
With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Hon. Sir F. W. Borden, Minister of Militia, as Chairman of the Executive Council of the Strathcona Trust, to inquire whether your Government is yet in a position to accept, on behalf of the Educational Establishments under its control, the advantages offered by the Strathcona Trust for the encouragement of Physical Training and Military Drill in Public Schools.

2. From inquiries which have been addressed to the Executive Council, some misapprehension seems to have arisen as to the aims and objects of the Strathcona Trust. It is with a view to the removal of any grounds for misunderstanding that I am directed to submit the following remarks:—
3. As you are aware, Lord Strathcona's object in forming the trust is twofold: (1) the improvement of the physical and intellectual capabilities of the children while at school, by means of a proper system of physical training calculated to improve their physical development, and, at the same time, to inculcate habits of alertness, orderliness and prompt obedience; (2) the fostering of a spirit of patriotism in the boys, leading them to realize that the first duty of a free citizen is to be prepared to defend his country—to which end all boys should, so far as possible, be given an opportunity of acquiring a fair acquaintance, while at school, with Military Drill and rifle shooting.

4. With regard to the first point, the Executive Council deems it necessary to require that a Province before it can participate in the benefits of the Trust, should pledge itself to in-

clude in the regular curriculum of the schools under its control instruction in Physical Training for all, and there have been, so far as the Executive Council is aware, no serious objections raised to the universal introduction of a well tested system of Physical Training into all the Public Schools of Canada.

5. With regard, however, to the question of Military Drill and rifle practice for boys, a some what important misapprehension appears to exist in certain quarters, to the effect that the Strathcona Trust is designed to be used as the vehicle for the introduction of a system of compulsory military training into the Schools of the Dominion. I am directed to state, emphatically, that such is in no wise Lord Strathcona's intention, nor that of the Executive Council of the Trust.

6. As stated above, one of Lord Strathcona's main objects is to inculcate a spirit of patriotism in the youths of this country, together with a realization of their duty as free citizens in its defence, and, consequently, their training in the rudiments of a soldier's art is, in his opinion desirable, in order that they may be able to give proper expression to that spirit in time of national danger; but His Lordship does not seek to insist that this military training should be made compulsory. All he asks is that the Government of a Province should undertake to ENCOURAGE, as far as possible, the formation of cadet corps and the practice of rifle shooting in the schools under its control, leaving it to the parents themselves to decide whether their sons should join these corps. The proper military instruction and care of the cadet corps when formed is a matter which falls within the province of the Department of Militia, however, asks that the Educational Authorities will encourage, or, at least, place no obstacle in the way of their teachers becoming officers of their School Cadet Corps.

7. The position may, perhaps, best be summed up by re-stating the general conditions, which the Executive Council of the Trust asks the Education Department of a Province to accept in order to secure the schools under its control participation in the benefits of the Trust. It is confidently believed that perusal of these conditions will show that they cannot fairly be in any way construed as an attempt to introduce a system of compulsory military training into the Schools of Canada.

8. These conditions are as follows:—
(a) Physical training to form an integral part of the curriculum in every school, or public educational establishment maintained mainly out of public funds, at which a teacher holding a certificate other than that of the lowest grade is employed.

(b) A certificate of ability to instruct in physical training to form part of every teacher's certificate, other than those of the lowest grade, granted by the Education Department of the Province.

(c) The Education Department to undertake to encourage the formation of cadet corps, including the practice of rifle shooting under suitable conditions by the older boys, in all educational establishments under its control.

(d) The system of physical training adopted to be that in force in the elementary public schools in Great Britain (which has been recently revised in view of the latest developments in Sweden, Switzerland and other countries), with such modifica-

tions therein as the local conditions of any Province may show to be necessary.

(e) The Education Department to undertake to require, within a specified period, all teachers who are already in possession of its certificates other than those of the lowest grade to qualify themselves to instruct in physical training (subject to the exemption of such teachers as are physically unable to qualify, or are nearly at the end of their term of service), so that in every school there shall be at least one teacher capable of imparting the necessary instruction.

9. The Militia Department will, on its part, aid the Education Department by affording the necessary facilities to the teachers of both sexes to qualify themselves in physical training, by providing instructors until such time as the Provincial Authorities are in a position to undertake this duty themselves.

10. The Militia Department will also afford to the teachers the necessary instruction in military drill required to enable them to become officers of cadet corps under the same advantages as are already allowed to officers of the Active Militia, and will grant certificates of qualifications.

11. The Militia Department will also pay the authorized grants to the teachers qualified and acting as instructors of cadet corps, and will supply to these corps such arms and equipment as are needed under the regulations applicable to each case.

12. Sir Frederick Borden confidently hopes, that after consideration of the foregoing explanations, your Government may see its way clear at a very early date to declaring its acceptance of the conditions mentioned in paragraph 8 of this letter, so that both teachers and pupils in the Educational Establishments of the Province may be competent to share in the benefits of the Trust.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. LEWIS,
The Executive Council
The Strathcona Trust.

Santa Claus' Revenge.
Belated comes advice tonight
That, "without proper cause,"
Two foolish boys went on a strike
Against old Santa Claus.
They sent him written word that he
Must take two trips a year.
The first an early one to see
What children wanted here.
They said his work of late was bad.
They criticised his taste.
They said it made them very sad—
Those presents gone to waste!
They asked him why he thought a boy
Would want a Teddy bear.
They said it seemed he could employ
Much better judgment there.
They wrote him frankly what they
Thought.
A protest in each line.
They told him that they thought he ought
To sell out and resign.
They covered reams of paper then
For each boy in their town.
The how, the which, the what, the when,
They carefully went through—
And then they told him what to bring
For each boy in their town,
And for themselves—"Oh, everything!"
Was just what they put down.
They thought the saint was far too old
To understand their scheme,
And each one bought a bag, to hold
Their presents, it would seem.
But when they woke on Xmas morn
With "What did Santa bring?"
Why, just as sure as you are born,
He hadn't left a thing!
STACY E. BAKER.

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Night freight, No. 39,	4.20
Maritime, No. 33	24.10
Local express, No. 35,	14.15
Way freight, No. 37,	13.00
DEPARTURE—SOUTH	
Maritime, No. 34,	8.20
Way freight, No. 38,	14.10
Local express, No. 36,	11.05
Night freight, No. 40,	2.20
INDIANTOWN BRANCH	
Blackville dep.	9.05
Indiantown dep.	9.34
Newcastle an.	10.55
Newcastle dep.	16.05
Indiantown dep.	17.20
Blackville an.	17.00

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