

May 13th, 1924.

Miss Urquhart,
Seafield, Strathpeffer,
Rosshire, Scotland.

My dear Miss Urquhart:-

I have to-day sent you the
following cable:-

Sandy making splendid progress best
results confidently anticipated.

I can appreciate how delighted you are that such good reports can be given regarding your brother's operation. You know that when he came here he was not altogether sure that an operation was advisable but he was fortunate in having the advice of Dr. Archibald, the Professor of Surgery at McGill and one of the leading Lung surgeons of the world. Dr. Martin, whom you will remember spent last Christmas in Victoria, also gave his best attention to the case. He and Archibald were positive that your brother could well stand an operation and that the operation was necessary if a permanent cure was to be effected. The operation was performed on Monday, May 5th and he was on the table for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The doctor found some rotten bone, some rotten tissue and a foreign substance made up of bismuth and those other compounds used in the case of lung wounds. He removed all these so that there is nothing there now of a contaminating nature. I believe he also found there were certain adhesions between the lung and the chest which should not be there. These he freed. He also told me that the lung had slightly retracted, leaving a cavity. He removed some more of the ribs