

September 8th, 1924.

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My dear Bill:-

When visiting my old home in Strathroy I received your letter of the 15th and on my return to Montreal took up with Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor the matter of Neville's appointment by name as Solicitor of the Bank of Montreal in Edmonton. Sir Frederick has shewn me a copy of his answer to you dated August 25th. This was written quite a week before I returned to Montreal.

The situation in Edmonton is peculiar, in as much as when our Bank took over the business of the Bank of British North America it retained the latter's solicitors for that portion of the business coming through the B.N.A. connection. I believe Griesbach's firm were solicitors for the B.N.A., Neville's for the Bank of Montreal, and some other firm for the Merchants Bank. To sever relations with these firms and appoint Neville by name is something, which Taylor says, the Bank hesitates to do. To me he stated that there would be no objection to Neville's firm describing themselves as 'Solicitors to the Bank of Montreal' on their letterhead. It may be that some time the situation at Edmonton will be such that the Bank can appoint somebody by name. If that time comes I promise to do what I can to see that Neville receives the appointment.