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My dear P. deB.:—

At the time your letter of the 27th September arrived in Montreal I was just about to begin a trip across Canada in the interests of McGill University. You may have seen it announced in your papers that we were seeking to raise for University purposes the sum of \$5,000,000. I am glad to tell you that despite a rotten market and uncertain times we succeeded in raising \$6,400,000.

During the trip I was accompanied by Herbert Molson, whom you will remember, and who is one of our Governors. We saw a great many old friends of Overseas. Generally speaking, our fellows have settled down very well, though just now there happens to be a great deal of unemployment. This has chiefly occurred amongst that body of men who were always unwilling to leave cities for employment. A great many chaps on returning from the War seemed to prefer a job in a city to one on a farm, in the Mines or forests, or on public works. The result has been that the falling off of trade, which is always greater at this time of the year than any other, leaves a large number out of work.

Let me tell you that I enjoyed most thoroughly reading your report on the Poland operations. It was intensely interesting and I can well imagine just how annoyed you were on many occasions with the lackadaisical methods of the Polish Commanders and staffs. They preferred, apparently, to "Deb", as Sir Julian would say. However, "all's well that ends well" and I congratulate you on having performed your mission so successfully.