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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

You were probably surprised at receiving a second telegram from me, but this was because I did not receive your letter of March 16th until this morning. It was addressed to Ottawa, and from there went to Guelph, so that I just received it.

I am particularly sorry that you cannot accept, because I think what you said needs saying very badly. Apart from the question of whether a national government is or is not the answer, there certainly is a pitiful lack of appreciation of the extent of the crisis with which we are faced.

Let me give you an example. In my opinion, Col. Murray McLaren is the head of one of the most important departments in the country, because, under Pensions and National Health comes the administration of The Pensions Act, with all its far-reaching contacts in every walk of life. If any job needed all a man's energies, this is the job.

In the face of such a situation, this is the sort of petty nonsense that is going on. I happen to have been re-elected President of the Canadian Artillery Association for the second term, and for the whole of my first year of office, and also during the present year, I have been fighting the silliest, pettiest campaign imaginable to force the Secretary of the Artillery Association to resign.

The situation is this. Colonel Sherman, whom I think you know, is the head of the Narcotic Division of the Department of Pensions and National Health. He has been Secretary of the Canadian Artillery Association for twenty-two years, and with his knowledge of artillery practice, and his personal acquaintance with officers all over the country, is worth at least twelve or fifteen thousand