August 18th, 1930.

Colonel the Honourable B.M.Sutherland, D.S.⁰., Minister of National Defence, 0 t t a w a.

My dear Minister.

Let me extend my sincere congratulations upon your appointment as Minister of National Defence. I am sure you bring to the service of the country in peace times those fine qualities with which I was familiar in the war, and I am therefore confident that in your hands the administration of so important a Department is quite safe.

With kindest regards.

I am.

Ever yours faithfully.