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General. It is harder to undo these things after they have passed Privy Council than if they can be stopped before reaching that body, and having prevented by various means such action being taken by a Liberal Adjutant-General, (Gen. Panet) and a Liberal Minister since 1923, it seems rather unfair, if I am correct in my conclusions which I have been so advised by both legal and military authorities of note, that such action should be taken at this time and under present auspices. I have, of course, not discussed the matter with our present Minister nor with any members of the present Cabinet with whom I am acquainted.

I shall be more than pleased to answer any questions which you may see fit to ask and will value your opinion on the whole matter.

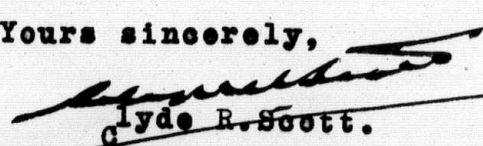
If you see fit to communicate with Col. Sutherland, please have your letter marked "Personal" so that it will not be placed on my file, and might I also suggest that it will be highly advisable not to give him the source of this information, not that it is not authentic in every detail, but solely as protection to me. You may have received it from a Conservative Senator or one of several Members.

Upon the recommendation and suggestion of Bill Herridge and Willis O'Connor, which recommendation met with Mr. Bennett's concurrence, and certainly with Merriams', Col. Sutherland was approached concerning my being appointed Military Secretary. His reply, based upon the advice of his departmental advisors and for the reason that they are desirous that he should see things from their point of view only, was to the effect that he did not need a Military Secretary. Such is certainly not the case, as he has only a female whom he brought with ~~him~~ running his office, and, to say the least, she is not "au fait" with our department, nor is he, nor do either of them seem to be learning very fast. For the present it will be wiser, if you write Col. Sutherland, to make no mention of this appointment which, by the way, I would like, would be a promotion in salary and be one in which I could help him and the department as well.

I do not want to be considered a "Whiner" and try not to be, but rank injustice and "not playing the game" certainly rub me the wrong way. I have put up with this since 1923, without complaint, have given of my very best to the department which has found no fault with my work but has seen fit to report upon it much more favorably than was necessary, but which now proposes something for which absolutely no official exists. Such action, quite unwarranted, does not tend to make one "happy and contented".

With very kind personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Lyde R. Scott.

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