HENDERSON & HERRIDGE BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS (CABLE "HERSON") TRUSTS BUILDING GEO. F. HENDERSON, K.C. WM. D. HERRIDGE OTTAWA, CANADA CONFIDENTIAL August 19, 1924 Major General Sir Frederick Loomis, K.C.B. C.B. etc.. 34 Lincoln Ave., Montreal. Que. Dear Sir: As you know Eric MacDonald has applied for and received the appointment of Inspector in the Justice Department. One of the high officials of this Department is backing his own man who, by the way, is not a returned soldier but is a staunch politician and I expect that the political associations of this part of the country will be for him and against Eric. As the matter now stands Eric has been officially appointed by the Civil Service Commission but the man who had been filling the job temporarily heretofore is still at work and every effort is being made on the part of certain officials to cancel Eric's appointment and to make the temporary appointment of the other fellow permanent; and it is, therefore, necessary for Eric's friends to stand by and see that he has a fair deal. In this connection I thought you might care to speak to General Currie and ask him to send a wire both to the Minister of Militia Mr. Mac-Donald, whom of course he knows, and to Mr. Lapointe, who will be Eric's Minister and whom General Currie doubtless knows very well. I would not bother you about this except that I know that nothing which conserns Eric will be any bother, and furthermore I feel that you can put it to General Currie much better than I could in a letter. Eric and I are planning to come down and visit you as soon as this matter is satisfactorily settled. Yours sincerely. W.D. Herridge per on on M. WDH: MMK