

Montreal, P.Q.,
March 2nd, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie,
3450 McTavish Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I read your very splendid and interesting address of last night to the Ottawa Valley Graduates Society, and I cannot resist the temptation of writing and congratulating you thereon. It is indeed a politically divided country, and I agree with you that for unity of action a national government is the proper thing. As you very rightly say, we are at present voting for or against someone, rather than for or against something. The population of this Dominion is less than ten million and we have an expenditure of upwards of eight hundred millions, which means more than \$80. per head of population, women and children included. We are over governed, and have too many politicians, lieutenant governors, ambassadors, and representatives in Geneva - that hotbed of intrigue, - all such living well and enjoying themselves; upwards of 744,000 passes issued annually on railways, and upwards of 30,000 courtesy passes.

As the American would say "Can you beat it?" My voice is a small one, and I have written on many occasions, but without effect; and as one crying in the wilderness. You are in a sufficiently ^{prominent} position to carry weight, but I am a well known old Canadian. Your address will certainly not go unnoticed by men of any influence; I trust it will do some good.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Randall Davidson