

Cy Peck

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My dear Nelson:-

Thank you very much for your kindness in writing to me, for I assure you I was glad to hear from you.

I was indeed sorry to learn that Colonel Cy Peck had been defeated. To my mind he was a most useful member of Parliament. I am sure the interests of his constituency were always jealously guarded, and I know he was one of the most outstanding champions of the returned man in the House. Altogether, I think he was a most wholesome influence there, and aside from any feeling of gratitude which his constituency might be expected to have on account of his outstanding war service, I cannot see that they have acted wisely or well in turning him down.

I consider that the old Government treated him very shabbily in the matter of the Senatorship from British Columbia. I do not know whether Cy was an applicant for such a position or not, but I consider he was far more entitled to it than Crowe of Vancouver. Before the War they were both Liberals and they were both elected to support Union Government. Cy's record in the House was one of great usefulness to the country and besides, I think, his splendid war record should have counted for something. Long ago I came to the conclusion that there was no such thing as gratitude for war service. People do not care to hear about the War any longer, and the old talk about making Canada a place fit for heroes to live in was after all only talk.