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was down in Saint John, N.B. on Armistice Day I met your nephew, the General and Senator, who intimated to me, confidentially, that it was not shingles but good old-fashioned Scottish itch. I can well appreciate your modesty, but perhaps since you have fully recovered there is no need to make any further reference to it.

We had a splendid time in Saint John and your name was many times mentioned. Some three or four hundred officers had gathered together from all over the Maritimes and we had a great dinner in the Admiral Beatty Hotel. The next morning I met a couple of old ruffians at breakfast whom you will remember very well,- Johnny Angus, Macdonald from Cape Breton and Boyd Anderson from Moncton. Little Thacker came up looking as dapper and cheerful as ever. Grog Anderson is the D.O.C. of that district now and seems to be getting along as well as could be expected. Sparling, who was MacB's Brigade Major is his principal staff officer. It was my second visit to the Maritimes in recent months because I was down to Amherst, N.S. about the first of September, when I spoke to the Canadian Legion Convention meeting there. For that we had a fine turnout. They met me at the station with a guard of honour who had drilled for ten successive nights under an R.C.R. Sergeant-Major sent up from Halifax for the purpose. Thacker and Charlie Bent headed a large group of officers also present at the station. Bent constituted himself my staff officer during the three days I was in Amherst. I do not know what he is doing now, but, apparently, he has given up the farm and lives principally in Halifax. I did hear that he was Moving Picture Censor for Nova Scotia.

On Saturday night we had a dinner of the Legion and I was the principal speaker. It was a very enthusiastic gathering. On Sunday I joined the parade and marched to the Cenotaph, where wreaths were placed. Then we proceeded to the Park where one of our well known chaplains (whose name I have just forgotten) conducted the services. In the afternoon I unveiled a Memorial at Parrsboro. Some time I intend taking a motor trip through the Maritimes.