

MINISTER'S OFFICE



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May 2nd, 1921.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
President, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have yours of April 29th with reference to Lieut-Col. Macdonald.

I have known the father for a long while and he is one of the most estimable of men and has given excellent service during the whole period of the war. I have had correspondence already with reference to the son whose record also overseas was all that could be desired. I am extremely sorry that in such cases it has been so difficult to make suitable provision for service. I regret that at the time it would have been possible to have placed him on the strength of the Canadian Permanent Force, he did not accept thereof, but naturally he had other views and supposed at that time that he would be able to realise them. I have already given, and will continue to give personal thought to this case, but I have found it, so far, difficult to make any provision which could include him in service. I have not, however,