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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W.J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

December 1st, 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Replying to yours of the 23rd ult., regarding the case of Mrs.M.E.Harris, 375 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, I beg to say that Mrs.Harris has been in to see the Commission on several occasions, and last July I also replied to Senator Sharps regarding her case. The facts are as follows:-

Mrs.Harris tried the Senior Clerks' examination in April last. It was necessary to obtain 50% on each subject and 60% on the whole in order to be successful. Mrs.Harris fell down twelve marks in the paper on Modern Office Practice, and was also seven marks short of getting 60% on the whole. She was advised to send in an official appeal which would be given consideration, which she did, and her case was taken up in conjunction with a number of others similarly situated and her papers were re-examined. No material change was, however, made as a result of re-examining her papers, and she was notified on October 1st that it must be considered that she failed at the examination.

Of course we could not treat her case any differently to that of another, and I regret that the Commission would not feel justified, under the circumstances, because of the military record of her deceased husband, to give her exceptional treatment.

The Civil Service Act provides for preference in appointments to soldiers' widows as well
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