

Inter-department Correspondence



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:  
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FROM

THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
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My dear Mr. Claxton,

You must forgive me for not answering your letter of May 2nd, which I read with very great interest and passed over to the McCord Museum for preservation.

The last military event of any consequence here was the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Armoury of the Victoria Rifles a week ago last Saturday. The new Armoury is most conveniently situated on Cathcart Street, not far from University. The Governor-General and many citizens were present. The military unit in attendance was, of course, the Rifles, with whom paraded many of their veterans of the War. The next day I unveiled memorial tablets in memory of those of the Regiment who were killed in the War. One tablet was placed in the Church of St. James the Apostle, whose Rector, the Rev. Canon Shatford, was the first Chaplain on Overseas service. Marching from there the Regiment proceeded to Notre Dame Cathedral, where the second tablet was placed.

Shortly before that, on June 3rd, the King's Birthday, the Grenadier Guards of Montreal held a ceremony of Trooping the Colours in the McGill Stadium. Our founder, James McGill, was at one time the Commanding Officer of the Regiment out of which the Guards grew. Each year on Founder's Day - October 6th - a detachment of the Regiment, accompanied by the Band, mount guard at the Tomb of James McGill in front of the Arts Building and the Band plays selections.

All the Military Units of Montreal seem to be in a flourishing condition, and last Armistice Day I saw more troops on parade than at any time during the past twelve years.

We are languishing in a spell of extremely warm weather, for us, at the present time; for the last four or five days in succession the thermometer has