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heard so much of the flying ability of young Gardiner and that I had thought he would be attracted to the Air Force. Young Champ told me that he hoped to get into the Air Force this fall. The point is this boy has been held out as a great flying prodigy for two or three years but he is not yet in the Air Force.

As to Mr. Davis, he certainly did not serve in the last war, nor, do I think, did any of his brothers. I will check this for you, however, and let you know more definitely. I do not know whether Davis was married during the War or not. His first wife died during the war or very shortly afterwards. Davis was very sensitive on the point of the fact that he had no service. I remember in the Legislature here Davis and Carl Stewart, who was our Minister of Highways, got into a personal squabble one night when across the floor of the House Davis invited Stewart outside. Stewart stated that he would not mind at all going outside, but that the Member was showing a great deal more courage for fighting then than he had shown from 1914 to 1918. Davis was frightfully cut up about it. I do not think he had any real excuse for not serving. I will check up for sure about the other brothers, but there were two or three of them and I do not think any of them served.

I have been very much worried about the situation in the country and have a suggestion that you might consider. I discussed it last week here with Gordon Graydon, M.P. for Peel, who was in the City. I think the Empire Clubs that exist in the country should get busy and establish Empire Clubs in every city, town and village of the Dominion. Two years ago I urged this to some of the Members of the Executive in Winnipeg of their Empire Club and they promised to take it up with Toronto, which is the strongest Club, but nothing came of it. We simply must establish some organization in this country to promote appreciation of Empire. At the moment I do not trust Canadian Clubs to do it. To launch the Second War Loan in Regina we had a great splash of trumpets last week for Senator Norman Lambert. There was a splendid turnout of citizens

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