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## TO OUR FRIENDS IN B.C.

*Extract from our first Editorial written at The Willows Camp, Victoria, B.C., October 9, 1915.*

"THE WESTERN SCOT offers the injunction to one and all . . . that all hands should 'get in' and PLAY THE GAME."

*Extract from Article by LIEUT.-COLONEL ROSS in edition of January 19, 1916:—*

"Just one word to all ranks—at all times PLAY THE GAME: realize just how serious is the task before the British Empire in fighting against a so highly-organized and trained foe. I want to impress on all the urgent necessity for everyone to be as efficient as possible, and to know every detail of their work, for only in this way will we be able to avoid casualties through mistakes, and, when we meet the enemy, inflict upon him heavy losses, . . . so that, when the time shall come, the Western Scots may deserve and earn a reputation that will be an honour to Canada."

The time has come. Ere this has reached you, we hope to be at grapples with the enemy. We just want to tell you that the sentiments uttered above in the safety of Barracks on the Pacific Coast still predominate—We are ready to Play the Game to the end. Our period of training is over: the Test is near at hand. We flatter ourselves that it would be difficult for you to recognize in our present condition the bunch of raw recruits that said Good-bye to Victoria.

We are none of us blind to the fact that we may not return. We entered the Game well knowing and fully counting the cost.

We go forward unflinching and unafraid—confident that when our actions are recorded we shall receive and shall have earned from you the proud verdict—"Western Scots, you have done well, you have Played the Game."

GOOD-BYE.

### From our Friend Sir Richard McBride.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Through your business manager, Sergeant R. L. Condy, I have received an invitation to send on a few lines before the Battalion leaves for the Front. This I very gladly do.

Since more than a year ago, when Colonel Ross first intimated to me his desire to bring a Regiment Overseas, and his plan for the formation of the "Western Scots," I have tried to take an active interest in the proposal. From time to time, it has been my good fortune to be associated with your Commanding Officer and his colleagues in many ways that have, I trust, been of general interest to all. The raising of the Regiment, its sojourn in Victoria, then the voyage overseas and the stay at Bramshott have now become matters of record. That every single man has done his best, and that nothing has been spared to have the Regiment live up to the best traditions of our own Forces, is well-known. You are presently to take up duty actively in the Firing Line; that you should prove equal to every responsibility when the hour arrives is an assurance in which British Columbia—in fact the entire Dominion—may easily indulge.

In the trust that the best of fortune will follow you throughout, and with my warmest regards and good wishes, let me say to you "Good-bye" and "Good Luck."

RICHARD MCBRIDE.