

November
Fifteenth
1922.

Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell, K.C.B., D.S.O.,
Royal Military College,
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Mac:-

I have your letter of yesterday with
reference to our old friend Hugh.

When West in September with the
Montreal Board of Trade I saw him in Winnipeg where
he, with his usual fidelity to old friendship, came
to see me. He told me then about the severe loss
he had sustained by reason of the hail, but I had
no idea it was as serious as your letter indicates.
I thought he was not looking at all well. He appeared
thinner and older and certainly much less buoyant.
I remarked that to Harold Aikins and while Harold
agreed he said nothing about any serious financial
position. I hope Mr. Mitchell exaggerates the case,
but I do not think he would.

I shall write to Dyer, as suggested
by Mr. Mitchell, and I will think very hard about
what I can do to induce the present Dominion Govern-
ment to offer him some position. If I know Dyer
well enough, I know that he would refuse to take a
position which indicated on its face that it was
something created solely to help him out. Neverthe-
less we will see what can be done. Do you know
whether Dyer's land is heavily mortgaged or not? I
think I shall write to Harold Aikins about it.

Thank you very much for the notes
re the Sir Arthur Currie Hall. I do not know whether
this memorandum is going to be permanent or not. If
it is I suggest that it be carefully edited. For