

November 5th, 1923.

Captain Ian St.Clair,  
Lake Hill P. O.,  
British Columbia.

My dear Captain St.Clair:-

I was glad to receive this morning your letter of October 27th. May I thank you for all your good wishes.

I hope the Junior Canadian Club will be a great success. Such organizations can serve a very useful purpose and you cannot begin too soon to interest young people in such things as the value of tradition, the duties of citizenship, patriotism, etc. I am sorry that I have not time at present to prepare a paper to be read before the Society. You will understand better what I mean when I tell you that in the next twelve days I have, at least, as many public addresses to make, and if I were to begin the practice of preparing papers to be read before societies, my days would need to be many times longer than the normal twenty-four hours. However, during the winter I may send you something which you may feel disposed to read to the members on my behalf.

I am glad to observe the note of optimism in your concluding sentences. Almost every letter I have had from Victoria this year has complained in bitter tones of the unsatisfactory business conditions and has painted