

September 28th, 1927.

Major R. D. Furse,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

My dear Major Furse:-

This morning Mr. Ian Pirie came to see me and we had an hour's chat. He intends spending some ten days or so in Montreal and I shall see something more of him.

I believe that to-day General Sir William sails from Quebec. I am sorry that I did not meet him during his visit here this summer. I was away in Honolulu attending a Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations and so missed him when he arrived. However, I did lay eyes on him in Winnipeg when my train passed through. It waits half an hour there and in that time I walked over to the Royal Alexandra Hotel, where the members of the Mining Congress were meeting for dinner. I saw a distinguished gentleman all dressed up in medals and decorations, but although the face was familiar I could not name him. It was only when reading the Press reports that I concluded it was the General whose face puzzled me so strangely in Winnipeg.

Please remember me kindly to him, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,