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General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G. &c.,
Montreal.

My dear Arthur,

I am writing to ask your active assistance in placing
Victoria and Vancouver Island on the map.

You know the position we are in here; the very fact of our being on an Island places us at a disadvantage from a commercial standpoint. During all the years I have been here the only line of attempted action that has been followed to increase our population has been in the way of trying to get various industries into our midst, and to confine all our thoughts of development within the City boundaries. The result has been an utter failure, and we are drifting from bad to worse. Our bonded debt is over twenty million dollars and during the last year or two the Council to avoid heavier taxation has been using the sinking funds, so that our financial position is worse than it has ever been. As usual, we are asking for Federal and Provincial assistance to take care of the unemployment problem this winter, and every effort or suggestion that is made appears to me to be of a temporary nature to tide over present difficulties.

Last Spring, after my return from New Zealand and noting there the organization created by that Dominion for the