

April 8th, 1927.

Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Macmillan, D.S.O.,
Saint John, N. B.

My dear Colonel:-

I am going to impose on your good nature and ask you to advise me in a certain matter.

Making application for a Coloneial Medical appointment is a young fellow known as John Merrill Cruikshank of Saint John, who graduated from McGill in the year 1925. While here he had a good record and was well regarded by everyone, including his fellow students and professors. Since then he has been an Interne in several hospitals and lately has been Ship Surgeon on the Canadian Government Merchant Marine S.S. "Canadian Fisher". We are very particular as to those whom we recommend to the Colonial Office, because it was I who induced the Secretary of State for the Dominions to admit Canadians to the British Civil Service. Mr. Cruikshank's father is John Percy Cruikshank, Manager of McAvity's Iron and Brass Foundry, and his address is 12 Olive Street, Saint John West. His mother's maiden name was Janet Ethel Crombie. What I want you to do, Colonel, is to tell me whether the family are what you and I would call 'decent people'.

I am going up to Ottawa tomorrow to attend a little dinner of the Infantry Association. We all miss Byng's Vimy dinners.

Yours faithfully,