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1449 Grant St.,
Victoria, B. C.,
April 8th, 1925.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K. C. B., K. C. M. G., L1.D.,
President,
Mc Gill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Sir,-

In the course of my military experience I learned the Magna Charta of the Army, the soldier's right of approach to the Corps Commander. This is the bond between the Private and the General, which requiring from the one loyal service and a just cause for appeal, assures a fair and patient hearing on the part of the other. In this great privilege every true soldier reposes all confidence. So relying on your sympathetic understanding and on your justice of comprehension, I as a gunner in the Canadian Field Artillery might have appealed to you, the Commander of the Canadian Army Corps. With the shadow of this warrant but with the fullness of this trust I now address myself to you, knowing that you will weigh all circumstances of the matter in hand with fairness; and, judging with a mind which retains the ideals of other and bigger times, be moved to exert what influence you may have, to suggest some appropriate line of action or to frankly express your opinion.

I have no case of my own to plead; nor do I put forward the claim or grievance of some unfortunate comrade in France. My entreaty is for gracious recognition by this Country of great services rendered to her by one who took count neither of pains nor of reward.

Among your soldiers in France were few whose gallantry and devotion exceeded those of a gentleman, whose unfortunate condition of sight and hearing forced him to perform in Canada his duty in the common cause. In such a manner did Capt. Ian St. Clair do his bit, bravely and whole - heartedly bending every effort of mind and body to the fostering among us of high ideals and patriotic pride, which became reflected in the enlistments and actions on the Field of many from this City.

Through your long residence in Victoria and your connection with its schools and its militia units you have a knowledge of the work of Capt. St. Clair among its youth for many years before the War. You can judge of its value to the Country and you know to what degree this service, - rendered under handicaps