July 20th. 1922.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., 335 Eleventh Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Reverend MacBeth: -

Let me acknowledge receipt of

your letter of July 12th.

I am very glad a project is on foot to use your book "Policing the Plains" as a basis for a film. I can imagine nothing from a Canadian point of view more interesting or more inspiring. Even outside of Canada I am sure such a film would be very acceptable and I wish Mr. Steele all success in his efforts to give such a film to the public.

The making of these films is, of course, a very costly project. It is not a matter of a few thousands, but a matter of many tens of thousands and I cannot imagine any set of business men taking it up unless they were in such a business, nor would men invest money in the project if the idea were to make this film and this film alone. There are, of course, many wealthy men in Montreal who give most liberally and generously to all charitable and patriotic endeavour. This, though, is not a patriotic thing and would be regarded solely as a business venture and Capt. Steele would have to impress them with the merits of the scheme. I remember him very well and I am sure I wish you both every success, for the project is a worthy one and ought to succeed.

Yours faithfully,