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again, whereas they knew there was no chance for Crowe. Cy fell between two stools and I am sorry he did not insist on the Senatorship and retire. I imagine Pack will find considerable difficulty in settling down in Victoria, for I do not suppose he is any too well off.

Militia affairs in the East seem to be going not too badly. I sometimes see the Highlanders here on parade and it looks to me as if quite 500 or 600 men were out. Waddy Burland is O.C. of the Victoria Rifles (the 24th) and says he is satisfied. Basil Price is O.C. of the 14th (Royal Montreal Regiment) and while the numbers are small the regiment always turns out exceedingly well. In Montreal I see a great many returned officers. The University Club is full of them and to go there is almost like attending a reunion. We have now started a Returned Officers' Club and with some 300 or 400 members enrolled have hopes of being able to carry on successfully. Colonel Regan is the President, Rykert McCuaig is Vice and Leslie Haynes, formerly Major of the Seventh) is Secretary. I am the Honorary President.

I am disappointed that I could not get to Victoria this summer, but work requiring my presence here during July cut down the time at my disposal so much that it was not worth while to go and furthermore the cost of travelling is still high.

Somebody told me not long ago, Urquhart, that you will have to have another operation. I most earnestly pray that it will be completely successful and that after it you get a real chance to recover fully. I believe your sister is with you. Please remember me kindly to her and with all good wishes, I am, dear Urquhart,

Ever yours faithfully,