

October 11th, 1923.

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My dear Major:-

I was grieved very much to learn by your letter of September 10th that your family has suffered another bereavement. Your long letter recently received told me of the movements of the family and I thought you had had your share of misfortune. However, I know your stout British heart will not bend under this most recent affliction, and let us hope that when you become reunited in England things will go better and that you will be happy as in the days of old.

Last August I had a visit here from Dick Rankin and his wife. I had seen Rankin in England in 1919 just before coming home to Canada after the war. I was over again in 1921 and was fortunate enough to be there when he was home on leave from Gibraltar. This year he came to Canada - his wife being a Canadian girl. They spent a week with me and although Rankin several years ago had a most severe illness I thought I never saw him looking better. Mrs. Rankin seems a very nice woman indeed and they appear to be very happy together. They have no children which both regret greatly. I think that Rankin expects to be at Gibraltar for some time yet. I noticed by the press recently that General Smith Dorien has given up the position of Governor there and has been succeeded by General Munro.

We had a visit a few days ago from Mr. Lloyd George and now the Prince of Wales is in the city. He is travelling incognito as Lord Renfrew and is on his way home after spending nearly a month