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My dear Mack:-

I have your letter of the 1st telling me of the date of Seely's arrival a week from next Monday.

I hope that I shall be in Montreal on that day, although I am going to Toronto next week, and afterwards on to spend a day or so with my Mother at Strathroy. I am planning now to leave there on Sunday the 12th. If so, I shall be in Montreal on the 13th and will be very glad to meet Seely on his arrival. Should he spend any time whatever here, I shall be glad to pay him some attention.

I spoke to Mr. Birks, who is the Chairman of the Presidents of the Canadian Clubs in Canada, and advised him to recommend to the Canadian Clubs that Seely would be a suitable person to address them.

I am very glad that MacB. is taking such an interest in the R.M.C. Undoubtedly he is the man to be the directing influence in Canadian Military affairs. You will note that in the new organization, which became necessary after my leaving Ottawa, MacB. became the head of the Militia Council, and that the Inspector General has no seat on the Council. There are many reasons to justify this arrangement, and I am quite sure that my advice to Mr. Guthrie was sound.