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Lord Byng of Vimy,
Governor General of Canada,
Government House,
Ottawa.

Dear Lord Byng:-

I know you won't mind my writing
this very personal letter to you.

I was much interested in what you
said in Toronto with reference to the absence of
slums in Canada and the duty of Canadian people
to see to it that slums did not grow. I want you
to promise me that when you are in Montreal next
month you will come with me, and with the Director
of our Social Service Department as pilot, we
shall see conditions in this city which cannot
be described as anything else than slums, and
they are here because there is a very apathetic
civic and social conscience.

I was also interested in the
published report of what Lady Byng said regard-
ing the feeble-minded. Perhaps, Her Excellency
would accompany us on our visit. I believe if
you both can do anything to awaken a social
conscience in the minds of our well-to-do you
will be rendering a very great service to our
Canadian people and to Canada.

I find no fault with our well-to-
do people when it comes to the matter of sub-
scribing liberally to charities, but money is not
all that is required. There must be a real
concern regarding conditions of living, housing,
child welfare, the unmarried mother, etc., and
before we can get that concern there must be
knowledge. A great many women are interested in