

Confidential

58 Home St.,
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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear General Currie:

Our letters are not very frequent and generally when something is wanted, "A friend in need is a friend indeed" so they say. I am not in "need", but I would appreciate the good offices of a friend just now.

Perhaps you know that a commission was appointed to investigate certain supposed irregularities in the supplying of coal to Fort Osborne Barracks. This Commission has reported and I am given to understand that it has recommended that its powers be extended to investigate other departments and that while this investigation is going on the senior officers at Fort Osborne be suspended.

Some of my friends in Winnipeg, entirely unknown to me, have interested themselves in my behalf and they are strongly urging the Minister of Militia to appoint me as Commanding Officer during the further investigation and if a change is made to give me the appointment permanently. It came as a great surprise to me, but as it strongly backed I am going to try to get it.

I know Hon. J. A. Robb and Hon. Chas. Stewart very well, but I do not know Hon. McDonald, Minister of Militia nor Hon. George Graham, who is at present acting Minister of Militia.

And why I am writing you is that you might interest yourself on my behalf, and I would greatly appreciate it, should you care to do so.

I do not know whether you have heard anything about the findings of the Commission. It has not been made public, but my information is that it will be startling and discreditable to the parties concerned. They say give a man rope enough and he will hand himself. Apparently General K.--has done this.

I am told that the Commission recommends the Court Martialling of him and a couple of others.