



Office of Edw. McCormick

819 Yonge Street,
Toronto, June 23rd, 1921.

General Sir Arthur Curry,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The enclosed subscription form is one which I am using successfully among gentlemen who have been Knighted by His Majesty the King. I am making a collection of original portraits in a special treatment of oil and watercolor, which has appealed strongly to the most prominent men in Canada, that will be presented to the Archives Gallery of Canada and be personally acknowledged by Dr. Arthur Doughty, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Archives.

From these originals, which are head and shoulder, 20 X 24" in size, suitably framed with name-plate, I am reproducing the likenesses and including them in a very beautiful deluxe volume. The book will be bound in solid leather with the enclosed crest and title in sterling silver on the cover and will be the most attractive and exclusive volume ever compiled in Canada.

I have successfully executed the portraits of Sir John Gibson, Sir Lyman Melvin-Jones, Sir Henry Pellatt, Sir Wm. Whyte, Sir Robt. Borden, Sir Sanford Fleming, Sir Rodmond Roblin, Sir Daniel MacMillan, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, Sir Vincent Meredith, Sir Sir Wm. Gage, Sir Sam. Hughes, Sir George Gibbons, Sir Douglas Cameron, Sir Frank Baillie, Sir John Eaton, etc. and feel sure that I can please you with a similar portrait which I guarantee to be satisfactory.

I shall be glad to use the best photograph you may have available, either in civic or military dress, in the latter case I would pay careful attention to correctly reproducing your uniform and decorations as I have been able to do in several other portraits. As I have received every encouragement from those I have communicated with so far I have no doubt that I shall complete the series of portraits this year so that the presentation may be made before the New Year. It is very desirable that the series should be complete and I will be grateful for any exception you might make in helping me to bring the project to a complete and successful issue.

Sincerely yours,

E. McCormick