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BRITISH COLUMBIA RETURNED SOLDIER COMMISSION

VICTORIA, B.C.

Personal.

October 8th, 1926.

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

Dear General:-

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 28th enclosing copy of letter from Rev. Ashley of Stewart making an appeal on behalf of Gordon P. Heinekey. I am writing to Mr. Ashley telling him that you have written to me in connection with the matter and that I am asking for a full report from the Secretary of the United Services Club at Stewart with a view to seeing what assistance might be rendered from the Canteen Fund. Mr. Heinekey a few years ago took up a farm under the Soldier Settlement Board and from files which we have in this office it would seem that he had a hard struggle to makethings go and eventually had to abandon the farm. Reports from the Soldier Settlement Board do not seem to be very favorable, however, his difficulties were undoubtedly increased by his physical handicap. I will follow this case up and do all I can to help.

I read with much pleasure an article in the last copy of the Legionary containing an account of your very fine address at the Nova Scotia Veterans reunion at Amherst a short time ago. You will have seen by the papers that the Army and Navy Veterans at their Dominion Convention held at Victoria a short time ago decided not to come in with the Legion. This decision I am satisfied was due almost wholly to the influence of their President, General Griesbach, a man for whom, although a gallant soldier, I have little use, as it was chiefly due to his action in the Senate that much of the Legislation passed by the Commons in the last two years was so badly mutilated by the Senate. I know a good deal about the inner history of General Griesbach's activities and I am convinced in my own mind that he is a great stumbling block to Veterans in Canada.

There have been no developments lately in connection with the Regiment. I wrote you in April giving an account of the situation at that time. Some weeks later I was asked as O.C. the Reserve to approve the transfer of eight officers from the Active List. The stand I took at that time is explained in a letter dated