

June 22nd, 1925.

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My dear Mac:-

You will forgive me for not answering your kind note of June 13th before this.

I am beginning to feel quite myself again and consider myself extremely fortunate with reference to that troublesome operation. The Surgeon assures me that he did a good job and that the trouble is not malignant. I am trying to clean up my work and get away next Friday for the Old Country.

I notice in the Press this morning a dispatch from Ottawa indicating that Andy Thompson's son is likely to receive the appointment of Black Rod. I suppose the political influence of the young man's father was greater than the pleas of the rest of us. However, Mac, you are much better off without the position unless they were willing to give you the salary in addition to your pension, which they might very well have done and still left the country very much indebted to you.

I believe, Mac, that to-day completes forty years military service for you. In retiring you have the proud consciousness that you have done your duty in every respect as a good soldier, that you have set an example of manly conduct, unselfish service and good citizenship that will be held up as a model long after you have gone to your reward. You have borne a proud name and have worthily upheld its best traditions. I,