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Lieut.-Colonel W. Ridgway Wilson,
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Victoria, B. C.

Dear Ridgway:-

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 1st and wish to thank you for your congratulations on my joining the Directorate of the Bank of Montreal.

I note that you are desirous of being appointed Architect in charge of all B. of M. work on Vancouver Island. If at any time I can put in a word for you in this connection I shall be very glad to do so, and will take the first opportunity of mentioning the matter to the Bank authorities. It would also help a little, I think, if you were to write to Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, who is now the Manager of The Royal Trust Company, not the Montreal Trust Company. The association between the Bank of Montreal and The Royal Trust is very close, whereas the Montreal Trust is rather closely associated with the Royal Bank.

I should think there ought soon to be a speeding up in the building line. There was so little done during the War that the normal increase in population demands increased accommodation. It is interesting to know that the Hudson Bay Building is to be opened shortly, and that work in connection with the Dry Dock will soon begin. Victoria has always derived a good deal of satisfaction from knowing that works like the Dry Dock and the Johnson Street bridge are being undertaken. My mind goes back to the time when we in Victoria based our hopes for prosperity on Riley and the Dredge. Too often, I think, have the people out there looked to the Government to keep things going and too seldom have they put their own shoulders to the wheel to shove things along.