

on the grounds of expediency you must let him remain, but I would bear it in mind and get rid of him as soon as I could. If I were taking a force to war again and Gordon wanted to come along I would refuse to accept him in any capacity.

Neville Armstrong is, I suppose, the officer we had at our Training Camp in charge of the Rifle Shooting Department. I hope his domestic affairs have all been cleared up. Have the relations between the two regiments become any more cordial? When I visited the messes on the evening when last in Victoria I tried to say something which would have a good effect. I hope I am not to be disappointed in that. There is plenty of room in Victoria for both an infantry regiment and an artillery regiment. The ranks of both ought to be completely filled, while the best of comradeship and good will should prevail. Of course, there will be rivalry, but that will be good for both. The officers are the ones to set the standard of co-operation and I tried to impress that fact upon my old comrades of the 5th.

I am sorry that Cy Peck is worried about his prospects. He deserved much better at the hands of the Government than he got. I had an opportunity of speaking in Prince Rupert on the way back and did not hesitate to tell them my estimation of Cy and my appreciation of the loss they had sustained in letting him leave the district. My remarks received a very fine reception and I think if the election could have been held over again that night Cy would have been elected. Some of his friends blame him for his defeat, stating that he allowed himself to receive open support from parties whose names are anathema to all the good people of Prince Rupert. However, he deserves a full measure of prosperity and I hope it speedily comes to him.