

Sir A.C. Macdonell

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and I am sure you will find this very interesting.

I haven't heard anything particular from Kingston except that there was some dissatisfaction with the Engineer Department and that a man from Toronto had been asked to apply for the position. This gossip comes through University circles and not from the R.M.C. I would be sorry to hear that Schmidlin is not doing well.

I saw Harold Aikins here last week. He had a little luncheon party at the Ritz attended by Allan Magee, Billy Shaughnessy, Bertie Ogilvie, Royal Ewing, Hugh Wallace, George McDonald and one or two other ruffians. He confirmed the news I had in Winnipeg that Hugh Dyer has got a position under the Manitoba Government. Hugh was in Winnipeg for the two days I was there and I saw a good deal of him. He looked well and was probably feeling more free from worry than usual. I believe his job is to go about the Province and list, value and report upon abandoned farms. I think he receives something like \$10.00 a day travelling expenses.

I haven't heard anything at all concerning the conference of Veterans interested in union which recently took place at Winnipeg. They asked me to be Honorary President, but I am convinced they regard the position as purely honorary, because since Haig's visit none of those interested have ever said a word to me about it. I do not know who this chap Moore is who has been chosen as President, but, between ourselves, the one report I did receive did not impress me very much.

Please remember me very kindly to Lady Macdonell and to Miss Alison, and with every kind wish to all of you for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,