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Major General Henri Panet, C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O.
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear General Panet,

I am so glad to learn that you are going to Sault St. Marie to participate in the celebrations held there next week. I am particularly happy that you have consented to deliver a message from me. In the first place, will you convey to the citizens of Sault St. Marie and their guests my profound regret at my inability to join in the reunion of Returned Men and the Celebration commemorating the Battle of Amiens and the three-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Sault Rapids and Lake Superior. In the second place will you say to them that I know of no officer in the Canadian Corps whom I would prefer to yourself to represent me in any reunion of returned men.

It is not a difficult matter to establish a connection between the discovery of Lake Superior and Canada's participation in the Great War. The very qualities which carried our pioneer forefathers to success in their early explorations of what is now Canada were the same qualities which enabled the Canadian Corps to triumph over every difficulty, to surmount every obstacle, and to