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Brigadier-General J. A. Clark,  
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Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Clark:-

On my return to Montreal after the Christmas vacation I found awaiting me your letter of last December, with which you enclosed a copy of one from Mr. Mack Eastman to yourself.

It is true that the matter of West's History has engendered quite a controversy in Montreal. I think Professor Eastman's chapter on the war frees the work of one of the objections raised, but, on the other hand, there are people who say that he has written too much about the war, but how anyone could write what purports to be a world's history and make little allusion to the Great War passes my understanding.

I daresay those in favour of West's History exceed in number those opposed to it, but there are many students of history who doubt the advisability of putting such a book in the curriculum of High School students. Personally, I question the propriety and usefulness of asking any students of our Public or High Schools to use such a comprehensive work in the study of history when they have so many other subjects to read. You will gather I am not particularly keen on the book, although I admit I have not carefully read it from cover to cover. I thank Professor Eastman very much for his courtesy in sending me the book and I hope in the near future to be able to read it more conscientiously.