

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
CANADA.

Ottawa, Ont., August 28th, 1918.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter of the 26th instant is before me. As soon as an opportunity is afforded I shall give consideration to the correspondence which you mention. The Minister of Naval Service could inform you that since December, 1916, much more has been undertaken and accomplished in the way of naval defence than is generally understood. The question was taken up with the British Government in the early weeks of the war and we were asked to concentrate our strength upon military effort. Two years afterwards it became necessary to take the action which I have mentioned.

Mr. Ballantyne has been asked to give attentive consideration to your suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

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