

December 15, 1924.

Lt. Col. F.B. Bagshaw,
Great War Veterans Association,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

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My dear Bagshaw:-

Your letter in which you ask me to make a contribution to your year-book brings vividly to mind the days when I contributed to the Fifth Battalion Annual.

My connection with the soldiers of Saskatchewan was a long and to me a happy one, from the time when, while I was on my way to Valcartier, a battery of gunners boarded the train and were under my command, until they reached the camp. It was not long before I was entrusted with the Fifth Brigade, and from then on I had under my command an increasing number of men of the Western Plains.

I can say without effort or exaggeration, without throwing any bouquets, that there were no finer men or better soldiers in the Canadian Corps. The qualities shown in those days are needed today for the work of peace. There was no thought of provincialism. Disinterested and loyal co-operation was the primary object of all. Every man had a man's part to play and he played it as best he could. We may agree today on an objective: the progress and the prosperity of Canada, but if that objective is to be reached every man must do his part earnestly and cheerfully. We must carry on without grousing, and take an active interest in our country's affairs, put aside any racial animosity, any party prejudice; we must do all we can to advance the cause of Canada.

Yours faithfully,