February Twentieth 1923. R. Bessonette, Esq., Garrison Officers Mess, Esquimalt, B. C. My dear Mr. Bessonette:-I am this morning in receipt of your letter of February 12th, with enclosure. I shall write to Ottawa to-day and . state what I can in your favour. To me it seems a strange proceeding that you should be let out of the service at the age of 45. You ought to be able to give the very best kind of service for the next ten or fifteen years. I shall say everything I can, Mr. Bessonette, though I find Governments very arbitrary and not always amenable to reason. With all good wishes, I am, Yours faithfully,