

to him when he met the members of the Canadian Club. It was a very large and enthusiastic gathering, completely filling His Majesty's Theatre here. I also dined with him that night, and, publicly and privately, he expressed his most enthusiastic admiration for the fighting qualities of the Canadian troops.

I hope you have not taken too much upon yourself in assuming command of the Canadian Scottish. It is the best thing that could happen to the regiment if you are able to stand it. The officers and men ought to appreciate your effort by giving you super-loyalty and support. I never had any confidence that Martin would do well. He was one of the most gallant officers we had, but he always had a very bad manner.

I had a letter from Fred Richardson who feels very badly that he has not been allowed to join the regiment, as he had been asked by Colonel Peck, so he says, to be its Musketry Officer. You may have met Richardson and possibly have regarded him as an unusual person. I have known him for more than 25 years, Urquhart, and despite all his oddities, I can say that he is a useful man in a regiment. No man could be more loyal and I know of no one in Canada his equal as a trainer of young soldiers in rifle shooting. I assure you he has a distinct manner and should not be lightly thrown aside. It may be, though, that you have a much younger man to fill the position.

All is going very well in Montreal.

Please remember me most kindly to my friends in Victoria, and wishing you the best of luck, I am, dear Urquhart,

Ever yours faithfully,