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Personal

Rt. Hon. Sir George E. Foster, C.C.M.G., P.C.,  
Minister of Trade and Commerce,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir George Foster:-

I desire to ask your assistance  
in finding suitable employment for Lieut.-Colonel  
Eric MacDonald, D.S.O. and Bar, M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel MacDonald went over  
with the 1st Canadian Division as a member of the  
12th Battalion. His service in France was alto-  
gether with the 10th Inf. Battalion, which he joined  
as a subaltern and rose steadily until he became  
its Commanding Officer, a position which he held  
during the last year of the War. I can say with  
confidence that he was one of the very best officers  
serving in the Canadian forces, possessing great  
determination to see a thing through to a success-  
ful conclusion. I can give many instances where  
his personal example contributed in the highest  
degree to the success of his Battalion. He knew  
what was required to ensure victory and was any-  
thing but casual or indifferent. He was most  
faithful in the performance of his duty and most  
devoted to the work on hand, and most loyal always.

Perhaps, you may remember his father,  
Reverend MacDonald, a Baptist Minister, who, I  
understand is rather well known in the Province of  
New Brunswick, and who now is stationed at Wolfville,  
N.S.

In the re-organization of the Canadian  
Militia after the War I would gladly have taken Eric  
on the strength of the Canadian permanent forces,  
but at that time he had other ideas as to his own