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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

MONTREAL ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION  
Symphony Concerts

Dear General:

As you no doubt know, these concerts are growing in popularity every Sunday, but of course the receipts from the sale of tickets are not adequate to pay salaries and expenses. Bovey may have mentioned to you that Miss Shaughnessy and Madame David have accepted positions on a subscription campaign and are endeavoring to get 20,000 people in Montreal to subscribe \$2.00 each, thus becoming members of the Association.

To run the affairs of the Association properly committees composed of both French and English have been formed. The Frenchmen have responded very readily, but, as you can imagine, it is a very much more difficult job to interest Englishmen. We must get a good type of Englishman to hold our own with the cultured Frenchmen who are taking great interest in this movement. The average man when asked to interest himself in music immediately says No, but he would hesitate to refuse if the invitation to join a committee came from you as one of the Honorary Presidents of the Association, and this is to ask if you could, before you go, have letters dictated to the gentlemen mentioned on the attached list, asking them if they would serve on the committees indicated.

I did not realize you were leaving town so soon and hesitate to add to your difficulties, but it would be tremendously appreciated if you could have your secretary write these letters. *A love over the answers to me -*

Thanking you in anticipation of anything you can do for us and wishing you the best of luck on your important mission, believe me, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. C. Riley.