

October 15th, 1924.

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My dear Colonel:-

I should have answered your letter of the 16th September before this but I was waiting to find out a little more about the matter, and also to learn whether there would be any real occasion for moving along the line you suggest.

So far I haven't got much information more than what you gave me and what I saw in the Press, where it was intimated that startling revelations would be made. I have not heard from any authoritative source at Ottawa that they contemplated relieving the present commanding officer pending any further investigation. How the present incumbent ever enjoyed the confidence of so many people in Winnipeg was always more than I could understand, but apparently, his position has been very strong. In case any move is made to dislocate him I am sure there would be a good deal of secret pressure brought to bear in his behalf. It seems that the only thing to do is to watch how the cat jumps and move accordingly.

One hears good reports about the crop situation in Manitoba. I believe it has been more abundant and of a better quality there than in the other western provinces, though I am told that business conditions in Winnipeg itself are none too good.