

Major H. Willis O'Connor

will leave a lasting impression, whereas, when he speaks to clubs composed of men of all ages he cannot hope to say anything to influence them very much because their minds are already set. Naturally, institutions like the Canadian Club want to hear him and to do him honour, but he does not want to run away with the idea that in his speeches to them he is saying anything which is going to change their ways very much. To a group of young men who compose the McGill Canadian Club he can say something which will impress them and which will influence them. He is not the only one who makes a mistake by refusing to address a student-body. Mackenzie King did the same thing last year and at the same time spent a week in Montreal attending social functions. These young men do not forget such treatment. I think the Governor General has been very wise in shewing the interest he does in the work of the Boy Scouts. That is a splendid thing to do and is more than worth all the trouble he takes.

You will understand, Willis, that this is a very personal letter and for your own eyes only. I saw where Mrs. O'Connor had attended the opening of the House and so I conclude she is well. We are all looking forward to the great event and hope that it will be another link binding the English and Irish people together.

Lady Currie has been laid up for the last week with chicken-pox. Marjorie and Garner are home from school in consequence.

Please remember me kindly to the chaps at the Militia Department. I shall be glad if you will tell me of the changes there which I hear are more than likely to be brought about.

Yours ever