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all good soldiers, but it doesn't follow that because Byng has made such a splendid success of his position another soldier will do as well. Just now we have visiting in Montreal the Duchess of Atholl. Their names have been mentioned and I think would be acceptable. He always impressed one as a very bluff, hearty, good-natured fellow, while she is particularly nice, I think, - a well educated woman with no foolish notions of pride or superiority. Possibly Basil Brooke may be able to give us the latest London gossip regarding the Governor Generalship. I see by the papers he has arrived in Ottawa. I think he has made this visit merely to be present at the Vimy Dinner. I have not heard of his accompanying Byng to the West.

I do not know when I shall see you again. I am not going West this year and have no idea when I shall get out again.

Please remember me very kindly to Lady Macdonnell and to Miss Alison.

With all good wishes to you, old man, I am,

Yours ever,