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Department of Soldiers' Civil
Re-Establishment.

Ottawa, 25th March, 1922.

Colonel A.E. Snell,
Dept. M. & D.,
Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Snell:-

I have your letter enclosing communication from Sir Arthur Currie, which I return herewith. You will be perfectly safe in assuring General Currie that the Department has a very minute knowledge of Cahan's condition, and there is no reason to expect that he will receive other than the most sympathetic treatment.

There was no reason why Captain Cahan should have been worried about hospital accounts, as the hospital had been advised officially, previous to his entrance, that all accounts would be met by the Dominion Government.

I should like you to know (this however is confidential) that Cahan is a confirmed drug addict. He has suffered terribly, and I am not inclined to blame him at all, nor is the fact of his now being a drug addict held against him in any way. It does account, however, for a nervous condition which should be taken into consideration when communications are received from him.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) W.C.Arnold.

Director Medical Services