

May 14th, 1925.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa.

I wish to make an earnest appeal to you and to your Government to give the position rendered vacant by the death of Colonel Chambers to Major-General Sir Archibald Macdonell, now Commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston. I am sure Sir Archibald would fill the position with dignity and grace and would be a popular personage around the Houses of Parliament.

The Macdonell family have had a long and honourable record in the history of Canada, have always been most sturdy in their patriotism and a splendid example to their countrymen as to their willingness to fight for their homeland and the Empire. But I do not base my plea on that, rather on the General's own personality and service. He is a clean-minded, clean-thinking, bluff soldier, outstanding in his sense of honour and right, in devotion to duty and in loyalty to all things Canadian. I think he has been the finest Commandant the R.M.C. has ever had. I know he regrets leaving there very much, feeling that the time has come when others regard him as having outlived his usefulness and that there is nothing for him to do but to lie around and die.

I am really worried about Macdonell believing that if he has nothing to do he will soon break up, for he has led a most active, strenuous life putting into his work always his last ounce of energy, mental and physical.