

Most Noble Order of Crusaders

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Personal.

Sir,

I thank you sincerely for your reply to my letter regarding a proposed Scholarship for the R.M.C. commemorating the services to his Country of Major-General Sir A.C. Macdonell.

We had hoped to raise a sum of \$10,000., which would enable a Cadet to pass through the College without any expense to his parents, and besides would provide him with about \$250. on graduation with which to make a start in life. There would be no other Scholarship equal to it in the Dominion, I think.

Unfortunately, in taking the matter up with the authorities to ascertain whether, when the money was raised, it would be acceptable to the Government, there seemed a tendency to discourage further action and under the circumstances I do not see that we are justified in proceeding further with the scheme.

Needless to say, we are bitterly disappointed, particularly since our motive was to keep bright the memory of a beloved General. We had no personal interest. Though members of the Crusaders, we were acting as private citizens, so that it might not be thought the Order was out to benefit by the action.

As the time is now so short I fear, to my everlasting regret, that this opportunity for placing a much needed Scholarship at the College and at the same time honouring a great man, must be abandoned.

You will appreciate, Sir, that I write this in confidence.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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