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January 27th, 1933.

Major General The Honourable A.D. McRae,
c/o The Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

My dear A.D.:

The Seaforth Highlanders', as you know, need an Armoury. They have been more or less first on the list for consideration for many years. The Regiment has performed most efficiently for over twenty-one years. To-day, it is acknowledged to be the most efficient in the Province, having won the efficiency trophy every year but one since the War, and on that occasion the marks showed practically a tie.

The difficulties they are confronted with in their training are very serious and it is doubtful whether their splendid work can be continued under existing conditions. I know Colonel Sutherland and General McNaughton are favourable to early action. The excuse offered against this at the moment is some difficulty in connection with the handling of the funds of the Artillery and the B.C. Horse Armoury. This is a great misfortune of course. I think I explained some of the circumstances to you some time ago. There need be no fear of a repetition in this instance. The civilian personnel supporting the proposal should be a reassurance on this, and any steps thought necessary to safe-guard the matter will be readily consented to.

Knowing your deep interest in defence matters I hope it is not asking too much of you to interest yourself, and if successful, to communicate to the Commanding Officer of the Seaforth's, the good news that you have succeeded in persuading the Government to make the necessary provision at this Session.

Some difficulty also seems to have resulted from some slight error on the part of the Defence Department Officials in preparing the estimate. There should be no difficulty in amending this as the Regiment should not suffer because of a Departmental error.

I need not remind you of the importance of

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