

July 3rd, 1922.

Hon. Dr. J.H. King,  
Minister of Public Works,  
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. King:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from George A. Walkem of Vancouver asking me to support his candidature for a position on the Vancouver Harbour Board.

I do not know Walkem anything like as well as you do, Doctor. I have met him and that is about all. He graduated in Science from McGill in 1896 and I am attaching herewith a clipping from the Engineering Journal giving some information about him.

As a private citizen I can never see the reason why Harbour Commissioners must be supporters politically of the party in power. Yet I know that after the last election the Commissioners of the port of Montreal resigned and that the new Board were all strong political sympathizers of the present Government. I also know that the Government required the resignation of my old friend Sir David Watson because he was a political antagonist. I know nothing about Walkem's political affiliations and little about his professional qualifications. If he is qualified for the position I would, of course, like to see it filled by a McGill man and you, as a McGill alumnus, will understand that feeling.

I hope that some time Lady Currie and I may have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. King and yourself in Montreal. With all good wishes I am, dear Doctor,

Ever yours faithfully,