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Montreal, January 12th, 1925.

Major-General W.B. Lindsay,  
The Hydro, *op Bank of Montreal*  
Harrogate, England.

Dear Bill:-

The evening I left for Strathroy for the Xmas holidays I received your letter written from Harrogate.

I am very sorry things have broken so badly for you, both as regards your health and the oil patent. I knew, of course, that it was a slow matter but according to your last letter, - received after my return to Montreal - I conclude that you almost despair that anything will ever come, despite all your work, worry and expense during the last five years.

I called on your mother and am glad to report that she is improving in health. She was in bed, but her skin was fresh, her eye bright, and her manner cheerful and optimistic. She had tried sitting up that day but five minutes or so sufficed. While she does not look thin she has been unable to eat much of anything for some time. Her appetite is getting better while the stomach is stronger each day. She hoped to be well enough by the end of this month to go to the West and I believe she will. I quite understand your worry but believe there is no need for any uneasiness.

Regarding suitable employment I have nothing definite to suggest but will not forget the matter.

Hughes is at present in Victoria but is expected back some time soon. I always see him when he is here and will find out what his intentions are. I am sure he can have his present position as long as a necessity for it exists and he wants it. Mewburn and Turner are the most active members of the Committee dealing with battlefields.