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Dear General Currie,

You used to be so kind to me during the war that I hope you may have not forgotten me altogether. Since the war and particularly since I have got an appointment in Paris as an instructor at the "Ecole Supérieure de Guerre", I have been glad to meet many old Canadian friends, and especially Brutinel & Mr. Ph. Roy.

Both told me I ought to apply to you for my son who has now spent two years as a student at the "Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture" at Angers & is aged 20. He is to run later our family estates in the Département de l'Aisne, which, as a matter of fact, I am now busy putting back under cultivation as they heavily suffered from the war and a large acreage was long left untilled.

My son is now with the colours and is an "Elève -officier de Réserve" at the Cavalry-School at Saumur, whence he will join a regiment in May next as a Reserve Sub-Lieutenant.

I should like very much before he carries on the cultivation of our estates to send him over to Canada in order to let him get acquainted with up to date agricultural methods in the various branches. But owing to the rate of exchange on one hand and to my war damages on the other hand, which as a matter of fact have proved a heavy blow to my present income, I should be anxious to find a farm or an agricultural school where my son might go "au pair", as we use to say in French. This is a way of doing which is frequent in big French farms, but it does not look to be so in England. The student works & thus pays for his living & putting up at the farm. In addition it compels him to work more thoroughly and he gets a more complete experience of farming.

In the course of a conversation on this subject with Brutinel a few days ago, he mentioned Macdonald Farm as corresponding to what I am looking for, may be also the various experimental farms in Canada. But he thought I ought to ask for your kind advice. Mr. Ph. Roy insisted also on my writing to you at once!

I must add that in this case I apply not only for my son, but for a nephew of mine, your Gaston de Lévis - a descendant of Chevalier de Lévis, whose fame is still alive in Canada. Both his father & mother died shortly after the war; I take the greatest interest in that boy & his five brothers & sisters. He was at the Agricultural School at Angers and is now at the Cavalry School at Saumur with my son, and as he wishes to carry on the same practical lines as my son I take the liberty of applying for both.

They both talk English.

Believe me, dear General Currie,
Yours very sincerely,
G. de Malétte - Melun