

April 7th, 1926.

Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonnell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
The Ranchman's Club,
Calgary, Alta.

My dear Mac:-

Thanks very much for your letter
of April 2nd.

I am so sorry to hear that you find it impossible to attend the Vimy Dinner. I am going up on Friday afternoon and look forward to this being a very happy affair. You have heard, of course, that we are presenting Byng with a motor car and to Her Excellency will be given a portrait of the Governor General painted by some artist in Ottawa. The response to the appeal for funds did not produce anything like the amount I expected, but, nevertheless, it will be possible to give him a very fine car, the General Motors Company granting a particularly good price.

I was very sorry to hear of Miss Alison's operation and am glad to know that she is now better. Hugh Wallace told me about it a few weeks ago. I saw him at the luncheon given to Allenby.

You will see Byng on his farewell western trip. He leaves at the end of next week and will be in the West until the end of June. He is coming here for four or five days about the middle of June and spends Dominion Day in Toronto, I think. I have no notion as to the identity of his successor. One hears Willingdon's name mentioned and also Cromar's. To my mind these two are the best of those suggested. We have, of course, heard of Haig, Allenby and Cavan -