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LEROY MEMORIAL

St. Andrews
March 15th 70

Dear Mr. Adams

Will you pardon me
for taking the liberty in asking
you if you would kindly have
the "enclosed clipping" inserted
in the "McGill Weekly" and also
in next Saturday's Star the 20^{ent}.
By doing so, you would be confer-
ring a very great favor on my
Nephew. Prof. was up spending a
few days with us, and he sug-
gested I should write you about it
on account of your knowing
Command so well, & he thinks
you would be much interested
in their "Scholarship" I suppose

you have heard of it. ere this
it certainly is most kind of
the members of the "Club" to
perpetuate his memory in
the way in which they have done
if they telegraphed us at once
about it. I believe I received
this clipping from a friend
Mr. Lacey and I both thought
we would like his many friends
to know what was being done
& the best way was to have
it come through the press
I am enclosing \$2.00 to pay
expenses if not sufficient
please let me know and
I will remit at once

So you think you could secure

a couple of copies of the "McGill"
heavily with the insertion, I would
be very much obliged if you
could and also if this clipping
could be returned to me, but
do not bother if it would
give any extra trouble

With kindest regards from
Mr. McKay and myself to both
you and Mr. Adams, although
not personally acquainted
we seem to feel we know you
for we have heard our dear
Edmond speak so often of you
both of your kindness to him
during his stay in Montreal
Yours very sincerely
Ramsay McKay

March
Thirtieth
1920.

Mrs. Hannah LeRoy,
St. Andrews, Que.

Dear Mrs. LeRoy:-

I received some days ago your letter under date of March 15th, enclosing a clipping from one of the Vancouver papers containing the very welcome announcement that Capt. LeRoy's friends in that City are preparing to establish a Scholarship in his memory in the University of British Columbia.

I should have answered your communication sooner, had it not been that we had here already just inaugurated a movement for the establishment of a similar Scholarship in memory of your son at McGill University. I thought you would be interested to know how we are succeeding in this, so that I postponed answering your letter until to-day. You will be pleased to know that we have already collected \$3,400. toward this Scholarship, and that we have not as yet received answers from a very large number of persons with whom we have communicated. We shall, without doubt, bring this collection up to \$5,000, and we hope to a sum of near \$10,000, by the time that our collection is completed.

It is Dr. J. Austen Bancroft, the Dawson Professor of Geology at McGill University, who is actually collecting the money, but he has, of course, the warmest good wishes and support of every one in the University who knew your son and the splendid work which he has done, in the University, in the Geological Survey, and finally at the Front.

Mrs. Hannah LeRoy,

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Seeing that Capt. LeRoy was a McGill man and that his first academic work was at McGill University, we feel specially anxious that some permanent memorial of his connection with McGill University should be established here.

It was impossible for us to make any reference to this in the "McGill Daily", because this paper is not issued toward the latter part of the session, when the students are very busy preparing for their examinations, etc. The issue was suspended a few days before your letter arrived. A little later on when we have received answers from all the persons to whom Dr. Bancroft has addressed personal letters with reference to the LeRoy Scholarship, we shall probably have a notice inserted in the "Star" with reference to the matter, so that any of the friends of Capt. LeRoy whom we have failed to reach directly or who are not aware of this movement for the establishment of a Scholarship, may have an opportunity of subscribing. Captain LeRoy will thus be permanently connected, not only with the University of British Columbia, but also with his Alma Mater, McGill University.

Please accept the best wishes of Mrs. Adams and myself. We have often spoken of your son to whom we were both very much attached, and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

"THE DAILY PROVINCE", Vancouver, B.C.

February, 26, 1920.

FOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Universities Service Club Launches Proposal
in Memory of Capt. LeRoy.

Will Raise \$10,000 to Establish It
\$1,000 Already Subscribed.

Commencing its work of service, the recently-formed Universities Service Club, at the inaugural banquet held at the Hotel Vancouver on Wednesday evening, launched its first great object, the foundation of the "Captain LeRoy Memorial Scholarship". The sum of \$250. was at once subscribed to establish the scholarship for the 1920-21 session and preparations were made to found it as a permanent memorial by raising \$10,000 from among the club members and those friends who wish to subscribe. Before the banquet had concluded, approximately \$1,000 was subscribed by the members present towards the permanent scholarship.

The greater responsibility placed upon men of education, the need for service in the country and the carrying on of the great principles learned at the front, were the keynotes of the short but inspiring addresses of the speakers, who included Brig.-Gen. J.A. Clark, Col. Mulloy, Ian A. MacKenzie, Prof. W. McDonald, Dean R.W. Brock and A. E. Munroe. Dr. Mack Eastman, President of the Club, presided. Comrade W. A. Cook rendered a vocal selection and the orchestra played the "Salut des Morts" prior to the toast to "Fallen Comrades".

Introducing the resolution calling for the establishment of the "LeRoy Memorial Scholarship" to assist students to attend the University, preference to be given to returned soldiers and later to the dependents of enlisted men, Dean Brock paid a glowing tribute to the self-sacrificing and noble character of Captain O.E. LeRoy, who enlisted with the 196th Battalion

in Vancouver, later transferring to the 46th Battalion. It was with the latter unit that he was serving when he made the supreme sacrifice at Passchendaele.

FELL AT PASSCHENDAELE.

"His life was spent in helping others", he said, "and by this scholarship we will be following his own favorite way of helping poor students, which is the best manner of perpetuating his memory"

In the send resolution, General Clark spoke highly of the late captain as an officer in the 72nd Battalion, with which unit he served prior to going over with Major Brock to the Universities Battalion. He spoke of the great work facing the University men of this country in remodelling the educational system which the war had shown required amending. By a scholarship founded on the deeds performed by the University men at the front, he felt assured that the Club would carry on the great principles learned by those who had seen service, adding that future scholarships should commemorate history made during the war.