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W. R. SEXSMITH
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.
SUCCESSOR TO
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April 10th 1933.

Honorable Arthur Meighen,
House of Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

I have your letter from that man E. R. Sampey which I am returning herewith. I cannot remember this man at all and I have made enquiries amongst a lot of the old timers here but no one seems to be able to recall him. At that time you know, there were a lot of men shifting back and forth on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and everything that he says in his letter may be quite true but no one here seems to be able to place him at all. I am sorry that I cannot give you any more information but I have done the best I can to try and look this up.

We are having quite a time here amongst our own party in connection with nominating a successor to Colonel Taylor. Though I have never had any political aspirations, still when the resignation of Colonel Taylor came up, a large number of our own executive approached me and asked me to stand and I have allowed my name to go before the convention and we are having an open convention here April the 26th. We are having quite a time because Steve Garland, Doctor Gordon, Joe Miller and Ollie Ditchfield and myself have all announced that they are going to stand but I hope that it will not have any effect so far as breaking up our organization although unquestionably there will be some feeling worked up before it is all through. However we are trying to go about it the best way we can so it will not create any friction because we do not wish to break up our organization here which has held together for so many years. I will drop you a line later on and let you know how it turns out.

Yours truly,

W. R. SEXSMITH,

WRS/R

Per.

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32 Balsam Ave., Toronto, March 27, 1932.
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The Right Honorable Arthur Meighan,
Senate Chambers,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighan:-

It is with feeling of very great hesitancy that I presume to seek your generous intervention in a matter of vital and urgent import to my family and myself at the present time. Coming to Western Canada in June 1906, I joined the Engineering Department, G.T.P. residing at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba and being a member of the late Cannon McMurran's Anglican Congregation up to April 1909, and counting amongst my intimate friends the late Captain Shepherd - Mr. Tom Sissons - Mr. Toby Saxsmith - Mr. Fred Newman - Mr. E.A. Such, and many others of considerable note in and around Portage in those days. Born and raised of Imperial Irish Tory stock, I was transferred to Winnipeg 1909, and immediately identified myself with the Liberal Conservative party in Central Winnipeg, canvassing against the late J.H. Ashdown in the reciprocity contest of 1911, and joyfully participating in a political victory, which actually cost me the loss of the only real and worthwhile friend I ever had in this country.

The year 1912 found me in charge of Transcona Material Yard (C.G.R.) and at a time when party organization was at a very low ebb in Springfield constituency and up to April 1923 when I left the West I was always an active officer and organizer for Springfield Conservative executive, especially would I mention my efforts in 1922 to elect A.D. Sutherland in opposition to Tom Malloy in Springfield. The facts contained in the above, from a brief sketch of my political life in the West are well-known to the present sitting member for Winnipeg South, to whom all we younger members of the Liberal Conservative party looked on as our leader and chief?? Having been for the last 8½ years employed with the General Motors at Detroit, and as it were separated (pro tem) from party affiliation of any kind, it is not to be wondered at that newly found and influential party friends in Toronto should (while anxious and willing to help) be somewhat skeptical of me or anyone after an absence of this duration, and while no doubt has been cast upon any of my statements, I am given to understand that corroboration by someone of considerable political standing is desirable. Two requests along these lines to the present sitting member of Winnipeg South have not elicited even the courtesy of a reply, and to one who in all these years has never asked for, or received the smallest party favor, this conduct is doubly incomprehensible. May I venture to hope that I might be able without presumption to enlist your favorable intervention on my behalf by letter, to either - The Honorable Charles McCrea or His Grace the Right Reverend Neil McNeil, Archbishop of Toronto, the latter gentleman knowing me personally. Permit me in conclusion once more to offer my profound apologies for thus troubling you, which alone is warranted by the stress of very difficult times.

With kind personal regards to yourself, Iam
Very sincerely yours,
E R Scumper

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MEMO. Mr. Meighen.

The appointment referred to herein comes under the Minister of National Revenue, and not the C.S. Act. The vacancy has existed for some six or eight months and the matter is still before the Minister. This, I think, is the position Mrs. Freiman spoke to you about on behalf of her brother.

A.H.H.

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OTTAWA, April 11, 1933.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have your letter of 5th.

Have known of the position to which you refer for some length of time, but, unfortunately, I have been trying to assist another man to get it. It is under the Department and not under the Civil Service Commission. However, I will certainly keep in mind your application from this on, and hope you have referred to me in writing the Minister. You should, of course, write him direct, giving your qualifications, etc.

If Mr. Beynon feels I could help him in any way (having in mind the above) would be glad if he would see me.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. R. F. Smith,
Plaston's Limited,
1020 First Avenue N. E.,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

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62 Pleasant Blvd
Toronto April 21/33

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen;
Canadian Investment Corp.;
Bay St.
Toronto

Dear Mr Meighen; I introduce myself once more—
Jane Gerald E. Stinson who wrote to you last fall
in regard to geting employment in Toronto. I am
a B.A (Man.) a second year student, at Manitoba
Law School- a classmate of Frank O. Meighen. I
was advised by Mr W. Sanford. Evans and Mr
E.H. Coleman K.C. to see you on my coming to
Toronto.

Mr Meighen though conditions I have
been unable to get placed as yet and today am
confronted with the spectre I want, as I have
completely exhausted my funds, and the
question of where to stay and of geting food
is one that I cannot find a solution to.

I did not write this to ask for
charity but feeling that you would, could I
but see you, understand how I feel that
I can came to you in the following strictly
business way.

Receive this June a regular yearly
gift of $500.00 from an Aunt in the U.S.A. who
is today abroad, and have several accounts
receivable to my credit in Winnipeg.

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If I could but see things through till June being able to personally contact those owing me I would then be in a position to hold on till I get placed in employment.

If Mr Meighen I could beg your kindness and indulgence on a personal note for 90 days at the current rate of interest, I can assure absolute payment in the time specified — for ($250.00). It would get me over a trying situation and enable me to keep going.

I realize that such a request appears very presumptuous on its face, but could I but see you to explain it, I know you would understand why I feel I can come to you in this way and you would also be assured of my sincerity and integrity, as well as my complete ability to repay your kind advance within the 90 days. It is a case of subsisting or going under. It is Mr Meighen strictly on a business basis and not one of charity that I pray for your helping hand.

May I hear from you and be granted a chance to discuss this with you?

Yours very sincerely
Gerald E Stinson

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27 Alhambra Ave.,
Toronto, 22 Apr., 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
33 Castle Frank Cr.,
Toronto.

Dear Friend,

I have recently obtained Canadian and U.S.A. patents on an invention of mine, an oil brake for automobiles. The patents are worth either nothing or a great deal. To determine which, money is needed to make a thorough test; especially to equip a car or two and put the brakes to thorough endurance tests.

I started to organize a syndicate to raise ~~some~~ $5000 for this purpose and went to Mr. Hunter of Millar & Hunter to put the syndicate agreement into proper form. He strongly advised against a syndicate and suggested that I get hold of one or several men who would provide all the funds needed for the test.

I do not know of any men of ample means who would be likely to co-operate in this way. Advertising would probably get me into the hands of sharks. So I bethought myself of an old friend who

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might be able to get [illegible] in
touch with good reliable men
of the sort that I want. Hence this
letter.

Since I have recovered from
my heart attack 2 years ago I have
frequently thought of renewing old
friendship by calling on you:
and now that I have a double
reason I hope to have the pleasure
some time soon; at time and place
to suit your convenance.

My objective in designing the Shantz
Fluid Brake was to produce a brake
that can be used without stint in
coasting down long inclines, hills
and mountains without any fear that
the brakes will suffer loss of efficiency;
in a word to make brakes as
lasting and dependable as any
other part of the car. No friction is
used, just oil compression in an
annular circuit. If it stands the
test and is generally adopted the
royalties even at $1 per brake would
figure into very large money yearly.

Hoping soon to see you

Yours truly,

A B Shantz

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OTTAWA, April 25, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 21st which was forwarded to me here.

I am sorry indeed, but I am in no position to make a loan such as you suggest. You can understand these applications come daily, especially in these times, and they simply cannot be met.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Gerald E. Stinson,
62 Pleasant Blvd.,
Toronto, Ont.

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LYNN B. SPENCER, K. C.
WELLAND, ONT.

April 26th, 1933.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Last summer I took a trip by air to the Rockies with Geo. M. Ross, Secretary of the Flying Clubs Association, and have since that time done anything I can to advance the interests of aviation, and among other things I have succeeded in getting an airport established at Welland and we are going to have a big show here on May 24th.

I have written Mr. J. A. Wilson, Controller of Aviation, to-day, and enclose you a copy of my letter which explains itself.

I wonder if you would be good enough to give Mr. Wilson a ring and just let him know that anything he can do for us will meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

[LYNN B. SPENCER]

Dr J.A. Wilson - Woods 249

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J. A. Wilson, Esq.,
Controller of Civil Aviation,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On Wednesday, May 24th, we are holding the first annual air meet of the Welland County Aero Club, marking the official opening of the new Welland County airport, in connection with which I might say that an application for license is going forward to your department concurrently.

We are just working on preliminary plans in connection with which we have had considerable assistance from our mutual friend, George Ross, but I want to make sure that you will mark this date on your calendar in red ink and be sure to be present. A more formal invitation will go forward just as soon as our letterhead is available.

We are delighted with the assurances of support from various quarters. A large number of Canadian pilots will be present, Flying Clubs, private owners, commercial operators, but in addition, being situated as we are so close to Buffalo and other American points, we have reason to expect a good representation from the other side of the line. As a matter of fact I took George over last evening to Buffalo where we made a good contact with representatives of the Buffalo Aero Club, through whom the visiting parties will be organized. By the way, I should like to take you over some time to the Buffalo Club, of which I am a member, as they have a very fine layout including the latest in swimming pools, etc, etc.

We were told that the American Army flyers were anxious to pull strings to get over for the day, and while we would like to encourage it, this is primarily a Canadian show and Canadian meet, and I am much more concerned about getting a representative flight from the Royal Canadian Air Force. I know, of course, that the economy programme is hindering them very much in the scope of operations, but even if they do not participate in the programme, which we of course would like them to do, will you please make an

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J. A. Wilson, Esq., -2-

application on our behalf to the Director for a flight for that date. In my opinion, it is a desirable public contact.

If I may inject an opinion, (I think it is not out of line with the general trend of thought) we are altogether too reticent about our own Air Force and a little more public contact might be good for everyone concerned.

I am asking George Ross to make a report to you in more detail regarding the plans for our air meet, and meanwhile want to assure you that your co-operation will be much appreciated. Also remember that we must have you here on the 24th of May!

Yours sincerely,

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Hodgson. Man.
Nursing Station.
April 26. 1933.

My dear Arthur.

Once again I look to you for help. It is now this time, Vera's second son. He wants very badly to join the R.C.M. at Regina, and it seems impossible to get in the force without help. He has written to the Commissioner at Ottawa, but he doesn't think he even got his name on the waiting list, and told him it was a long one — Would it help Arthur if you mentioned that Dad was an old Mounty of the early years in the West under Walsh and Macaulay, and Don has done very well at Camp together the last 3 Summers. Was with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons (both he and Roy -) and both top vac jacket not to be on the ground of home or such like, from all the Officers at

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Camp Hughes. They said that Mrs Hays and Mrs Larmer, Don is a beautiful rider and a good shot - and he is very anxious to make a Class - They have no money to help them in any way, and Mrs Hays says he loved Ray is content on the farm - but the tennis are letters - he would like the taste of a vacancy comes - has his name on the list in Brantford - but there are not many vacancies Mrs tennis - If you could do any thing for Don Arthur he would be so grateful, and unless you can help him Don afraid he will never get on - He is a lovely boy and would fly, and I feel would make good.

Sad about Uncle Walter's death - and Aunt's will be very lonely this year.

Had a nice letter from Isabel Monday and they want me to fly and get in, before they leave W.J.G. - Last Sun just like in prison here - Mr Hamilton won't give

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me a day— rather— Ottawa— Dine on Continuous duty— tea— legal tobacco Saturday afternoon— do night work Sun. and it seems to me if I can't have that odd day off once in a while— there should be some arrangement that I have a week-end each month— I've been here six weeks and haven't moved off the dam step— except to visit Dudais twice. One can't stand this much of that— I was home for Sunday March 26th Mother and Dads 50th Anniversary I just went, and I believe our Inspection was very weak— I made the excuse that I had a terrible work ache and took to bed it seem to— well I did have devilish work that needed attention— and had it done— The boys got in at noon, and I went right to the dentist, and then out to Aunties had a lovely visit to both Aunts & Uncle and both the boys home, Coming back I came

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Straight- Brought and up here-
I hope I can get in - and win by a
finish a patient to escort - we have two in
the hospital and for more visits they will
be ready to come back here to the Rescue
some day next week. They have had operations,
at least one has. The Mrs is a chick and not
at all well - & they need have me to
look after them - & I may manage to get
to the City — but it's such a business &
fuss — Do you ever come up this
way Arthur? I was so counting on Isobel
& Lillian making me a visit this Summer
but am afraid they won't now be coming
here now. Mother & Dad are well & well
do pleased & surprised over the Golden Anniversary
celebration - I'll always remember the jolly
and happy times we had in Ottawa at your
Mother's & Father's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
I am well & like my work, all the time that I'm
in place to go - makes life rather dull and the years are passing.
Best love Arthur & come up sometime if you can. I'd love to

Sincerely - Lucie

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OTTAWA, April 27, 1933.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have your letter of 26th regarding the Flying Club show at Welland on May 24th. I do not know Mr. J. A. Wilson, strange to say, but will endeavour to run across him and will do anything I can to help.

Yours very truly,

Lynn B. Spencer, Esq., K. C.,
Welland, Ontario.

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[illegible] MacLaren St.

Ottawa - April 28

Dear Arthur.

I telephoned yesterday to U. Senate, only to find that you had returned to Ottawa. I had expected you to get in touch with me here. I hope to sail for Germany May 10th

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so please Arthur will
you telephone me as
soon as possible when
you return here?

It was hinted to
me yesterday from a
most reliable source
that the post of
Deputy Minister of

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Health would likely
be appointed shortly,
and not from here, but
outside; this post has
not been filled since
Mr. Clarke died four
years ago. It was
also drafted that a
row with European

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experience, with language
would stand a good
chance - would you look
into this Arthur, for
me, it would be so
wonderful to be back
in Canada. I hope things
are looking a bit better
for you Arthur, you deserve
so much better than you are
getting. Leila.

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Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I was up to see you at your office last Thursday but you were quite busy and you told Miss Edmunston that if I wrote you that you would give it the same consideration as if I had seen you personally.

A delegation composed of Senator Ballantyne, R.S. White, Leslie G. Bell, M.P., S.W.Jacobs, K.C., M.P., A.A. Heaps, M.P., J.S. Woodsworth, M.P., and others saw the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Maurice Dupres, with regard to the case of Charles Schwartz who is condemned for murder and is to be executed on Friday the 5th of May. All these gentlemen made a plea to the Acting Minister to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. The circumstances of this case show that the accused was convicted solely upon the evidence of a woman who had been living with an accomplice of Schwartz and that she helped her paramour escape from the country, and that she was interested in her paramour avoiding the penalty. Of course I know that you will be guided solely upon the evidence which you will hear in council with the other members of the Government. The feeling in Montreal is that the worst that this man should have got was life imprisonment.

On behalf of our friends who composed the delegation, we would implore you when this case comes up in Council to decide the fate of Schwartz that you will see our view of this case with a view of commutation.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

Manuel Levitt

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MOOSE JAW, SASK.

1030 First Avenue N.E.,
April 30th 1933.

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Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senator,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I received your letter of the 11th Inst. Under the circumstances I do not intend to put in an application for this position. Thank you very much for your kind letter.

Yours very truly,

Frank Smith.

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OTTAWA, May 2, 1933.

My dear Lily:

I just received your letter of 26th. You may depend upon it I would certainly like to see you and have always asked, when West, if by any chance you are down. At present there is nothing to take me out for a little while anyway. How would it be if I wrote you as soon as I find I can go, so that if you have any option in the matter, you might be able to come down? You know, of course, that Bella is in Winnipeg now and figures on staying until her mother rents the house.

As to Don, I have no doubt at all he is on the list. There are a large number of applicants, as is quite understandable at this time, but as times get better these will drop out, and he may be reached sooner than you think. I will speak to General MacBrien at the first opportunity and emphasize especially the service of his father in earlier years, which I think will be more effective than anything else I can say--being very doubtful whether anything will be effective or not.

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W.U.6457

Am indeed interested to know that your father and mother have passed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. I wish I had known at the time and I would have wired them.

Very best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely.

Miss Lily Seale,
Hodgson, Man.

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OTTAWA, May 2, 1923.

Dear Mr. Levitt:

I have your letter of 29th. You may be assured I will keep carefully in mind the representations you have made in behalf of Schwartz.

Am not sure whether the case has been dealt with or not, as I just arrived to-day.

Yours very truly.

Mr. Manuel Levitt,
Room 840 Jacobs Bldg.,
Montreal, Que.

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OTTAWA, May 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Shantz:

I have your letter of 22nd April. Am absent from the City quite a little, hence the delay. It is interesting indeed to see that you are still at inventions. What is in one's system really never comes out. I do hope you get some decent reward.

Have been thinking since I read your letter how I will be able to help you, but really I do not know of any way. It would seem to me you would have to interest practical motor manufacturers. If you have your patents, you could safely treat with them I would think. I know T. A. Russell very well and would suggest that you write him outlining your invention. You may use my name in doing so. He is an absolutely dependable man and fair minded, and would be interested, I think, if anybody would. Another man to whom you might do the same would be W. R. Campbell.- perhaps, of course, one at a time. Mr. Campbell's home is in Walkerville. He is the head of the Ford Motor Company of Canada.

Perhaps these suggestions do not appeal to you, but if they do, and you desire, I would be glad to write either one of them on your behalf, preferably at the time you are writing yourself.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A. B. Shantz,
27 Alhambra Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, May 4, 1933.

My dear Leila:

I saw the Hon. Dr. McLaren to-day. He says the Doctors retained for purposes of examining immigrants in Europe have been reduced to three, of whom your husband is one. He does not anticipate any further reduction as his officers take the stand that three is the minimum. This, of course, is not a guarantee, as no Minister can give such a guarantee.

Of course, there is nothing very great to hope for, ever, in Government services of this kind, but I would think the position was reasonably stable as Government positions go.

I believe the Deputy Minister of Health is to be retired soon. Would not think there was any chance at all of this appointment, however, as recommendations are made by the Prime Minister for Deputy Ministerships, and I feel certain that with the

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tremendous pressure there would be that he would not recommend one who has been away for some years. Would like to be able to write differently but this is the fact of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Leila Savoie,
c/o Mr. John Saul,
20 St. Andrews Gardens,
Toronto, Ont.

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OTTAWA, May 17, 1933.

Dear Mr. Challies:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Thomas D. Stanley, formerly of High River, Alberta, but now of Montreal, who desires an interview with you for the purpose of placing before you his qualifications, in the hope of securing employment with your Company.

This young man has been very highly commended to me. He has his B. Sc. in Arts and in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alberta, and has also done post graduate work at McGill University. I know his father well and also his uncle, G. D. Stanley, M. P., and it is at the request of the latter that I am writing you.

If there is any way in which you can assist young Mr. Stanley, it will indeed be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J. B. Challies, Esq.,
Shawinigan Power Corporation,
Montreal, Quebec.

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May 22, 1933

Hon. Arthur Meighen
Senate Chamber
Ottawa, Ontario

Honorable and dear Mr. Meighan:

You may recall our conversation on May 4th in your office regarding Mr. Elton Rowan Sampey, familiarly known as Bob.

Up to that time we had not been able to obtain any letters of recommendation for him from any of the officials of the Association in or about Springfield, Man. This morning I received from A. D. Sutherland, 131 Lansdowne Ave., Winnipeg, the following letter:

> "Rev. M. J. McGrath--Dear Sir: On my return to the city I find a letter of April 24, 1933, requesting some information re an old friend, Mr. Robert Sampey.
> "As a former president and defeated candidate for the Conservative party in the constituency of Springfield, Man., would like to say that I had no more honest and conscientious worker in my whole riding than Robert Sampey. This being in the election of 1921.
> "In the year of 1911, he also did very loyal work for the party. To my knowledge he never asked for any recognition of his services, so that any that might be granted him now would be quite justifiable. Thanking you for what you may be able to do and hoping that this line may help you in your worthy effort, I remain yours respectfully--A. D. Sutherland, 131 Lansdowne, Ave., Winnipeg."

In addition to Mr. Sutherland's letter, I received this morning from the Hon. Charles McCrea the response which he received from the Hon. Bob Rogers, which I quote herewith:

> "197 Roslyn Road, Winnipeg, Man. May 15/33.
>
> Office of the Minister, Department of Mines, Toronto, Ont.
> My dear Sir: I have your letter regarding Mr. Elton Rowan Sampey, and I may say that I can recommend him as being a very faithful worker in our Party and as a suitable man for any good position. I have known Mr. Sampey for a considerable time and have no hesitation in recommending him. Yours faithfully--R. Rogers."

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Hon. Arthur Meighen, 2.

A few days ago I interviewed Mr. E. R. Wood, of the Central Canada Savings, but at the present time he knows of no opening. With these two letters, however, I am going to try for some opening at Queen's Park. In the meantime, should you hear of any opening I would be more than pleased to have your very kind assistance.

Thanking you again for your interest in Mr. Sampey's behalf, I am,

Sincerely yours,

M. J. McGrath

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The Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

Power Building Craig St. West

Montreal, Canada May 22nd, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Young Mr. Stanley, formerly of High River, Alberta, but now finishing a post-graduate year at McGill, was in to see me last week. He has given me, very satisfactorily, a letter covering his qualifications and I promised to do the very best I can for him should an opening arise with this Company or with any of its associate companies. Unfortunately, circumstances have compelled me to very frankly tell Mr. Stanley that the chances for his getting employment here are very slight. As a matter of fact, we, like all other utility companies, are compelled to reduce our staff. Drastic action has already been taken to this end and I am afraid that it has not yet stopped.

I have assured Mr. Stanley that having his name introduced by you will guarantee his application being given the very best possible consideration by the General Manager of this Company.

Yours very truly,

J. B. CHALLIES.

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611 POWER BUILDING
MONTREAL
CANADA

May 22nd, 1933.

PERSONAL.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am very anxious to have a chat with you. Unfortunately, I missed you the last time I was in Toronto and you were going strong in the Senate the last time I was in Ottawa. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you are going to be in Montreal soon and when, so that I can have a few minutes' chat with you.

Yours very truly,

J. B. CHALLIES.

JBC:GR

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Ottawa, May 26th, 1933.

Reverend M. J. McGrath,
Secretary and Managing Director,
Catholic Adjustment Bureau,
67 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

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Dear Father McGrath:-

I have your very interesting letter of the 22nd of May. I have no doubt what Mr. Sutherland says is correct, and if there is any specific point on which I can help, I will be glad to do so.

Yours truly,

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OTTAWA, 26 May, 1933.

Dear Mr. Challies,

I have your two letters of the 22nd instant and appreciate very much the consideration you are giving to young Stanley's application.

At present I have no plans to be in Montreal in the very near future, but when I am there I shall make it a point to call you. I will be in Toronto almost continuously from now on.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J.B.Challies, Esq.,
611 Power Building,
Montreal, P.Q.

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BARRISTERS, ETC.
JOS. C. MILLER, K.C. CAL. C. MILLER
E. ROY MOFFAT
PHONE 1100

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.

June 5th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
C/O Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen: RE: ORVILLE SOOLE.

The above party was the Secretary Treasurer of the Rural Municipality of Grey for a number of years. He was convicted in February 1933 of embezzlement of some $24,000.00 and sentenced to three years at Stony Mountain. He is a married man, in fact was married twice, having one boy some fourteen or fifteen years old by his first wife and a couple of children around three and one years old by his second wife. I knew his second wife fairly well as she was a school teacher out west of here for some few years but the matter really came to me through Harvey Vankoughnet who has always been one of my main men at election time at the Salem poll and is a close personal friend and a client of the office. He knew Soole for many years and also Mrs. Soole and he is rather interested in him. Harvey wanted to know if we could get Soole out on ticket of

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leave and I explained that I thought it would be rather difficult as I was under the impression that the regulation called for a man to serve at least one-half of his sentence. Then there is the further difficulty that there has been so much embezzlement of public moneys lately that I was afraid the Department could not take a very lenient view of this.

I wrote your bother Will Meighen and also W. M. Dickson and now have replies from both of them which have really confirmed my own views.

I know that Mr. Vankoughnet and the others will be rather disappointed as they seem to be of the opinion that we should be able to get Soole out this summer on ticket of leave but I am really afraid there is not much use in making the application but I thought I would write you before I advise them definitely that it would be no use and that we would have to wait until half of the sentence had been served. The wife and young family are having a hard time to get along as they have nothing. I believe the wife has taken the two small children and gone to her own people for the summer.

I can see the difficulty and if the Department did allow a remission of sentence now

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it would be liable to leave the Government open to criticism; at the same time if you thought it could be worked I would go at it with a view of strengthening our own hand because more and more after watching the Liberals work I have come to the conclusion that anything we can do is perfectly alright. It seemed to me that the Conservatives more or less tried to stay with the regulations and the Liberals ignored everything and looked after their own people. However it may be that the Department would not do anything that was not according to regulation but from memory I think that Mr. Bole from Winnipeg and some of the others who got in these various jams have been given ticket of leave long before they had served one-half of the sentence.

I thought it would do no harm to write you for your opinion on the matter and if you think I had better not go ahead I will not do so but insofar as the Government regulations are concerned it would not hurt my conscience ~~not~~ to get this fellow out if we could do it.

Yours very truly,

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OTTAWA, June 12, 1933.

Dear Joe:

On my return Saturday morning I found yours of 5th on behalf of Orville Soole.

I do not think there would be the slightest chance of this man being released, until at least half his term is served. The amount of the embezzlement is large and the frequency of these crimes is such as to warrant severe sentence. It would seem to me his sentence is quite light, although I had not heard of the case before.

I do not know the details regarding Fred. Bole. I think he was let out for medical treatment and afterwards returned, and I feel sure you will find on enquiry that he served quite half his term and probably more. What these men expect when they do away with trust funds, I cannot imagine.

You are certainly right about the Conservatives adhering much more closely to sound principles in the administration of these matters as in other matters. They are held to far stricter account than are the Liberals.

Was very glad indeed to have a talk with you going down to Winnipeg. Things continue to look better here.

Yours very truly,

J. C. Miller, Esq., K. C.,

Portage la Prairie, Man.

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Sidney Man
June 26th 1933.

Senator Arthur Meighen
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,

Am writing to ask you if you intend do me a favour. Have been out of work for a considerable length of time and would indeed be very glad to get something to do.

I am a son of Miles Stephenson of Sidney Man. No doubt you remember us as we were staunch supporters of your party. Anything you can do for me will certainly be appreciated by the other members of the family. I am

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the only one to ask for
anything and I would
be doing it if I could
see any other way.
Have had a lot of
sickness and had to
give up the farm. six
years ago. However I
am feeling fine now
I have three children
Two had infantile paralysis.
They are fine now but
only after a lot of expense.
One boy broke his arm
yesterday the second
time inside of a year.
Would be very glad
to get work that would
at least enable me to
pay my way. I could
not handle office work
unless it would be
something that my wife
could work with me.
Trusting that you will
be able to help me. and thank
-ing you I remain yours respectfully
David Stephenson

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204 South Glynde Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C. June 29th 1933.

Senator Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of writing you in the hopes that you may be in some way able to assist me, yet I realize that in all probability you do receive many such requests. Let me say here that I do not for a minute approve of the actions of those who try to obtain positions through what we generally call "pull". I do however quite recognize my own inability to get myself out of my present difficulties. I have always acted on the principle that while a person might be "down" they were never "out" till they admitted it. I am not now admitting it but I must say that I have come very close to the point where I am going to be forced to admit it.

I am forty years of age, a Canadian, born in Neepawa, Manitoba. I am a married man with a family and have lived in this Province for the past twenty-five years. I have followed the lumber business during this time acting as purchasing agent for some of the biggest operators here on the coast. Some two years ago the Barnet Lumber Company Ltd. where I had been for some years was closed down on account of a strike, and I found myself out of work. For some time I was unemployed then I got employment with another mill The Nicola Spruce Mills, last year they closed down and I through the dishonesty of the manager lost over five hundred dollars in salary and expenses. Since then I have been unemployed. My funds were used up, my insurance had to be surrendered and now unless I can get some employment I am certainly going to have to let my home go. This unfortunate position is made more difficult by the fact that there are so few firms here sufficiently large to employ a purchasing agent. Therefore it appears my only chance is to get where there are more firms needing men of my training. I have as good a reputation as it is possible for anyone to have, I have as fine letters of recommendation as it is possible to write and yet I must remain idle. I most certainly cannot even think of going on relief, there is no room there for Canadians with the training I have had.

In a country like Canada with all the industries there are here there really is a place for a man with the training, ability and reputation I have. Will you please just take a few minutes and see if there is not someone you could suggest who might have a need of a man of my worth. Is there no government department, the department of Public Works, the Railways, one of The Harbour Boards or an industry of any kind where I am needed? Is there not someone to whom you could say a word somewhere? My references and reputation will get the job, they will meet almost any requirements and my efforts will I am perfectly sure hold the job. I do not want anything for nothing at all. All I want is an opportunity to help myself, a chance to meet my obligations to my family and give them the education and chance they should have in the country that their great grand-parents were born in.

You may be sure I will more than I can say appreciate any assistance you may give me, and that my efforts will be such that my employer whoever he may be will not in any way regret having given me an opportunity.

I do hope that you will pardon me for bothering you in this way, I am not doing it willingly you may be sure. I remain,
Yours very truly,
W. Skelding.

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OTTAWA, 30 June, 1933.

Dear Mr. Stephenson,

I have your letter of the 26th instant and assure you it would be a pleasure if I could assist you in obtaining employment.

The fact is I am a Minister without Portfolio and have no Department, consequently I have no positions within my gift. When I tell you that the Government service has been reduced by over two thousand persons you will appreciate there is very little prospect of Government employment at the present time.

Should you become aware of any position wherein you think I could assist you in obtaining the appointment I shall be glad to do what I can on your behalf.

Sorry I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

David Stephenson, Esq.,
Sidney, Manitoba.

Arthur Meighen.

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Toronto

OTTAWA, 7 July, 1933.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and assure you it would be a pleasure if I could assist you in obtaining employment.

The fact is I am a Minister without Portfolio and have no Department, consequently I have no pbsitions within my gift. The Government service has been reduced by over two thousand persons so you will appreciate there is very little prospect of Government employment at the present time.

Should you become aware of any position wherein you think I could be of assistance to you in obtaining the appointment I shall be glad to do what I can on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W.Skelding,

204 South Glynde Avenue,

Vancouver, B.C.

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July 12, 1933.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir:

I hope you will pardon this intrusion on your valuable time but what to you may seem a very trivial matter is to me very important indeed.

It is with reference to a promotion at Windsor, Ont., in the Customs service, which you may recall my uncle Ed. Sparling and cousin Harvey wrote you about some three months ago.

The competition (File no. C-55E-60, Comp. no 22588.) is for the position of computing clerk at the Port of Windsor, Ont. and as senior officer, in point of service, and having been rated No. 1. by my immediate superior and the Collector, I feel that I have every right to the promotion. However, there appears to be a mix-up in regard to names. There have been two men promoted in this competition and one more is to be promoted but one man whose name is Stocks, similar to mine, has been appointed and I have been assured by my Chief Clerk that it was intended I should have had the appointment. However, I have been rated for the third promotion, but I understand that outside influences are being brought to bear in

Nothing to this

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The interests of another candidate and I may lose the position on that account.

Now, Sir, through your good influence, Col. Robinson recommended me to the Civil Service Commission but he seems to be content to let the matter rest there and unless some further step is taken in this matter I am very much afraid that I am going to be greatly disappointed. I feel that the promotion is mine by every right; I have the seniority; the ability; a splendid record in the service; four and a half years overseas and a lot of good common sense to apply in the classification I am seeking. As Harvey states in his letter I have always been active in the interests of our party, although having to work quietly since joining the service, which may be added as one more reason why this promotion should come to me.

If you can see your way clear to aid me further in this matter, Sir, I will be forever in your debt, but would like to say that haste is necessary.

Thanking you, Sir, for what you have already done and in anticipation of what you may do, I remain

Yours very truly

Gordon H. Stokes.

1284 Riberdy Rd.
Roseland. Ont.
R.R. I.

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OTTAWA, 18 July, 1933.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 12th instant, and am now advised by the Department that in connection with any promotion for which you would be in line the records here which would be submitted to the Civil Service Commission in your behalf are all in your favour.

Promotions are, however, made by the Civil Service Commission, and the Minister has no voice in the selection of a person for promotion.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Gordon H.Stokes, Esq.,
1284 Riberdy Rd.,
R.R. No. 1,
Roseland, Ontario.

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304 Conway St,
St. James, Winnipeg,
Dec. 26, 1933.

Senator Arthur Meighen,
Senator of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen.

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from an old friend of yours. I am not quite sure if you remember me from Portage la Prairie, back in 1908. You will doubtless recall that on several occasions we had business dealings together.

However, my reason for writing you is to introduce to you my brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Smith, whom I have known for over twenty years, and can recommend him to you very highly.

As you will see from his enclosed letter, he has been out of a job since September 30, 1932, having so far been unable to connect, it occured to me to write you a few lines to see whether you could do something for him, to get him placed, again.

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You will also see from the enclosed letter as to what position Mr. Smith is best qualified. If you can be of any assistance to Mr. Smith, I am sure I should be very grateful to you, on the other hand Mr. Smith deserves consideration because he is a very fine type of Canadian.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, and the old party every success in the coming year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

George Lindsay.

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Winnipeg, Man. Dec. 26th 1923.

Senator A. Meighen,
The Senate of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Senator:-

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Geo. Lindsay and upon my finding enough courage to address you, may I ask that you allow me to inquire of you, if by any chance you could see your way clear to use your good influences to assist me in locating some kind of employment in an office. While I am quite aware of the fact that business conditions at present are not what they used to be, yet of lately papers reports indicate a slight improvement, especially in the eastern section of the country. So as to give you an idea as regards myself, please allow me to give you the following information.

I am a naturalized Canadian citizen, born in Bremen, Germany, in 1885,

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and came to the United States some 25 years ago. My early business training I received in the offices of the North German Lloyd, Bremen; was also employed at one time as secretary in the offices of the U. S. Consulate at Bremen. After my coming to the States I found employment with the late H. E. Kidman, then General Western Agent of the Donaldson Steamship Lines for the western states of America and Canada, working in offices at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg. Shortly after coming to Winnipeg I bettered myself by accepting a position with Mr. Hugo Karstens, then German Consul, and stayed with him till 1915. After that I secured employment with the Keewatin Lumber Co. Ltd., Kenora, Ont. and it was this company what was responsible for the bringing to Kenora of the Kenora Paper Mills Ltd. and the Keewatin Power Co. Ltd, all three companies being subsidiaries of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co. under Mr. E. W. Backus of Minneapolis, Minn. I worked for these three companies for nearly 17 years, starting from the bottom up at a salary of $75.- per month

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to the position of Office Manager and Chief Accountant at a salary of $375.- per month. As such I was responsible for all office work of these three companies. Needless to say I am thoroughly familiar with any and all office work such as typewriting, shorthand, collections, insurance, pay rolls, bookkeeping, accounting (cost and general), preparing Profit and Loss statements and balance sheets. I know the lumber business from stump to market and know equally well the paper business and power business. I am a hard worker and not afraid of work, long hours are nothing new to me, as a matter of fact at times I used to work 12, 16 and 30 hours in succession in order to bring out "monthly" financial statements on time. I left the Backus Brooks companies Sep. 30. 1932 on account of one of the receivers reducing my salary to nearly 50%, which I thought, at that time, was a very unfair treatment. Since then I have been unable to find another position.

I am quite willing to accept any kind of proposition, salary is of secondary consideration, I am anxious to get placed again.

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I was wondering if there might be a possible chance of the Canadian Government being in a position to make use of a man with my experiences, either in Government offices here in Canada or abroad in foreign countries, perhaps in offices of Canadian Trade Commissioners in Germany, as Secretary etc., where my knowledge of the German language, of the country and of the people, would be of some considerable advantage to our representative and to our country, more so since I used to work in U. S. Consulates and in German Consulates. On the other hand, may I ask you to be kind enough to bear me in mind in the event of your coming in contact with someone or some canadian firm, that may be looking for a man with my experience and qualities.

As regards references I beg to refer you to the following gentlemen:

Mr. E. W. Backus, 1100 Builders Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.
H. Carstens, 302 National Trust Bldg. Winnipeg. Man.
D. McLeod, Vice President Kenora Paper Mills Ltd. Kenora Ont.
H. Poole & J. R. Langley, Col. H. R. Schmarr, all of Kenora, Ont.

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D.C. 6487

I am a married man, 48 years of age, am in perfect health, and have four children.

My letter turned out a little longer than I expected it to be, but am in hopes that you can spare a few minutes to read same and give it the consideration it deserves.

I shall be greatly honored to be favored with a reply from you at your convenience.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, believe me, Sir, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Fred Smith.

304 Conway st. St. James.
Winnipeg, Man.

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St. Augustine, Fla., Dec 29th 1933

The Honourable
Mr Meighan
Toronto

Dear Sir - The Honourable Mr Weir has decided to amalgamate the Publicity and Exhibition work in the Agricultural Department - Mr. T. C. Burnnick B.S.A My Son-in-law is an applicant for the position of Chief of the new Department - At present he is head of Extension and Publicity Dominion Experimental Farms Ottawa. He is a graduate of Guelf Agricultural College. He represented Canada's Agricultural Exhibit at Wembly, Eng. Poultry Exhibit in London, Eng and the Wheat Exhibit in Regina this year. The Experimental Exhibits annually at Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Sherbrooke and various other places in the different Provences of Canada. He is the senior Officer of this Kind of work in the Department and has all the necessary qualifications required.

I am one of the old "Guard" who has done service overseas as Quartermaster & Transport Officer in the late lamentable War. Since 1878 up to the present time I helped the Party as "Orateur de carrefour" in a number of constituencies in the provence of Quebec and Ontario. In the County of Russell I had the pleasure of campaigning with your estimable and (savoir-faire) wife. Unfortunately we did not win but we laid the fondation for the redemption of the County at the last Provincial election.

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St. Augustine, Fla., _____ 193__

I was a deligate to the Conservative Convention held in Winnipeg at my own expense. I have never asked ~~any~~ any Government favours for myself for the reason that I have enough of this Worlds goods to pass me through honestly but I beg of you as a personal favour to let Mr Ware the Honourable Minister of Agriculture know who Mr J C Runnels is and I am in order he may have a fair chance in competition for the position.

Yours respectfully
W Stuart
328 Somerset Street
Ottawa, Ont

P.S. At present trying to extend my life a few years longer in the Sunshine in Florida.

W Stuart
Florida Hotel
St Augustine
Florida
U.S.A

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TORONTO, 2 January, 1934.

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Your letter of the 26th ultimo has reached me here.

I would be glad indeed to be of assistance to Mr. Smith in helping him find employment if it were possible for me to do so. The fact is I am a Minister without Portfolio, have no Department and no positions within my gift. Furthermore, the Government service has been reduced by several thousand persons within the last few months and I doubt very much if there would be any prospect of a Government appointment for some considerable time to come.

I am indeed sorry I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr.George Lindsay,

304 Conway Street,
St. James, Winnipeg, Man.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
January 6, 1934.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I have your letter of 29th. As you probably know, I have no Department. You may be surprised also to learn that I really do not live in Ottawa at all and am never there except the comperatively few days of the year that the Senate is sitting. Further, I would feel certain that the position to which you refer would be entirely under the Civil Service Commission, and in that event no Minister--not even the Minister concerned--has anything to say as respects their choice.

I am looking into the subject further and if it is possible for me to do anything, will be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. Stuart,
Florida Hotel,
St. Augustine,
Florida, U. S. A.

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347 Bay Street, Toronto,

16 January, 1934.

Dear Mr. Stuart,

Since writing you on the 6th instant I have made inquiry with respect to the amalgamation of the positions referred to by you. I am informed that nothing definite has been done in this direction and it appears doubtful if anything will be done for some time to come. When action is finally taken by the Department the filling of the new position will be in the hands of the Civil Service Commission.

As you doubtless know a Minister or Senator has no voice or influence in determining the selection to be made by the Commission.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W.Stuart,
Florida Hotel,
St. Augustine,
Florida, U.S.A.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 27, 1934.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Referring to the letter dated February 20th, which you left with me (returned herewith), I can now confirm the intimation given that the right man to see and the right man to negotiate with is R. C. Vaughan, Vice-President in charge of Purchasing, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, Que.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Stirling Smith,
2968 Glengarry Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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R.C.Vaughan,

Vice President in charge of Purchasing

Canadian National Railways,

Montreal, P.Q.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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TORONTO,
March 5,
1934.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

This will acknowledge your letter of the 3rd instant in reference to Mr. Gordon Scott. I will see if I can have him put on permanently in the month of April. I understand we are making some permanent appointments then.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas L. Kennedy

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION

HEAD OFFICE — TORONTO, CANADA

V. R. SMITH
GENERAL MANAGER AND ACTUARY

TORONTO

March 12, 1934.

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The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, P.C.,

The Senate,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am very grateful and appreciative of your kindness and courtesy in coming to see me yesterday afternoon so that I might have a chat with you. Thank you very much.

Unfortunately, although the operation was almost a month ago, my physicians advise me that I should not leave the house before another week and that I should not go to the office, even for part of a day, before another two weeks, pointing out that, while I have been making excellent progress, these cases usually require about eight weeks before the patient is able to resume ordinary day-to-day routine. I suppose I should not complain but time certainly passes quite slowly.

Once again, many thanks for your kindness and courtesy.

Yours very sincerely,

[V.R. SMITH]

V R Smith

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Ottawa, March 19, 1934.

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

The Canadian Olympic Committee received a grant from the Dominion of Canada to assist in defraying the expenses of Canadian athletes who competed at the Olympic games at Lake Placid from February 4th to the 13th, and at Los Angeles from July 30th to August 14th, 1932.

I have been requested by Mr. Fry, a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee and the author of this volume, to present it to you with the compliments of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Senn

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Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Mar 19/34

Senator Arthur Meighen
Ottawa

Dear Mr Meighen

Perhaps you will feel I am trespassing on your time so I will be as brief as possible.

Do you recall, some time ago there was a vacancy at the Hobbema Indian Agency, and we wrote, asking for any assistance you might be able to give us in securing the position for Ernest?

Again there may be a vacancy, The present Agent has passed the age limit and has given cause for dissatisfaction in different ways.

The Conservative Executive here has sent a resolution to Mr Perley at Ottawa, asking for his removal from office.

Mr Chas. Russell and the others on the Executive seem strongly in favor of Ernest as a successor to the present Agent.

They are also, I believe, writing to Senator

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Griesback.

If you can see your way clear to help us in case the office of Agent at Dobbema is vacated, we would appreciate it very very much.

I think Ernest is eligible in every way.

Thanking you - I am

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Ernest B. Switzer

Route 2, Wetaskawin, Alberta.

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E. P. GARLAND
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.
TELEPHONE 28732

314 AVENUE BUILDING
265 PORTAGE AVE.
WINNIPEG
CANADA

March 23rd, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Arthur:-

I note that the University of Manitoba proposes to sue the Dominion Government for $300,000.00 in connection with the sale of a like amount of Dominion Government bonds. If Arthur Sullivan, K.C. were retained by the Government to defend the action, I have no doubt but that he would have me appointed second counsel. I would consider it a special favor if you would see the Honourable Mr. Guthrie and put in a word for Sullivan.

I appreciate the fact that as the action has not been commenced, it appears premature to ask the Government to appoint counsel, but business is so quiet and the chase for it so persistent, that the successful hunter must anticipate it to succeed.

With best regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Garland

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 27, 1934.

Dear Mrs. Switzer:

I have yours of 19th.

The filling of any vacancies in the Indian Agencies is done by the Civil Service Commission and not by the Government. Indeed, the Government has no say in the matter at all. Also the law provides that a returned soldier has to have the preference if he is qualified.

I suggest that in your son's application to the Commission he refer to me, and on getting word from the Commission, I will be glad to speak on his behalf.

Yours very truly.

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Ernest B. Switzer,
Route 2,
Wetaskiwin, Alta.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
March 27, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Garland:

I have yours of 23rd. Had not heard of this suit before, but will certainly keep in mind your suggestion and hope I can be useful.

Yours very truly.

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. E. P. Garland,
314 Avenue Bldg.,
265 Portage Ave.,
Winnipeg.

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House of Commons
Canada

O T T A W A,
March 27th, 1934.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I spoke to you this morning on behalf of George Shannon of Prescott who is desirous of securing employment with Canadian Industries Ltd. in their Chemistry Branch at Cornwall. George Shannon is a young man twenty-three years of age. Something over two years ago he graduated from Queens University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Following that he spent some fourteen months as Chemist with the Thorp Hambrock Company Ltd. and I believe he spent several months in the Chemical Division of Imperial Oil at Sarnia. At the request of one of the Professors at Queens University he returned to Queens last fall, taking a degree in Chemistry. This degree covers Post-graduate work and is a two-year course. His course will not be completed until the 20th of April, but, I understand that his Professors have been very definite in stating that there is no doubt but that he will secure his degree at the end of this term.

I cannot recommend this young man too highly as I feel that he will make a mark for himself if given the opportunity. He will undoubtedly give his best to his employer whoever it may be.

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House of Commons
Canada

The Rt. Hon. Arthur
Meighen;

I shall appreciate anything you may be able to do which will result in his securing employment with Canadian Industries Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Casselman,
Member for Grenville-Dundas.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 28, 1934.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

You have received, or will be shortly receiving, application for employment as Chemist from George Shannon of Prescott, Ont. He would like to get work at your Chemical Branch at Cornwall.

Mr. Shannon is a young man twenty-three years of age. Something over two years ago he graduated from Queens University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Following that he spent some fourteen months as Chemist with the Thorp Hambrock Company Ltd. and I believe he spent several months in the Chemical Division of Imperial Oil at Sarnia. At the request of one of the Professors at Queens University he returned to Queens last fall, taking a degree in Chemistry. This degree covers post-graduate work and is a two-year course. His course will not be completed until the 20th of April, but, I understand that his Professors have been very definite in stating that there is no doubt but that he will secure his degree at the end of this term.

I know this young man and his parents and have made very careful enquiries as to the young man himself. I think it can be said without danger of error that he is quite an exceptional young fellow and those who know him are convinced he will make a mark for himself if given the opportunity and will undoubtedly give his best to his employer. His father is a well-known citizen and he is a grandson on his mother's side of Albert Whitney. This matters little, but his own character and capacities matter much.

Very truly yours,

Mr. A. B. Purvis,
Montreal, Que.

Arthur Meighen.

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Sidney Mar.
Mar 28th 1924.

Senator Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir.

I wrote to you sometime ago about work, but at that time you had nothing in view. I am willing to do any thing to earn a living for my family.

I left the farm seven years ago on account of sickness and between that and no work am not in a position to start again - even tho' my health is much better. I have a small home in Sidney but if I can't get work will not be able to even hold it.

I know that times are hard but know that some are getting help so ful there is a little coming to me. In times past all our family worked hard for you, and the party, and do yet.

I read in the paper that civil servants were to be laid out at 65 - does that include Post Office employees? If so the Babbsters are all over seventy - and their family

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have all got good positions. If there is an opening here would be very glad of your help - or even for any other small office or mail delivery route.

Also read that work is starting on the peace garden this year. I don't mind where I go if I can only make anything like a living at all. Would there be any possible chance of any kind of work with the C.N.R. railways. I understand that Mr Wm Bradley is about 70. He is a checker in the C.N.R. yards in Winnipeg. My father spoke to you for Mr Bradley so I understood you helped him get this job.

Anything you could do for me will be very much appreciated by us all and if you get me work will certainly do my best to prove satisfactory. Thanking you for past considerations I remain

Yours respectfully
David Stephenson

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Such government grant to men to start up on farms?

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 28, 1934.

Dear Mr. Senn:

I duly received your letter of 19th and thank you very much indeed for sending me the volume written by Mr. Fry of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. M. C. Senn, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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Canadian Industries Limited

Office of the
President and Managing Director

Beaver Hall Building
Montreal, Canada.

March 29, 1934.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I have noted what you say in your letter of March 28th in regard to George Shannon and have already had a word with the head of the Chemical Development end in regard to him. At the moment there are not any openings, but I think later on we may be able to give him an opportunity.

Yours very truly,

[A.B. PURVIS]

Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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House of Commons
Canada

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OTTAWA, ONT.,
March 29th, 1934.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

In connection with the proposed Marketing Board, I would like to urge the appointment of Mr. B. F. Smith, M.P., Victoria-Carleton, N.B. Realizing your wonderful influence with this government, I sincerely hope that you may do me the favour of saying a word in Mr. Smith's behalf.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MJM/RK.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
March 31, 1934.

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Dear Dr. Maloney:

Thanks very much for the compliment. Am glad you realize my wonderful influence with the Government, but am sorry to say I do not realize it my self.

Will certainly keep in mind what you say regarding Mr. B. F. Smith, M. P., and hope to be present when the appointments are being made.

Yours very truly,

Dr. M. J. Maloney, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
March 31, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Casselman:

I have a letter from the Canadian Industries Limited saying that they have not an opening at the present time for George Shannon, but they think that later on they will be able to give him an opportunity. This to my mind is rather encoureging for these times.

Youre very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. A. C. Casselman, M. P.,

Prescott, Ont.

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LYNN B. SPENCER, K.C.
WELLAND, ONT.

Ottawa

March 31st, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Meighen:

I can assure you that my associates and myself do not know how to adequately thank you for what you did on Wednesday last. If you had not familiarized yourself with the particulars it never would have gone through at that Session, and then it required your skill plus the knowledge to even then carry it.

I am everlastingly indebted to you. I hope that you will call on me for payment some day. If I can be of any assistance in contacting you with any Buffalo interests at any time, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Senator, Ottawa

Elmira P.O. Manitoba
April 3rd 1934

My dear Mr Meighen

A well supported movement is on foot by the many friends of the Winnipeg 90th Rifles of Winnipeg to induce the Government to construct a Regimental Armoury in the city of Winnipeg for this well known Regiment whose record both in peace and war is second to none in Canada. Having joined this Regiment in the year 1883 as a Canadaman. I am one of the "Dads" and at the 50 Ammversary celebrated last Fall. I was especially honored by the committee in charge in every possible manner so I feel I should lend a hand by doing all I can towards seeing that this glorious Regiment has a home worthy of its glorious history earned as "The Little Black Devils" both in 1885 in the rebellion of Riel and in France. If I am not mistaken the present Armoury was used by us old timers in 1883 or 1884 as a Post-Office and it is in a very delapidated condition and totally unfit for an Armoury, as it is too small and in the event of a fire when a lot of men were there in it would prove to be a death trap. Now as one of your oldest political friends and supporters I beg of you to do whatever you can to assist us in having a new Armoury erected by the Government during the ensuing summer. Needless to say I was delighted when Premier Bennett appointed you leader of the Senate. I shall indeed be pleased if you will use your great influence to aid us and shall be glad to hear from you to that effect. Though near 77 years I'm still going strong and sincerely hope that you are well

I remain Your old friend
Tom Seaman

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 4, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Stephenson:

I have your letter of 28th. It is practically impossible to do anything at this distance in the way of getting work for someone in Manitoba. One naturally wants to do so and one's letters are very, very numerous along this line. The fact is I have never in eight years got anybody on the C. N. R., and the management resent anything at all in the way of interference with the handling of the road.

As regards the Post Office, under the new regulations the Sidney office would be out from the Civil Service Commission and would be subject to recommendation of the Member for the Riding. I will speak to the Member as soon as I can and see if it is likely that a vacancy will occur, and will indeed be glad to help you if it does.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. David Stephenson,

Sidney, Man.

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CASSELMAN & BEAUMONT
BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

A. C. CASSELMAN H. BEAUMONT

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SOLICITORS FOR
THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, PRESCOTT
PHONE 38

OFFICES ROYAL BANK BUILDING

PRESCOTT, CANADA
April 5, 1934.

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Rt-Hon. Arthur Meighan, Esq.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighan:

I thank you for your letter of March 31 with respect to George Shannon.

I appreciate greatly the trouble you have had in this matter and trust it will result in this young man having an opportunity to show his capacity with the Company at an early date.

Yours truly,

A. C. CASSELMAN

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Erinview April 5th/34

Dear Sir,- 116518 Manitoba

Can you step aside for a moment from your larger duties to consider a matter of human interest and one that also contains potential financial returns for yourself or some one else.

I will try and put the matter before you as clearly as I can and let me say at the outset I am not overdrawing anything but just stating facts.

Because of conditions and a breakdown in health I lost the result of thirty five years hard work farming.

I live at present in a rented house on a farm at Erinview about fifty miles north west of Winnipeg and sixty five miles north east of your home town of Portage.

Being mechanically inclined I have submitted the plans and specifications of three Inventions to four different offices of Patent attorneys and they all claim I have Ideas of merit and considerable commercial value in the industrial market.

The three are (AirBrake for Autos Trucks & Trailers,) (Exhaust condenser for Internal Combustion Engines) and (Windshield Wiper and Sleet Remover) for Autos.

I have had a search on the AirBrake of the Canadian Patent Office made by Ramseys of 273 Bank St Ottawa and they report the way to be clear.

Because of my financial condition described above I can go no further and am trying to interest some one to help me get the Canadian Patent and have it offered on the market. I am offering to sell a share in these Ideas

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up to 25% of either or all on the following terms $100.00 for each 5% share of the (Air Brake) Patent up to 25% for $500.00 xx and $100.00 xx for each 10% of the (Exhaust Condenser) and the (Windshield Wiper) if any one so desires up to 25% of either or both.

The costs of the Patent or Patents in the Canadian Patent Office to come out of this money and the Patent or Patents to be registered in my name and also in the name of the party assisting me so that both will be protected. The Work to be done by Ramseys of 273 Bank st. and the Patent to be placed on the market for sale at once to the highest bidder.

Now Sir I hope you may be interested in such a proposition and it would be easy to get in touch with Ramseys and get their candid opinion on the matter before deciding anything They are quite ready to go into the possibilities of any or all three of these Inventions.

Should you not be personally interested you no doubt have acquaintances who might The party or parties interested can please themselves as to what portion of share they take

I offer this as a straight business proposition. I could draw the plans well enough personally for the Patent Office but consider that any one helping me would prefer an experienced Patent Attorney to act in the matter.

There are good possibilities of large returns for the amount invested but ofcourse a guarantee cannot be given.

Now Sir you are accustomed to handling much larger propositions than this but to me this is at present all important as I am making an effort to keep out of

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the bread line. Because of my health I cannot do heavy labor at all and am trying to get the matter mentioned above moving in the way described and also to get a few dollars to try and get some gainful occupation started to keep myself a respected citizen and not have to ask for charity

I have the oportunity here to grow mushrooms for a Reliable Co. in Winnipeg who guarantee to take all I can grow at a good price per pound.

There are out buildings here for 1000 sq ft of beds and plenty of soft water and fuel for heat if needed and making hot beds is something I have experience in. so if I can get a little money in the way I have offered I have a fair oportunity to make a new start as well as the possibility contained in the Inventions.

My back is to the wall at present and I am fighting for a chance to try and establish a home once more as that is the most important thing after all.

Will you please get in communication with Ramseys or interest some one to do so with a view to taking an interest in the proposition I have set forth. They have the drawings in their possesaion and are experienced in this work so are competant to give a fair opinion in the matter

Yours Respectfully
Wilbur Shier
Erinview
Manitoba

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 11, 1934.

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Dear Colonel Kennedy:

You will recall my speaking to you some time ago with respect to a permanent appointment at the Kemptville Agricultural School for Mr. Gordon A. Scott, who has been employed there for the past four or five months in a temporary capacity. You indicated that it was possible you might be making some permanent appointments at this school during the early part of April.

Information has just reached me that Mr. Scott has completed his tenure of temporary employment, and I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether it is going to be possible for you to appoint him permanently and the date on which he might expect to be appointed.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Prescott Ont. 89 S.
April 12th.
Nineteen thirty four.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. Casselman showed me a letter, he received from you a few days ago, with reference to my ~~our~~ application to Canadian Industries Limited for a position. Let me say that I am very grateful to you

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for the interest you are
taking in this matter.
I feel since reading your
letter that the prospects
are very encouraging.

Yours very truly

C. D. Shannon

Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen
Ottawa Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 12, 1934.

Dear Mr. Seaman:

I have your letter of 3rd. It certainly is a pleasure to me to hear from you. If you are in anything like as good form as your penmanship, you must be better than ever.

I have noted carefully what you say as to the new Armoury in Winnipeg, and will take more interest in it from this on altogether on your account. Nothing would please me more than to be able to meet the desire of any true blue supporter of former days such as you always were.

My very best regards,

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Tom Seaman,
Edrans, P. O., Man.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 12, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Shier:

I have your letter of 5th. Am sorry but it is utterly impossible for me to take an interest in new mechanical inventions. I am no judge of the merits of any such invention, and have more to do than I should have undertaken in others ways at the present time. Have tried to think out some direction in which I could advise you to move, or some persons whom you might see with a view to getting them interested, but I am not now familiar enough with Winnipeg to be of help to you. The people who would be interested in anything of this kind would be foundry or steel manufacturing people, such as Western Steel Products.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Wilbur Shier,
Erinview, Man.

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WELLAND, ONT.

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April 19th, 1934.

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Dear Mr. Meighen:

Subject: Firth-Brearley Stainless Steel Syndicate, Patent prolongation.

I did not speak to you about this Bill when I was down this week for two reasons. First, I felt that I was under such an obligation to you in connection with the Peace Bridge Bill, and in the next place I felt you would say - "Well, it is a matter for the Committee to decide." But the way the matter has developed I feel as the promoter of the Bill that I was hardly getting fair treatment and that there are some developments which may create a precedent and that you might not, through stress of work, have it brought to your attention.

THE FACTS.

1. Filed petition with full particulars with the Commissioner of Patents, August, 1933;

2. December 26th, 1933, filed draft Bill with the Department of the Secretary of State ;

3. Bill - first and second reading - reported to Committee. Commissioner of Patents present at Committee - voices his objection and is questioned and full discussion, and the Committee decide to follow the usual practice and consider the application on its merits, and the Bill was reported out of Committee;

4. March 9th. Third reading in the House and some discussion took place on the Bill;

5. After the Bill passed the House, the Minister, whose Commissioner was present at the Private Bills hearing, attends the Private Bills Committee of the Senate and objects to the Bill. The following is a short and I think

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WELLAND, ONT.

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April 19th, 1934.

accurate summary of what he said;-

(a) He intimated so strongly that there was something irregular in the manner in which the Bill had gone through the House that Major W. W. Kennedy of Winnipeg, who sponsored the Bill in the House of Commons and was sitting in the Private Bills Committee of the Senate, asked leave to address the Committee after the Minister had sat down and to assure the Committee that the Bill had gone through in the regular way. Then the Minister withdrew his statement;

(b) He intimated that it was a matter of Government policy, although if one closely followed his statements, I think he did not go to that length. He said he "thought it was the opinion the Government entertained," but the intimation was so strongly put that one Member of the Senate to whom I spoke afterwards, said that he could not support my Bill because it was a matter of Government policy to kill it. I understand that the Minister did not represent any settled Government policy, and in fact I was told that one of the Ministers thought it would be a bad precedent to start with a British Patent, especially with a Patent of such outstanding as Stainless steel;

(c) The Minister intimated that he had had a lot of trouble with British Patentees who had assigned their Patents to the United States and throwing in Canada with their assignment. The way it was put, it was not until he was questioned about it that the impression was removed that it did not apply to my clients;

(d) He also said that in his office he found many hundreds of Patents that had not complied with the regulations with regard to manufacture. Of course this does not apply to my clients who are manufacturing through Licensees who have gone to a great deal of expense to construct special furnaces and creating laboratories to manufacture in Canada this high quality steel.

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WELLAND, ONT.

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April 19th, 1934.

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
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I was not at the Private Bills Committee of the Commons when the Bill came up, and just by accident I learned the night before the Bill was to come up in the Senate that the Honourable J. D. Chaplin had asked certain questions in the Commons, Committee and when they had been answered to his satisfaction he expressed the opinion that the Bill should be carried. I went to him and asked him if he would come over to the Senate Committee. He did, and he heard the Honourable, the Minister's statements, and the Senate Committee heard Mr. Chaplin, and in Mr. Chaplin's opinion the Minister had not been fair in the manner in which he had presented the case, and he went in to the history of this steel at great length with the Senate Committee. He frankly told the Senate Committee that he had no interest whatsoever in this Bill, had not been lobbied by anyone, but it was something that he thought he knew a great deal about.

I feel that if the Secretary of State had not intimated that it was a matter of Government policy that the Committee would have reported favourably on the Bill, especially after having been thoroughly investigated in the Commons, and Mr. Stinson, the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, told me that although it is not a matter of written record, there was a resolution that they would not review any of the divorce evidence coming from the divorce Committee of the Senate - in other words respecting the findings of the Divorce Committee of the Senate.

I feel, of course, that in the first place it was late in the day for the Secretary of State to take the stand he has taken, because as soon as this energy of his dies down [redacted] Bills will be presented again to be considered on their merits, and no doubt put through where proper. I advised my clients in good faith. The Secretary of State's own Department furnished me with precedents extending over thirty years, and in some cases no reasons are given in the Petition and the usual reason is that considerable money and expense had been entailed.

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WELLAND, ONT.

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April 19th, 1934.

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,

Senator Tanner adjourned the Private Bills Committee until next week when he is going to let me know when it will meet, and of course I do not want to put my clients to any more expense than is necessary. I have said all that I can say, and yet if I do not go down I suppose I can hardly expect it to go through. On the other hand, I can hardly hope to have it go through if I do not get a push over in some way or another. At any rate, I give you the facts as I have them, and if you can see your way clear to do anything, of course I shall be still more in your debt.

I was delighted to sit in the Gallery and hear General Mc Rae admit that you were right seven years ago in Hamilton. I still have the Hamilton speech.

Yours faithfully,

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 21, 1934.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I received your letter of 19th on my return yesterday morning. Will be back in Ottawa on Tuesday morning and will have a talk with Senator Tanner on the subject.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Lynn B. Spencer, K. C.,
Welland, Ontario.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, Ontario,
25th April,
1934.

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The Right Honourable,
Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C., B.A.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

Your letter of April 25th, addressed to Doctor Sutherland has been received in his absence from Ottawa.

Privy Council has not approved the recommendation placed before it with reference to the Champ de Mars matter and has returned it to the Department.

Yours very truly,

Mona Johnson.

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Private Secretary

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Ottawa, Ontario
28th April,
1934.

The Right Honourable,
Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C., B.A.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I have your letter of April 25th, regarding the Champ de Mars at Montreal.

This matter did not receive the approval of Council, and it has been returned to the Department. If there is any information I can give you on it, it will be gladly given at any time.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest M. Sutherland

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Winnipeg, Canada.

5th. May, 1934.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
OUR FILE NO. 5449.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am leaving for the East tonight, and expect to be in Toronto on Monday morning. I hope to stay off in Ottawa on my way to Montreal, so if I do not see you in Toronto I hope to be able to drop in and see you in Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

Travers Sweatman

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DRS. SIMPSON & BURNS
SURGEONS
212 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
WINNIPEG

May 11, 1934

Right-Honorable Senator Arthur Meighen,
THE SENATE,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Meighen:-

While you were in Winnipeg you were kind enough to see me and make some suggestions re. the vacant Senator-ship for Manitoba. I hate to trouble you in any way and would not have done so had you not mentioned the matter to me firstly. You also told me that Senator Sharpe had suggested my name to you, which was very nice of him.

Since then, my picture was published in the Tribune along with a short write-up as to the possibility of my receiving the Lieut-Governorship. Subsequently Harold Aikins came to see me and said he was very glad to see my name suggested as the possible next Lieut-Governor and would do anything he could to help me secure it. He also said he would be glad to write you or any other friends he had. This I consider very unselfish and kind of him as his name has also been mentioned. I feel sure that of all names suggested, he would fill the place the most acceptably. He has the tradition and ability and indeed I may say is in every way fitted for the position. He has a charming wife and lovely daughters, all of which would add to the interest in Government House.

Of course it is needless to say that I would much prefer the Senator-ship. Can I <u>not</u> get this, I would be delighted to accept the other.

You will pardon me please for trespassing on your time, I realize you are a very busy man.

With my kindeat regards to yourself and, if you have the opportunity, convey my good wishes to Senator Sharpe please.

Yours respectfully.

R W Simpson

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VICE-PRESIDENT

H. S. SOUTHAM,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Ottawa Citizen

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May 12, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
The Senate
O t t a w a

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Thank you for your kind favor of May 10th. Although I know that you are an extremely busy man, it would take you only about an hour or so to read "Promise To Pay" by R. McNair Wilson, author of "Democracy Or Money Power," and in the hope that you will be able to spare that time I am herewith sending you a copy, feeling as I do that it is one of the most enlightening of short works on the operations of international finance that we have come across. If you could possibly read this book before your discussion of our recent letter with the Prime Minister, you would find the information contained therein helpful.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Southam

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W. H. Sellens

Manager
Imperial Bank of Canada
Vancouver, B.C.

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586 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
May 12/1934

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

You will probably remember that some few years ago I was Manager of the Bank opposite your office. BAY ST. I noticed in the newspaper in the last day or so that your name was coupled with some projected amendment to the Bills Exchange Act concerning civic holidays. In this connection I would like to suggest the desirability of providing that bills and notes shall not mature on Saturdays, but on the following Monday, as is the case in the majority of the United States. It would be a matter of convenience to Bankers and all classes of the business community, and in farming communities it would not in any way prevent the notes of farmers being arranged in the ordinary way on Saturday if so desired.

Some few years ago it seemed to me that the Banks in Toronto could be closed all day on Saturday in the summer without inconvenience to the business community, and if the Act is amended to make civic holidays local Bank holidays, I trust that it will not be confined to one such holiday per year in each community. I understand that all Imperial Oil executive offices have been closed everywhere all the year round on Saturdays for a number of years, and of course Eatons in Toronto and all the lawyers and brokers formerly closed on Saturday in the summer. Pay-rolls and all Bank business could be arranged just as easily on Friday as on Saturday if the situation were forced by the closing of the Banks. This could eventually be accomplished in Toronto by declaring a civic holiday for every Saturday say during June, July and August.

Yours truly,

W.M.S.

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Ottawa, May 15, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Southam:

I have your letter of 12th and thank you very much indeed for sending me "Promise to Pay" by R. McNair Wilson. I shall make a real effort to read this book this week.

Yours very truly.

Mr. W. M.Southam,
"The Ottawa Citizen",
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 15, 1934.

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My dear Dr. Simpson:

I have your letter of 11th. Have not the least idea what the Prime Minister intends in this matter, and, as you know, it is entirely in his hands. I got no intimation in the last conversation, but hope to in the next.

Yours very truly.

Dr. R. M. Simpson,
212 Medical Arts Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, May 16, 1934.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 12th. Same, however, was received too late to be of service. The Bill went through today and has now been assented to. In any event I think it would be some time before Parliament would be ready to make every Saturday a Bank holiday.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. M. Sellens,
Imperial Bank of Canada,
586 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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The Silver Association of Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH

TELEPHONE: TRINITY 3553

C. WILLMOTT MADDISON
GENERAL MANAGER

NORTHERN PACIFIC BUILDING
515 GRANVILLE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Get speech

17th May 1934

The Right Honorable
Arthur Meighan
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated March 27th 1934 to the Silver Dollar Association on the subject of Silver, ?you close your letter as follows;-

" I will endeavour to secure a copy of the only speech I have made on the subject of the use of Silver, and I will have it sent to you."

We have no record of having received this up to the present, and we may mention that we shall be glad to have a copy of this interesting speech at your early convenience.

We may mention that the Silver Dollar Association has merged into this Association, under the title of The Silver Association of Canada, British Columbia Branch.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply, we remain,

Yours very truly

THE SILVER ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.
British Columbia Branch.

C. Willmott Maddison.
Manager.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

OTTAWA May 19, 1934.

Correspondence also in Toronto

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a .

My dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th instant, with the attached letter from Mr. Albert L. Stephens. I will place this matter immediately in the hands of the Department.

There is no reason in the world why we should not have our goods displayed in that country and I will have our Services in South America immediately stirred up in regard to it, and the information for which this gentleman asks will be forwarded to him at once.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Stevens

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Ottawa, May 29, 1924.

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Dear Sir:

I duly received your letter of 17th May and am sorry to have overlooked sending you copy of my speech on the subject of "Silver". One is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. C. Willmott Maddison,
Manager,
The Silver Association of Canada,
515 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Ottawa, June 12/34.

Private

Dear Colonel Kennedy:

I tried to get you over the week-end but without success. Nothing has been done in regard to the appointment of Gordon Scott, that is, nothing had been done up to Saturday. You will remember our conversation on the subject about ten days ago.

Again thanking you very sincerely,

Yours truly,

Col., The Hon. T. L. Kennedy,
Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Ont.

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June 15th - 34

Hon N. Meighen
Ottawa

Dear Mr. Meighen.

I trust - you will
live to see a great many -
more

Yours
J. F. Sowards

Acknowledged

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328 Somerset Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 20, 1934.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Acting on orders to economize in all branches of the Public Service, the Department of Agriculture has re-organized several of its branches and, I understand, contemplates consolidating under one branch the extension and publicity work now being done in the several branches of the Department. This will probably be undertaken at an early date as it was recently announced that the Chief of the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, will retire at the end of this month. It was also announced that a reorganization of the Branch would take place. This re-organization may include the consolidation above mentioned. My son-in-law, F. C. Nunnick, B.S.A., has the necessary qualifications and years of experience in the Department which eminently fit him to satisfactorily discharge the duties which would devolve upon the chief of such a branch.

You may recall that I wrote you regarding this matter sometime in December last from St. Augustine, Fla., where I was spending the winter. I may add, however, that I have addressed many meetings in the interests of the Conservative candidates in a great number of constituencies in the Province of Quebec and Ontario, always at my own expense. Among these meetings were several at the request of your good wife in the County of Carleton during the campaign a few years ago. I have never asked nor received any political favours. I would, however, very greatly appreciate anything that you may be able to do in the interests of Mr. Nunnick in the matter mentioned above.

Your obedient servant,

W. Lirwat—
328 Somerset St.
Ottawa

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Mr. Nunnick was with the Commission of Conservation for ten years as Technical Adviser to the Committee on Lands. When the Commission was dissolved in 1921, he was transferred to the Dominion Department of Agriculture and became Chief of the Division of Extension and Publicity of the Dominion Experimental Farms System, which position he has satisfactorily filled for the past thirteen years. During this time he has had charge of the Dominion Experimental Farms exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley; Canada's National exhibit at the World's Poultry Congress held in the Crystal Palace, London, England; the educational exhibit of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at the World's Grain Show, Regina; and each year has charge of the educational exhibits of the Dominion Experimental Farms which are staged at numerous exhibitions in Canada from coast to coast. He also has charge of the preparation and editing of all publications and press articles issued by the Dominion Experimental Farms. He was born and brought up on an Ontario farm and is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA June 23 1934

Honorable Arthur Meighen
Ottawa
Ontario
Canada.

Dear Sir

We note that there has been a building program announced by the Bennett Government.
We have a million brick we want to sell badly.
We have written W.H Burns - stating we want to sell brick, and if we had Portage brick specified in some of this new work, it would help all the Snyder Boys We have been hit hard by the depression the boys wishes to be remembered to you.

We remain
Yours truly
Snyder Brick yards Ltd
Per Basil Snyder

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June 26, 1934.

The Senate of Canada

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of 23rd. Would not think the Government would specify any special brick as that would probably get them in trouble. However, I will see what the attitude is and suggest you watch carefully to ascertain the contractor as soon as possible in the case of any definite piece of construction.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Snyder Bros.,
Room 11, Newman Block,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

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Ottawa.
June 26, 1934.

The Senate of Canada

89 M.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I have before me your letter of 20th June and regret indeed not to have been able to reach it sooner in my correspondence. Am only here but a short time each week and exceedingly rushed while in Ottawa.

If you will refer to my letter to you of 16th January, you will see that the position to which you desire your son-in-law appointed is not under the Government at all but under the Civil Service Commission, and that anything in the way of influence with the Commission is not only futile but is forbidden. The function of the Committee is to make appointments solely on their merits after ascertaining, as the Commission is able to do, all the relevant facts as to qualification, etc. I am sure from your letter that it is only on the merits that you desire your son-in-law appointed, and there is no reason why these cannot be fully placed before the Commission.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. Stuart,
328 Somerset St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, June 28, 1934.

The Senate of Canada

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Dear Harry:

If the Mass Buying Committee is to sit after the Session closes, I wish you would consider in case you will be employing stenographers, Miss Lillian Stewart. Miss Stewart is the daughter of the late Premier of Prince Edward Island. She has temporary work in the Buildings but will be idle after the Session closes, and I am told is very competent. The family was left, I am given to understand, without anything, and I have reason to believe the Prime Minister would be pleased to see Miss Stewart get work.

Yours very truly,

Hon. H. H. Stevens,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ont.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

OTTAWA June 30,1934.

Private

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a .

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter on behalf of Miss Lillian Stewart. Unfortunately, all the positions, as far as I know, are presently filled by the organization serving the Committee which it is intended to carry forward under the Commission, if and when appointed.

I would be very glad however to make a note of Miss Stewart's name and give every consideration to it.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Stevens

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July 18th. 1934.

A. H. Hinds, Esq.,
Private Secretary to,
Hon, Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Hinds;-

I have today, forwarded to the Chief of the Remission Service, an application for parole on behalf of one Orville T. Soole, formerly of Elm Creek, Manitoba. This man and his family are very well known to me and he is also well and favorably known in Portage, Winnipeg and in the Carman district.

He has lived at Elm Creek for a good many years and for a long time was Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality of Grey. He was charged and convicted of embezzlement of Municipal funds, and I am afraid the story is the old one in which he was speculating, took some money intending to put it back, things went bad and he was not able to do so. So far as any downright criminal tendencies are concerned, the man simply has none, and he, I think, deserves a parole if anybody does.

He was sentenced at Winnipeg to a term of three years in Stoney Mountain, and Colonel Meighen there, I understand thinks a great deal of him, and is willing to assist in every way in his application for parole.

He has a wife and two small children, two and four years of age, and what little means they had are practically exhausted this last year and a half and on account of the children s age she is not able to go out and work and will be destitute this winter. She has a job for him which he can get if he gets out, and as half the time is served, or will be served by the time you get this letter, why I feel it is an application for the Department to take up, particularly in view of the fact it is his first conviction.

In my application today, I sent down three, largely signed petitions from people in Portage, Winnipeg and the Carman district, who know Soole very weal, so that he has strong support to his application for parole. I would appreciate it very much indeed, if you could find an opportunity, to mention it to the Chief of the Remission

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Service, or whoever is in charge there, and if you can put in a word asking him to take this up as speedily as possible, why I think it would have a good effect and I certainly, personally, would appreciate it very much indeed.

I suppose you, personally, have had a pretty busy time with such a long session, Mr. Meighen having so many other activities, but I hope you are standing it and enjoying good health. With best wishes,

WRS/R

Yours sincerely,



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OTTAWA, 25 July, 1934.

Dear Mr. Sexsmith,

re O.T.Soole.

On my return from a short holiday following a strenuous Session, I have your letter of the 18th instant.

I shall get in touch with the Chief of the Remission Branch and urge as strongly as I can early consideration of the application.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

A.L.M.

W.R.Sexsmith, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

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September 18, 1934

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Senator Meighen:

The task of handling advertising of the coming Dominion Loan is to be divided between several Advertising Agencies, and naturally I am most anxious that my firm be entrusted with a portion of it, so I am writing to ask if you would do me the great favour of dropping a line to the Minister of Finance recommending this Company.

We have presented our claims personally and by letter to those in charge of the loan campaign, and they are well aware both of our ability to render efficient service and of our long record of successful achievement.

The members of our executive have been life-long workers for the Conservative Party, notably our President, J. P. Patterson, who has been chief Conservative organizer for North Toronto.

A word from you will help me very materially, and I hope you will be kind enough to give me this requested assistance.

Yours respectfully,

Harold F. Stanfield

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
September 20, 1934.

Dear Harold:

I am writing on the presumption that you are a son of John Stanfield, and am acknowledging your letter of 18th.

I sincerely trust you have written the Minister of Finance yourself. He is from your Province and I am sure would be disposed to assist Senator Stanfield's son if he could at all. I shall, however, take the matter up with him when I see him, as I hope to do on Saturday next, but you should not relax your own efforts direct.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Harold F. Stanfield,
Norris-Patterson Ltd.,
1504 University Tower,
Montreal, Que.

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Rt Hon Arthur Meighan
Leader of Senate
Ottawa

M 6559

Dear Sirs

The School & Home Club of S S No 1 Stafford are trying to raise funds to buy an Organ for the School if we can manage to buy one we have got the chance of getting Rev Crealy Anglican minister to give the children singing lessons and those kind of people are hard to find in a country place so we hate to miss the opportunity we have only twelve members and we have had a hard time raising funds drilled a well 85 ft at $2.50 per ft and the pump and the other expences connected with it so we thought perhaps you would like to send us a donation to help out no matter how small every little helps

Yours
Mrs John W. Sutherland
Cobden R R 5

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The Senate of Canada

Ottawa, Ont.,
January 22, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Sutherland:

Your letter of 21st has been duly received, and at Mr. Meighen's request I am sending you herewith a small contribution of $2.00 toward the organ fund.

Yours very truly,

clk. send

Private Secretary.

Mrs. John W. Sutherland,
Cobden, R. R. #5,
Ontario.

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January 23rd, 1935

The Rt Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Arthur:-

A cousin of mine, Miss Margaret Sparling would like to know she is legally correct when she says she is a Canadian. She knows she is in "spirit".

Her father Frederick George Sparling was born at St. Mary's in Ontario. His father James Wyndham Sparling was a brother of my father.

Early in the eighties James and his young family moved to Beulah, Manitoba and took out a homestead. When Fred grew into manhood he went to Pilot Mound in Manitoba and entered into business with his brother Albert. Later he decided to go into medicine. As he had not had early advantages in eduction, he went to the States and took his degree there. This made it necessary for him to practice in the United States. He located in Omaha, Nebraska. There he met the young lady of his choice, Miss Ruth Phillipi, a daughter of one of the head officials of the Missouri Pacific Railway.

As he had decided to locate permanently in the United States, he thought he should become an American citizen and took the initial steps.

In 1908 the big rush being on to Saskatchewan, he decided to try his luck there in farm lands and went to Saskatoon. Having decided to locate permanently in Canada, he had himself re-naturalized on August 11th, 1908. His children Philip and Margaret (the young lady in question) were born in Omaha, Austin the youngest in Saskatoon.

In 1923 when on a visit tomSt.Paul Fred died of an acute heart attack. You will remember that in 1923 farm lands in Saskatchewan were at a low ebb and as he was heavily involved, his widow found it necessary to earn her

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own living to support herself and family. She was highly educated, being a graduate of Northwestern University and a Phi Beta Kappa. She applied for a position on the St. Paul Schools and was appointed to the High School Department, which position she still holds.

In 1932 Margaret and Austin were coming to Winnipeg to spend the summer with us at Minaki. They were questioned as usual at the border. Margaret said she was born in Omaha and Austin said he was born in Saskatoon. The authorities immediately said there was trouble in store on account of duel nationality.

The United States Immigration Department asserted they were Canadians; the Consulate Department said they were Americans: The matter was referred to Washington. Kellog of St. Paul was brought in. Finally the Attorney General's Department at Washington decided they were Canadians.

However, it seems they have some difficulties with the Canadian authorities owing to the length of their residence in the United States.

Margaret is engaged to be married to Mr. John H Burrows of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England and is to be married this summer. She will then live in England. Her fiance's father is proprietor and editor-in-cheif of the Southend Standard and John is the only son and first assistant in the business. When Margaret was in England this summer her English friends were careful to state, when introducing her, that she was "a Canadian,temporarily residing in the United States". They prize Canadian citizenship and so does Margaret and as I have said before she would like to be a Canadian in fact as well as in spirit.

I would appreciate it if you would look into the matter at Ottawa and do what is necessary to have the authorities issue her the appropriate papers.

Yours very truly,

Frits Sparling

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REMISSION SERVICE
OTTAWA

February 12, 1935.

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letters returned to Mr. Vanston Feb. 15-/35 Encls

Dear Madam:

Re: Phillip Simone.

I have your letter of the 11th instant, and in reply to your request, return the two letters written by Encls. Simone to his parents.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. Gallagher,
Chief of Remission Service.

Miss E. Mildred Edmondson,
Secretary to the Right Honourable
Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ont.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

April 2, 1935.

Private.

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Dear Mr. Meighen,

Thank you very much for letting me see the attached correspondence. This is without doubt one of the most extraordinary letters that I have ever read.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 4, 1935.

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Dear Fritz:

I am a long time getting results, but am sending you herewith letter of 30th March from the Department of Immigration, for your perusal. It certainly will not be altogether satisfactory to you.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Fritz Sparling,
Hull, Sparling & Sparling,
National Trust Bldg.
Winnipeg, Man.

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June 3, 1935.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA,
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Dear Mr. Meighen,

When you were in Winnipeg recently you were good enough to promise to send me a report of your Speech in the Senate on the constitutional right of the Dominion Parliament to pass legislation affecting hours of labor. The fact that the copies of your lecture on Shakespeare came addressed to me without your Speech being included has caused me to think that perhaps it was omitted through inadvertence.

I have read the debate on the question in the House of Commons with much interest and it seemed to me that the weight of argument preponderated greatly in favor of the Government. I understand that your contribution to the question was an important one, and I would like very much to read it. I trust that it will not inconvenience you to send it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

FJS-FG.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
RAY LEWIS

June 3rd, 1935.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover I have taken the privilege of mailing you a copy of the Jubilee issue of the Canadian Moving Picture Digest, in which the American Motion Picture Industry and the Canadian Motion Picture Industry joins in sending through The Digest their felicitations to His Majesty King George, and Her Majesty Queen Mary, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties' reign.

The Canadian Moving Picture Digest is the only British moving picture trade paper published on the American continent. I trust that you may find the Jubilee number of special interest.

Yours very truly,

Ray Lewis

Ray Lewis (Mrs. Joshua Smith).
Editor and Publisher.

Greetings from Joshua and myself

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Ottawa,
June 5, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Sutton:

Just received your letter of 3rd. I must admit I forget to send you the Senate report which I promised, and have much pleasure in enclosing a copy herewith.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

...F. J. Sutton, K. C.,
...ch, Leech & Sutton,
McArthur Bldg.,
...peg, Man.

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Ottawa,
June 6, 1925.

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Circulation Manager,
Sydney Post-Record,
Sydney, N. S.

Dear Sir:

Would you be good enough to send to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, c/o the Senate, Ottawa, a copy of the Sydney Post-Record of Saturday, June 1, 1925.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

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Dear Mr Meighen

I received the the booklet, and surely enjoyed reading it. Thanks very much.

Business is going a long very nicely this spring, and am very busy most of the time.

I have not had a letter for some time from you. Is all well with you and yours?

I should surely love to make a trip up to Toronto but it is so hard for me to leave here for only a few days. but some day I am hoping to I should like to go out to See Walters Town.

I want to thank you again for all the kind things you did for him, while he was here.

I will be delighted to hear from you. Yours very truly

Kindest regards. C. Sadler

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June 10, 1935

The Rt, Hon. Arthur Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Thank you for your letter of the seventh addressed to Professor Shotwell, who is in Detroit. We are sending word to Professor Logan about communicating with you, and I know that both Professor Shotwell and Professor Logan will appreciate your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Pauline Stearns

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June 10, 1935.

E.M. Edmondson, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
c/o the Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Edmondson:

In accordance with your request of June 6th we are forwarding today by same mail under separate cover a complete copy of our issue of Saturday, June 1st, addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

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June 11th, 1935.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA,
Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I wish to thank you for the Report of your Speech. I was particularly interested in the part dealing with Article 405. I think your argument on this branch of the matter is conclusive.

Yours sincerely,

FJS-FG.

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Ottawa,
June 13, 1935.

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Dear Mrs. Smith:

I duly received your letter of June 3rd and also the Jupilee issue of the Canadian Moving Picture Digest which I found very interesting. Many thanks for sending it to me.

Yours very truly.

Mrs. Joshua Smith,
Editor,
The Canadian Moving Picture Digest,
259 Spadina Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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REMISSION
REGISTER
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PT/EB.

Ottawa, June 21, 1935.

Sir:

In continuation of the correspondence you have exchanged with the Chief of the Remission Service, Department of Justice, in the interest of one PHILLIP SIMONE, now detained in the Collins Bay Penitentiary, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to order this young man's release under the restraint of a Ticket of Leave upon the additional condition that he return to the home of his father, Mr. P. Simone, 133 Monarch Park Ave., Toronto, Ontario, and place himself under his supervision.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. Gogman

Under-Secretary of State.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K. C., P.C.,
The Senate,
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Ottawa,
June 25, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Vanston:

Enclosed is copy of letter received today by Mr. Meighen with regard to the case of Phillips Simone, in whom you were interested.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Mr. George Vanston,
Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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The Rectory,
Hatley, P.Q.
11th February 1936.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senate Chamber,
Ottawa.

Rt. Hon. Sir,

I write to thank you for writing the recent article printed in 'Toronto Saturday Night' regarding Canada and League of Nations Sanctions. The views expressed are in refreshing contrast to the dog in the manger attitude of some of our other leaders. I recall with pleasure an address you gave to the pupils of the English School at Three Rivers. I think in 1925. I was Principal at the time.

It seems to me that the countries with the wide open spaces could ease the world wide tension if they would adopt a more liberal attitude to immigration. All our problems are capable of spiritual approach. Last Sunday (Septuagesima) our lessons in Church concern the creation, old and new (Genesis I and either S. John I or Revelation XXI) and the injunction in Genesis to creation to 'be fruitful and multiply' brings us back to the truth that a nation cannot prosper by a policy of restriction in any shape or form. The visionary is often the most practical statesman.

However you do not need me to preach to you. I did want to thank you for your article.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev) Wallace W. Smith.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 12, 1926.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of 11th February. The article to which you refer must be something quoted from a speech I made in November at a meeting of the Board of Trade, as I contributed nothing directly to Saturday Night. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the address which you may find of interest.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Rev. Wallace W. Smith,
The Rectory,
Hatley P. O., Ont.

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44 York St.,

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Ottawa, Ont., June 6, 1936.

Honorable Arthur Meighen,

The Senate,

Ottawa, Ont.

Honorable Sir:

Several months ago I wrote you soliciting an interview with reference to a very important personal matter.

You were kind enough to advise me that such would be granted after the opening of the House. I would very greatly appreciate arrangement of an appointment at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your kind consideration and awaiting your favourable decision, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

P.P. Salter

P.P. Salter

'Phone R. 7157.

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Ottawa,
June 9, 1926.

Dear Mr. Salter:

I just received your letter of 6th June. Am indeed sorry to have overlooked your previous communication, which appears to have been filed at Toronto.

During the Session I am in my office here very little, as most of my time is spent at meetings of various Committees, and it is extremely difficult for me to make appointments. I would, therefore, appreciate it if you could write to me on the matter which you have in mind.

Yours very truly,

Mr. P. P. Salter,
44 York Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

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44 York St.,

Ottawa, Ont., June 11, 1936.

The Honorable Arthur Meighen,

The Senate,

Ottawa, Ont.

Honorable Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 9th inst. relative to our arranging an appointment at your convenience.

While I appreciate that your valuable time is more than totally absorbed in various ways, this is a matter of such magnitude and importance that it cannot be adequately covered by correspondence.

Briefly, this subject has an international aspect since it concerns a large grant, by a British Sovereign, of land situated in New York state, having a multi-million dollar valuation.

We have complete genealogy and powers of attorney from the several hundred legitimate heirs, who are interested. At a meeting of this group, it was unanimously agreed to solicit your services to act as our intermediary in whatever capacity necessary to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the inheritance.

In this connection, we have spent a great deal of time and money, with the result that we have various documents and correspondence, which, we believe, will sufficiently overcome any remaining difficulties. I shall be pleased to submit more detailed information if, and when, required.

In view of the circumstances, I sincerely trust that you will be in a position to grant this esteemed favor.

Thanking you in anticipation of such, I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully yours,

P.P. Salter.
Secretary.

'phone R. 7157.

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Ottawa,
June 12, 1926.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 11th, and am sorry Itwould not be able to see you on the subject matter referred to as I am not practising Law. On account of my other obligations here and at Toronto, it would be utterly impossible for me to interest myself in it.

Yours very truly,

Mr. P. P. Salter,
44 York Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Tuesday morning
Quisdesh
Toronto

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Perth, January 22nd. 1937.

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, Senator,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Arthur,-

Enclosed you will find the papers which Mr.Rogers gave me to send to you.

In I93I I was appointed Committee to manage Harriet's estate and in I932, I933 and I934 passed the accounts before the late Judge J.H.Scott. I might say that the last time I appeared before him, he told me that everything was in order and that I would have no trouble.

In I935 when I came before Judge Wilson, he refused to pass the accounts, he said, according to his reading of the order, all monies should have been paid into Court. That is what I am anxious to avoid. I have been told that the Court Fees would soon eat up the estate.

When I spoke to Elsie Reford of the matter and told her that I had considered asking you to use your influence with Mr. Justice Hope, she asked me to tell you that she hoped you would do everything you could to held me in this matter. At first she said she would write you herself, but later said for me to tell you what her wishes were, when I saw you.

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Arthur Campbell also said that he would write you.

Mr Rogers appeared at Ottawa, in October and at the hearing, the Public Trustee was represented. The Motion was before Mr. Justice Hope and he said that he would grant the Order as requested, but required affidavits from the other members of the family to the effect that they were agreeable. These were obtained, then Mr. Justice Hope changed his mind and said he did not care to establish a precedent. Mr.Rogers has again written Mr. Justice Hope, but has not received a reply.

I trust that you will be able to have Mr. Justice Hope reconsider the matter and agree to giving me the order to continue managing the estate as under his Honor the late Judge Scott or as the proposed new order states.

I shall be able to go into details when I see you at Ottawa.

Thanking you for your trouble in this matter.

Sincerly yours,

Ethel L. Smith

Mrs. R.J.Smith,
Box 550,
Perth, Ont.

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320 Bay Street, Toronto,
January 26, 1937.

Dear Ethel:

I just received your letter of 22nd and have looked over the papers as well. I will be in Ottawa, as stated, a week from today and could see you say Wednesday morning, if that would be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Robert Smith,
Box 550,
Perth, Ont.

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320 Bay Street, Toronto,
February 5, 1937.

Ottawa

Dear Ethel:

I have had a talk today with Hon. Mr. Justice Hope. He certainly has satisfied me that he is very anxious to meet your wishes if legally he can do so under the terms of the Statute and three decisions which have been made upon it. He seems, however, quite convinced that he cannot. If he does not, there can be no criticism whatever attaching to him, because of his disposition to do so there can be no doubt. He knows the family and knows that you can be depended upon as a Committee, and as you have the family's approval it is only natural that he would wish to do just as he has expressed.

You must keep in mind that the terms of the Order are taken direct from the Statute--that is to say Clause 5 is out of the Statute. Decisions have been made thereon and he feels himself bound by the decisions.

I then went into the question of procedure and costs if everything is the way of securities and money is paid into Court. He took no exception when I stated that the Court would probably sell at once the International Petroleum, so I presume it would. It would not, of course, sell Dominion Government Bonds--at least, it is inconceivable that the Court would take such a step. He further says that there will be no difficulty about getting money for the payments regularly. An Order would be made for payment to be on a certain system and there would be no expense, he says, in connection with it. I told him of Mr. Rogers' fears and he cannot see any ground for them. You remember Mr. Cote was of the same view as is Judge Hope.

However, the Judge said he would be in Ottawa next week and I took the opportunity to ask him to see both you and me on Tuesday afternoon, and he fixed five o'clock for the purpose. If, after thinking the matter over, you do not think it worth while to come, let me know by letter to Ottawa and I will see him myself. I don't think there will be any need of Mr. Rogers coming.

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It occurs to me that perhaps things are somewhat different in Quebec Courts and that it is there Mrs. Meford has had her experience. However, I do not know whether it was with Quebec Courts or Ontario Courts that she was concerned.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Robert J. Smith,
Box 550,
Perth, Ont.

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Perth

UU6590 Feb. 7th 1937

Dear Arthur.

I received your letter yesterday. Thank you very much for your interest in my affairs. I think it better that I should see Judges Hope. so I will be at your Office at five o'clock on Tuesday

Sincerely Yours

Ethel T. Smith

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Ottawa,
February 10, 1937.

Mrs. Robert Smith,
Perth, Ont.

Dear Ethel:

I think the course you should pursue with regard to your Committeeship of your sister Harriet's Estate is as follows:

(1) Sell the 20 shares of International Petroleum. Make proper deductions from this for your own expenses in accordance with allowances approved by Judge Scott. Also make such payments, if any, as are now necessary in respect of your sister.

(2) Obtain from Mr. Rogers his account in connection with the Motion made before Mr. Justice Hope for variation of the Order made by Mr. Justice Logie, and if this account seems reasonable, pay it.

(3) Pay the balance of the moneys on hand into Court.

(4) Arrange through Mr. Rogers an appointment for the passing of your accounts before Judge Wilson.

(5) Thereafter pay out of the proceeds of the Annuity your sister's expenses and your own expenses in connection with her, just so long as the proceeds of the Annuity are sufficient for this purpose.

(6) Should the proceeds of the Annuity turn out to be insufficient for the purposes of No. (5), have Mr. Rogers apply to the Supreme Court for an Order for such further payments out of moneys in the hands of the Court at such periods and in such amounts as will meet the necessities.

Yours sincerely,

AM/E.

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Ottawa,
February 17, 1937.

Dear Ethel:

I am returning herewith the Notice of Motion which you left with me regarding your sister's Estate.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Robert Smith,
Box 550,
Perth, Ont.

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383 FRANK STREET
OTTAWA

M. 6593

March 1st 1937.

Dear Mr Meighen:

We appreciate so much your kind note. The sympathy for us and the sincere regret at Mother's passing that has come from all the old friends of former

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day has been very touching
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Mother grew old so
gracefully. As the years
passed her charm
and the joy of living
never diminished. We
are comforted in the
thought that she had
such a long life which
covered such an interesting
period in the history of

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Ottawa. She saw it expand and develop and to the very end kept up her interest in all things pertaining to the public welfare. She had so many friends who loved her. She has left us such a perfect example of a beautiful character.

With our very sincere thanks for your kind sympathy

Very sincerely yours
Sheila J. Stewart

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Ottawa,
March 2, 1937.

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Dear Mrs. Stephens:

Eddie was in last week and asked me to assist him to get an appointment with the Argentine Consul so that he could get away to South America at the time planned. I promised to do so and immediately sought to get in touch with the Argentine Consul but found there was none. I don't know to whom Eddie referred. He did not come back so I had no way of getting in touch with him to find out. I sincerely hope he got away all right and that he attains the object he has in mind in his visit to Albert in the Argentine.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Harry Stephens,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

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Box 1449
Portage La Prairie, Man.
March 5/37.

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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I had a letter from Eddie, written in New York, saying he had seen the Argentine Consul at Ottawa, & thought it was through your influence he had seen him, and was very grateful to you. However the proper arrangements were made and

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he was able to continue on his trip in time to get the boat at New York.

Yours very sincerely
Lillian C. Stephens

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120 Bedford Road,
Toronto 5, Canada

June 13, 1950

Dear Dr. Meighen,

I do not like to call on my busy patients, and I am much indebted to you for doing so, as I also am for the other calls you have previously.

I am very sorry that I was not at home when you called and that I had not the pleasure of seeing you, as I had you to have met my daughter, who has a little place in King Township, north of Toronto.

I fear you may be about going to the Abbey Club. Yesterday I was not feeling up to much as I hoped to after my three operations and I fell it rather trying to walk and talk to

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a number of people & would have to be like Club. But I have not decided it and I shall like it be summer week & my return more refully ab Kel & may be able to go there again one day ad wish my friends & ours

Ofte kindly give with best regard ad all good wishes

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

John A Mears

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R. Scott

1. The procedure in England with the Canadian Forces for appointment to commissioned rank, of personnel from the ranks, is as follows:-

(a) The soldier must first of all be recommended by his Commanding Officer as being suitable in every respect for commissioned rank.

(b) Commissions are not granted unless vacancies exist in the War Establishments of the units.

(c) When recommended, and if selected, the soldier would then be sent to an Officers' Training Centre where he first of all receives basic training, and then special training in the Arm of the Service to which he is to be commissioned.

2. The important factor is for the soldier to receive the strongest possible recommendation from his Commanding Officer.

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Mr. Hinds:

Mr. W. M. Graham of Regina has been in the service of the Dept. of Indian Affairs for 49 years. For 35 years or more of this time he was Indian Commissioner in the West. It has been suggested that he should receive a long-service medal.

Please let me have a memo as to who has charge of the granting of these and how I should go about securing one for Mr. Graham.

A. M.

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House of Commons
Canada

THE PRESS GALLERY

Dear Senator Meighen -

Senator Dennis has been ill - a heart attack - for about three weeks. He planned to come up here this month but the doctors have advised he must go South for a few weeks. He is greatly disappointed. has been confined to his home for some time.

Sincerely -
Evelyn S. Tuffo

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House of Commons
Canada
THE PRESS GALLERY

Tuesday

Dear Senator Meighen -

Would it be possible for you to see Senator Dennis some time tomorrow? Perhaps you will be good enough to get in touch with him at his office - 257.

Yours very truly,
Evelyn D. Taylor

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THE STATUTES OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

GEORGE R. & I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these presents shall come:—

GREETING.

WHEREAS, by Warrants under His late Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated the eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two and the second year of His Reign, the twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six and the sixth year of His Reign, the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and the eighth year of His Reign, and the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nine in the ninth year of His Reign, His late Majesty, being desirous of recognizing more fully than had theretofore been possible the faithful and meritorious services rendered to Him by Members of the Civil Service of the various parts of His Empire, did, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Civil Order of Distinction—to be designated the Imperial Service Order—and He was graciously pleased to Make, Ordain, and Establish Rules and Ordinances for the Government of the same;

And whereas We are minded to make certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Order:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in the exercise of the power vested in Us by the aforesaid statutes, and in order to enable Us to carry this Our Will and Pleasure into effect, We do hereby abrogate the aforesaid statutes of the eighth day of August one thousand nine hundred and two, the twenty-ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and six, the twenty-seventh day of May one thousand nine hundred and eight and the seventeenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and nine and the same are abrogated accordingly, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder, and in lieu thereof, We do by these Presents Make, Ordain and Establish the following Statutes and Ordinances:—

Firstly—It is ordained that this Order shall henceforth be styled and designated " The Imperial Service Order ".

Secondly—It is ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and such Companions as We, Our Heirs or Successors, shall appoint.

Thirdly—It is ordained that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperors and Empresses of India, are and forever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Fourthly—It is ordained that only the Members of the administrative or clerical branches of Our Civil Services shall be eligible for the distinction of Companions of this Order.

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Fifthly—It is ordained that the number of Companions of the Order shall not exceed seven hundred, of whom two hundred and fifty shall belong to Our Home Civil Service, two hundred to Our Civil Services in India, including the staff of Our Secretary of State for India (one hundred appointments being reserved for Europeans and one hundred for natives of India), and two hundred and fifty to the Civil Services of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, and Countries under Our Protection, including the Staff of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Sixthly—It is ordained that no person shall be eligible to be a Companion of the Order whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs or Successors, by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, and who has not at the time of his or her nomination rendered at least twenty-five years' meritorious Service in Our said Civil Services: provided that in the Indian Empire the minimum period of service in the case of Europeans shall be twenty years, and that in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection, which under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognized as unhealthy, the minimum of service shall be sixteen years: provided also that it shall be competent to Us Our Heirs or Successors, to appoint specially to the Order persons who not having completed the aforesaid periods of service, have rendered such eminently meritorious service as to qualify them, in Our opinion, to become recipients of this distinction.

Seventhly—It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Companion of the Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant, under Our Sign Manual and countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Eighthly—It is ordained that the decoration to be worn by Companions of the Order shall be: for men, a Badge or Medallion of gold or enamel, bearing Our Imperial and Royal Cypher, and the words " For Faithful Service ", both to be executed in dark blue enamel on a plaque or shield of gold, surrounded by a seven-pointed Star of silver, surmounted by the Imperial Crown; and for women, a Badge or Medallion in all respects similar to the Badge or Medallion for men, save that the plaque or shield of gold shall be surrounded by a wreath of laurel in silver instead of a star, surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

Ninthly—It is ordained that the decoration shall be worn by male Companions on the left breast, suspended by a ribbon of once inch and a half in width, consisting of a strip of blue between two strips of crimson of equal size, and by female Companions on the left shoulder, suspended by a ribbon of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

Tenthly—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom we are pleased to confer the decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*.

Eleventhly—It is ordained that Companions of the Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters " I.S.O." after their names.

Twelfthly—It is ordained that members of any Order of Knighthood shall, if otherwise qualified, be eligible to become Companions of this Order, and that male Companions of this Order shall in no way be debarred from becoming thereafter Members of any Order of Knighthood for which their services may qualify them.

Thirteenthly—It is ordained that the Imperial Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Distinguished Service Order, and before the Fifth Class of Our Royal Victorian Order, and the Companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever have place and precedency next to, and immediately after, the Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

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Fourteenthly—It is ordained that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, to cancel and annul the appointment of any Companion of this Order, and that thereupon his name in the register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore to the Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

Fifteenthly—It is ordained that those Members of Our Civil Services, who are not eligible for appointment as Companions of this Order may, on retirement from Our said Services, after not less than twenty-five years of meritorious service, or, in the case of Europeans serving in the Indian Empire, after not less than twenty years of such service, or in the case of service in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognised as unhealthy, after not less than sixteen years of such service, be awarded a Medal to be designated "The Imperial Service Medal"; Provided that no such Medal shall be granted, except on the recommendation of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State: Provided also that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to confer the Medal upon not more than five Members of Our Civil Services in each year who have retired after less than twenty-five years' service should the special circumstances in Our or Their opinion justify the grant.

Sixteenthly—It is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal for men and women shall in all respects be similar to the badge of the Imperial Service Order for men and women respectively, save that the plaque shall be of silver, instead of gold, and the star on wreath of laurel shall be of bronze instead of silver, and it is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal shall be worn in a similar manner to that prescribed for the Imperial Service Order, and that these Medals shall bear on the reverse the name of the recipient.

Seventeenthly—It is ordained that the names of those persons to whom the Imperial Service Medal shall be granted shall be duly published in the *London Gazette*.

Eighteenthly—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, to cancel and annul the award of any Imperial Service Medal and that thereupon the name of the recipient in the register shall be erased; but it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore the Medal to any person whose name may have been so erased, when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do. And every person to whom the said Medal is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his name shall be erased as aforesaid.

Nineteenthly—It is ordained that an officer shall be appointed to the Order who shall be styled "Secretary and Registrar", and who shall be ex-officio a Companion of the Order.

Twentiethly—It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall have the custody of the Archives of the Order, which shall be kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for the Home Department. He shall attend the service of the Order and shall execute such directions as he may receive from Our Principal Secretaries of State.

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Lastly—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these Regulations, or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

GIVEN AT OUR COURT AT SAINT JAMES'S this ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Reginald McKenna.

WARRANT DATED 16TH JUNE, 1920, AMENDING STATUTES

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign of the Imperial Service Order, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS, by Warrants under His late Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated the Eighth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two and the second year of His Reign, the twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six and the sixth year of His Reign, the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and the eighth year of His Reign, and the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the ninth year of His Reign, His late Majesty, being desirous of recognising more fully than had theretofore been possible the faithful and meritorious services rendered to Him by Members of the Civil Services of the various parts of His Empire, did, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Civil Order of Distinction—to be designated the Imperial Service Order—and a Medal—to be designated the Imperial Service Medal—and He was graciously pleased to Make, Ordain and Establish Statutes and Ordinances for the government of the same, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating and augmenting, interpreting and dispensing with those Statutes by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

AND WHEREAS We, by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, dated the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, did consolidate and amend the said Statutes and Ordinances.

AND WHEREAS We are minded to make certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Order.

Now We do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors abrogate the sixteenth clause of the said Warrant of the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and in lieu thereof We ordain that the Imperial Service Medal for men and women respectively shall be a circular medal of Silver bearing Our Effigy on the obverse and on the reverse an appropriate design and the words "For Faithful Service," and on the rim of the Medal the name of the recipient, and it is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal shall be worn in a similar manner to that prescribel for the Imperial Service Order, and it is Our Will and Pleasure that this special Statute shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes of the said Order.

GIVEN AT OUR COURT AT SAINT JAMES'S, the Sixteenth day of June, 1920, in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Edward Shortt.

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The Citizen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1932

Move to Name Highway Across Dominion After Sir John A. Macdonald

Plans for future work of the society in connection with the proposed loan exhibition to be held as part of the [illegible]entenary of the opening of the [illegible]eau canal were discussed by the president, Mrs. A. C. Kains, at the [illegible]ting of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa on [illegible]ay afternoon. The corresponding secretary was instructed to write the Ontario Historical Society asking for their co-operation in urging the provincial government to name the trans-continental highway the Macdonald Highway in honor of the Dominion of Canada's first prime minister. She said that just as Sir John A. Macdonald linked up the provinces into one great Dominion, so this vast undertaking will join up the provincial roads, making the continuous highway from coast to coast. Should the Ontario Historical Society concur with this suggestion, other provinces may be approached.

An old Indian relic, found at North Bay during the construction of the new highway which is judged to be more than three hundred years old, has been sent to the museum.

The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Norah Story, whose subject was Broader Aspects of the Canadian Rebellion of 1837. Miss Story stressed the influence of the United States and of the conditions in Europe at the time of the uprising, approaching her subject from a psychological standpoint. The lecture was of great interest to all present and Mrs. H. H. Rowatt moved a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Story which was seconded by Mrs. H. G. Barber.

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111 Blackburn Avenue,
Ottawa. Feb. 4. 1932

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The Right Honourable
Arthur Meighen.
Senate Chamber,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir B+

About four years ago I wrote to you expressing the hope that some day I would see you elected Premier of Canada. Although to-day you do not quite reach that high office. I endorse entirely the editorial appearing in to-days Journal but would like to make an addendum, that it is the Privy Council, The Senate, and Canada as a whole who are to be congratulated that once again in the time of the country's great need, you have again decided to give of your great ability to the country's good. The country is immeasurably richer for having you back again. May you be spared to reach as great an age as Senator Sir George Foster & your intellect be kept as keen as ~~ever~~ ever.

Yours most sincerely.
Edgar J. Sadler.

P.S. Since writing the above I see where the Treasury Board has decided to curtail all increases in salary for this year. I cannot believe knowing

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your integrity shonestly as I do that you can for one moment endorse a policy that penalizes the under paid servant against his better paid officer. Two years ago I was getting $1350. a year & after passing a promotional examination for another department where according to Civil Service Regulations I am to start at the same or the next higher rate. I find that on accepting the position I am to be reduced to the minimum of the class namely $1200. a year. I accepted the reduction because the increases in salary would soon bring me up to a much higher maximum, and now after nearly two years I am receiving $60. a year less & find that I am to lose another $120. That is the worst class legislation I have ever heard of, and those of us in the service who still think of you in superlatives, will not believe you will endorse this as a member of the Cabinet. I did not intend saying a word of this to you but this evenings paper stating that statement of the Treasury Board makes me boil. JS.

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c/o Mrs J. A. McDonald
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Ottawa Feb. 5/32.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa.

Hon. Sir:-

I was delighted to hear of your return to Ottawa and sincerely trust that you will find time to grant me a short interview

I came up to see the Prime Minister and am waiting over for his promised interview - Consequently I shall be here for some days longer as the Rt Hon. R. B Bennett is a very, very busy man.

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I want to see you that I may study you a little personally even though you have sent me a wonderful portrait from which to model my portrait plaque of yourself.

Will you go into the Wilson Galleries, Spark St and see the four plaques of "My" "Prime Ministers of Canada" Series that are there namely.

Sir John A. Macdonald
Sir Charles Tupper
Sir Wilfrid Laurier.
Rt Hon R B Bennett ?

Thanking you in Anticipation of an early message

Yours very truly

L. H. Pearl Thurston.

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Canadian Workers Federation of Returned Soldiers and Sailors

W. J. SMITH, *Secretary*
2410 Bourbonniere

Montreal, February 8,1932. *19*

Personal.

Senator,
The Right Honorable,
Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have very much pleasure in advising you that upon the recommendation of our Honorary Legal Adviser, Mr. Bernard Rose K.C., concurred in by the executive, and ratified by the general meeting, you have been elected an honorary member of this Federation. I am enclosing honorary membership card.

Permit me to extend to you my personal congratulations. I also take this occasion to advise you that your colleague, Senator Ballantyne, was the first elected honorary member of this Federation.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter and enclosure.

Yours respectfully,

W.J. Smith.
Secretary.

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Canadian Workers Federation of Returned Soldiers and Sailors

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARD

This is to Certify *that* Senator Arthur Meighen

is an honorary member of the Federation and entitled to all rights and privileges accorded such members by its Constitution and By-Laws.

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Signed by the Secretary of the Federation, at its headquarters in

Montreal. February 7 *19*22.

W. J. Smith.

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R. R. No 1.
Mission City.
B. C.
February 9th 1932.

To Hon A. Meighen;
Hon Sir

Will you kindly accept my warmest congratulations on becoming "Leader of Senate".

You well remember me from long ago, when you were "Prime Minister." (R. R. Siddle). I have quit my position with "Calgary" & come to B.C. to farm on account of my health, & with everything at rock bottom prices, chickens etc all gone to nothing I find I haven't sufficient capital to carry on, & I wondered if you would remember me kindly enough from "(Portage La Prairie" where I first met you,) to let me know if there is any way I could get a government loan of 500.00 to carry me on; never having had any dealings with "Soldier Settlement", altho' a returned man, but I understand a "Government" Scheme is under way, to keep men on the farm.

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If I cannot get a loan someway, am afraid I will have to give up my farm, as I am a farmer, as you know, since first I did anything at all, you know I could make a success of it, except by lack of "Capital."
I spent all I had namely 1200.00 on the place, but have not been able to get any returns on my efforts yet, on account of conditions.
I trust you will let me know, how to apply regarding this matter, if you know how it is being handled.
I never got the position applied for, with Customs; as I had to be in the open all I can, I came to "B.C." to farm.

Yours Faithfully
R. H. Siddle.

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26 Hillcroft St.,
Oshawa, Ont.
Feb 10th 1932.

To the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa,

Dear Mr. Meighen:- I am writing to you on behalf of a member of Knox Church St. Catharines, namely Mr. Malcolm Stobie of Stobie Hodoug & Co. who is one of the brokers now confined at Collin's Bay. My husband the Rev. D. George H. Smith considered him a man of exceptional integrity, especially in any business dealings we had with him and his firm. We have known him intimately since 1900. So great was that friendship that Mr Stobie never removed his certificate from our church although he lived in Toronto.

When I read the Section 444 of the Criminal Code of Canada under which these men were convicted, I fail to see how any merchant especially a broker (I prefer Malaboy's definition which differentiates between a broker and a stock-broker) could possibly keep from contravening that statute. One is guilty if he affects the price of stock and shares or anything publicly sold if there has been a false pretence and one is equally guilty if there has not been

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a false pretence.
In Vol 27. Laws of England- Chapter Stock Exchange Halsbury says that a pool or a corner is legitimate if there has been no false representation. I like the way the English put it especially in Speculating in mining development. It is an adventure and all who go in for it are co-adventurers- It is not an investment

I am also very much taken with Halsbury's statements regarding marginal trading- "The fiduciary character of the relation between broker and client upon speculative bargains carried over from account to account does not extend to differences arising in favor of the client when upon the facts it appears not that the broker is a trustee in respect of each item but that there is a running account, the balance of which is to be paid to or received by the client as the case may be." a debtor & creditor account
The continuation being a contract of sale and repurchase and not a loan- the taker- in of the securities becomes the absolute owner of the securities carried over is not bound to redeliver the identical securities but an equal amount of similar securities If therefore he sells the securities taken in by him and makes a profit thereon, he may retain it to his own use. In the case of a loan however if the lender sells the securities deposited the borrower may

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charge him with the price obtained for them - if he finds it in his interest to do so.
(In this foot note - the position of the Bank is that of pledgee or mortgagee and not that of a taker-in of securities.)
Sir Josiah Stamp and Earl of Halsbury agree that dealing in futures is legal where delivery may be called for or made.

I should esteem it a very great favor if you could use your very powerful influence to secure Mr Stobie's release that he can keep faith with that very large clientèle who have amicably & legally arranged their indebtedness

Permit me to offer my sincerest congratulations on your return to a position where at this time your clear-thinking brain will be of inestimable value to us all.

Believe me to be

Yours very sincerely,

Maud McSmith.

(Mrs George H. Smith)

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Ottawa, 11th February, 1932.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 8th instant, in which you advise that I have been elected an honorary member of your federation.

Will you please convey to your executive my sincere appreciation of their action in this regard.

I appreciate very much your kind personal congratulations.

Yours truly,

W.J. Smith, Esq.,
Secretary, Canadian Workers Federation
of Returned Soldiers and Sailors,
2410 Bourbonniere St.,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, February 11th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Sadler:-

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter of the 4th instant. This expression of your goodwill is encouraging as many difficult tasks confront the Government, and I desire only to give the best assistance in my power.

Referring to the matter of salary, I had no information that any reductions had so far taken place in Civil Service salaries. My understanding was that the announcement made by the Premier since your letter was received was the first intimation of reduction to Civil Servants. I am sure nothing in the way of class legislation is intended, and I will look into the matter carefully with a view to seeing that nothing of that nature results.

Yours truly,

Edgar J. Sadler, Esq.,
111 Blackburn Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, February 11th, 1932.

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Dear Madam:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 5th February. I shall call at the Wilson Galleries just as soon as it may be possible for me to do so.

Yours truly,

Miss L.E. Pearle Thurston,
c/o Mrs. J. A. McDonald,
724 Echo Drive,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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111 Blackburn Avenue.
Ottawa. Feb. 13. 1932.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen P.C.
The Senate.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir.

I certainly feel honoured that you should have found time to reply to my letter, but that is just the sort of personal touch you have always given & made you so popular with the masses. I have been immensely interested from the time I was living out West, when you were first elected to Parliament in 1908, and when you were included in the Cabinet of 1912 it was certainly a greater source of pride, but the climax, was when living in England in 1919 I saw that you had been chosen as Premier to replace Sir Robert L. Borden. There is only one further honour I would wish for you, that Canada may some day change its policy & allow its outstanding leaders to receive knighthood & that you should receive yours.

I had not intended to reply to your letter except for the second paragraph. I wrote to you on the 4th inst & in the evening paper was an announcement by the Treasury Board of the Cabinet, that there were to be no statutory increases this year. This as you know only affects the lower paid

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men in any class or Grade, and therefore must be discriminatory again the lower paid men, & that I think you will admit, is called class legislation. Let me explain this a little more fully. Two men in one class from $1200.00 minimum to $1440.00 maximum. The annual increase is $120.00. The one man is at his maximum & the other we will say at $1320. The former will lose 10% of his salary or $174.00 The latter loses 10% of his salary or $132.00 and in addition his annual increase of $120.00 or a total of $252.00 or $21.00 a month. That for a man who is trying to raise his family on a monthly cheque of less than $100 I think you will admit is a burden almost unbearable & looks like class legislation. I feel confident that if Mr Bennett could only see it in this light he would not attempt to bring in this matter & unless we in the lower grades have some one to bring the matter in front of him like yourself there is little hope of anyone speaking for us. I do not complain if I am asked to give a little to help the country at this time, but I do think it unfair to have to give more than some one who is getting nearly twice the salary I am.

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Again thanking you & with the utmost confidence in you

I am as ever.

Yours very Respectfully

Edgar J Sadler.

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OTTAWA JOURNAL
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DESCRIBES LIFE EARLY INDIANS

Mr. Loftus MacInnes Gives Paper at Meeting of Women's Canadian Historical Society.

A splendid paper on "Early Indian Life in the Ottawa Valley" was given last night by Mr. Loftus MacInnes at the monthly meeting in the Y.W.C.A. of the Women's Canadian Historical Society. Colonel Andrew T. Thompson presided and introduced the speaker and a vote of thanks to Mr. MacInnes was moved by Mrs. Brown York and seconded by Mrs. Robert Kerr.

A short business meeting was held before the address at which Mrs. A. C. Kains presided. Last night's meeting was the last of the season, the annual meeting to be held next month, for which the nominating committee will be Mrs. A. E. Attwood and Mrs. A. G. Troop.

The Historical Society has extended its lectures without interruption over a period of 34 years. Mrs. J. C. Sears was announced as a new life member.

An interesting report of valuable articles received for the Museum was read by the curator, Mrs. J. B. Simpson. Among them was a photograph of the tomb of Colonel By in Frant, Sussex, England, presented by Rt. Rev. J. C. Roper.

There was also a collection of the writings of the late Dr. Henry Ami, given by Mr. Charles Thorburn. Included were two booklets that were keys to the two large engravings of the golden and diamond jubilees of Queen Victoria, now in the By Town Museum. Mrs. Ami

As former general secretary for many years of the Historic Landmarks Association, Mrs. J. B. Simpson attended the unveiling by His Excellency of the Dominion memorial presented by Canadian citizens in the United States.

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A. SCHWARTZ
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER
355 ST. JAMES STREET WEST
MONTREAL

Ottawa

15th February 1932

Rt.-Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have been away in the States a good deal recently on the trail of the harried manufacturer trying to induce him to open a factory in our Land of Promise and get his share of the sanity and prosperity that is bound to accrue from that operation.

I take this belated occasion to congratulate you on the additional high honour that you have accepted, and I read with much interest the able and statesman-like speech you made in the Senate the other day.

I presume you are not too absorbed in your political views to have entirely lost interest in your other affairs and for your confidential information I am forwarding herewith an advanced statement of the showing that Canadian Celanese will make this year.

If it is not asking too much, I would very much like to have an autographed photograph of yourself for my office and my daughter, June, who is collecting autographs of great men, has asked me if I could not prevail upon you to send her your card autographed by yourself.

With very cordial good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you either in Ottawa or Montreal in the not too distant future,

Sincerely yours,

A. Schwartz.

AS/s

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A. SCHWARTZ
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER
355 ST. JAMES STREET WEST
MONTREAL

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Rt.-Hon. Arthur Meighen,
For your information.

P. A. Thomson Esquire,

CONFIDENTIAL

Montreal 15th February 1932

Canadian Celanese showed a net profit of $1,260,000.00 last year. They made total deductions of $377,000.00 and put to Reserve $77,000.00, leaving a net profit of $805,000.00 against $811,000.00 net profit the previous year.

Their total sales were approximately $4,500,000.00. They have cash on hand of $400,000.00, accounts receivable of $1,500,000.00 and investments in bonds and stocks of $1,300,000,00. They have accounts payable of $250,000.00. They show a shrinkage of $320,000.00 on their investments.

The American Company sold 604,000 pounds of yarn in January of 1932 against 552,000 pounds in January 1931. The fabric business is very considerably ahead in 1932 as compared with the 1931 figure.

Prices are down, but their profits are running at approximately the same figure as the early part of 1931.

This relates to the U.S Company

A. Schwartz,
Industrial Manager.

AS/s

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Eriksdale Man. Feb. 15th. 1932.

Senator Meighen.
Ottawa
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Hon. Sir:-

I am sorry to infringe upon your valuable time, but will endeavor to make my remarks brief.

The Post Master here F. Mariner has been called upon to answer charges of Political Partisanship before Mr. Dick and his case came up on Thursday last. I am not acquainted with the charges and long ago made up my mind that I would not be the means of depriving this man of his job. The men who are trying to get the office are not worthy of same, and are not classed as respectable citizens.

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But should he not be able to clear himself of the charges, I would be glad if you could use influence to help him retain the office. But should the office be thrown open for applications I wonder if you could use influence to help me obtain it once again. My record as P.M. here for seventeen years would surely be recommendation as to my ability for the position, and I can assure you I would not be guilty again of political partisanship. However, I am not sorry that I did what I believed to be my duty in your campaign, and do not regret my efforts though it cost me my position.

I am glad that you have accepted the office as Leader of the Party in the Senate, as I feel that the affairs of our Country should be in the hands of good Men. Yours very truly

John Sharpe

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Ottawa, 18th February, 1932.

Dear Mr. Sadler:-

I thoroughly understand the point mentioned in your letter of the 13th instant.

The difficulty is to work out a scheme that is not susceptible to equally valid criticism. One realizes the difficulty only when one tries to solve it.

Yours truly,

Edgar J. Sadler, Esq.,
111 Blackburn Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Re Stobie

Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

I have your letter of the 10th February.

I have read your commente and the authorities you cuote, but the difficulty is that a conviction has taken place and the conviction has not been upset, and therefore the questions of law discussed are not under the purview at all of the Clemency Branch of the Department of Justice.

I have already discussed the matter with the Minister, but I think it will be some time yet before it will be fair to hold out hope of application for parole being considered. Personally, I trust this man will be found to merit, and obtain, parole.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. George H. Smith,
26 Hillcroft Street,
Oshawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Siddle:-

I have your letter of the 9th instant. Thank you very much for your good wishes.

As regards a loan, I have been out of politics so long that I do not know what provision there is for farm loans, although I know there is a Farm Loan Board. I will endeavour to find out at once, and if there is any opportunity to help you, you will be communicated with.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Siddle, Esq.,
R. R. No. 1,
Mission City, B.C.

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Doctor MacLean:-

A man whom I have known for many years, Mr. R. N. Siddle of Mission City, British Columbia, writes me as follows:

" You will remember me from long ago, when you were "Prime Minister". (R. N. Siddle). I have quit my position with "Calgary" and come to B.C. to farm on account of my health, and with everything at rock bottom prices, chickens, etc. all gone to nothing, I find I haven't sufficient capital to carry on, and I wondered if you would remember me kindly enough from (Portage La Prairie, where I first met you,) to let me know if there is any way I could get a government loan of $500.00 to carry me on; never having had any dealings with "Soldier Settlement", altho' a returned man, but I understand a "Government" scheme is under way to keep men on the farm.

If I cannot get a loan someway, am afraid I will have to give up my farm, as I am a farmer, as you know, since first I did anything at all, you know I could make

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

"a success of it, except by lack of 'capital'. I spent all I had, namely, $1200.00 on the place, but have not been able to get any returns on my efforts yet, on account of conditions.

I trust you will let me know, how to apply regarding this matter, if you know how it is being handled. I never got the position applied for, with Customs; as I had to be in the open all I can, I came to "B.C." to farm."

Is there anything that can be done to assist this man?

Youre truly,

Dr. J.D. MacLean,
Commissioner,
Canadian Farm Loan Board,
Jackson Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, 23 February, 1932.

Dear Mr. Siddle,

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant and supplementing my letter of the 18th, I now enclose a communication received from the Farm Loan Commissioner giving the procedure with respect to an application for a loan under the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

R.N.Siddle, Esq.,
R.R. No. 1,
Mission City, B.C.

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Ottawa, 24th February, 1932.

Dear Mr. Sharpe:-

I have your letter of the 15th instant with respect to Mr. Marriner and will be glad to do anything I can along the lines suggested by you.

Yours truly,

John Sharpe, Esq.,
Eriksdale, Man.

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Ottawa, 25th February, 1932.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:-

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter. This expression of your goodwill is encouraging as many difficult tasks confront the Government, and I desire only to give the best assistance in my power.

I am having some photographs taken and will make a note to forward you one.

Yours truly,

A. Schwartz, Esq.,
355 St. James Street West,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, 29th February, 1932.

My dear Colleague:-

I enclose a letter which I have received from Mrs. M.J. Perkins of Hantmartre, Sask., together with three duplicate statements with respect to certain participation certificates issued in 1920, which would appear to be a matter coming within your Department.

Yours truly.

Hon. H.H. Stevens, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
O t t a w a, Ont.

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Ottawa, 29th February, 1932.

Dear Madam:-

I am forwarding your letter of the 22nd instant, with the three duplicate statements dated July 28th, 1920 with respect to certain participation certificates, to the Department of Trade and Commerce with a request that the matter be looked into.

Yours truly,

Mrs. M.J. Perkins,
Box 129,
Montmartre,
Sask.

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March 1st, 1932

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen, P.C. K.C.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

No doubt you will be very much concerned with the coming Imperial Conference. One of the questions that will come up for discussion will be the wheat quota and its closely connected flour export trade.

We have in our employment Mr.C.H.G.Short, who is the best authority on export flour business in Canada, and I have thought perhaps you would see him some time and hear what he may have to say.

He has already been closely in touch with the Prime Minister and Mr.Stevens, but I would like you also to be informed on the question, which, as you know, is one of major importance to Canada.

Mr. Short will be at your disposal in Ottawa any time you may wish to see him, if you will let me know when you can do so.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Meighen

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R. R. No 1.
Mission City.
B. C.
March 1st 1932.

Right Hon Arthur Meighen
Hon Sir

I have today written to "Victoria" regarding Farm Loan; & I wish to thank you very much indeed for your Kindness in sending me advice as to proper procedure for same.

Always Yours
Very Faithfully
Richard A. Scadd.

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Ottawa 173 Percy St.
March 1st 1932

Dear Senator Meighen:-

Will you kindly honour our Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa with an address at their opening meeting of the season in October?

On behalf of the President & Executive.

Yours faithfully
Jenny H. Simpson
(Mrs J. B.)

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Ottawa, March 2, 1932.

General Frank S. Meighen,
President,
Late of the Woods Milling Company,
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear General;

I just received your letter. Certainly, I will be glad to see Mr. Short.

I expect to be here until Saturday night, with the exception of tomorrow, when I will be in Toronto.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

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THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

A.M. S.

OTTAWA March 2, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a .

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of the 29th February enclosing a letter from Mrs. M. J. Perkins, regarding some old Participation Certificates.

As you know, this affair was kept open until about 1928 and seemingly every conceivable effort was made to settle all these outstanding certificates, and finally the Government of the day closed the matter after giving over a year's final notice. In hundreds of cases it was found that people were claiming on duplicate certificates when they had already collected on the originals, these duplicates coming to life several years after settlement on the originals.

I fear it will be impossible to make a check of this or to ascertain whether or not Mrs. Perkins was paid. However, I will have my Department go into the matter and if there is anything which can be done, it will be done.

Yours very truly,

A. K. Stevens

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3842 19th. Avenue,West,
Vancouver, 3rd. March 1932.

P E R S O N A L.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,K.C.,P.C.,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr Meighen;

I am again taking the liberty of bothering you in the hope that your recent appointment to the Senate-at which I beg to submit my congratulations-might so alter conditions as expressed by you in a former letter,as to perhaps make you feel disposed to assist me in obtaining employment here in one or other of the numerous Federal agencies.

I realize that times are very difficult-in fact,am made to realize them as I am now in the "bread line" in Vancouver,and this morning received notice from my landlord informing me of the sale of the property and demanding immediate possession for delivery;otherwise seizure and eviction for back rent,by the 15th. I am sorry to weary you with such uninteresting details,and it is most humiliating to have to do so,but do feel,perhaps wrongly,that at least I am entitled to a hearing if not consideration,on more than one count;-
Firstly; the old Esdale Press condition.
Secondly:You as a Government are operating 700 miles of railway built by my family and successfully operated for 25 years in Northern Quebec, prior to our unfortunate connection with that gang of racketeers with headquarters in Toronto-Mackenzie & Mann.- Our properties were not insolvent at the time of the Canadian Northern Ry, fiasco,and as they were acquired by Mackenzie & Mann at No Cost for stock control,but under undertakings of guarantees,and should have been returned to us rather than taken possession of by the Government. (I forwarded the new Railway Commission a formal protest for consideration at its meeting held in Quebec. My father,J.G.Scott, is so seriously ill that he can take no further action)

Yet,with all the different Governments pleas of "No Politics"in National railways matters,we see appointments to the Directorate,from time to time, of individulas with absolutely no railroad experience or training,and no other claim to consideration than party affiliation;while at the same time old shareholders of the amalgamated Companies-Grand Trunk,Great Northern of Canada,Quebec and Lake St John,& others-,holding minority shares in the National system-in fact the only shareholders outside of the Government,are overlooked in every possible way.

I am a member of the Dunbar Heights Conservative Assn but am beginning to feel that the Conservative machine is so unwieldy and impossible that it is not worth while being connected with it;particularly as I am reasonably informed that appointments are made locally irrespective of party.In the 1930 election I offered my services to Mr Stevens;was turned over to Mr Ladner;was turned over to his campaign M Mgr.,Mr Green,;and by him turned over to a Mr Woods,-Dunbar representative.After fooling with them,to and fro,for three weeks I was cast aside.A Liberal,political,friend from Edmonton,now resident here,fully aware of my Edmonton activities,learning of this called me to his office and was highly amused at my position.He asked me "Do you want a job for election day",and on my assent,picked up the phone and arranged for my appointment as poll clerk for Dunbar Heights-Ladner's seat.(We were I think,the only poll at which Ladner got a majority vote,though small. Briefly,my experience has been:-Seven years Bank of B.N.A.;Six years Secretary Great Northern Ry.of Can.;Seven years Chief Commissary Officer District B.National Transcontl.Ry.;Four years C.E.F.;Six years Sec.Treas & Man Direc.Esdale Press,Edmonton.

Very truly yours,

Louis G. Scott

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this to Mr Bury,in the event of you desiring to see him.

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Ottawa, 4th March, 1922.

Dear Sir;-

Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday.

I have spoken to Senator Meighen and Tuesday or Wednesday next will be satisfactory for an interview.

Yours faithfully,

A.H. Hinds,
Private Secretary.

C.H.G. Short, Esq.,
c/o Lake of the Woods Milling Company,
Montreal, Que.

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LAKE OF THE WOODS MILLING COMPANY CANADA
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5th March 1932.

Dear Mr. Hinds;-

It is with a very deep appreciation of your courtesy I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th March advising that Senator Meighen will accord me an interview on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

I shall take the Tuesday evening train to Ottawa, so as to be available at any time on Wednesday suitable to Senator Meighen's convenience, and shall take the liberty to 'phone you in the morning asking for an hour for an appointment.

With reiterated expressions of appreciation of your courtesy, I remain,

Yours very truly

A.H.Hinds Esq.
Private Secretary,
to Rt.Hon.Senator
Arthur Meighen P.C. K.C.
OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, March 10th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Simpson;-

I am exceedingly sorry for not being able to answer your letter before this, but my many trips between Toronto and Ottawa will account for the delay.

I regret very much that I am unable to accept your invitation to speak at the opening meeting of the Women's Canadian Historical Society, the fact is that I have already taken on more obligations than I should have.

I am sorry that I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. J.B. Simpson,
173 Percy Street,
O t t a w a.

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Ottawa, March 11th, 1932

Dear Mr. Scott;-

I have your letter of the 3rd instant.

You can realize that it would be practically impossible for a Minister, especially one without a portfolio and not in any sense representing British Columbia or familiar with local conditions, to endeavour to go over the heads of the representatives of the province and the officers responsible. In fact one would not be listened to if he attempted to do so.

I shall, however, take up your case with Mr. Bury, who will have special knowledge, and see if we can figure out any way to be of assistance.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Louis G. Scott, Esq.,
3842 - 19th Avenue West,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Homeopathic Hospital
Montreal March 19/32

The
Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Government Senate Ottawa

Dear Mr. Meighen

I trust that you will pardon the liberty I am taking in writing you with respect to the case of my late husband Lt. Col. C. D. Spittal, who died a year ago as a result of disability contracted during service in the Great War.

Up until the time of his death Col Spittal lived in the hope that his claim for Army Pay and Customs Salary that had been

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wrongly withheld would eventually be paid by the Government. I have been given to understand that shortly before the resignation of the Conservative Government in 1921, which you were then the leader, the case came before you for consideration, and you recommended to Hon. Hugh Guthrie, at that time Minister of National Defence, that Col. Spittal's claim should be taken care of.

Possibly you will recall the circumstances but in any event I would assume that complete particulars are on file with the Department of National Defence and also with the Customs

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Department with whom he was
employed on the outbreak of war and
I am appealing to you in the hope
that your sense of justice will demand
an investigation.

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At present I am confined to hospital
through illness and being in need of
early action in the matter. I trust that
you will take the case in hand and
endeavor to see that the grave injustice that
has been done to my late husband and
to me is righted.

Should you wish to refresh your
memory concerning the details and

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history of the case, I shall gladly supply you with a summary of the main points.

Once more asking your pardon for the liberty I have taken and thanking you in advance for what you may be able to do

I am
yours very truly
Helen Spittal

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Burford Ont. Dec. 2nd 32

The Right Honorable
Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr Meighen, I am taking the liberty of enclosing copy of a letter I am today forwarding to the Honorable R.B Bennett.
My reason for this letter is that agriculture requires the most careful guidance at the present time.
I know of no one as well qualified for this work as Mr S.E. Todd.
He would be of great value to the conservative party in addition to his other qualities.
Mr Todd is not seeking this position but a number of prominent livestock men have requested him to allow

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his name to be presented,
for this position.
The Minister of Agriculture requires
a man of Mr Gobeil's business
experience and expert knowledge
of live stock; and farm experience
I wish to express to you the great
pleasure I feel in Congratulating
you upon the honor extended to
you in your recent appointment.
to the Senate.
It is a fitting tribute to a life spent
in sacrifice and service which you
have given to the great Conservative
party.
Wishing you a long life in devotion
to your great work.

Believe me.

Yours faithfully

J. E. Bothwell.

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U 6657

Burford, Ontario,
March, 21, 1932.

Rt. Hon. R. R. Bennett,
Ottawa.

My Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have discussed with Hon. Mr. Weir the appointment of a Deputy Minister of Agriculture and recommended to him Mr. S. E. Todd as a desirable appointment.

Mr. Weir said he had favorably considered Mr. Todd but that the appointment might be made in the principal of promotion within the Department. This I suppose would mean Mr. Archibald or Mr. Rothwell. Both of these are splendid men and admirably capable of carrying on the work of their departments to the credit of the Government and in the best interest of the live-stock industry. But the Department needs to add to the strength of these men one with a different and broader experience.

I have known Mr. Todd for several years and am confident he is the most capable agricultural man in Canada. He was born and trained on the farm and has always been as a part of his activities engaged in farming. He now owns and lives on a farm operated by his sons. As a background he graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1910 taking honors in every subject. He then became the first Agricultural Representative for the Ontario Government in the County of Lambton, where his work attracted the attention of Hon. W. J. Hanna then Provincial Secretary in the Whitney Cabinet. Mr. Hanna was then engaged in his great work of remodelling the prisons and other public institutions of Ontario of which Mr. Todd was made Farm Director. Mr. Hanna considered him his right hand man and took Mr. Todd with him to Ottawa when he undertook the Food Controllership in 1917. Mr. Todd was the chief assistant to Mr. Hanna and later to the Food Board of which H. B. Thomas was chairman.

While in that position Todd attracted the attention of the heads of the meat packing industry and in 1919 an organization of the packers was formed having for its purpose the cultivation of better relations between the packers and the producers by co-operation for the general betterment of the whole industry.

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I have been in contact with Todd during the whole of the twelve years he has carried on this work and have found him loyal to his employers but at all times a leader in the improvement of our livestock industry and the best interests of the farmer.

I feel safe in saying that he has done more for the advancement of the livestock industry and in the interests of improvement during this period than any other man. I have personally known all the Deputy Ministers of Agriculture and without making any reflections I am saying that Mr. Todd is the man to put the Agricultural Industry in the position it should hold. His practical knowledge of farm conditions from coast to coast, his technical knowledge of agricultural science and his broad and thorough knowledge of commercial and marketing conditions particularly through close contact in the packing industry along with his native ability makes Todd the man which the Minister of Agriculture and the farmers of Canada need in this position. This is of special importance in view of the approaching Imperial Conference. He is clever at gathering and making practical use of Agricultural Statistics and will always be of special use to members of the Government in this kind of information.

Todd's work has during the past twelve years brought him in contact with producers in all parts of Canada. He knows every Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Canada, is well and favorably known to the offices of the Livestock Unions and to the beef producers. On his own farm he is engaged in breeding pure-bred dairy cattle and pure-bred hogs. He is a director of the Royal Winter Fair and Chairman of the market livestock committee, an executive of the Eastern Canada Livestock Union, is a member of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists, of the Joint Swine Committee, the Advanced Registry Board for Swine, the Joint Beef Committee, These are instances of the wide scope of his experience. He has also been in close touch with the Horticultural and Grain industries.

I have mentioned his name to livestock men generally and all recognise his suitability for this position. If a criticism was made about his connection with the packing industry that to my mind is a decided advantage. It has given him an experience that is extremely desirable and could not be acquired in any other way.

I hope you will not feel that I am intruding in this matter as I am deeply interested in the success of Agriculture. Agriculture as I know you are fully aware is in a serious condition at the present time and requires careful guidance but I have great hopes for the future in this Canada of ours. A part of my interest in this

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appointment is that I am deeply interested in the success of the Great Conservative Party so splendidly led by our distinquished leader. I would like to see in this appointment a real addition made to the strength of the Department of Agriculture.

In conclusion I wish to express to you my great pride in the splendid leadership you are giving to the Government of Canada in the trying times which we are passing through and I wish you every success,

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,

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GEORGE A. DREW,
COMMISSIONER

AAP.

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OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

ONTARIO

THE SECURITY FRAUDS PREVENTION BOARD
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
TORONTO, CANADA

March 21st, 1932.

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that LaRose Rouyn Mines, Limited is applying for registration as a security issuer. Mr. Hugh Sutherland, 4 Beaumont Rd. Toronto is the Vice. President. He has given me your name as a reference.

Will you please be good enough to give me the benefit of your opinion as to whether or not you consider him a proper person to sell the securities of the above-named Company to the public. Any information you may care to submit will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential.

Yours faithfully,
THE SECURITY FRAUDS PREVENTION BOARD,

(H.B. Palen)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR.

Hon. Senator Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, March 22nd, 1922.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 21st instant with respect to LaRose Ronyn Mines, Limited and Mr. Hugh Sutherland.

I feel that I am not in a position to give an opinion adversely or favourably. I know nothing against him but my knowledge is not long or thorough enough to warrant expressing a view.

Yours truly.

Arthur Meighen.

H.B. Palen, Esq.,
Deputy Registrar,
The Security Frauds Prevention Board,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, March 22nd, 1922.

Dear Mrs. Spittal,-

I have your letter of the 19th instant with respect to the claim of your late husband for army pay and Customs salary.

I know of nothing I can do other than direct the attention of the Ministers of National Defence and National Revenue to the contents of your letter. This I shall be glad to do in the hope that something may be done in the matter.

Trusting you may have a rapid recovery from your illness, believe me,

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Helen Spittal,
Homeopathic Hospital,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, March 22nd, 1932.

My dear Colleague,-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mrs. C.D. Spittal of Montreal, with regard to her late husband's claim for Customs salary.

I do not recall the matter having been before me in 1921 as stated by Mrs. Spittal but am sending you her letter in order that the question may be looked into if the facts on file in your department warrant such action.

Yours truly,

Encl: 1. Arthur Meighen.

Hon. E.B. Ryckman, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of National Revenue,
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Ottawa, March 22nd, 1932.

My dear Colleague,-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mrs. C.D. Spittal of Montreal, with regard to her late husband's claim for army pay.

I do not recall the matter having been before me in 1921 as stated by Mrs. Spittal but I am sending you her letter in order that the question may be looked into if the facts on file in your department warrant such action.

Yours truly,

Encl; 1.

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. D.M. Sutherland, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of National Defence,
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MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE
CANADA

Private

Ottawa, 23rd March, 1932.

My dear Senator:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd March with enclosed copy of a communication addressed to you by Mrs. C.D. Spittal, of Montreal, in regard to her claim for customs salary which she contends was wrongly withheld from her late husband, Lieut.-Col. C.D. Spittal.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Order in Council dispensing with his services. From this you will note that upon receiving notice of his discharge from the Army, Colonel Spittal failed to report for duty at the Port of Ottawa. He was notified that payment of his salary was suspended during his absence from the 1st March, 1917, but he declined to resume his duties in the Customs Department, and steps were, therefore, taken to dispense with his services.

There does not appear to be any irregularity in withholding his salary, as the file clearly shows that he declined to report for duty after he had been struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Yours faithfully,

E. B. Ryckman

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a, Canada.

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Certified Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Treasury Board, held on the 29th March, 1917, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 31st March, 1917.

CUSTOMS:-

The Board recommend that the services of Mr. Charles D. Spittal as a Preventive Officer of Customs, Ottawa, be, from the 1st March, 1917, dispensed with.

The Minister of Customs reports that Mr. Spittal was granted leave of absence in August 1914, for Military Service overseas, with Customs pay during such absence; that he returned to Canada in 1916 and received notice, dated Kingston, 26th December, 1916, through Col. G. Hunter Ogilvie that he will be struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the 19th January, 1917; that upon receiving such notice he failed to resume his Customs duties at the Port of Ottawa, and on the 24th March he was notified by order of the Minister of Customs to report for Customs duty without delay and was advised that payment of his salary as Customs Officer was suspended during absence from the 1st March, 1917; That Mr. Spittal declines to resume his duties in the Customs service and stated in substance that he regards the procedure in striking him off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force as having no legal effect.

(Sgd.) Rodolphe Boudreau

Clerk of the Privy Council

The Honourable
the Minister of Customs.

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Ottawa, March 23rd, 1932.

Dear Mr. Brethour,-

I have just received your letter of the 21st instant. It happens that I know Mr. Todd quite well and have also heard him very highly spoken of by men in the packing industry.

While I am unable to judge of his knowledge of Canada and his other activities in general, I do know that his appointment would be very highly regarded in the live stock field. I am glad you have written to Mr. Bennett on the subject.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J.E. Brethour, Esq.,
Burford, Ont.

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GEORGE A. DREW,
COMMISSIONER

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THE SECURITY FRAUDS PREVENTION BOARD
TORONTO, CANADA

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March 24th, 1932

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Dear Sir: Re Hugh Sutherland

Re La Rose Rouyn Mines, Ltd.

The receipt of your letter of March 22nd herein is gratefully acknowledged. Please be assured that the information given therein and your comment will be treated in strictest confidence.

Yours faithfully,

THE SECURITY FRAUDS PREVENTION BOARD

H. B. Palen
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

To the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, Ontario,
31st March,
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The Right Honourable,
Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of March 22nd, enclosing copy of one from Mrs. C.D. Spittal, of Montreal.

I am having a report prepared on this matter, and will send it to you as soon as possible.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Lapointe

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CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF OTTAWA

CANADA

87 Fulton Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.,
April 2, 1932.

The Hon. Senator Meehan,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by the Men's Club of Southminster United Church, corner of Aylmer Ave. and Bank, to write to you to see if it would be possible to have you speak to them in their club rooms on April 21, at 8.15 p. m.

As this is a very large club and we have just completed the erection of a new church we would appreciate very much if you would honour us by being present and delivering an address selected by yourself. Might I be permitted to suggest that a topic such as Canada and Its' Future, would be very appropiate for the times.

Hoping to have an early reply, I remain

Yours truly,

Ald. G. S. Sloan.

GS/MS

Vice- president

Southminsters' Men's Club.

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Ottawa, April 6th, 1932.

Dear Sir,-

In the absence of the Right Honourable Senator Meighen, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant. When Mr. Meighen returns to Ottawa early next week it will be brought to his attention.

I may say, however, that Mr. Meighen's present engagements would seem to preclude the possibility of his accepting your invitation.

Yours faithfully,

A.H. Hinds,
Private Secretary.

George S. Sloan, Esq.,
Vice-President Southminsters' Men's Club,
87 Fulton Ave.,
O t t a w a.

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Ottawa, April 8th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Sloan,-

On my return to Ottawa today I find your letter of the 2nd instant.

I regret very much that my engagements make it impossible for me to accept your very kind invitation to deliver an address to your Men's Club on the 21st of April, much as I would like to do so.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

George S. Sloan, Esq.,
Vice-President, Southminsters' Men's Club,
87 Fulton Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Vancouver Harbour Commissioners

Vancouver, B.C.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MARK REPLY FOR ATTENTION OF

April.15th.1932.

Senator the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
O T T A W A, CANADA.

My Dear Senator:-

The Vancouver Harbour Commissioners have had the map of the Port revised to date, and they thought that you would be interested in having a copy.

I therefore ask that you accept the enclosed reference map with their compliments.

Yours very truly,

J.B.Thomson,
Commissioner

JBT/RG

Enclosure.

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Ottawa, April 25th, 1932.

Dear Sir,-

I have been directed by the Right Honourable Senator Meighen to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a reference map of the Port of Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

A.H. Hinds,
Private Secretary.

J.B. Thomson, Esq.,
Commissioner, Vancouver Harbour Board,
Vancouver, B.C.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, Ontario,
26th April,
1932.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I am enclosing copy of a letter dated September 19th, 1922, from the Deputy Minister of this Department to the Deputy Minister of the Department of Justice and also a copy of the reply to same.

These documents give the particulars regarding the claim for pay and allowances of the late Colonel C.D.Spittal.

I may say that the case was considered during the time that Mr. Guthrie was Minister of this Department, and he found that there was no claim which could be justified in connection with this case.

If there is anything further you would like to have, I would be glad to send it to you.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Ronald M. Sutherland

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September 19th, 1922.

Sir,

The Honble. the Minister of Militia and Defence has directed that there be referred to you the claim of LIEUT.-COLONEL C.D. SPITTAL for pay and allowances from January 20th, 1917, until October 11th, 1917, (both dates inclusive) - the circumstances under which this claim has been made being as follows:-

This officer proceeded Overseas with the 1st Canadian Division in 1914, and, with the exception of one trip to Canada (which does not affect the matter), remained over there until 1916, when he was returned to Canada at the public expense - Colonel Spittal on the 6th April, 1916, reporting his arrival to the Adjutant-General at Ottawa.

The circumstances surrounding Colonel Spittal's return may have some bearing on the developments which subsequently took place, and it is, perhaps, advisable to set forth the circumstances in question.

On the 6th December, 1915, this officer was tried in England by a General Court-Martial on three charges. He was found 'Not Guilty' of two of the charges, but 'Guilty' of the charge of the following -

> "When on active service, disobeying the lawful command of his Superior Officer."

He was sentenced to be reprimanded, and the Finding and Sentence were confirmed by His Majesty The King.

These facts were reported to this Department at Ottawa, and, in February, 1916, Sir Sam Hughes, then Minister of Militia and Defence, ordered Colonel Spittal to be returned to Canada, but Colonel Spittal refused to come. Sir Sam Hughes then ordered that he be struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the 14th February, 1916. An order was issued in England to this effect, but was later cancelled by General Carson (the Minister's Representative Overseas), as Colonel Spittal had asked for some weeks grace in order that he might endeavour to obtain an appointment in France and settle some private affairs in England. Upon ascertaining that the appointment that Colonel Spittal was seeking was with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France, General Carson instructed him to return to Canada, with the result that Colonel Spittal was returned at the public expense, and reported to the Adjutant-General, as stated above.

After Colonel Spittal's return he was employed at Niagara Camp, and during the Summer and Autumn of 1916, Colonel Spittal was employed either at Niagara Camp or in Toronto.

In October, 1916, the Quartermaster-General made inquiries from all Districts asking what Army Service Corps Officers were required in each District during the ensuing Winter - It being observed that Colonal Spittal was a member of that corps. In reply to this letter, the General Officer Commanding Military District No.2, reported that Colonel Spittal was specially employed, and on a subsequent

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inquiry from the Quartermaster-General, the General Officer Commanding Military District No.2 (under date of the 22nd November, 1916) reported that there were no special duties necessitating Colonel Spittal's employment in that District. A further report was rendered by the General Officer Commanding Military District No.2, on the 3rd December, 1916, recommending that Colonel Spittal's services be withdrawn from that District. On the 7th December, 1916, the recommendation of the General Officer Commanding Military District No.2 was approved, and Colonel Spittal was instructed to return to his home.

On the 13th December, 1916, the General Officer Commanding Military District No.3, at Kingston, reported that Colonel Spittal had reported to him, and inquired as to what disposal was to be made of him. The Quartermaster-General and Adjutant-General accordingly recommended that Colonel Spittal be given one month's leave of absence and that, at the expiration thereof, he be struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, as was done in the case of all surplus officers. The General Officer Commanding, Military District No.3 was, therefore, instructed by the Adjutant-General under date the 23rd December, 1916, that Colonel Spittal would be given one month's leave with pay, and that he would be struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the 19th January, 1917, and instructions were also given that Colonel Spittal was to be notified to this effect.

Under date of the 12th January, 1917, Colonel Spittal wrote to the Adjutant-General stating that he had received the notification from the General Officer Commanding Military District No.3, as aforesaid, and claiming that the action in striking him off the strength was illegal. The General Officer Commanding Military District No.3, was sent a copy of Colonel Spittal's letter, and instructions were given him that Colonel Spittal was to be informed that the action taken in his case was the same as that taken in all other cases where no further employment could be found either in Canada or Overseas for the officer concerned.

Colonel Spittal is claiming pay from the 20th January, 1917, (this being the date immediately following that on which he was struck off the strength of the C.E.F., as stated above.)

Subsequent to the action which was taken as aforesaid, Colonel Spittal interviewed and wrote various officials of the Government, gave interviews to the press, and continued to appear in uniform notwithstanding the fact that he was no longer an officer of the Canadian Forces in active employment.

In October, 1917, representations were made to the Honble. The Minister of Militia and Defence either by Colonel Spittal, or on his behalf, that he be given some employment, the reason therefor being, so far as can be ascertained, largely on compassionate grounds and on account of his wife and family. As a result of these representations Colonel Spittal was given an appointment in Military District No.7, St.John, N.B., such appointment being effective from the 12th October, 1917.

It will, therefore, be noted that it is for the period commencing on the 20th January, 1917, and ending on the 11th October, 1917, that Colonel Spittal is claiming pay.

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The whole question as to whether or not Colonel Spittal is entitled to pay during the period he was not actively employed appears to hinge on the question as to whether or not he was properly struck off the strength of the C.E.F. with effect from the 19th January, 1917.

Colonel Spittal was an officer of the Active Militia of Canada being a member of the Army Service Corps, but was not an officer in the Permanent Force. He was appointed or posted to the Canadian Expeditionary Force - a part of the Active Militia of Canada called out for active service, and, when his services in the C.E.F. were no longer required, he was struck off the strength of that Force, but his status as an officer in the Canadian Militia remained unaffected. In other words, he was in reality removed from the employed to the unemployed list of officers.

He claims that the procedure which was followed was irregular. It is difficult to ascertain from the correspondence on fyle exactly on what grounds he bases his claim, but on one occasion he claimed that he could not be struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force because that Force was an Imperial Force, and not subject to the orders of the Adjutant-General of the Canadian Militia. So far as this contention is concerned, it is absolutely erroneous, as there is no doubt that the C.E.F. at all times was a Canadian Force, as distinguished from an Imperial one, and this fact has always been recognized by the Imperial Authorities. It might also be pointed out that, so far as the Canadian Expeditionary Force Overseas was concerned, it came within the scope of Section 177 of the Army Act.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from Messrs. Bernier, Blackwood and Bernier, Barristers, of Winnipeg, of the 26th October, 1920, which sets forth Colonel Spittal's claim, and you will note therein that there is considerable discussion as to the reasons which may have prompted Colonel Spittal being relieved of employment in the C.E.F. in January, 1917. The reasons which led to Colonel Spittal being struck off the strength of the C.E.F. have been fully set forth above, and it is pointed out in this connection that at this time there were no Expeditionary Force Routine Orders issued relating to the striking of officers off the strength of the C.E.F. as were issued at a later date, and that the practice was for such officers to be struck off the strength under the direct orders of the Adjutant-General.

As already pointed out, Colonel Spittal's status as an officer of the Canadian Militia was not affected, but he was merely removed from the list of officers employed, and, having regard to Para. 11 of the King's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Militia, 1917, the procedure which was followed by the Adjutant-General comes within the scope of his duties under this paragraph.

You will note also that Colonel Spittal's lawyers submit that the fact of his being re-employed in October, 1917, is more or less tantamount to an admission on the part of the Department that his being struck off the strength of the C.E.F. in January of that year was done in error. I would point out, however, that a similar procedure was followed in the cases of numerous officers for whom no further employment would be found, but whose services at a later date could be utilized, and that, during such intervening period, these officers remained as officers of the Non-Permanent Active Militia not actively employed, and, of course, drew no pay.

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Colonel Spittal's claim has heretofore been refused, but, as directed by the Honble. the Minister, the same is referred to you for your consideration. I would add that, if any further information as to the facts of the case are desired, Colonel Spittal's fyle is available, and could be loaned to your Department at any time you wish.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) H.W.B.

for(Eug.Fiset),
Major-General,
Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
OTTAWA.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - CANADA

OTTAWA November 2, 1922.

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Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 19th, submitting the claim of Lieutenant-Colonel C.D. Spittal for pay and allowances, amounting to $2495.75, covering the period from 20th January, 1917, to 11th October, 1917. It appears that this officer of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada was struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force by the Adjutant General as of the date 20th January, 1917, and was not re-appointed until the 12th October, 1917. In these circumstances, I see no justification for the claim. I am of the opinion that the claimant is not entitled to recover the amount of the pay and allowances for the period in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E.L.Newcombe

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The Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa,

Ontario.

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BREWING CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED

TORONTO 2, CANADA

302 BAY STREET

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Toronto, April 28th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa - ONT.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You probably have heard that Betts is now back from the West, having been acquitted in connection with the matter we spoke about sometime ago.

I am enclosing copy of a letter I received from his lawyer, which confirms the information I received from you and others about the case.

Yours faithfully,

President.

E.P.Taylor.
MD.

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P BENNETT, HANNAH & SANFORD
Y BENNETT, NOLAN, CHAMBERS & MIGHT
Barristers Solicitors & Notories.

600-603 Lancaster Building,
Calgary, April 23rd, 1932.

E.P. Taylor, Esq.,
General Manager,
Brewing Corporation of Canada Limited,
302 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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I am taking the liberty of writing a personal note to you in connection with the recent prosecution of D. Clive Betts, the Manager of Carlings Brewery at London, Ontario.

You may not be aware, but the fact is that for some little time past there has been an agitation on the part of some of the creditors of our local insolvent brokerage houses to have some steps taken towards prosecuting those people who were connected with these various firms. As a result of this agitation, and after a long time had gone by, the Attorney General's Department saw fit to lay charges against some seven or eight local brokers. Among others, a charge was laid against Mr. Betts in connection with a transaction which took place during the life time of Tull & Ardern Limited, and in regard particularly to some shares of a local physician. The local physician had nothing whatever to do with the charge being laid, and expressed his regret both to Mr. Betts and myself that the Crown had seen fit to take such action.

I personally interviewed the authorities in the Attorney General's Department at Edmonton, and they there held the view that it would be impossible not to lay charges against all the brokers, as it might be suggested that they were showing favoritism if they were not all charged with some offence.

The preliminary hearing before the local Police Magistrate, Col. Gilbert E. Saunders, came on in Calgary yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Witnesses were called for the Crown, and at the close of the Crown's case the Magistrate stated that no sufficient evidence had been made out to warrant a committal for trial, and that there was no case for Mr. Betts to answer

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in a higher Court, and he was thereupon immediately discharged and acquitted.

I write these few lines in an endeavor to make it clear to you that there never was any foundation for this charge against Mr. Betts, and that the decision of the Magistrate makes it perfectly clear that the Crown had no case against him, and that the prosecution was one which should not properly have been launched. You will, of course, understand that Mr. Betts left the Court, and leaves this City, without any reflection whatever upon his character or integrity, and the worst that can be said is that he has been subjected to an unnecessary prosecution at the hands of the Crown authorities.

I hope you will not mind the liberty I am taking of writing to you personally, but I have been so interested in the case itself, and have known Mr. Betts for so many years, that I feel a few lines from me to point out the true situation, will be favorably received by you.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) H.G. Nolan.

HGN/HC

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Ottawa, April 30th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Taylor,-

I am exceedingly pleased to get your letter of the 28th instant regarding Mr. Betts.

This is just what I expected. There was no excuse for the Attorney-General's Department acting in this way towards this man.

Yours very truly,

E.P. Taylor, Esq.,
President, Brewing Corporation
of Canada Limited,
302 Bay Street,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Dear Mr. Meighen.

Many Congratulations
for the magnificient
"perfumery" speech
last thursday.
All is not lost when
Canada can produce
that kind of support
for a firm

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Keep at it! How are
you back any too
soon on you?
Any chance of a
game of golf or an
antidote?
I hear the provincial
Cabinet expect to have
a meeting, possibly
this week, & discuss
and make appointments

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Would the Commission be included in the pen-sion do you think?
I don't know what to make of the new developments whether they are for or against.
If there is any step we should take at present, will a word in an order-

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Joan was so pleased
that you called to
up. She was sick in
bed that night but
hopes sometime soon
you might do it again
& perhaps drop in.

Very Sincerely
Phyllis Stephenson.

87 Woodlawn Ave. East
Toronto. Ont. 2nd.

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Ottawa, May 4th, 1932.

Dear Miss Stephenson,-

Thank you for your kind note.

I spoke about your father and have tried to do so again but the Attorney-General is quite ill. However, I am taking the matter up and will continue to do so.

So far have not thought of golf and see no possibility for the time being.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Miss Phyllis Stephenson,
87 Woodlawn Ave., East,
Toronto, Ont.

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THE WENTWORTH ARMS
HAMILTON, CANADA

32 Main St E.
9/5-32.

Dear Mr Meighen;-

It has been necessary for me to get papers from the U.S. Consul here now before I can again re enter the U.S. I did not know I had lost my Citizenship here by Marriage to a Canadian. However I shall try to see this thro now but would not bother were it not for my aged father, so I am proud to be a Canadian, and would prefer it but I do not feel so many bad breaks this past few months and I only intended to go over to try to regain some of my losses and return here.

I will be here no doubt for a week or ten days more and maby I will be here longer if I do get this finished I will be leaving here for a few months and no doubt Come back here as I do not think I

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THE WENTWORTH ARMS
HAMILTON, CANADA

will be happy away for Lee again.

A letter will reach me Lee. for a week or ten days.

Hope all is well with You.

Very Sincerely
Cora Sadler

P.S.
I had to send to Toronto to get Walter birth Certificate, and I also must get My own from Lansing, Mich. also Lee a report on our Marriage from Vancouver. B.C. How seems such a lot of red tape and so tired of it all.

C.S.

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B.

Ottawa, May 11th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Sadler,-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant.

Apparently things are going better, but I do feel badly that your attempt to get going in Canada has not been successful. I am doubtful, though, whether you will find things any better in the United States, and perhaps you should think it over thoroughly before deciding to go back. However, you may be able to measure your prospects in both countries for your work better than I can.

I have been here practically constantly for some months and am, indeed, sorry not to have been able to be of assistance to you.

With my very best wishes for your success, believe me,

Youre very truly,

Mrs. C. Sadler,
32 Main Street East,
Hamilton, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 24th, 1932.

Douglas Seale, Esq.,
North Vancouver, B.C.

Will be alright to use my name. Write me particulars regarding him.

Arthur Meighen.

Collect.

P.O.69

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FORM 6124

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Ottawa, May 26th, 1932.

Dear Douglas,-

I received your telegram this morning. The appointment of a Medical Superintendent of Indian Reserves is under the Civil Service Commission and is entirely independent of the Government. Appointments are made after such examinations as the Commission sees fit to make.

Under the Statute, however, preference is given to returned soldiers, and if a qualified returned soldier applies he gets it ahead of anyone else.

Doctor Onhauser is quite at liberty to use my name in her application. I have heard much about her and all in her favour.

Yours very truly,

Douglas Scale, Esq.,
North Vancouver,
B.C.

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May 28th 32
92 Lansdale N. Van.

Dear Arthur

It was indeed
generous of you to give
permission to use your
name as such major
information. We are hoping
that you might recognize
the name. Local mat-
erial is wtg. and will
no doubt abound. Re.
Calvin Coleman is my
pioneer. He has been
practising in Vancouver
for eighteen months. He
last hails is South Van.
This position was open
for application about-

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the Canadian Legion, the
armed medical, in
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preference. to one man
applying from North Van,
to the Legion here, are
giving details as this
appeal on account of her
brothers' armies
arrives
Mr J.B. Paine, Pres
Secy. Geo. Van. Service
is also doing as he
can, the man chairman
of your last meeting
here and it was he
who suggested that a
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Since writing you
the Legion have
advised that the
appointment may be
made in June.

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Checked by.....
Certified correct.....

SOUTH 6701

CIVIL SERVICE OF CANADA

APPLICATION FORM

Application for the position of Medical Superintendent Indian Reserve
In the Department of Indian affairs Competition No. 21990

Surname Onhauser Christian Names Claire Madge Rosalie
(Write plainly)

Address North Vancouver Tel. No. North 54
(Give Number and Street, City or Town, County and Province)
(Applicants must inform the Commission immediately of any change of address)

Give, in full, particulars of the length of your residence in this locality In Vancouver 18 months North Vancouver 8 months.

If a written examination is held, at which centre do you wish to write? Vancouver
(See list of centres on page 4 of this form)

Will you write in English or French? English. Do you speak and write well (a) English? Yes. (b) French? Fair

Place of birth Morden Manitoba.

Date of birth March 28 1900 Age last birthday 32
(Day, Month, Year)

Height 5' 4" Weight 130 lbs. Are you in good health? Yes.

Do you confess to any defect of sight, hearing, speech, limb or otherwise? No.

If so, give details —

Do you consider yourself physically fit to carry on the duties of the above position in a satisfactory manner? Yes.
(Yes or No)

Sex F. Married or single Single Number of dependents One
(Male or Female)

Are you a British subject? Yes Natural born or naturalized? born

If naturalized, give date and place of naturalization —
(If naturalized through a parent's naturalization give the latter's name in full, also date and place where naturalization effected)

Length of residence in Canada Since birth Date of arrival in Canada

Are you now employed in the Civil Service? No Department —
(Yes or No)

Are you willing to serve in Ottawa? Yes. Amount of fee enclosed

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? No

Names, address and occupations in full of three referees (not relatives) who can certify to your good character. (These names need not be filled in by the referees themselves.)

1. R.H. Hon. Arthur Meighen Senator
2. Mr. J. B. Pagis Merchant North Vancouver
3. Dr. Geo. E. Seldon Physician & Surgeon, Medical Dental Bldg Vancouver B.C.

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ACTIVE SERVICE PREFERENCE AND DISABILITY PREFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act, the following information is necessary to assure to qualified candidates the special preference extended to them by law.

Have you been on active service overseas on the military forces of His Majesty or of any of the Allies of His Majesty during the war, 1914-1918, or have you served on the high seas in the naval forces of His Majesty or of any of the allies of His Majesty in a sea-going ship of war during the said war, and have you left such service with an honourable record or been honourably discharged?

.....Regtl. number.....
(Yes or No)

How long did you serve in England?.....

How long did serve in France?.....

How long and where did you serve in any other theatre of war?.....

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On what ships and in what waters did you serve, with dates of service in each case?.....

Date of enlistment.....

Where were you domiciled at date of enlistment?.....

What was your rank on entering the service?.....

Date of discharge?.....

Your rank on discharge?.....

Are you entitled to any medals? if so, give particulars.....

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If you have been wounded while on active service, state when and where and the nature of injuries.....

.....

How does this affect your present condition?.....

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Are you now in receipt of a pension by reason of your service in the war 1914-1918?.....
(Yes or no)

If so, give pension No.....

If not, were you in receipt of such pension which you have had commuted under the provisions of the Pensions Act?.....
(Yes or no)

What is the percentage of your disability?.....

In what calling were you engaged before enlistment?.....

Have you, from causes attributable to such service, lost capacity for physical exertion to an extent which makes you unfit efficiently to pursue the avocation which you were pursuing before the war?.....
(Yes or no)

Have you been successfully re-established in some other avocation?.....
(Yes or no)

If so, give particulars.....

PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN WIDOWS

If you are a widow, did your husband die owing to active service overseas on the military forces, or to service on the high seas in a sea-going ship of war in the naval forces of His Majesty or of any of the Allies of His Majesty during the war of 1914-1918?.....
(Yes or no)

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EDUCATION

NOTE.—All statements are subject to investigation. Statements found to be untrue, exaggerated, or intentionally misleading, may result in the disqualification of the applicant.

State the schools, colleges or universities you have attended, giving approximately the date of entry and leaving in each case. Mention any subject or courses in which you have specialized, any technical training or apprenticeship you have received, the degrees or diplomas you have obtained, and your age on finally leaving school or university.

This space should be used for "Education" only, and on your statements made herein depend your rating in that subject.

Degree or Diploma obtained M.D. L.M.C.C. C.P.+S.(Sask) M.C.P.+S. Alberta. L.C.P.+S.B.C.

Age on finally leaving school or university 26.

Colonial Medical Registration Certificate #3621 issued Oct. 1927 by General Council of Medical Education + Registration of the United Kingdom.

EXPERIENCE

Give a full account of your career and show in what respect the experience acquired would be of advantage in the discharge of the duties of the position for which you are now an applicant. If you need more space or desire to make your statement on a separate page, do so on an additional sheet of the same size as this form. Pay special attention to your statement, both as to form and contents, as on it will be based the rating on your experience.

Applicants (except for clerical or lower grade positions) must also submit herewith three letters of reference as to their experience and qualifications for the position in question, preferably from their most recent employers.

Candidates for clerical examinations Grades 1 and 2 should mention any special qualification they may possess, such as a knowledge of shorthand, typewriting, adding machines, multigraph, etc., etc.

In general country practice since 1925 attending to men, women + children for radius averaging 35 miles. Some experience in Indian work at Punnichy, Sask. under the late Dr. A.C. Phillips. Doing relief work in Alberta for 6 months. In Vancouver since 1930.

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Give dates between which you will be available for appointment, if successful:—

From ..... 19 ..... to ..... 19 .....

Are the above answers in your own handwriting? .....

Signature of applicant .....

Declared before me at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

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(Title) .....

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My mother a widow & war pensioner.

Two brothers served with the
Canadian forces.

Jos. Onhauser Reg. # 15413. with the
first Canadian Contingent - on
active service in France to the
end of the war.

John. J. Onhauser Reg # 829685 enlisted
1915. on his 18th birthday.
Killed in action April 12, 1917.

Although the above facts are
no credit to me personally, yet as
a family we gave all we had
and would leave it to those in
charge to show whatever preference
they see fit.

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Dr. Claire M. R. Onhauser
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Cppy.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

A. Macg. Young, B.A.M.D.
Registrar,

Saskatoon, Sask,
February 13th 1931

To Whom It May Con cern

This is to certify that Dr. Claire Madge Rosalie Onhauser, recently of Buchanan, Sask., registered in the province of Saskatchewan on Oct. 22nd 1925. She is a graduateof the University of Manitoba 1925 and L.M.C.C.1925. Dr. Onhauser is in good standing in this province and has always been so.

We do not know of any reason why she should not be eligible for registration in any province of Canada.

Yours very truly,

Signed A.Macg.Young,
Registrar.

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Geo. R. Johnston M.D.
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W.G. Hunt
assistant to registrar

224 seventh ave., West,

Calgary May 23rd 1932

To Whom It May Concern

Dr. C.M. Onhausser is a menber of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta in good standing. She has practiced for a short time only, in Alberta, but gave a good account of herself.

We are informed that she is applying for a position in connection with the Indian work and believe she would be successful.

Some few years ago the doctor who had charge of the Blabkfoot Indians here was going away for a holiday and asked for a substitute. We sent a woman Dr. Windsor (Mrs. Meacock). She was so acceptable to the Indian Woman that when Dr. Armstrong returned and resigned to go to Ontario, the Department appointed Dr. Windsor who has been most successful in the position hitherto held by a man. She seems to be especially successful with the women and children.

Yours truly,

(signed) W.G.Hunt

Asst to Registrar

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BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES, ETC.

J. D. SUFFIELD, K.C. WALTER GORSEY, B.A.

516 McINTYRE BLOCK.

Winnipeg.

CANADA.

June 7th. 1932

Joseph Bernier, Esq.,
Barrister &c.,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Bernier:

Re Solussolia ✓

In regard to the above matter of which I spoke to you at my office, I should deem it a great favor on your behalf if you could render me any assistance in having Solussolia immediately deported.

I have written Mr. Gallagher the Chief of Remission Branch and Mr. Stitt, M.P. was kind enough to offer to see the Minister of Justice on my behalf but the net result appears to be that I have a letter from the Under Secretary of State dated June 2nd. stating that His Excellency the Governor General has reviewed this man's case but does not deem it advisable to mitigate the sentence imposed by the Court.

I cannot help but feel that neither Mr. Gallagher or the Minister of Justice are quite conversant with all the circumstances surrounding this case. Perhaps I might review the same shortly.

Baptiste Solussolia with one Durand entered into an agreement with the informant Jacob to place a certain sum of money in his hands for distribution amongst the poor of St. Boniface. It was the usual confidence game in which Solussolia and his partner obtained certain monies from Jacob as a guarantee of his good faith. There is no question but that Jacob intended to take advantage of Solussolia but met with the usual fate and was deprived of his money for a short time. This is an old trick and one which is usually punished by a short term of imprisonment and in a former case of exactly the same type

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but where $3000.00 was obtained and the prisoner actually left the country and was arrested at Moose Jaw, brought back to Winnipeg pleaded guilty and received six months.

In the above case I was retained to defend and instead of putting the Crown to the expense of a trial I had the accused plead guilty and threw myself upon the mercy of the court with the hope that this would be taken into consideration and a lighter sentence imposed.

Mr. Justice Dysart was the trial Judge and intimated to me that he proposed to impose a sentence of three years upon Solussolia as a deterrent to other Americans who might seek Canada as a field for such ventures, but at the same time in my presence personally 'phoned the Immigration authorities to ascertain whether immediate deportation could be effected if he recommended same to the Department. He was informed that it was the common practice and I immediately wired Ottawa to see if they would act upon this recommendation after sentence was imposed. I was assured by Crown Counsel at Winnipeg that it was the common practice and that taking the circumstances into consideration he was willing to add his recommendation to that of His Lordship. There was some delay in receiving reply from Ottawa and meanwhile Mr. Justice Dysart sentenced my client and on January 5th. sent a special report to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, a copy of which is attached hereto.

To everyone's surprise here the Department took an entirely different view of the Judge's recommendation and a copy of their letter to myself is also attached.

I am satisfied that the Judge would not have imposed anything like so severe a sentence had he not been assured that his recommendation for immediate deportation would be concurred in.

Solussolia has now been in gaol since October and I am most anxious that he be returned to his own country, particularly in view of the fact that his wife is in very poor health and has beseiged our office continuously for the return of her husband. They are not young people and although his crime was somewhat serious it was not accompanied by any force nor resulted in any loss as I offered immediate restitution as well as using every effort to save unnecessary expense.

I do not wish to urge the fact that I have been a life long Conservative because I think the

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merits of the case itself and the recommendation of the Judge afford ample justification for special consideration by the Minister of Justice. Publicity has been given to the sentence which I think will have accomplished what His Lordship wished in the way of a deterrent and Solussolia has already served a considerable portion of his sentence. He is a man of 60 years of age or more and I am satisfied that the ends of justice will have been met and that he willnever again return to this country.

I bespeak your kindly assistance herein and trust you will bring this matter to the further attention of the Minister of Justice or whoever can urge the recommendation to His Excellency the Governor General for immediate parole and deportation.

Yours sincerely,

JDS/G

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January 21st. 1932

Dear SIR:

Re Baptiste Solussolia & John Perrie and John Durand

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th. instant, having reference to the above named, and have to state in reply that the Honourable Mr. Justice Dysart has already drawn the attention of the Honourable the Minister of Justice to the case of Baptiste Solussolia regarding the question of early deportation of this man, and I perhaps cannot do better than quote an excerpt from the Minister's reply to the Judge:

"I quite appreciate the reasons leading to your conclusions but I might say that in our general policy regarding the very early deportation of prisoners, we have been forced -- in the light of experience -- to the opposite view. Such release of prisoners before a substantial portion of their sentences have been served was found to entail the unfairness of preferred treatment to a prisoner merely because of his being deportable and, further, it was discovered that when aliens were deported without being punished on the same basis as Canadians they were, in effect, being thereby encouraged to return to Canada to continue a career of crime. Some of them have had to be deported more than half a dozen times.

I have, however, directed that your communication be placed on record so that when the case is under study by my colleague, the Honourable The Solicitor General, who is charged with the duties pertaining to such matters, he may be seized of your views."

Yours very truly

M. F. Gallagher

Chief of Remission Service.

J.D.Suffield, Esq. K.C.,
Barrister, Solicitor &c.
516 McIntyre Block, Main St.
Winnipeg, Man.

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January 5, 1932

To The Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

The King v. Baptiste Solussolia
alias John Perrie

This accused, together with one Durand, appeared before me at the last Assizes, and pleaded guilty to a charge of theft. He was then remanded for sentence, to suit the convenience of counsel, and came on again on the 22nd. December, when he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, dated from the date of his incarceration October 1, 1931.

I am taking the liberty, upon my own initiative, after notice to both Crown and defence, to make a special report upon this case. The accused is an American citizen, and has a record in the United States dating back as far as 1912, when he was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to two years imprisonment. This was followed in 1914 by another conviction of grand larceny, when a sentence of five years was imposed. Both these offences took place in California. In 1922, in Kansas, he was fined and sentenced to six months as a suspect confidence man, and in 1925, at Detroit, Michigan, he was charged with larceny by trick.

It seems that he came into Canada about two weeks before the offence in this case was committed. That would be about the middle of September; and here again he, with the help of Durand, worked up a confidence game, as the result of which he secured about $2,500. The manner of approach and methods of these two men were most subtle, ingenious and insinuating, and appealed, as they were intended to appeal, strongly to the cupidity of the victim. Slight of hand methods enabled the accused to substitute worthless packages of paper for packages of bank notes and bonds. However, the suspicion of the victim in this case induced him to open prematurely the package entrusted to his care, with the result that he discovered the fraud, and immediately had the two accused arrested before they had time to get out of the country; in fact, they were arrested on the train.

Solussolia is a smooth, suave, insinuating confidence man, and ought, in my opinion, to be deported at once. If this could be arranged he might be allowed out on parole, or upon some satisfactory condition, and then deported to the United States. The fact that his activities in Canada were promptly checked, and the further fact that an unexpired sentence was hanging over him, would, I think, prevent him from returning to this country. Our country ought not to spend an unnecessary dollar on him

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I am aware of the provisions of the Immigration Act, which would seem to require the serving of the full sentence before deportation, but I understand not infrequently prisoners are paroled in order that their deportation might be effected without delay. This course I strongly recommend.

I trust that my recommendation will not be regarded as an attempt to interfere in some field in which I have no jurisdiction or right to be heard. It is most respectfully submitted for the consideration of your department, and perhaps of the Department of State.

I enclose you herewith the Police record of this man, and the record of the Preliminary Hearing may be had upon request.

The prisoner, John Durand, is a Canadian citizen, and therefore no recommendation is made in his case.

Yours very respectfully

A.K.Dysart

J.K.B.

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265 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Man.
June 10th. 1932

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Senator,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Senator:

I am enclosing to you certain documents that have been handed to me by Mr. J.D. Suffield, Barrister, of Winnipeg. Mr. Suffield is a very intimate friend of mine and I desire to do anything in my power to help him in the matter. I do not think that I have to plead long with you. I believe that our friendship is strong enough to convince me that anything that you can do also to help me in the matter you will do. I personally desire very much that Mr. Suffield's application be granted and I desire to make it a personal matter of mine.

You can see by Mr. Suffield's correspondence what he desires and by his letter to me which I enclose. I do not want to ask you anything that is unreasonable but this request seems to me reasonable and I know that if you can do anything you will do it for me. I thought you were the best friend out there that could help me.

I might say in passing that Mr. Suffield is my personal agent in our campaign just now in Manitoba - that will show you how intimate we are.

Trusting that I am not asking too much and hoping for a very favorable reply, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Joseph Bernier

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OTTAWA, 15 June, 1932.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant Mr. Meighen has been absent from Ottawa.

It is now expected that he will return to Ottawa within the next few days and your letter will then receive his attention.

Yours truly,

PrivatebSecretary.

Joseph Bernier, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
265 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Manitoba.

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Tel.
Lyndhurst 5570.
20 Riverview Gardens,
Toronto, Ont.
June 15th, 1932.

Monday
Ottawa

To the
Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto,

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I wrote you some months ago in reference to the release from Collin's Bay of Mr. Malcolm Stobie. Your reply stated that no permission could be expected for some time. Recently two of the convicted Broken Hare been freed.

I am again, appealing to you on Mr. Stobie's behalf.

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trusting that his exemplary
conduct since being detained
at Collins Bay may secure
for him favorable consideration
and an early remission
of the sentence imposed
upon him. His position is
vastly different from that
of his confreres in trouble -
He has entered into serious
obligations with his creditors
and is most necessary to
the happy conclusion of
those obligations. I am
sure that his release would
give general satisfaction.
May I trouble you once
more to place my request

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in the hands of those who are in authority, some of whom I know personally.

With my kindest regards and assurance that with your association in the active affairs of the Government we are all enormously pleased.

Believe me to be

Yours very sincerely

Maud McInnes.

(Mrs George H Smith
formerly of Knox Church
St. Catharines)

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Ottawa, June 27th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Smith,-

Re: Malcolm Stobie

I have taken up the subject matter of your letter of the 18th with the Minister of Justice today.

There is very little I can say as a result of the conversation, except that I understand restitution has been made by certain of the convicted men, and that restitution is a factor which is taken into consideration by the Minister in connection with parole. I got the impression that if anything could be done along this line that it would be well worth while. This is not meant to indicate that without restitution parole cannot be considered, but it is understood that such action on the part of the convicted man would tell in their favor.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. George H. Smith,
20 Riverview Gardens,
Toronto, Ont.

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OTTAWA, 27 June, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I am returning herewith your letter, with the signature of the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., Government Leader of the Senate of Canada, endorsed thereon.

Yours truly,

Private Secretary.

Mr. K.G.Schaefer,
Hanover, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, 27 June, 1932.

Dear Mr. Bernier,

As I am obliged to be in Toronto most of the time this is the first day I have been in Ottawa since the close of the Session, and your letter of the 10th instant has just come to my attention.

The Minister appears to have taken a definite stand with respect to the class of case referred to by Mr. Suffield and I am doubtful if I can be of much assistance. I shall, however, be glad to do what I can on account of your personal interest.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Joseph Bernier, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
265 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Manitoba.

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Aug 1st 1932.

My dear Mr Meighen

As you are aware, my son Bruce is at present undergoing a sentence of one year in the Lethbridge Jail. My solicitor, Mr A Macleod Sinclair is writing you setting forth all the facts dealing with the case.

I am writing you

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in the hope that you
may be able to secure
a parole for him at the
earliest possible date -

This is rather a difficult
letter for me to write - but
sometime ago you were
good enough to say you
would be glad to help me,
and as I am very much
in need of your help now,
I am taking the liberty -
of writing to you -

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I have wanted to write
you before this to thank you
for your interest in my
son Tommy (who is still
in Toronto) but I have been
very ill and am only
getting about now —

With very Kind regards
and my most grateful
thanks.

Most Sincerely
Edna Taylor.

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OTTAWA, 11 August, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Taylor,

I have your letter of the 1st. instant, but have not yet heard from Mr. Sinclair. I assume he will furnish me with a complete statement in due course, when I shall be very glad to do anything I can to assist in securing a parole.

Needless to say I was exceedingly sorry to hear of your illness and of this added trouble.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Edmund Taylor,

The Ranchmen's Club,

Calgary, Alberta.

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Ottawa, August 29th, 1932.

My dear Colleague,-

I do hope that your Clemency Branch can soon arrange the parole of Bruce Taylor who is now in the Lethbridge jail.

This is quite a sad case, the boy deserved the punishment but I think he has learned his lesson. I know him well.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
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Ottawa, August 29th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Taylor,

I am down at Ottawa today, the first for a long while, and am taking up the matter of your son's parole.

I know the circumstances quite well personally and will do what I can on his behalf. I feel a deep sense of gratitude toward your late husband and only hope that I may be of some assistance in this matter.

Youre very truly,

Mrs. Edmund Taylor,
The Ranchmen's Club,
Calgary, Alta.

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A M SINCLAIR.

Lethbridge Jail

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MEMO: Mr. Meighen.

I received a telegram a few days ago from A.Mcleod Sinclair, K.C., Counsel for Bruce Taylor, of Calgary, at present in the Lethbridge Jail. Sinclair points out that six months have been served and asks that consideration be given to parole.

I have been in touch with Gallagher and he has favourably recommended the case to the Solicitor General. He feels that Mr. Dupre will hesitate as the case comes within the broker class, and suggests that a letter from you to Mr. Dupre would help considerably.

My impression is that you are anxious to help Mrs. Taylor, hence this memo.

A.H.Hinds.

Ottawa,
13-12-32.

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OTTAWA, 13 December, 1932.

My dear Sandy,

I duly received your telegram with respect to Bruce Taylor and have been pegging away at the matter ever since.

A recommendation for parole from the Chief of the Remission Branch has gone forward to the Solicitor General today, but unfortunately Mr. Meighen is absent from Ottawa and may not return for some little time. I am, however, sending him a note by this mail and I feel sure he will urge prompt consideration.

In August last Mr. Meighen took the matter up and I know he is most anxious to be of assistance to Mrs. Taylor.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

A.Macleod Sinclair Esq., K.C.,
Herald Building,
Calgary, Alberta.

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Taylor release approved and he will be out in day or two. Merry Christmas.

A.H.Hinds.

Charge Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Ottawa, December 21, 1932.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of August 29 last, to the Minister of Justice, in behalf of Bruce Taylor, detained in the Provincial Gaol, at Lethbridge, Alta., I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General was, on the 19th instant, pleased to order that Taylor be released from custody under the restraint of a Ticket-of-Leave.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K. C., P. C.,
The Senate,
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Braemar Lodge
Calgary.

My dear Mr Meighen

It is from the bottom of my heart that I take this opportunity of thanking you for the great service you have rendered me — As you know Bruce was released from Lethbridge on Dec. 21st, on conditional parole, and is now home with us.

I am finding it most difficult to express my

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appreciation to you, but
I trust you will understand
my true feelings and the
thoughts that is behind them.

Bruce wishes me to tell
you that he shall endeavour
to his utmost to justify
your faith in him.

Thanking you again, and
wishing you all the best
wishes for the New Year.

Very gratefully yours
Edna Taylor.

Jan. 6th 1933.

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Blubber Bay B.C. Jan 14th/83

Hon. Arthur Meighen
Toronto. Ont.

Dear. Mr Meighen

I was pleased to know from your letter July 25th/82 that You & Mrs Meighen and the three children were well.

To be brief I might say that vacancy for appointment of an Indian Agent for Alert Bay is now open, and will be filled I believe this month.

Mr. Todd asked me to write you and see if you could see your way clear of helping him. I told him I would write you.

We all fall back on you for assistance in time of need.

I might say this agency is entirely in the Federal district Of Comox-Alberni Mr Todd is a fine honorable man - a returned soldier - He will be supported by Hon H.H. Stevens of Vancouver - also the Federal member of Victoria -

I might also state that the defeated Candidate Mr. T. Graham in the Federal district will give his assistance to Mr. Todd

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I left. Cypress River for Vancouver in June 1927. (Just to relax) I found it hard work. Done nothing. Made applic. for a vacancy at Blubber Bay, B.C. as physician for the Blubber Bay Hospital Association. I got the appointment and have been there since.

We think it is the garden of Eden just. Quite nice — although business is dull all over the Province. I might say this is one of the plants (Pacific Lime Co) that did not have to close down. Hard times along the Holland — Glenboro & Cypress district — Good times will come again — with best wishes to all.

Remain
Yours very truly,
T. H. Longhead

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
January 18, 1933.

Dear Mr. Taschereau:

At Mr. Meighen's request I am sending you herewith copy of an article by Rev. J. C. Hodgins, entitled "Is not the price of gold too low"?.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

Hon. L. A. Taschereau,
Prime Minister of Quebec,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
January 20, 1933.

Dear Dr. Lougheed:

I have your letter of 14th.

Am very interested indeed to hear from you.

As to Mr. Todd, this appointment would be under the Civil Service Commission, and I do not think there is really anything outsiders can do. However, I will keep the matter in mind and do anything in my power.

Very glad to know that you are so happily situated.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. T. H. Lougheed,
Blubber Bay, B. C.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Quebec
January 26th, 1933.

E. M. Edmondson, Esq.,
Private Secretary
to the Right Hon. Mr. Arthur Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa.

Dear Sir :-

Please convey to the Right Honourable Mr. Arthur Meighen my thanks for having sent me copy of Reverend J. C. Hodgins' article: " Is not the price of gold too low?" .

Yours sincerely,

L. A. Taschereau

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MILLTOWN,
NEW BRUNSWICK.

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February 4th 1933.

Dear Senator Meighen.

What you said about my father in the Senate pleased and touched mother and me so deeply that I want to thank you for your finely expressed tribute. I shall always cherish

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it with a deep sense of gratitude that I had a father about whom these things could so truly be said - and that it was you who said them. To be thought of as a fair minded upright friend was the only sort of laurel he would ever have asked. and you have given him that laurel with such grace and affection.

With respects and regards.

Yours sincerely.

C. F. Todd.

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L. J. GAUTHIER, C.R.
AVOCAT
4 RUE NOTRE-DAME EST

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MONTRÉAL, February 6th 1933

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen
Leader of the Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

The bearer our old friend M. J. A. Thibaudeau has asked me to recommend him specially to you, and this I do with the greatest pleasure, remembering all the services he has rendered to the Party as far back as 1921 under the leadership of our late friend Monty.

Yours very truly
L. J. Gauthier

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 8, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gauthier:

I have your letter of 6th. Will be seeing Mr. Thibeaudeau to-day. I quite remember him and his work.

Yours very truly.

Mr. L. J. Gauthier,
4 Notre Dame St., E.,
Montreal, Que.

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Portage la Prairie
March 2nd 1933

Dear Mr Meighen

Yesterday Raymond Sexsmith showed me a letter he had received from Mr Burns at Ottawa saying Mr Rickman was considering about returning me in the near future although I had been informed previously at Election time that the Staff in the Customs Service here would not be molested during the Bennett Regime. This month I will be 65 years old it will be optional on the part of the gov to retire me if they see fit. It will be unfortunate for me in many ways as Mrs Thompson has met with some nasty accidents during the last 2 years at present she is in Hosp under a Specialist (Rotten arm) which I had pinned 4 months ago & is still suffering much pain it takes a lot of dollars to go around. It is 21 years since you gave me the appointment and I have turned down clerical work which would have given me advancement as I belong to the outdoors & confinement in an Office never did agree with me although I have been the ruling Officer at the outport when Portage was a Port for many years. I am told I have a very favorable record from the Powers that be, & I am still like a beauty It seems in any other Branch of the Service

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age is not so vital as in the Customs, and I notice that most retirements under the age limit are men who have from 30 to 40 years service which makes the Retiring allowance very satisfactory. I want you to know just what is happening here or I should say what might happen. I thought perhaps you might interest some one as I always look on myself a special trust of yours & thank God I have fulfilled the confidence you placed in me. I trust you are well in these rather trying times

I Remain.
Yours Very Sincerely
Frank J Thompson

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OTTAWA, March 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have your letter of 2nd March--the first for many years. Am glad to be advised as to the circumstances you mention and will hope it will not be the decision of the Minister to demand superannuation just yet. You might let me know any further developments.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Thompson.

Yours sincerely.

Mr. Frank J. Thompson,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

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145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ontario,
March 9th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 7th, advising that you had received mine of 1st with the information you desired about my past experience and record.

While noting you have nothing definite in mind at present, it is encouraging to know you are taking such an interest in my case and we feel that with your influential backing something will soon materialize.

Thanking you for the hope you have already given us, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Fred Dafoe

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A. J. MITCHELL & CO.
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25 King Street West,
Toronto 2, Canada

March 10th, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen:- Re Fred Taylor

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th, enclosing communication from Mr. Taylor. I remember Mr. Taylor in the old Construction days as quite a dependable man as clerk in the Tie and Timber Department.

While there is very little activity in the Milling industry at the present time and while most organisations are finding it difficult to take care of their existing personnel pending more active conditions, I shall be very glad to keep Mr. Taylor in view should any opportunity present itself.

Yours very truly,

A. J. Mitchell

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Strathroy, Ont. March 14/33.

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Rt, Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

no previous papers here. A.M.H.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I wrote you in January 1931 with regards to my dismissal from the C.N.R. At the time of my dismissal, I was working under Dr. Black. The only reason he gave for letting me out, was staff reduction. At the same time he kept Roy White an American of Lincoln Nebraska who had been with the Company only about four years. They also kept Mr. Bowman who had only been hired about four months previously. He is a Liberal and he stated he was recommended by Mr. J. D. McGregor Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. According to Railway etiquette, seniority counts, but of course with Dr. Black and E. A. Field, in my case it did not.

E. S. Wilson Barrister of Humboldt Sask., wrote Dr. Manion regarding my complaint, but apparently Dr. Manion would do nothing for me. I know I am entitled to something, as they have superannuated others younger than I am.

The way times are I need the position very badly, and as I have always been a staunch Conservative, and no complaints regarding my services, I believe if the Conservative Party would take the matter up, they could do something for me. I am thoroughly familiar with the Land Department, having previously been in the Dominion Land Office.

I settled some of Dr. Black's settlers, which he sent out when he was in England, in the Swan River district, and I might mention here, made good Conservatives of them as long as I was working with them. I understand these settlers are very much dissatisfied now with the treatment they are receiving from the C.N.R. Land Department.

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I feel that when they let me out in the States, I should have been transferred back to my old position in the Land Department, which Dr. Black stated they intended doing.

Mr. Meighen, I can refer you to Milton N. Campbell M.P., and he will tell you I always stayed with my party.

Mr. Meighen, I cannot express how much I will appreciate it if you will take this matter up and do something for me.

I was shocked to hear just a couple of weeks ago, that our friend Mr. W. W. Evans had passed away. He was a fine man and we were good friends.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Toohill.

J. J. Toohill,
R. D. # 3
Strathroy Ont.

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OTTAWA, March 22, 1933.

Dear Mr. Toohill:

I have your letter of 14th. Am sorry to hear that you have lost out in the C. N. R. Had not learned of it before. I do not think I can do anything in the matter and in any event will have to wait until I see Dr. Black. As you know, the Railway is run without interference and I would not want to be in a position of interfering in the least.

Will probably be writing you later.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. J. Toohill,
R. D. #3,
Strathroy, Ont.

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Strathroy Ont. March 30/33.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I thank you for your letter of March 22 nd.

I quite understand your feelings regarding the matter of interfering with the Railway Management, but Mr. Meighen, all I want is my rights, and surely there is some place I can go to get them.

I do not want you to interfer, but I believe your prestige would have considerable weight if you could take it up more as a personal favor if they would do something for me. As I pointed out before, it was not on account of my work, as I have letters to show that they were entirely satisfied with that.

The reason I am so anxious about having them do something for me is because I really am up against it.

I know Mr. Meighen, you are a busy man and have worries of your own, but I will appreciate anything you do for me.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Toohill

J. J. Toohill
R. D. # 3
Strathroy Ont.

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Prisoners

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Vancouver B.C.
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Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa Ont.
Dear Senator;

Your letter of Jan 16/33. has been received. and I thank you for your kindness contained therein.

I am now advised affn the applications for the position of Indian agent at Alert Bay were received by the Civil Service a new ruling was made permitting only those who actually are living in the District at the moment eligible to write the examinations. I was forced a few months ago to move to Vancouver temporarily owing to conditions for doing this I am not eligible according to the new ruling recently made: and further deprived of the possibility of being placed on the eligible list which will be established for one year.

In view of this I need not say I was disappointed. affn the appeal my application has received from members and friends. and drawing

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there who were permitted to write, it; would appear a Canadian of many generations in Canada has not much chance to enter the Civil Service no matter how good a supporter he is of the Government. Having always been a supporter I am sure you can understand how I felt when asking for the first time a position in the Civil Service to receive a rebuff such as this, when I am told I am qualified for same and my disabilities received overseas would not interfere and the only position I really felt I wanted.

Had this new ruling been made before asking for applications and inserted in the posters as at present it would not of created the ill feeling it has and for that reason I am sorry. This information may assist the Government in not permitting a re-occurrence. I reluctantly write you re this, but would appreciate any thing you might be able to do on my behalf.

We are following with keen interest the progress being made this session and appreciate the tremendously hard and difficult problems facing the Government; especially

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finance and unemployment.

I note much has been said re the suggestion of the Government discontinuing pensions to civil Servants In my humble opinion I believe fair minded men can not complain of this. For this reason, over head men and especially those in receipt of a pension are given preference in appointments to the civil Service. From my own view point; were I appointed to a position through this gracious act of the Government I would willingly give up my small pension feeling I had been justly treated by giving an opportunity to reinstate myself permanently.

There is only one bad feature I see in it. and that is politically it gives ever opposition an opportunity for political propaganda.

Yours very Sincerely

W. D. Todd

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145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ontario,
April 4th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Between March 1st and 9th I had some correspondence with you, following a conversation Mrs. H. B. Wilson had with you in Toronto, and you were good enough to interest yourself in my desire to find a position.

Knowing how busy you are, I have hesitated to write you again. Our situation is growing more serious though, as I have not been able to get anything yet, and owing to this and concern over Mrs. Taylor's health as a result of worrying about it, I am writing to you again to ask if you can offer any encouragement for the near future. I fully realize it is a difficult problem, Sir, but we have been counting on something materializing through your assistance and are anxious to know the result.

I have not heard of anything definite yet about which I could ask for your assistance, as there does not appear to be anything developing, unless with the acquisition of the Abitibi Canon plant there will be some new work undertaken by the Hydro Electric Commission which might afford an opening. This is merely a suggestion on my part and trust you will not consider it a presumption.

If you can offer me any encouragement at the present time, I will be grateful. Again thanking you for the interest you are taking, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Fred Taylor

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OTTAWA, April 6, 1932.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 4th.

As respects Abitibi Canyon, you should get in touch with the Dominion Construction Company which has the work there and which employs its own men. If you are applying, you are at liberty to use myself as a reference.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Fred Taylor,
145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ont.

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OTTAWA, April 10, 1933.

Dear Mr. Todd:

I have your letter of 2nd April. Am sorry the appointment to which you aspired is restricted as it is. It seems to me this general provision was made in the Act a year or so ago. I don't think it is any rule that was just adopted applicable first to the appointment you have in mind. I remember now hearing of it some time ago.

The basic reason probably was to enable a fair distribution of such appointments. I am indeed sorry it tells against you in this instance.

On the other features of your letter, I can only say that I appreciate the views you express very much indeed.

At any future time will be glad to be of such assistance as I can.

Yours very truly.

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Private

3925 West 24th Avenue,

Vancouver, B.C. April 24, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Senator Arthur Meighen,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. and wish to thank you for your personal efforts on my behalf. Since then I have received a wire from the Hon. H. H. Stevens stating the Civil Service Commission would consider my application if I could establish satisfactory evidence of retaining domicile in Vancouver North. As there was no difficulty in doing this, I immediately wired Mr Stevens I was mailing evidence, which would reach him on or about April 15th.

On the 18th instant I received a letter from the Commission dated April 12th, which was written three days before the evidence I mailed could reach Ottawa. From their letter it was apparent they had closed my case before receiving this evidence.

I am herewith enclosing a copy of my letter replying to theirs of the 12th instant, giving full particulars regarding my case.

I dislike to be intruding on your kindness but if there is anything you can do to assist Mr Stevens I will appreciate it very much.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. Fowler

P.S. am advised out of the 65 odd applications received for this position only one that of the acting agent; rated higher than myself I received 83 and he 85. Senator McRae advises me that this agent is wanted also when this is for your information &.

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Copy for Rt Hon Sir Arthur Meighen

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3925 West 24th Avenue,

Vancouver, B.C. April 24, 1933.

W. Foran Esq.

Secretary, Civil Service Commission,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr Foran:

I have your letter of the 12th inst. and fully note your remarks therein. Not being aware of this new amendment to the Civil Service Act, I have been unable to write you intelligently of the facts before.

In reply I beg to point out the clause you refer to made no mention in the advertisement displayed for the position I applied for, as follows: "In making appointments to local positions, preference would be given to those who had resided for one year immediately preceding the date last fixed for receiving applications" It merely stated "Preference would be given to applicants who had resided for one year in the Electoral District of Comox-Alberni and Vancouver North". You can readily see this is a different qualification entirely and it was upon this interpretation that I filed my application, believing I was fully qualified, which I was, according to the advertisement. Had I known of this amendment I would have shown my permanent address instead of my temporary one.

I note all advertisements displayed just recently do show the clause you refer to embodied in same. However, I have forwarded to Ottawa sworn evidence that I have been a resident of Vancouver North covering the clause you refer to, which should make my application eligible for the consideration of the Commission

Since I was transferred by my office from Elubber Bay, B.C. in Comox-Alberni to a permanent position located at Parkhurst, B.C. in Vancouver North in September 1931, my income has come from no other source than this position.

I would also like to point out that this operation where I am employed is curtailed somewhat during the winter on

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account of deep snow and for that reason I take up temporary residence in Vancouver at the above address, but to me my permanent address is where I am permanently employed, my source of revenue, where I live throughout most of the year and where I am eligible to exercise my frenchise.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact of me being disqualified on this ground, & am deprived of being possibly placed on the eligible list whichwill be established for one year.

I am sure you can now understand my feelings when I was advised of being disqualified on the grounds of not being a resident.

I fully appreciate the Commissioners duties in administrating the Act according to provisions laid down by law and can understand the point raised in my application, but when the facts are known to them I am satisfied they will be glad to see that my application receives proper consideration.

Yours truly,

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145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ontario,
April 26th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 22nd reached me yesterday and I wish to thank you for the steps you have taken.

I did hope to have heard from the men in Toronto mentioned in my last letter, so I could tell you what they wrote, but evidently my letters went astray (they were posted on train) and I had to write again yesterday.

Your letter has raised my hopes and I trust that something will materialize. I feel that your intervention should bring results and, if so, that I will warrant the interest you have taken.

Yours faithfully,

Fred Taylor

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LYNN B. SPENCER, K.C.
WELLAND, ONT.

April 26th, 1933.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Meighen: Re Fred Taylor

I have your letter of the twenty-second instant. I expect to be in Toronto at a meeting of the Dufferin, but I am satisfied there is not a chance in the world of there being an opening.

It is one of the toughest things these days to see these college graduates, particularly engineers, without any resources and no prospects. Just within the last month a great many have been let out on the Welland Ship Canal here, and I had the wife of one of them in to see me the other day and said when they have paid up their bills they could probably get out of town as far as Toronto and then would have to go on relief. Fine, good people, and staunch Conservatives, and their parents before them.

Something must soon be done to put people at work. I do hope that the solution is at hand.

Yours sincerely,

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OTTAWA, May 2, 1923.

Dear Mr. Todd:

I have your letter of 24th. It just came to hand to-day on my return to Ottawa. Am afraid it is too late, but will see what can be done. The matter, as you know, is entirely in the hands of the Civil Service Commission.

Yours very truly,

Mr. M. S. Todd,
3925 West 24th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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27Alhambra Ave
6 May, 1933.

Right Hon.Arthur Meighen,K.C.,P.C.,
57Castle Frank Cr., Toronto.

Dear Mr.Meighen,

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of May 2nd and sincerely appreciate your willingness to help me.I am not surprised that you are not sure as to what you could do to help me since I failed to state plainly enough what I had in mind; it was that since in your connection with a number of large financial concerns you would be in more or less intimate contact with a considerable number of men of means and enterprise, some of whom have that venturesome spirit which backs new enterprises which though decidedly risky have large possibilities if once established as a success,you might be willing to introduce me to a few of them. I had no thought of asking you to indorse my proposition ; all I want is a chance to meet them and present my case.At present my plan is limited to raising a few thousand dollars to test the brake . If the tests fail to establish beyond shadow of doubt that my brake is vastly superior to the very excellent but still very imperfect brakes now in use there would be no need for following the project any further ; there would be nothing to do but say good-bye to the money spent on the test- and my own hard-earned $600 which I have invested as well as most of my spare time during the last eight years.I had not even thought of asking you to give me a " certificate of character"; You have seen very little of me for over thirty years; how could you know but that I have been up to all kinds of rascality .

I have already been in touch with T.A.Russel. He says that it would be inadvisable for him to become a member of my syndicate because in case the experiments proved successful and he recommended the use of the brake by his company he might be accused of being influenced by his interest in the syndicate. He is however ready to help in any way he can and he has arranged to have the chief engineer of Willys-Overland act in an advisory and supervisory capacity in planning and carrying out the tests.

I am going to try to persuade him to allow me to put his name on my Advisory Committee.This committee should contain not only engineers but factory superintendents to advise on manufacturing problems involved, and also men of standing in the sphere of finance to guide the enterprise past critical initial stages.Enterprises of this sort are frequently badly "balled up" in the initial stages ; and many a good proposition has been wrecked because of entanglements later resulting from lack of competent guidance from the beginning.I have had some experience in these things; since coming to Toronto I have organized one syndicate (Shantz Ventilation Syndicate) under the patronage of the Hon. Thomas Crawford and two companies ; I hope I am wise enough learn from experience.

As it is well known in Toronto that I have been "just a teacher" it is necessary in order to command the confidence of investors that I have associated with me some outstanding men of the business world. Of course I prefer men whom I know . Of course it is shockingly bold for me to suggest to an ex-premier of Canada that he consent to support my little proposition to this extent, along with Mr. Russel and some others you or he may suggest. My " nerve" is based on the firm conviction that if the testing of my brake proves as successful as I expect the proposition will develop into a business of very large proportions. My conviction is based on :-

(I) The need as stated by competent experts of a more dependable automobile brake of lasting qualities much greater than those of the best brakes now in use.I quote from the Star Weekly of 3Ist Dec. , I932:" How about those

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brakes on your car? From the standpoint of safety they are undoubtedly the most important part of your car. But even when they are kept at their peak of efficiency are they good enough?
"Maxwell Halsey of New York, traffic engineer of the United States National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, seems to think they are not..... Here's what Mr. Halsey has to say in a recent publication by the American Standards Association: It is the opinion of quite a few automotive engineers , who are in a position to know what they are talking about, that there are probably not more than three stock cars manufactured to-day which have brakes adequate to stop them at 60 miles per hour. By this I mean that three emergency stops at that speed would rob the braking system of its effectiveness..... Common sense should dictate that if you make a car which can go 60 you should provide brakes that will stop it at 60, not three times , but often enough so that continual frequent maintenance, which the motorist will not give it , is not necessary." This seems to mean that , although the best brakes now in use will stop a car perhaps as quickly as any that can be designed, they are seriously deficient in lasting qualities and therefore dangerous to that extent: my brake was designed with the special object of making *it* lasting; proof against deterioration in efficiency even when used without stint during the life-time of the car. The proposed syndicate is to finance and conduct tests to find out if my brake has this all-important quality of enduring efficiency which can not be found in any kind of brake depending on friction.
(2) The belief that my design of brake contains features indispensible to the successful working of a fluid brake,features covered by my patents and constituting a monopoly in the manufacture of fluid brakes such as will have a chance of being generally adopted by the trade. Should the proposed tests be quite satisfactory the amount of business available in supplying the brakes for the millions of cars made yearly would be very great indeed.I can hardly conceive that the automobile companies would fail to avail themselves of a brake proved to be much more satisfactory than those now in use , more easily operated, more dependable ,and much less expensive to maintain. My plan includes organizing a corporation to manufacture the brakes for the various automobile companies: such a corporation would need be of no mean proportions.

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I hope you will concede that if the tests prove successful the prospects are such as will warrant the co-operation of men of the highest calibre. It is very desirable that the syndicate which is to do the initial work- the testing - should contain men capable of carrying on the project if it should develop into a corporation of considerable magnitude.

(3) I am appealing to the strong characteristic of the British race to take a venture.It is this dominant characteristic which led to the pre-empting of so much of the world for the empire , and the enviable position of the British people in invention, manufacturing, commerce and finance for over a hundred years. They seem to have in proper proportion a sane combination of safe conservatism and boldly venturesome daring for new enterprises- about 90% of the former and 10% of the latter.Should the race ever become timid and indisposed to speculate(and perhaps to gamble) its pre-eminence would soon disappear.

I have carried on my life-long experiments in this spirit and have got a great kick out of it.I failed to make money out of inventions recognized by competent judges as very valuable because I failed to measure up as a business man and did not get the right kind of business men to make up for my own deficiencies. This time I am making a bid for the best, and I honestly believe the prospects of the venture warrant it.

Yours truly,

P.S. next sheet. A. B. Shantz.

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P.S.

I shall be greatly pleased to have you write to Mr. Russel and Mr. Campbell. I am writing to Russell to-day asking his consent to be one of Advisory Committee. I prefer that Campbell receive your letter before he gets mine. Before writing to him I would like to consult with Russell as to the nature of the proposition I should make to him. My plan includes getting the co-operation of all the major automobile manufacturing firms . I am not sure as yet if they would consent ; I do not see why they should not. It may require some diplomacy and good judgment as to inducements held out.

I am aware of the fact that one of the greatest obstacles to be overcome in getting new devices adopted is the fear of the disruptive effect of the change from the old to the new, as for example from the stage coach to the railway. I have plans for minimizing the interfering with established business which might result from replacing standard friction brakes with my fluid brakes and am prepared to share up the financial returns from the adoption of my brake so as to compensate as far as possible losses sustained by making the change. If my brake is as satisfactory as I believe and is generally adopted the financial returns should be ample to reward the inventor and his associates in the testing and also compensate the trade for scrapping equipment now in use to make friction brakes. This is another reason why I wish to get the help of men of the calibre needed to handle problems of this sort.

If my device should prove efficient also as a transmission to replace the the various mechanisms (gearshift,driving shaft, differential, etc.,)the change would be very great indeed and the scrapping of equipment and need of wisdom and judgment in planning for compensations more imperative still.

The validity of patents is assailed usually by infringing them ; the more valuable a patent seems to be the more likely it is to be infringed by corporations having ample resources . If the inventor is known to be poor and seems not to have adequate backing these corporations will infringe even if their patent experts say that the patent is a good patent and that infringing would be unsafe except on the assumption that the patentee is unable to bear the cost of fighting to a finish. This is another reason why I would be very grateful for permission to have men of recognized standing and ability on my Advisory Committee.

When I had got to the bottom of the second page I thought I should quit; but on second thought I decided that it would be wiser to complete my statement and trust to your indulgence.

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OTTAWA, May 10, 1923.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

A. B. Shantz of 27 Alhambra Ave., Toronto, has written me with regard to some invention he has, namely, an improved brake for automobiles. He will be writing to you about it in the near future.

I lived with this man when I was teaching in Caledonia. He was inventing in those days, and doubtless has been directing his mind this way ever since. In those days he had a school ventilator which appears to have been successful, and though it has had a curious career, apparently always had merit. Shantz is honest and persistent to an appalling degree. I cannot speak about the automobile brake.

Have advised him that I would write you and am complying with that request.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen.

W. R. Campbell, Esq.,
President,
Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd.,
Windsor, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, May 10, 1923.

Dear Tom:

A. B. Shantz of 27 Alhambra Ave., Toronto, has written me with regard to a matter which he has already discussed with you, namely, some invention he has, being an improved brake on automobiles.

I lived with this man when I was teaching in Caledonia. He was inventing in those days, and doubtless has been directing his mind thisway ever since. In those days he had a school ventilator which appears to have been successful, and though it has had a curious career, apparently always had merit. Shantz is honest and persistent to an appalling degree. I cannot speak about the automobile brake.

Have advised him that I would write you and am complying with that request.

Very sincerely yours,

T. A. Russell, Esq.,
Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.,
Dufferin Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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OTTAWA, May 10, 1933.

Dear Mr. Shantz:

I have received and read very carefully your letter of 6th. I hope you will not think that it is because of any feeling of status or anything of that kind that I write in the terms of this letter. Whatever else may be my fault, any such feeling is entirely foreign and always has been.

The fact is though that I simply cannot interest myself in anything more than the responsibilities which are now far too heavy and from which I cannot escape. A conjunction of circumstances has absolutely compelled me to assume really more than anyone has a right to assume. Many of them are not pleasant; nearly all are difficult, but they are mine and I must do my best.

If I were to allow my name to be used, it would be only my name, and I do not think anyone has a right simply to parade his name, whatever it may be, good or bad. If I allowed my name to be used I would feel it my absolute duty to interest myself in the enterprise and devote time and energy to it. This is impossible.

I am doing as you suggest--writing Mr. T. A. Russell and Mr. Campbell.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A. B. Shantz,
27 Alhambra Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Senator Meighen,

Relative to telephone conversation with you at Toronto some days ago I have learned, after a deal of enquiry, that the Federal department handling Canada's exhibit at Chicago is that of Trade and Commerce. I am told that an Exhibition Commissioner will be directing operations.

I sincerely hope that there may be a job in this for me. A deal of fruitless employment-hunting this winter has left me in rather a desperate position and I will appreciate any opportunity for earning a livlihood more than I can say. At present, and for the first time since my school days, I am entirely dependent on my father.

It would be my hope to get a permanent post either in Ontario or British Columbia if any such was open but the Chicago Fair work would be a very helpful stop-gap meanwhile.

In addition to engineering training I have had several years experience in publicity and advertising.

If there is no Chicago job please believe that I will gladly take anything anywhere that it may be possible to turn my way. My father sends his best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Templeton

J. F. Templeton.

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OTTAWA, May 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Templeton:

Referring to yours of 10th, you should make application immediately to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, explaining in your letter the kind of work that you have in sight. I am at the Cabinet meetings so little that I do not know anything at all of what is being done with respect to the Chicago Exhibition, but I would rather figure that a Director had been appointed very long ago. However, I will make enquiry and speak to Mr. Stevens on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. F.Templeton,

246 John Street,

Belleville, Ont.

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246 John St., Belleville, Ont.
May 15, 1933.

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Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Senator Meighen,

I am deeply grateful for yours of the 12th which reached me this morning. I enclose a copy of my application to the Minister of Trade and Commerce herewith and sincerely hope it may result in a job with your kind interest to aid it on its way.
I had no idea, ofcourse, that there would be any liklihood od obtaining the appointment of Director of the Exhibit. I mentioned there being a Director with the thought that he might possibly be known to you.
Please let me thank you on behalf of my father as well as myself for your kindness in taking this matter up with Mr. Stevens. We both feel deeply indebted to you for your helping hand.

Yours sincerely,

J.F. Impleton

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246 John St., Belleville, Ont.
May 15, 1933.

The Honorable H. H. Stevens,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I am respectfully submitting this, my application, for a position on the Canadian Exhibit staff at the Chicago World's Fair.

I am a native of Ontario, an honor graduate of R.M.C. and, until December 1932, have lived in Victoria, B.C. for several years. I am a qualified B.C. land surveyor, first practicing in 1907. I went overseas with the 48th Battalion of Victoria in 1915 and, on its disbandonment in France June 1917, returned to Canada and served on the Canadian Recruiting Mission in the U.S. until armistice.

For several years following I remained in Ontario and, in connection with my work here, had large experience in publicity and advertising. When with the Mission I came in contact with all classes of Americans which would prove valuable experience for Exhibition work. The surveying profession has fallen on very evil days in B.C. and, late last year, I was forced to close my home and return to Ontario in search of a means of livlihood. I have a sound knowledge of organization and executive work and sincerely hope there will be an opening for me On the Canadian Exhibit staff.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. Templeton

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May 15th 1933

To the Right Hon
arthur Meighen

Sir Having been unable to see you Personally. I am sending you this not to renew old acquaintances. I did happen to have some business dealings with you. in Portage Laprairie. in the year 1907 in the month of July. Just two months after that I came to Canada from Ireland. My case was about the collections of wages due to me at the time. Therefore i felt that i would like to see you Personally. I am a Returned Soldier. with a permanent Pension & out of work. I have applied to the Govt. for a Part time Char Service work. would be very grateful if you could do anything in that way. By the way. I Served in France with three different units. 1st Batt. Inf. Brigade Miner. & 3 Tunnelling Coy. I Remain yours Respectfully

Thomas Thornton
22 Murray Street
Ottawa

PS, a favorable Reply
would be greatly appreciated
yours T. T.

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OTTAWA, May 17, 1923.

Dear Sir:

I duly received your letter of 15th. Would be glad to help you, but the char service and all other work in this district is either under the Civil Service Commission, which is absolutely independent, or it would be subject to the recommendation of the members or defeated candidates for Ottawa. Those from outside cannot expect to have influence, and really have none.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Thomas Thornton,
22 Murray Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Headingley. Man.
June 8th. 1933-

Re- Honorable Arthur Meighen.

I am a son of the late Hon. John Taylor of Headingley. Some four years ago I had an interview with you at the Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver B.C. at that time you gave me Your Toronto address. I am a member of the legal profession in British Columbia I am at present home on the farm should you see an opening in the way of a position in which my legal training and farm experience would come in I would be pleased if you would remember me.

My youngest sister Agnes Schultz Montgomery has a blind husband and he has applied for the position of Postmaster at Headingley he is a son of the Montgomerys who own the Montgomery building Winnipeg - As a supporter and a consistent one of the Conservative cause both Provincial and Dominion a large number of this party have been helping him but so far without success - the Duffy's wish to retain it a daughter Mrs Kelly Laidlaw is at present in charge - Mr McLean now deceased was a strong supporter for Mr Montgomery - The Duffys never supported the Conservative Dominion Cause - Sorry could not see you personally

Yours truly Benj. Taylor

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OTTAWA, June 13, 1933.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I duly received your letter of 6th which I have not been able to answer until my return here.

I will see what it may be possible to do with respect to the Postmastership anyway. I presume this is an appointment now under the Department and is being taken out of the list of Civil Service appointments by the legislation of last Session. I suggest that you get in touch at once with W. H. Burns, Member for Portage la Prairie. I also suggest you refer Mr. Burns to me, as I will help him in any way he desires.

Am afraid positions where legal training is of value are, like other positions now, difficult to obtain. Will, however, keep your request in mind.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Benjamin Taylor,
Headingley, Manitoba.

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THE NATURAL ORDER
A BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH
ROOM 116-2 COLLEGE ST.
TORONTO

1st Feby 1934

The Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building.
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

From the trend of your speech yesterday in the Senate and as published in the morning papers it would seem that you are interested in making a broader survey of the possibilities for economic adjustment in our Canadian affairs.

For three years we have watched National and International authorities making various attempts to grope with a problem that has seemed larger than their intelligence is capable of solving. Today, men like yourself are coming to the conclusion that they must take a personal hand in the work and get at close grips with the problem.

For a number of years the writer has pursued a policy of research for the purpose of trying to establish a sound basis of economic administration whereby individuals and Nations may retain their independence and initiative without being subject to the conflicts of boom and depression, competition and manipulation or even the sordidness of war. Thro' this work I have arrived at the conclusion that some of the earlier French economic theories were basically correct, i.e. that the laws of Nature over which man has no control must form the basis of any sound policy for the administration of human affairs. It is not man's business to make law but to co-ordinate human action to the laws of the Universe, on this basis I have worked out a somewhat elaborate co-ordination that seems to myself and a number of associates capable of immediate institution without serious disturbance of our National life or of the structure that modern society has erected for the service of the people.

I am endeavouring to get in closer contact with the men whom this Nation has chosen as their leaders in the hope that such assistance as my survey may render to them will become available for the good of all, and the maintenance of the faith which the people have vouchsafed to their leaders. I am not in a position to publish the work as co-ordinated, and am therefore making bold to ask of you the privilege of a personal interview when you can make an opportunity for same available. Will you be good enough to advise me of some time when you will grant a hour for this purpose.

Sincerely Yours.

John Tully

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
February 5, 1934.

Dear Mr. Tully:

I have your letter of 1st February. I am here so irregularly now and my time is so much overtaxed, especially during the sitting of the Senate at Ottawa, that I fear I cannot give an hour to discussion of the subject which you wish to take up with me.

If you would write and let me know what specific questions you would like my views on, I will endeavour to answer as well as I can.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. John Tully,
Room 116-2 College St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 14, 1924.

Dear Senator Tanner:

Enclosed is letter from the Hon. C. H. Cahan regarding Bill No. 10 of the House of Commons.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Senator C. E. Tanner,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

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FRED. A. LALLEMAND REFINING COMPANY
OF CANADA LIMITED

MONTREAL, CANADA

FILE NO.....

81 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.,
March 19th, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You will remember about a year ago you very kindly assisted the writer in bringing into this country for our company a foreign chemist. Since that time through your assistance we have also brought into this country this man's wife and child.

This man's name is Mr. Vladimir Tcherniavsky, his wife's name is, Mrs. Vera Tcherniavsky, and his boy's name is, Master Alexandre Tcherniavsky.

If it is possible we would like to have this man and his family, whose permits for residence in this country expire on the 31st of this month, stay here on a permit for another year.

It is impossible for us to engage a chemist of this calibre in this country. Trusting that we are not imposing upon your good nature in again asking for your assistance and with very best regards, I am,

Yours truly,

FRED. A. LALLEMAND REFINING CO. Ltd.,

J. B. Kennedy

Ontario Sales Manager.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
March 21, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Kenrick: Re Tchernievsky

I have your letter of 19th. Have you made application to the Department to have the time of this man extended? If not, you should do so giving all the reasons therefor. When you send the application in you might notify me so that I can call up the Deputy and see if everything is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. B. Kenrick,
81 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

Ottawa, March 23,,1934.

Memorandum dictated to me over the telephone by Mr. Blair of the Immigration Department, regarding application for extension of time re Mr. Tcherniavsky.

The stay in Canada of Mr. Tcherniavsky under the present term expires on April 1st. There are two questions up, viz., extending his own stay, and (2) admitting his wife and children. They are all Russian refugees. Mr. Tcherniavsky himself has a Nansen passport (a refugee passport) valid to permit his return to Belgium only until November next. The Minister's decision was that he would grant temporary admission of the wife and children until April 1st, provided Tcherniavsky would agree to take them back with him to Belgium at that time. A further six months' extension could be granted, but extension for a year would be away beyond the length of his Nansen passport. Upon expiration of this passport, the man is without any country to which he or his family could be sent if he falls on disaster, as no one can ever be sent home without a passport except to England and the United States.

Mr. Blair suggests that you talk the matter over with Mr. Gordon. Nothing but an Order-in-Council setting aside the regulation as to passport would allow Tcherniavsky to be given an extension of a year.

Tcherniasky agreed to put up a bond of $1,000 in order to get his wife and child temporarily admitted, but nothing has been done. The Minister will have to deal with the matter now.

Mr. Blair mentioned that Tcherniavsky is apparently a very valuable man, as he receives a salary of $10,000 a year as chemist.

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FRED. A. LALLEMAND REFINING COMPANY
OF CANADA LIMITED

MONTREAL, CANADA

FILE NO.....

81 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.,
March 23rd, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Again thanks for your attention to our Russian friend.

We are mailing to-day a formal application to the Minister of Immigration to have Mr. Tcherniavsky's permit extended for a year.

Yours very truly,
FRED. A. LALLEMAND REFINING CO. Ltd.,

J. B. Kennia
Ontario Sales Manager.

JBK:MGK.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
March 24, 1934.

Dear Mr. Kenrick:

I had a talk with Mr. Blair of the Immigration Department re Tcherniavsky. Subsequently he telephoned and in my absence spoke to my Secretary. Attached hereto is memorandum of the conversation. This sets out the present position pretty clearly, and will indicate to you about what may be possible.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. B. Kenrick,
Fred. A. Lallemand Refining Co.,
81 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

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J. Wallace

JOHN A. TORY
TORONTO

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April 9th,
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Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have been doing some work for Mrs. Berkinshaw in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association, and your card was given to me. Do you feel that you can add to your many burdens by giving a small contribution to this Fund? If so, will you kindly sign the enclosed card for the amount, payable any time during 1934. In any case, will you please return the card to me.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Tory

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 11, 1924.

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Dear Mr. Tory:

I just returned from the West this morning and have your letter of 9th April.

Have already given a donation for the Y. W. C. A. to Mrs. Wallace, and am, therefore, returning the card.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. John A. Tory,
Sun Life Assurance Co.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator Meighen:

I am sending you herewith a booklet we have prepared on the research activities of the Research Council for 1933-34. I thought you might be interested in seeing it, as it gives some idea of the undertakings of the Council for a given year.

Sincerely yours,

H.M.Tory, President.

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A. R. HASSARD, B.C.L.
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17 QUEEN STREET EAST,
TORONTO - CANADA

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May 31, 1934.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., M.P., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

The matter in which I desired to have a brief appointment with you either to-day or to-morrow is contained in the enclosed copy of letter to the Right Hon, Mr. Bennett.

I do not want to make a mountain out of a molehill, but I do want to succeed in this present application, in which I do think the Government, without seriously wrenching the law, could do me the favour requested.

I have had considerable correspondence with Ottawa, first in reference to obtaining naturalization, and then, finding that to be impossible, with a view to getting a permit as requested. I fear I have sadly bungled matters, having first requested Mr. Geary to see if it could be done, and then through the Hon. Mr. McGuire, senator, whom I have long known in legal practice. Both seem to have been refused, and yet I hope the refusal is not final, and that the door, if not open, is at least ajar.

The reason I am troubling you is that in my dilemma I thought I would ask what Mr. Humphries, K.C., the Deputy Attorney General might advise, and he suggested that I see you, and he said you would be an indulgent auditor of the request, as I am sure you will be. Really it may seem that I am trying to get my friend into England by a back door, but she has her heart so set on it that I would do very much rather than see her fail. I thought a letter under the seal of the Department of External Affairs authorizing Mrs. Tyler to enter England, might be granted in the exceptional cases here, and it would be most appreciated.

I have now said all I could say in a personal interview, which, now, possibly, is not necessary. Mr. Humphries said he would be glad if you gave him a telephone call in the matter, but even that might not be necessary. I would like to avoid the trip to Ottawa if possible, as Mr. McNicholl wants me for another night next week, I think. At present I am down for 3 meetings in Mr. Jamieson's riding.

I am very sorry to be troublesome, but feel that everything has not been done as long as anything is omitted.

I remain, Very faithfully yours,

A. R. HASSARD,

per.

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Copy sent the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen K.C., M.P.,

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May 31, 1934.

The Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., P.C.,
Premier and Minister of External Affairs,
Ottawa.

Right Honourable Sir,

I am taking the liberty of asking if you could honour me with a few minutes around 12 o'clock noon (daylight Saving time) on Wednesday the 6th., inst, in connection with a matter, now in your department, and in which considerable fruitless correspondence has taken place.

It is in regard to Mrs. Lila T. Tyler (nee Jewison) of Toronto, who, having in 1919 married an American citizen, but who, practically all her life lived in Toronto, and in Durham County, Ontario, where she was born of Canadian parents, and who finds it impossible, (so far, at least) to obtain a passport or document of any kind entitling her accompany her sister, Miss Bertha L. Jewison, a school teacher, of long standing, in Toronto, on a trip to England, starting from Montreal on or about the 30th. of June, 1934

Mrs. Tyler is a nurse, having graduated from an hospital in Michigan, and taken a post-graduate course in New York City. She comes of an excellent family, and I have known her personally for over 30 years, she being a valued friend of mine.

Any other day for an appointment would do, but I am trying to crowd in the same between some political meetings I am to address in the course of the present political campaign. At present I am billed for 4 meetings, but expect they will increase much very presently.

Mrs. Tyler has tried to obtain an American passport, but her husband's birth is not registered, and all efforts to satisfy the American Consul regarding his (the husband's) birth, have proved unavailing to date. This is an essential with them.

Mrs. Tyler and her sister Miss Jewison look to me with such a moving appeal to secure this boon for themselves, having looked forward to it for upwards of a year, and really believe, that having such a good moral right to travel, you, Sir, may find some way to overcome the legal and highly technical objections which seem to stand in their way. In view of their earnestness, I cannot find it in my heart to refuse to go to Ottaa in person in the hope that the situation might be solved.

To some the matter might seem to be unimportant, but they are good women, and deserve the privilege which, but for the unfortunate circumstance of the husband being an American citizen, would be tieir's inalienably.

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Rt.Hon.R.B.B., K.C.,M.P.,P.C.,

Mrs. Tyler's husband will not apply for Canadian naturalizatio and even if he did it would be too late now to do anything, as that could not take place until September.

I hope you will not look amiss in my desiring to see you personally, at your leisure, if, indeed, a public man can be said to have any.

Believe me, Right Honourable Sir,
Very faithfully yours,

A. B. HASSARD.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

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Toronto, June 1, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hinds:

Attached is letter (with enclosure) received today from A. R. Hassard; also copy of my reply.

Would you please look into this matter and be ready to speak to me about it Tuesday morning. Would like to get this for Mr. Hassard, if possible.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A. H. Hinds,
Chief Clerk of Committees,
The Senate, Ottawa.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
June 1, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hassard:

I have your letter of 31st with enclosure. From memory I do not know that anything can be, or ever has been, got from the External Affairs Department, either by way of passport or by way of any other document in substitution thereof for other than a British Subject.

Am writing Ottawa to-day in regard to the matter and will have reply by Tuesday when I will be down personally. I do not think you need bother the Prime Minister because I feel confident if it is possible to secure anything it can be done without his intervention.

I would be doubtful if any other country, Britain included, would recognize anything from the Government of Canada on behalf of other than a British Subject.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. A.R. Hassard, K. C.,
17 Queen St. E.,
Toronto, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CANADA

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Ottawa, 5th June, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hinds:-

With reference to your letter of the 4th June and its accompanying correspondence with the Right Honourable Senator Meighen, concerning the application for passport of Mrs. Lila T. Tyler, I enclose herewith a copy of my letter of the 15th May last to Colonel G. R. Geary, M.P., on the same subject.

We, of course, sympathize with Mrs. Tyler's difficulties, but she will realize that these difficulties arise from the fact that she has lost her status as a British subject by her marriage, and the further fact that she has apparently not been able to furnish the United States Consul with the evidence necessary to secure a United States passport. I cannot understand why it should not be possible to obtain some satisfactory proof of her husband's birth in the United States; even if his birth was not registered, evidence from family records or from a clergyman or doctor or local authority could surely be obtained and would probably satisfy the Consul.

The original correspondence enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

O. D. Skelton

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

A. H. Hinds, Esquire,
Chief Clerk of Committees Branch,
The Senate,
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Department of External Affairs.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1934.

ODS/ET

My dear Colonel Geary,

I duly received your letter of the 3rd May and its enclosures concerning the difficulties met by Mrs. Lila T. Tyler in obtaining a passport.

I quite agree with you as to the hardship imposed on Mrs. Tyler, but the situation is one for which the Canadian Government is in no way responsible, and what is perhaps more to the point, I am afraid I do not see any way in which we could help her so long as her status remains as it is at present.

The requirement that a traveller abroad should carry a passport is, as you are aware, not imposed by Canadian law, but by the laws of the countries abroad, all of which have tightened up their requirements in this respect since the war. Canada, as a matter of fact, is one of the very few countries in the world which does not require a traveller to carry a passport on entering. The essence of a Canadian passport is that it certifies that the bearer is a British subject resident in Canada. Such a certificate of course cannot be given in Mrs. Tyler's case. We occasionally issue a special certificate to stateless persons resident in Canada who have initiated naturalization proceedings, but require to make a trip abroad before their naturalization is completed. This course could not be adopted in Mrs. Tyler's case, as she is not in a position to apply for naturalization. I assume she does not propose to seek a divorce. Failing that, her only course would seem to be to apply for a passport to the

Colonel G. R. Geary, K.C., M.P.,
House of Commons,
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United States Consul General in Toronto, as she is still a United States citizen. I am afraid, as Mr. Coleman suggests in his letter of May 2nd, that she may find some reluctance on the part of the Consul General because of her long absence from the United States, but I think she should make an attempt to do so.

I am returning herewith Mr. Coleman's and Mr. Hassard's letters.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) O. D. SKELTON.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CANADA

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Ottawa, 5th June, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hinds:-

I have just received your further letter of the 5th June and its enclosure, regarding Mrs. Lila T. Tyler.

I am sorry to say that neither of the courses suggested by Mr. Hassard in his letter of the 2nd June can affect the matter of her status in connexion with the question of an official travelling document to be issued by this Department. The point is that she is an American citizen by marriage and that, according to one of the most universally accepted rules in regard to travelling facilities, the Canadian authorities are not in a position to issue a passport or a special certificate in a case of this nature.

Mr. Hassard's letter of the 2nd June is returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

O. D. Skelton

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A. H. Hinds, Esquire,
Chief Clerk of Committees Branch,
The Senate,
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A. R. HASSARD, B.C.L. K.C.
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June 2, 1934.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., M.P., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto.

re Mrs. Tyler.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st. inst., herein.

While I appreciate much what you say, and the force of it, at the same time it ought to be bourne in mind that Mrs. Tyler is only by the merest technicality of law an American citizen. Her whole soul is heartily with Canada, and she never intends in any way whatever to live in the United States. At heart she is British, and has been so back through generations.

If this argument does not prevail, could either of the following courses be pursued?

(1). She has a letter from her physician who resides in Toronto, and who strongly recommends her to consult a leading specialist on toxic poisoning in London, England.

Could she obtain some authority to permit her to visit England for that purpose?

(2). Suppose she were to receive an appointment without salary from the Province of Ontario Government to visit some of the hospitals in England, could she receive some sort of letter from the Ottawa department permitting her to visit England for that purpose?

I do think a point ought to be stretched here, if at all possible. Here are women, - one of whom has lived in Canada for 19 years, according to the press, and cannot speak a work of English, - and they take priority over a natural born Canadian citizen, and all because of a misfortune in life, - marrying an American citizen,

The letters I have received throughout have been so severely formal, without a speck of a heart in them, that one does feel discouraged.

Thanks very much for your promise to see The Right Hon Mr. Bennett, and I do hope some avenue can be reached in accordance with the request already made. Thanking you, kindly for your letter,

I am, Very faithfully yours,

A. R. HASSARD per.

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June 7, 1924.

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Dear Mr. Hassard:

I have exhausted every effort here with regard to Mrs. Tyler. One is up against a stone wall, and this not because of any lack of desire or willingness to assist on the part of the Department.

You must realize that what you are asking is admittance to Britain of a United States citizen through an action of the Government of Canada. No matter what the willingness of the Government of Canada may be, they simply cannot do anything which admits to another country an American citizen. That is entirely for the other country to decide, and the other country decides that this can be done only by means of a passport issued by the United States. Surely Mrs. Tyler, if she cannot get birth certificate of her husband, can get other proof. Certainly she could get such proof as is accepted here, namely, family records, certificate or affidavit of clergyman or doctor or local authority.

I am sorry, but no amount of effort or pressure can enable a Government to do what is entirely beyond its power.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. A. R. Hassard, K. C.,
17 Queen St. East,
Toronto, Ont.

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Dear Miss Edmondson

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many many Thanks
Note all you Say.
Miss Edmondson maybe
you can help me to
Secure one of those Office
Positions in the Lodges
of unemployed Females
if I am not asking too much
from you.

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Thanking you again

I am

Respectfully yours

Fred. Clark

1152 Sherbrooke St

East

Montreal

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Tuesday Morning
February 5th 35

Dear Mr Meighen.

I regret very much that I was unable to get up to town to see you before your return to Ottawa and I am infinitely obliged to you for the interest you are taking on my account.

The enclosed letter to you dated May 9th last year was held up as Mr Paterson thought I might hold on so as to complete 15 years in the Service & thereby increase the Retiral allowance by one extra months salary. I am not in any immediate need of funds having kept a liquid reserve of Victory Bonds that will serve to restrain the "Wolf" for a year or two but what really bothers me is the fact that in the final analysis my wife will be left with one half of my pension (Superannuation) and that will be around $7.50 a week! I have paid in Cash $5000 for this house - a forced Sale may realize $6000 which will clear the Mtge. & Expenses. I have no debts.

Good friends of mine are passing away -

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W.L. 6804

I am getting afraid to pick up the morning paper - Henry Osler, J. D. McMaster K.C., Victor Ross and now this morning, Stone Smith at 58 years.

The enclosed cutting from the "Daily Mail & Empire" will probably interest Mr. Meighen. It is incorrect in detail and I thought of publishing the real facts. The subject is a very sore point with the original members of the Regiment and we decided to pass it up. The garbled account may be good enough for the Press Gallery but they are not omniscient. During the Soldiers Re-union last August the name of Dengil Owslow Cochrane Newton was never mentioned by any of the Princess Patricias' older men but they had not then seen the final paragraph of this blundering ass Cook.

Yours faithfully.

W. Stewart Thomson

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138 Maclean Avenue,
Toronto 8,
May 9, 1934.

PERSONAL

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
National Building,
Bay Street,
TORONTO, 2, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I beg to apologize for again bringing a personal matter before you.

Conditions have changed since August last when you were very good to me. At that time I was keen to retain my connection with the Department. Last February I had a serious illness which brought my blood-pressure down to 100 and left me with diminished energy, mentally and physically, so that the daily round became a burden. Apparently there is no organic disease but just a general lowering of tone like an automobile with no gas in the tank. "Burnt Out" we called it in the Army. Last night I had a distinct warning - I collapsed in my home and crashed on the floor for no particular reason that I can fathom. I had no vacation period in 1933, reserve of sick-leave had all been used up and I had to ask Mr. Paterson to count in my three weeks' vacation into the time I was off through sickness and altho' this was done it was not sufficient and my salary cheques were docked.

By the end of 1934 I will have served 15 years and 3 months with the Department of National Revenue. I came to Canada thirty-two years ago after serving three years at the Front in South Africa. On the 10th August 1914 I enlisted with Princess Patricia's Battalion and was honorably discharged on account of wounds received in action. In 1917 I wound-up the affairs of the long defunct Bank of Ontario for the Royal Trust Company and from then I went to the Provincial Government of Ontario for a couple of years then quit to join the Dominion Income Tax office. My Army Wound Pension

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was discontinued twelve years ago. My salary now nominally is $2,720.00, and I actually received in 1933 $2,192.21 or a fraction over $42.00 per week and on this amount I paid Income Tax.

I am not well posted on the Regulations governing Superannuation Allowances but I estimate that my Pension under the Act will amount to something like $16.00 per week which will mean that I will have to sacrifice my $10,000.00 home at the Beach and seek a room and kitchen in The Ward. The prospect is not one I can welcome and I feel that special consideration should be given me only I do not know how to secure such consideration unless you will be good enough to advise me on the point.

The work of handling Personal Corporations under Section 21 of the Act is exacting and calls for a good deal more than a mere knowledge of accounts. I am not by any means past work but I have passed the time when I can "punch the clock" day in and day out.

To put the case in a nutshell, I would like,-

1st. Permission to retire on 30th June next.
2nd. To be granted six months' leave of absence with pay on account of ill-health from 1st July.
3rd. To be granted special consideration, if possible, before the amount of annual Superannuation allowance is fixed.

If you would be good enough to advise me how to go about this matter I would feel very much in your debt.

Yours faithfully,

WST/LG.

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50 YEARS AGO
And Since

By

FRED COOK

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CAPTAIN DENZIL NEWTON.

There are A.D.C.'s and A.D.C.'s, but of all the officers who held these positions at Government House in my time not one could vie with Captain Denzil Newton in point of efficiency. And that is saying a good deal, seeing that there have been many bright young men serving on the staffs of respective Governors-General.

Newton was a nephew of Lord Dundonald, and came to Canada with him in July, 1902. When, two years later, Lord Dundonald was dismissed from the position of general officer commanding, Newton's name was included in the retirement order. He soon returned to Canada, however. Lord Grey, who was appointed Governor-General in September of that year, brought Captain Newton back as one of his aides, somewhat to the chagrin of a few members of the government, who saw in him Lord Dundonald personified.

Newton had a most remarkable memory, both for names and faces. One of the duties of an A.D.C. at Government House, when luncheons or dinners are given, is to announce the name of each person as Their Excellencies walk around to greet the guests.

At the Drawing Room which ushers in the sessional festivities the custom is for the lady or gentleman to be presented to hand his or her card to the line of aides, from which it passes down to the military secretary, who announces the name. Newton got to know everybody at the first Drawing Room, and at subsequent gatherings at Government House, and once he had heard the name of an individual and looked him over he never forgot him. Someone spoke to Lord Grey about Newton's memory, and the Governor-General replied that he was simply a marvel. Ottawa was sorry to lose him when he returned to England in 1911.

When the Great War broke out it will be recalled that Canada's first contribution to the fighting forces of the mother land was the P.P.C.L.I. Of the eleven hundred men in that regiment who left Canada in September, 1914, not more than ten per cent. had been born in the Dominion. The great majority of the men had seen active service in different regiments of the British army and when the call of Empire came they promptly enlisted in the Patricias.

As will be remembered, the regiment owed its inception to the patriotic initiative of Major A. H. Gault. The Commanding Officer was Colonel E. D. Farquhar, D.S.O., of the Coldstream Guards, military secretary to the Duke of Connaught, Gault himself becoming second-in-command.

Newton joined the regiment on its arrival in England. There was no necessity for the men to spend six or eight weeks at Salisbury Plain, as they were all thoroughly well trained. They were sent over to France in December, '14, and immediately got into action. Next month the sad news came to Canada that Denzil Newton had been killed—not in battle; not by a German sniper. There were no details, but some of us were in the know. This promising young man was cut off in the prime of life through the blunder of a nervous British sentry.

Next—The Victoria Memorial Museum.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 6, 1925.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

I received your letter and have already had a talk with Mr. Fraser Elliott. I found him most sympathetic to you and I can assure you that he is not only anxious but determined to go just as far in the way of assiting you as the law will enable him to do. He spoke very highly of your services, and of the sincerity of his determination in this regard I have no doubt at all. He cannot, of course, do more than the law permits. You will be hearing either direct or through me as to just what, if anything, can be accomplished.

I knew Captain Newton very well indeed. Had never heard any of the circumstances surrounding his death and have no idea at all what they were. Mrs. Meighen knew him well also. We all liked him. Indeed I know his brother in Calgary and have a high appreciation of his ability and character. When I see you, perhaps you will give me the facts.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W.Stewart Thomson,
128 Maclean Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Later:--Mr. Elliott has just phoned to say that the four months leave to which you are entitled and which is on the basis of none of it being lost through excessive sick leave in the past is the very utmost he can grant under the law. In your case he has overlooked past sick leaves and is granting the four months leave dating from January 1, 1925. I do not see, myself, how he can do more.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

THE PREMIER
FREDERICTON

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February 21, 1935.

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Senator Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Senator Meighen:

I am duly in receipt of your personal letter of February 9th, for which I thank you.

With kind personal regards.

Yours very truly,

LPDT/A. L.P.D.Tilley

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Glandeboye Ont.
March 4/35.

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Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Ottawa. Can.

Dear Sir,—
I am taking the privilage of writing to you in Connection with the Ladies Guild of St James. Anglican Church. Glandeboye Ontario. As we are making an Autograph quilt. and are taking the privilage of writing to prominent Statesmen of the Dominion. we would feel Honoured to have your Autograph for our quilt. With and donation you may wish to send us.

Thanking You in Anticipation.

Yours Very Truly.
(Mrs) Emily G. Somers
Sec. St James. Guild.
Glandeboye. Ont.

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2320 Lorne St. Regina
May 29, 1935.

Dear Arthur,

It may be out of order for me to make a suggestion, but I know you will do what is right about it.

Cousin Bill was in the service of the Indian Department for 49 years and if a long service medal could be sent to him, he would be very much pleased — Of course, he

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has no idea I am w[illegible] about this -

When the Jubilee medals were handed out Vi and I were honored and it hurt a little for him to be left out, especially as Mr. Murison got one for over 30 years' service. I know that superannuated people were not to be included with the 30 years' service people, but some exceptions were made - Judge Newlands, for instance, retired and has lived in Europe four years. However, this is not a complaint in any sense but a request that

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if you can do anything towards having a long service medal come to him, you will do it.

I have not heard from my Australian cousin since your visit, but we saw Mrs. Ross in Los Angeles and heard about your doings.

We were away seven months. Regina is lovely now with lake and trees —

Kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Alice Tye

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Ottawa, Ontario,
June 4, 1925.

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Dear Alice:

I have your letter of 29th. Am very glad you and Aunt Vi. were recognized anyway. I was not asked at all about the medals, and do not know what principle they followed. I shall, however, speak to a friend of mine who had something to do with the matter and see what can be done, but I fancy it is too late now.

Yours very truly,

Miss Alice Tye,
2320 Lorne St.,
Regina, Sask.

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2320 Lorne St. Regina
June 7. 1935.

Dear Arthur,

It was not the Jubilee medal I meant but some Dominion Government long service medal — Mrs. Heffernan, who died here last year, received it for service in Mounted Police - only it came to his widow —

I think it is mean for people to receive these Temporal honors or signs

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of appreciation while they are still in this temporary phase of life - if it means anything to them - In this case I know it would mean much -

Thank you for your letter.

Yours sincerely

Alice Tyr

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DEPARTMENT OF

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

for Mr. Coleman:

Mr. Hinds left this correspondence with me, with the request that a memorandum be prepared for Mr. Meighen setting out the requirements for the award of an Imperial Service Order Medal and the procedure which is followed in regard to such award.

July 3, 1935.

Ottawa, *193*

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Ottawa,
July 5, 1935.

Dear Alice:

Please read the attached memorandum from the Under Secretary of State, and return.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Alice Tye,
2320 Lorne St.,
Regina, Sask.

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405. 13th Ave West
Vancouver B.C. July 6/35.

Dear Mr Meighen,

As you will see I am now in Vancouver where I recently held a large display of my work. My Indian exhibit & some twenty portrait, aroused a lot of interest and I have had requests from the different tribes here & add to it this summer. A great many people thought that the collection should be purchased & placed either by the Government or some institution, and preserved as an historical record of a passing age.

It is somewhat difficult getting established in a strictly strange community and I wonder if you might ask Mr Bennett for a letter of introduction to Senator A.D. McRae of this city. If you can accommodate me in this matter I am sure it will be of advantage to me.

Thanking you sincerely, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mildred V. Thornton

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
July 12, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I have your letter of July 6th. Will certainly give you a letter of introduction to General MacRae and same is enclosed herewith. I have also written telling him what I have done and asking him to see you and give any plan you lay before him every consideration.

I do hope you are getting on, or see your way to getting on, in Vancouver.

With very kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405-13th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
July 12, 1935.

My dear General McRae:

I have taken the liberty of giving to Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton a letter of introduction to you.

Mrs. Thornton is a portrait and landscape painter, who until about a year ago lived in Regina and since that time has lived in Vancouver. She painted a portrait of myself at the request of the Arthur Meighen Club at Regina, and for certain of her landscape work has been admitted to the Canadian Academy. She has some suggestion or plan--I do not know what it is--to lay before you, and I would like if you could possible get time to hear her and consider what she has to suggest.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Senator A. D. McRae,
Vancouver, B. C.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
July 12, 1935.

My dear General McRae:

This letter will introduce to you Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton, formerly of Regina and now of Vancouver, about whom I have written you today.

Any assistance you can give her will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Senator A. D. McRae,
Vancouver, B. C.

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A. D. McRAE
1489 McRAE AVENUE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

August 13, 1935

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of July 12th reached Vancouver while I was in Alaska and I only received it on my return yesterday.

I understand that Mrs. Thornton arrived in Vancouver during my absence and that she is still in the city. As a friend of yours I will indeed be pleased to see her, which doubtless I will do during the week. However if it is painting my picture, I fear there is nothing doing as I have no clubs particularly anxious to have it painted at this time.

I hear you have not been in Ottawa very much recently. As for myself, aside from helping a few of my friends in a financial way, I am taking no part in the election but spending my time trying to look after my own business.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

A. D. McRae

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario,
August 17, 1935.

My dear Senator :

I have yours of the 13th.

I do not think Mrs. Thornton wanted to see you about a painting of yourself but on some other subject.

If you keep on tending to your own business as well as you have been doing, there will be a big demand for paintings of you later on when you will be known as the Canadian Rockefeller.

I am very glad you will see Mrs. Thornton.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Senator A. D. McRae,
1489 McRae Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

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405 13th Ave West
Vancouver B. C.
Sept 9/35.

Dear Mr Meighen.

At last I have succeeded in obtaining an interview with Gen. McRae, whom I found very cordial, but as he expects to be out of town almost continually till Christmas he cannot be useful to me. He thought there would be many more opportunities for me in Toronto and suggested that Gen. Clark might be able to assist me if I could get a letter to him. Could you help me once again in this respect? Even if I do go to Toronto eventually there are certain things I should like to do here first, for I must admit the love of this most beautiful country is strong upon me. Its kindly climate is conducive I think to toil, good health and good endeavour.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred V. Thornton.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
September 16, 1935.

My dear General Clark:

This letter will introduce to you Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton, formerly of Regina and now of Vancouver, about whom I have written you today.

Any assistance you can give her will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

General J. A. Clark, K. C.,
425 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
September 16, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I duly received your letter of 9th and am enclosing herewith letter of introductio to General Clark. I hope it turns out to be of some value to you. Anything at all that I can do at any time, let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405-13th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
September 16, 1935.

Dear Arthur:

I have taken the liberty of giving to Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton a letter of introduction to you.

Mrs. Thornton is a portrait and landscape painter, who until about a year ago lived in Regina and since that time has lived in Vancouver. She painted a portrait of myself at the request of the Arthur Meighen Club at Regina, and for certain of her landscape work has been admitted to the Canadian Academy. She has some suggestion or plan--I do not know what it is--to lay before you, and I would like if you could possibly get time to hear her and consider what she has to suggest.

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406. 13th Ave West.
Vancouver B. C.
March 19/36.

Dear Mr Meighen.

I seems late to thank you for your letter of introduction to Sir Clark, yet I am sure you will not count me ungrateful. I was hoping that I could report some progress made but I am now convinced that Vancouver is a barren field for my profession, and of course I am hopelessly handicapped until my husband succeeds in obtaining a foothold of some description which in spite of almost superhuman efforts he has not as yet attained.

I have a very large oil painting of Moraine Lake which I have always hoped to sell to the C.P.R. It created considerable interest when it was shown at the C.N.E. in Toronto several years ago and would be a most imposing picture in any large place as it has brilliant color and bold design. Also it could be used splendidly for reproduction purposes. Can you advise me how I could bring the matter to the proper authorities and to whom I should appeal. I asked Sen. McRae about it but he was unable to assist me. The C.P.R. used to employ an artist steadily doing this sort of work. Do he used in

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advertising. I wonder if they still do so.

I shall deeply appreciate any advice you may be able to give.

Yours very sincerely,

Mildred V. Thornton.

P.S. Re enclosed is an enlargement from just a common little snapshot, but it gives a slight idea of the painting.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 1, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I have your letter of 19th.

Have you ever written to any of the C. P. R. people about this picture? If you have, please tell me to whom you have written and when. It would be better for me to know before taking it up with them myself. I am very anxious to help you if I can.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405 13th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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405 12th Ave West
Vancouver B.C.
April 8/36

Dear Mr Meighen.

Your letter received. Mr Bert Whitmore made an abortive attempt to place this picture several years ago when I was living in Regina. He was thinking of Mr Coleman, but other things intervened and he never got that far with it.
I have felt that I was too far removed from - that is authority to accomplish anything myself, so you see nothing has ever really been done about it.

Thanking you for your interest and goodwill.

Yours very sincerely,
Mildred V. Thornton.

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Ottawa

320 Bay Street, Toronto,
April 27, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I just returned from the West and have your letter of 8th instant. Am communicating with Mr. D. C. Coleman today.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405 15th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 28, 1936.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am venturing to write you with regard to the products of a Canadian painter. Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton of 405 Thirteenth Ave. West, Vancouver, has done some very creditable work in landscape painting, and is a member of the Canadian Academy. She has a very large painting of Moraine Lake which created considerable interest when shown at the Canadian National Exhibition and which, she says, would be suitable for any large place or for reproduction purposes. Mrs. Thornton has also done some very good portrait painting, but I think she is better at landscape work.

My specific thought in writing you is to enquire whether you would see fit to have someone look at the painting above referred to. It could be purchased very, very reasonably, if the Company were interested.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

D. C. Coleman, Esq.,
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,
Montreal, Que.

P.S. Enclosed is enlarged snapshot of painting

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

D. C. COLEMAN,
VICE-PRESIDENT

MONTREAL,
4th May, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

On my return from the West I received your letter of April 28th respecting a painting, the work of Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton.

The acquisition of a painting of that kind for display and reproduction purposes is a matter on which we would be governed by the judgment of Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, who is the head of our Publicity Department.

I am asking Mr. Gibbon to arrange to inspect the painting as soon as possible or if this is not convenient, to depute some person of taste and discrimination to examine it for him.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Coleman

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa,
May 5, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I now have a reply from Mr. Coleman with regard to your painting, and have pleasure in quoting herein an extract from his letter:

> "The acquisition of a painting of that kind for display and reproduction purposes is a matter on which we would be governed by the judgment of Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, who is the head of our Publicity Department.
>
> "I am asking Mr. Gibbon to arrange to inspect the painting as soon as possible, or, if this is not convenient, to depute some person of taste and discrimination to examine it for him."

I sincerely hope the result of the inspection will be favourable.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405 Thirteenth Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

J. M. GIBBON,
GENERAL PUBLICITY AGENT

MONTREAL, May 8, 1936.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3005

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
405 Thirteenth Avenue West,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madam:

The Honourable Arthur Meighen has written to Mr. D. C. Coleman, Vice-President, in regard to your painting of "Moraine Lake", of which he has sent a photograph.

I expect to be in Vancouver about the middle of July, and if I can have an opportunity of seeing your painting, I shall be glad to do so. It is difficult to find a place for any large painting outside our hotels, and I am afraid the Hotel Department is not in the market at present, but I should prefer not to give any definite decision without having an opportunity of seeing this, and perhaps some of your other work.

Yours truly,

Jno Gibbon

JMG'P GENERAL PUBLICITY AGENT

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405. 13th Ave West
Vancouver B.C.
May 14/36.

Dear Mr Meighen.

Your letter received also one from Mr Gibbon. I thought he would be here in July attending the annual convention of the Canadian Authors Association of which we are both members. In the meantime I feel highly confident of the outcome and shall of course let you know as soon as I have any

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definite news.

I can never thank you enough for your interest and assistance, so it quite useless to try.

Yours very sincerely

Mildred Thornton

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1656 Burnaby St
Vancouver B.C.
Feb. 10/37.

Dear Mr Meighen,

Just a note to tell you that the C.P.R. finally took my painting of Moraine Lake for their hotel in Calgary, allowing me a fraction of its value in traveling expenses, whenever I care to use it. They also paid me $100.00 for the rights to reproduce in color my "Rides of the Plains", for menus, folders etc. All is now in Montreal being photographed. You saw this picture when you were in Regina and remarked that Sir Jas MacBrien ought to be interested in it. I am wondering if there was any way I have to see it while it is in Montreal. It is at the C.P.R. Office, in the care of J.M. Gibbon, General

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publicity agent. Att'd a large painting of a mounted policeman, galloping out of the sunset, you may recall it. I would like it shipped to Ottawa if it seemed worth while.

Sorry I missed you when you were in Vancouver.

Yours very sincerely,

Mildred V Thornton

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Ottawa,
February 18, 1937.

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Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I just received your letter and have already written Sir James MacBrien suggesting that your painting be examined, and that it would be quite appropriate for the head office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

With very kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
1656 Burnaby St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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320 Bay Street, Toronto,
March 1, 1937.

Dear Mrs.Thornton:

Enclosed is copy of letter received today from Sir James MacBrien.

I have replied, advising him that your first letter to me was sufficient authority for him to have the picture examined, but you might let me know what price you would expect to receive.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred V. Thornton,
Vancouver, B. C.

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DU 6844
1656 Burnaby St
Vancouver B.C.
March 17/34

Dear Mr Meighen.

Your letter received. It is good of you & so much trouble to me.

The painting is in the care of Mr. J.M. Gibbon, general publicity agent and I am writing him, so that it may be available for inspection. The price of the picture is $600.00.

I note Sir James MacBrien mentions having a copy made. This would probably cost half the above amount and would have no real artistic value being merely an imitation. Also, ethically, such a procedure would be unsound.

With sincere thanks, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mildred E Thornton

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March 24/37

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Dear Mr. Meighen.

I enclose herewith a copy of C.P.R. menu with a reproduction of my painting "The Riders of the Plains", which I have just received from Mr. Gibbon. They have used just part of the picture and it looks considerably in reproduction but on the whole is fairly satisfactory as the part of the painting is still in its infancy.

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This is the picture concerning which we have had recent correspondence

Yours very truly,

Mitchell F. Thornton.

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From well-known painting by MILDRED V. THORNTON

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1656 Burnaby St
Vancouver B.C. April 6/37

Dear My Meighen.

The candour of the gentleman is refreshing. Of course it would be an easy matter to put a black collar on the constable and to reduce the avoirdupois of his mound, but I refuse to interfere with his kind legs. To the best of my ability I painted them the way God made them as seen from the position of Dok.

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The whole figure is supposed to stand out more as a silouette against the evening sky and detail was observed for that purpose but of course these are technicalities that one does not expect the average spectator to cogitate overmuch upon. It's just the difference between the viel through a microscope and through a telescope. I sincerely hope that Sir James uses the latter instrument when he views the picture.

With kindest regards

Mildred V Thornton.

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Ottawa,
May 5, 1938.

Mrs. Kathleen Tyndall,
80 Chaplin Crescent,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Tyndall:

I have had a talk today with Mr. Fraser Elliott, and I think I had better put in writing, so that you will have it before you, the position he takes.

I strongly urged upon him the view that certainly the whole of the amount received on an annuity, covering as it does both capital and interest, should not be taxable, but that at the most all that should be taxable would be that represented by the interest. Mr. Elliott quite saw the reasonableness of this view from the business standpoint, but called attention to the state of the law both in England and in Canada. It appears that a Royal Commission in England went into this matter fully and their report was to the effect that if a person in possession of funds chooses deliberately to purchase an income with that fund, the amount so received should by the State be regarded in income, and the person in receipt of such income (so this Royal Commission argued) would be just as able to pay tax upon it as a person in receipt of any other income. Hence the Royal Commission recommended no change in the English law in this regard, a case there having held that the whole was taxable.

Mr. Elliott regards this as the law of Canada. He stated that under a special provision of the Canadian law, if Mr. Tyndall, for example, had himself left in his Will an annuity for you, payable out of capital just about in the same way as you are now receiving it, the same would not have been taxable, but that as you

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May 5, 1938.

Mrs. Kathleen Tyndall,
Toronto, Ont.

received actual funds, which you invested, it came under the interpretation of law above set out.

It seems to me that the Commission in England was utterly wrong. That Commission complained that a person buying an annuity had deliberately mixed up his capital and interest and must take the consequences. The fact is, though, that there is no difficulty at all, or very little difficulty, in extricating interest from capital, merely by taking the expectancy of life into consideration and a fair rate of interest, say 5%. Actuarial tables will then say what is interest and what is capital. It must be realized, of course, that officials of the Government are bound by the law, and, unless it is changed, Mr. Elliott feels that they will have to apply it in your case and tax the whole income.

I urged strongly upon him that if he felt himself thus bound, the Department should not at least go back to the past years when in perfect good faith you did not report this income. I would suggest to you that you write a statement of the facts to Mr. Fraser Elliott; have the statement which you write revised by your solicitor so as to see that it is carefully and well done; and strongly urge that you are going to be severely cramped in your income by this decision, and that it would be most unfair to go back now and collect in respect of past incomes. I have grounds for the hope that your appeal in this regard will not be disregarded.

You are, of course, at liberty to show this letter to your solicitor.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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The Senate,

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

May 21, 1940.

Personal

Dear Mr. Meighen:

With further reference to your letter of May 9, I am now advised that on May 15 Douglas Cameron Sutherland of Weston, Ontario, was notified that, subsequent to his being recommended by Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Toronto, he might be accepted for a course starting on June 7.

This is not yet definitely arranged, but I shall let you know when I have further information.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Hc

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Ottawa,
May 22, 1940.

R. Brock Thomson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Canada Steamship Lines Ltd.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

I received from you yesterday Canada Steamship Lines Pass for this year, and wish to thank you very sincerely for your kindness in sending it to me.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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May 23, 1940

Senator the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate Chambers,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You will be interested to know that an old friend of yours, Mr. J. R. Duke, of Findlater, is being treated at the Cancer Clinic, in Regina. It is cancer of the stomach and his doctor tells me that they cannot do a great deal for him.

Bob is getting up in years and I know that if you could grab a moment in a very busy life, to drop him a line, it would do wonders.

Yours sincerely,

JMS:LG

Manager

P.S. He is stopping at 2155 Albert Street.

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Ottawa,
May 27, 1940.

Mr. J. M.Sinclair,
Manager,
Campbell, Wilson & Strathdee Ltd.,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

I have your letter of 22rd. I thank you for sending me the information, sad though it is. Have today written a letter to Mr. Duke.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa,
May 27, 1940.

Col. Clyde R. Scott,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Clyde:

I have received strong representations against the appointment of one, Norman Dingle, K. C., as a Commanding Officer in the Third Division. I do not know Mr. Dingle. The representations are not against him personally, but that he has not taken interest in his work and is incompetent.

J. C. K. McNaught, ex-Lieut. R. C. N. R. V., now residing at Hotel Midtown, 10 West 61st St., New York, has been struggling hard to get into the Naval Service. He writes a very earnest letter, begging help to be allowed to do his bit. I knew well his late father, C. B. McNaught, a very imminent Canadian business man. I remember his once speaking to me about the remarkable talents of this son, whom, however, I do not know personally.

Col. C. R. Yates, of Miami, Florida, has been in communication with the Department with regard to being used as a tactical officer and on the instructional staff. Without doubt there is need of men for this work. I know Col. Yates' relatives in Canada, though I do not know him personally. His references are excellent. Copy of his record, etc., is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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T. J. SEATH
BOX 755

LEAMINGTON, ONT June: 23 1910

Dear mr meighen;

I am glad to hear from letter, which gives me received Gunago. I know you knows the bitter truth. and Jackie is being brought home to some of the narrow-minded Salvest-

I regret much you did not recognize my old friend John Gumb - one of Jews best Companions - Jour father would. I am sure as he frequently referred to Jour boyhood days - and hero he had followed Jour Career. and I know he intended to meet with his mirror deserve our sympathy.

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T. J. SEATH
BOX 755

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at Springbank' London, where You were to Speech
There some years ago! John was one of Hackney
gentlemen - a successful farmer, then living
retired in London, managing his 200 acre
farm near Cherry Grove, now owned by Mr.
Knapton - (He offered me the farm years ago
when I was in London with Bell Telephone Co)
I saw his Carpenters re-fixing barns & Cattle
buying Expeditions in Heart beautiful Country
Between London & St. Marys - and I loved him
for his cheery disposition - Rugged honesty
and Sportsmanship - Carrying us to dead

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T. J. SEATH
BOX 755

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LEAMINGTON, ONT. 193

He heaviest Crop a man ever held there. My only
son met with an accident at 14 years and
suffered a brain paralysis, which nearly left
him - although he grew to manhood - a
stunted specimen but cared to anything
Except his mother + father, and his home -
a marvelous providence took him following
his mothers death - and Peter died the month
after - in a London Hospital - I saw him 48
hours before - and I feared he had took
nothing of his Courage which characterized - he
died 100 per Cent a man - and I would

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T. J. SEATH
BOX 755

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LEAMINGTON, ONT. 193

Hers as I am sure You will appreciate it,
in honour of his memory.

If I can be of any service to You
or Canada beyond trying to be a good
citizen - please remember the remainder
of my life and strength is always available.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

T. J. Seath

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116867

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Ottawa,
June 26, 1940.

T. J. Seath, Esq.,
Box 755,
Leamington, Ont.

Dear Mr. Seath:

I have to thank you now for your second letter.

You are a much better writer than I am, but I could not make out the name of the man from Cherry Grove to whom you referred. Now that I know his name, I do recall my father speaking of him, but I think my father's friendship with him occurred after I had left home, which was when I was quite young. From what you say of Mr. Gumb, I can imagine how my father would have loved to be with him.

I am going to mention the contents of your letter to my younger brothers who remained around many years after I left, and who doubtless would know Mr. Gumb quite well themselves.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

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D.L. 6869 Ottawa Dec. 12/24

To

Rev. Mr. Meighan

Would remind the Commissioner time for me to Call and see him in Ottawa next Week. for Interview

Thanking you

Awaiting your Reply

I am yours Resp

Fred. Tuck

Commissioner.

in Reference Campaign

in 1925.

115 Sherbrooke St East

Montreal

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30-T

320 Bay Street, Toronto,
July 15, 1940.

Mr. Fred Tuck,
1152 Sherbrooke St. E.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Meighen has directed me to acknowledge your letter of 12th instant.

He regrets that owing to pressure of work in connection with sittings of the Senate and Committee meetings, it is extremely difficult for him to arrange appointments for personal interviews. He would, therefore, appreciate it greatly if you would convey to him by letter the nature of the subject you wish to discuss with him.

Yours very truly,

E. Private Secretary to
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

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100 Moore Ave
July 15/40

Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen

I am afraid you will not remember me but I am sure you will remember my father, the late Mr David Spence member for Parkdale. Since his death last February I have been at a stand still and find it very hard going, as I was put out of business, lost my home, as well as my life insurance, there is nothing left to start again with. I now find myself with five people to keep, (three children in high school). I know you are a very busy man but am wondering if you do not know of someone that could use my services either in a Government position or Industrial. where I could earn the right to merrit myself into real job that would accomplish something worth while. I would appreciate an interview with you next time you are in the city

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if you can see your way clear to grant me a few minutes of your valuable time, I will be only too glad to answer any questions you may want to ask.

Please do not regard this letter as a list of complaints, but more as a desire on my part to get started all over again and become established once more to be able to support my family, so that I might be worthy of the name of father and husband again.

With kindest regards I am

Yours sincerely

Harold H. Spence

100 Moore Ave

Toronto

Phone Hud 7995

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30-A.

Ottawa,
July 17, 1940.

Mr. Harold H. Spence,
100 Moore Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Spence:

I have your letter of 15th and certainly remember you quite well. I do wish I could do something for the son of David Spence, but you can realize in my position how utterly powerless I am.

The information I have lately, though, as to contracts let, running into hundreds of millions, largely for the British Government leads one to feel that there is going to be a scarcity of men in Canada in almost every sphere before long--that is, if firms can manage to pay their taxes.

I am thoroughly in accord with the policy of getting busy on essential war material, in any event, and do hope that it will afford opportunities for such as yourself, and I feel pretty sure it will.

If you know of any specific point at which you think I can help you, please let me know. I do not mean a Government position, for there I can do nothing.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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006874 July 19/40

Dear Mr. Meighen

Yours reply through-
your Secy reach me
OK. I understand you
are very very Busy
at Present. + Could not
Grant me Personal Interview
on my arrival at Ottawa
My Business with
you Concerned you about
is I am leaving Montreal
in Sept to reside in
Ottawa,

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And would like to know
if you could place me
into Some kind of Employment
where I am Settled there.
I am Graduate, of McGill
Word Born.
dont use Liquor or Tobacco
Anglais By Birth
My Qualifications Are
Routine in Both Language
Highest Requirement.
19 Years. Have work for
Pulp & Lumber Co
in Montreal
business Close down owing
To Depression.

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My reason for moving
to Ottawa is I only have
two relations left
they are three-in-one
My Wife Passed away
18 Months ago,
I am all alone now
No family

Thanking you

Sincerely yours

Fred. Tuck

1152 Sherbrooke St East

Montreal.

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Montreal Aug. 20/4

Dear Mr. Meighen

I am away Part age
of Joining army
Could I be Placed
in Enclose Board as
Clerk. Thank ull
Satisfaction.

Yours Truly.
115 St. Sherbrooke St. East

Thanking you
Town Rex

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Mr. Meighen Can Name the
Enumerator who Secured
Largest Amount of Masonic
Votes during the Recent
Campaign in 1935.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

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Dependents Getting $2,000,000 Monthly

OTTAWA, July 20—(C.P.)—As the Canadian Active Service Force grows, applications for allowances pour into the Dependents' Allowance Board here in rising numbers, and at present about 1,000 applications a day are being received.

The staff of the board has grown to include 400 accountants and clerks, who deal with the mailing of approximately 70,000 cheques monthly. This involves a total disbursement of about $2,000,000 each month.

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Caledonia July 22/40

Dear Arthur

Well here I am bothering you Arthur, it is about Bess. She is so anxious to get something to do, and in fact it is very necessary, finaincialy, for us both for Bess to get some work.

She has been with me two years, and has fully

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recovered her health, after her operation.

She has her M. A. as you know Arthur, and took a short Buisnes course at Shaws School in Toronto, which she hadent entirely finished when she got ill, but it gave her some experience in typing.

As you know we have always been Conservitives, and understood all appointments were going to Liberals, so we felt perhaps nothing could be done, but we understand the Government no longer are drawing the political line.

A suggestion was made to Bess, that there were such positions at the present time as mail censors and you would probably know of others.

I saw in the Globe and Mail that a large number of workers would be needed for the census, but this might just be for a short time, but you will know all about these things Arthur

I know you must

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be tired to death of people asking you to get positions for them, but it is so urgent for us Arthur that I am adding one more "pest" to your list, myself, and will be so grateful to you if you can get Bess placed. Her name is Elizabeth Eleanor, Arthur,

I can only thank you Arthur for the trouble I may be giving you

Ever yours sincerely

Frances M. Trotter.

P.S. Forgot to tell you Maggie Bell Patterson is being buried to day, I think she taught in the Public School when you were

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O t t a w a,
July 23, 1940.

Mr. Fred Tuck,
1152 Sherbrook St. E.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Tuck:

I am just in receipt of your letter of 20th on my return to Ottawa this morning.

It seems strange to me that people should consider me capable of placing men in the Civil Service. Nothing could be more damaging to a man's chances than that he should have my support. I have not even been able to get a man in the Army since the war started.

Am sorry it is impossible to write a more favourable letter, but the above are the facts.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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006885

Ottawa,
July 24, 1940.

Mrs. Frances Trotter,
Caledonia, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Trotter:

I just received your letter of 22nd. There certainly is no one I would be more anxious to help than yourself, and I do wish I could do something to get work for Bessie.

As far as Government work is concerned, the fact of my being in favour of anyone would do all the harm possible if it were known. Quite true, they are taking on a lot more people, and if Bessie knew anyone of the other persuasion, she might be able to get in something like Income Tax or the Bank of Canada.

Whenever I have suggested anyone, the rebuff has come right away. There would be more chances now, I fancy, in the Bank of Canada than in Income Tax, but there ought to be chances for both, for the work of both is undoubtedly increasing.

Very sincerely yours,

/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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July 27

Hon. Mr. Edmonton

I received Reply from Mr Meighen that he could not do anything in my Case re Some Kind of Employment in Ottawa, Going to reside there on Sept 1

Mr. Edmonton could you advise me what & who is the Best to see re placing me. I am Past the Army age required By to recruiting Station's

My Qualifications are Roman Optician graduate McGill 21 years in my last Employ Lieutenant, Served the Empire Faithfully no family

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Yr Con Brother & Sister

Organisation

Mason, Falk, Oddfellow, Moore

Buffalo's

Awaiting your Reply

Fred. Tuck.

1152 Sherbrooke Then East

Montreal

My. Edmunds will you grant
me Initiation when I am in Office
in Sept

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Ottawa,
July 30, 1940.

Mr. Fred Tuck,
1152 Sherbrooke St. E.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Tuck:

I duly received your letter of 27th July and in reply would suggest that you write to the Deputy Minister of the new War Services Department, applying for employment in connection with the National Registration which is soon to take place. I understand that a large number of employees will be required to classify the registrations, etc. If this work would not be suitable, you might state your qualifications to the Department, whose function is to assist those offering their services to find a sphere of activity where they may be most useful.

Another suggestion is that you watch the press for announcements as to appointment of officials to administer the Unemployment Insurance Act, if and when it is passed by the Senate. I believe a large staff will be employed in this work, and application should be filed with the Commissioner who will have charge.

I trust that these suggestions will be useful to you. I do not think it would be of any value to have an interview with me when you arrive in Ottawa, as it is not likely I could add anything to this letter. In any event, the Session will probably be over before September, and I shall be in Toronto at Senator Meighen's office there.

Yours very truly,

E. Private Secretary.

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469 Willard Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.,
Nov. 9, 1940.
Phone Ly. 9398

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
220 Bay St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

In connection with our telephone conversation on Friday evening regarding the case of my brother Harold Sparling R 53038 Advanced Training Squadron, R.C.A.F. Camp Borden.

He has been in service since October 1939. In Aug. he was sent to Christie St. Hospital for a thyroid operation. After being kept there all this time he was discharged to-day and sent back to Camp Borden for his discharge from the Air Force as medically unfit. I maintain that he was accepted as medically fit and

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even if they decide now that his physical condition prevents him from remaining in service, the authorities at Ottawa should give permission to Dr. Mills, surgeon at Christie St. Hospital to operate before discharging him. There is no doubt the military training would aggravate the condition if anything, and it is little enough to expect medical attention after keeping him in suspense for three months.

I shall appreciate anything you may be able to do in this matter and I will assume the responsibility for any expenses you may have.

I recall meeting you twice during political campaigns. The last time you came over to me and told me you had seen Aunt Sarah Sparling a day or so before.

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I realize you are a busy man with many responsabilities and I appreciate your interest.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours truly.

Ernest A. Sparling.

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Ottawa,
November 12, 1940.

The Senate of Canada

Mr. F.W. Turnbull,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Mr. Turnbull:

I have yours of 8th and am especially grateful to you for sending me that extract from Brockington's speech. I will use it tonight.

Yours very truly.

AM/E.

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Ottawa,
November 13, 1940.

Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Air Services,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have had complaint made on behalf of Harold Sparling R53038 Advanced Training Squadron, R. C. A. F. Camp Borden.

This man, it appears, was taken on, after medical examination, as quite fit. Apparently there developed a thyroid trouble and a thyroid operation became necessary, but he was discharged, or is to be discharged, from Christie St. Hospital for the purpose of having him let out of the Force without the necessary operation being performed.

His friends think that the least that could have been done after accepting him and after, as they claim, the condition would be aggravated by military training, would have been to permit Dr. Mills, the Surgeon there, to perform the operation. Could this not be done for him?

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa,
November 14, 1940.

Mr. Ernest A. Sparling.
469 Willard Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Ernest:

I duly received your letter of 9th and have written to the Air Services Branch of the Department of National Defence on behalf of your brother. As soon as reply is received, I shall communicate with you again.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Montreal March 4, 1941.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighen,

As you are a lover of a fine narrative, may I commend a book recently published entitled "Return via Dunkirk" by "Gun Buster" - Hodder & Stoughton. It is on sale here, though no American edition has yet appeared.

It was recommended to me by Lord Roche, whose son Tom Roche, a London barrister, served in the same Battery. The book is written by a brother Officer and Tom Roche says it gives an accurate description of the doings of their Battery during those critical days in May and June last. The story shows that the morale and spirit of the British Army remained intact throughout and the troops also retained their traditional sense of humour.

I hope you continue to get good news of your sons.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

WBS/G

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To France

O France, rise up, shake off the tyrant's heel
Upon thy neck. Thou wast not born for
chains.
Thy soul was of the morning, wide as heaven,
Thy beauty was the bounteous gift of God.
Through cloud and mist, thine eyes beheld His
face,
And visioned truth upheld thee with her wings.

Where is St. Louis? Where the wond'rous Maid
Who led thine arms and King to victory?
Thy spirit not dead; no treachery
Or selfish meanness in the hearts of men
Not of thy breed can crush thee in the dust
If but thou wilt look backward to thy past
And onward to the days that lie ahead,
In that age when France shall reign once
more
A guide and inspiration to mankind.

We shed no tears
In our own grief; it is not ours to weep
When war bursts on us with its hellish power,
But we could weep for France, the queen that
was,
When she lies low beneath the foul command
Of force that scorns all that was best in her.

Rise up, O France, the world hath need of
thee;
Thy torch of liberty uphold on high,
The million heroes from thy loins behold
In heavenly courts the face of Him who reigns
To guard our righteousness. Their prayers
ascend
Before the throne. With one great voice they
cry
For thy deliverance. Rise, break thy chains,
And, crowned with dawn, march on to
Victory!

—Frederick George Scott.

Quebec, March 1st, 1941.

Montreal Star,
March 3,1941.

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Ottawa,
March 5, 1941.

W. B. Scott, Esq., K. C.,
507 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I thank you for your letter of 4th and for commending to me the book "Return via Dunkirk". Will try to get this. Have heard one very interesting address indeed on the Dunkirk evacuation and the preceding campaign. There has probably been nothing more thrilling or more heroic in the history of war.

I am also indebted to you for sending me the Ode "To France," by your father. I do appreciate everything he writes. This is excellent.

Yours sincerely,

AM/E.

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Suite 7-Snyder Manor,
Calgary, Alberta.
March 20th, 1941.

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Please find enclosed letter addressed to Mr. Purvis. I thought it would be better for you to send it, together with a letter from you, than for me to write, as he does not know me.

I trust this is not imposing on your kindness too much.

Yours respectfully,

Fullerton Somerville

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Ottawa,
March 26, 1941.

Right Hon. Arthur B. Purvis,
Director General
British Purchasing Commission,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I am sending you herewith an application for work from Fullerton Somerville. You doubtless get very many of these.

I have personally a high regard for Mr. Somerville. He is a Scotchman and such a whole-souled Britisher that he is not content to be out of service in this war. I would judge he is between fifty and sixty years of age. He is a very fair business man and a good contractor, and knows something about chemical manufacture in particular.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa,
March 26, 1941.

Mr. Fullerton Somerville,
Suite 7, Snyder Manor,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Mr. Somerville:

I have today written Mr. Purvis a strong commendatory letter, enclosing your application.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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THE BRITISH SUPPLY COUNCIL IN NORTH AMERICA

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TELEPHONE: REPUBLIC 7860

BOX 680
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

30. 8.

March 31, 1941.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of March 26th in regard to Mr. Fullerton Somerville. His application will be "vetted" through our organization. Off-hand, however, I would say he would have a better chance of being used in one of the Canadian organizations since, following on the passage of the Lease Lend and Appropriation Bills, we are faced with a problem of staff retrenchment in that our work will now apparently be centred on specifications of our requirements as distinct from buying.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Bliss

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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"SANTO MULTIPLE BOMB"

CHARLES E. SANTO
SUITE 34 BANK OF TORONTO CHAMBERS
LONDON . CANADA

006902

London, Ont. May 10th.1941

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Through actual tests made of a sample Multiple Bomb fabricated by E. Leonard & Sons Ltd. in accordance with specifications submitted, the attached summary has become more than simply a scrap of paper covered with words and now stands as a statement of undeniable facts.

Unquestionably the features, represented in this sample, when applied to Bombs of every weight, shape or character will provide weapons of lethal effect far in advance of those now in use. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that Bombs containing these features be made available to the air forces of Canada and other Countries comprising the British Commonwealth of Nations, without delay.

You are invited to investigate this Bomb with a view to using your influence in insuring its adoption by the Authorities.

Very truly yours,

Chas. E. Santo
Charles E. Santo

Churchill said -

"Give us the tools and we will
finish the job".

(By making the Santo Multiple Bomb available to our Air Forces you will be furnishing a tool of greater lethal efficiency (in it's class) than any now in use)

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"THE SANTO MULTIPLE BOMB"
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This weapon provides means whereby, upon impact, a multitude of high velocity definitely directed missiles, arranged in tiers and radiating from a common center, will be expelled simultaneously by individual charges of Cordite or other explosive backed by a solid wall which performs the function of a Breech Block; thus enabling the full explosive force of the individual charges to be utilized..... Upon being discharged, these missiles will cover a wide range or area surrounding the point of impact of the bomb: creating the effect of a terrific burst of Machine-gun fire, followed immediately by the bursting of the Bomb body into metal fragments which, in turn, will constitute a potent destructive force as well as preventing identification of the weapon.

The explosives to be used, the method of detonation, the number and caliber of the auxiliary projectiles, the volume and position of the High Explosive bursting charge and the materials to be used in construction are subject to the dimensions of the Bomb and the conditions under which the weapon is to be used.

The sequence of the explosions is:- 1st.- The simultaneous discharge of all the high velocity missiles with a killing force over a wide area. 2nd.- The High Explosive bursting explosion with the consequent destructive force in the immediate vicinity..... The interval between can be controlled.

A comprehensive study of the foregoing will make the enormous potentiality of this weapon apparent as to practically all forms and conditions of modern warfare where bombs are to be used.

The use of the features is also suggested as applying to Grenades containing a number of tiers of high velocity missiles as described; To be dropped from Airplanes and to explode on impact; thus enabling the target to be practically Machine-gunned from a high altitude and without danger to the gunner.

By the use of this weapon, THE EXACT TARGET MAY BE MISSED BY MANY HUNDREDS OF YARDS and still the MAIN OBJECTIVE GAINED.

In view of the unexpectedness of the results the destruction of the enemy morale is obvious.

Charles E. Santo.

APPROVED by:-

Engineers, Technicians, Scientists,

and Military Men.

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W.L.6904

Ottawa,
May 13, 1941.

Mr. Charles E. Santo,
Suite 34 Bank of Toronto Chambers,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 10th.

An inspection by me of the multiple bomb would be utterly without value. I have no qualifications that would fit me to come to an intelligent judgment. The men who should look into this product and to whom it should be submitted at once are the Canadian Research Council, Research Bldg., Ottawa. I sincerely hope it has been submitted to them.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Windsor, Ont., May 25, 1941.

M 6905

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;

It is with some hesitation that I write to ask a small favor of you for I know you are a very busy man and, to you, my request may seem trivial. My only recommendation is a lifelong adherence to the Party and a desire to help the Party whenever it is possible.

You may recall that some seven years ago you was kind enough to help me to a promotion in the Customs Service at Windsor on the strength of recommendations from my uncle, the late Mr. Ed. J. Sparling of Portage la Prairie, and my cousin, Mr. Clarence Sparling. I have made good in the position to which I was promoted at that time and now have an opportunity to advance a little higher and what , to me, is far more important I have a chance to get away from this terribly damp climate. Due to my four and one half years service overseas in the last war I have suffered from rheumatism and kindred ailments since and the doctors recommend a less humid climate to obtain the greatest relief. This is the big reason for my temerity in writing to you for aid. I might add that during the past few years I have endeavored to obtain a transfer but without success.

The office of Collector of Customs at Stratford, Ont., is now vacant and I have filed my application for that position with the Civil Service Commission. It is competition No. 41-391 and closed on May 6th. I have had sixteen years service with the Customs at Windsor and for the past seven years I have been a Computing Clerk. All through my service I have done much other work than that which my classification called for and have gained a very thorough knowledge of all Customs procedure. I am sure that I could carry out the duties of Collector at Stratford with credit to the Department and to myself.

I realize that the Civil Service Commission has the final say in matters of this kind but I also believe that a word from you in the right quarter would aid my cause greatly.

Thanking you in anticipation of anything you may see fit to do for me in my fight for relief from a war disability and hoping for your continued good health that you may carry on the fight to bring some order to a somewhat muddled War Effort,

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Gordon H. Stokes

Gordon H. Stokes,
1284 Riberdy Road,
Roseland, Ont.

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JOHN F. SINCLAIR
426 NO. BARRINGTON AVE.
BRENTWOOD HEIGHTS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

U.6906

Dear Aitken: ——→

Just before leaving to make ten addresses in Northern California - one at Stanford U. and the others at Univ. of Calif - I want to to thank you for your fine letter of April 21 - replying to a wedding invitation of our daughter Gladys.

No young man she married is a successful young lawyer in Minneapolis - and I know the young couple will be very happy - even with the somber and tragic background of the World today.

In a few hours F.D.R. will make his address. I know not what he will say - but I'd expect him to say he had been

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given the power under ~~the~~ said Loan Bill to defend USA in any way he saw fit - and he proposes to do just that - if it meant suspending the Neutrality Act - he would do it etc. Man with his politics Lands Jail - he comes, would do what he thought best.

For make no mistake - the real majority of Americans are still against Canada - He is a politician and nice not - unless I greatly miss my guess - oppose public opinion - directly.

I am too. very depressed and blue on the whole thing. As matters stand now - it is inclined for a union with Canada - but maybe that is not necessary. To join hands with British Empire would be a little to much

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However. I don't think G.B. can rest germany from Europe - and that Hitler has control of all the key countries - unless there is an internal explosion - which at the moment does not appear likely. The thing is tragic from every point of view.

I never have felt that Canada has had the great leadership necessary to do an effective job - but that's not for us to criticize. We have backed a lot of things too - for example on handling of labor and the strikes. No cuddling of labor and the granting of all its wage demands can only mean in the end - a vast uncontrolled inflation.

Many in places of power are more interested in bringing about social and political revolution - than in ending England to win the war.

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Well Arthur: I hope you boys come out safely from the war. It is hard on parents in these days - and what the young people have to look forward to in the days to come - right now - doesn't seem much of heaven in.

Mrs John F. is well. And Frances, our (her daughter) is here. We hope next time you come to Calif (we live only three miles from the Douglas Aircraft plant). we want to be sure and have you + Mrs. Meighen stay with us.

And in the meantime the best of good luck. Sincerely

John F Sinclair

May 27/41

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U16910

Ottawa,
May 28, 1941.

Mr. Gordon H. Stokes,
1284 Riberdy Road,
Roseland, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letter of 25th. I suggest that in your application for the position, or in a separate letter accompanying the application, you state the special facts applicable to your case, viz., the need of change of climate for health purposes, and also, if you can, accompany this letter with a Doctor's certificate to that effect. Then I also suggest that in your letter you refer the Commission to myself as a personal reference. Meantime, I will be glad to do anything I can, but I fear if I simply wrote a letter, they would know it was merely done at your request. Under present circumstances it might hurt you.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Right Hon. A. Meighen P.C.
Senator
The Senate

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PARK AVENUE AT SPROAT

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Hotel
EDDYSTONE

OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Believe - it - or - Not

Park Ave. and Sproat St. has a hotel on each corner.
N.W. The Eddystone S.W. The Park Ave.,
N.E. The Le Fandora S.E. The Paul Revere
The only case of its kind in the world.

Robert L. Ripley

* * *

At the time of the building of the hotel, Mr. Eddy, about to take a trip to Europe advised his architect to build a hotel with the general instructions of a dozen storeys and a dozen rooms on each storey. The architects father had been a baker and the son had clerked in the store of the bakery and used the bakers dozen when selling buns. The other bakers did not know why he did so much business, but we know, don't we? The son was thus enabled to go through College. When Mr. Eddy returned from Europe he found that the hotel was completed and had 13 storeys and 13 rooms to each storey. Mr. Eddy did not wish to tear down the hotel and operated it at a very great loss on account of the double 13 jinx. The great MacWard, THE Erinologist was consulted. He gave the number 0 to the ground floor, the top floor being number 12. He started the rooms on each floor with the number 00 the last room being number 12. The hot-water heating plant was very small and inadequate for the demands of the guests on Saturday nights. MacWard arranged to have new calendars placed in the guests rooms. These showed the first day of the week as Sunday and the other six days were all Saturdays, so that the hot-water equipment proved adequate without any alterations.

ERINOLOGY solved the problems of the Eddystone Hotel. Everyone should brush his teeth twice daily and should consult his Erinologist twice a year.

Be true to your teeth, or they will be false to you.

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"YOU would think, to read your lying magazine," writes Mr. William J. Ward of Detroit, Michigan, "that a guy who don't drink ought to feel swell. Well, I never took a drink in my life and I feel rotten. I never took a drink the morning after either and I feel bad. I got friends who drink every day and they feel better than me. All I drink is water and soft stuff and it don't do me any good. I am forty-eight years old and I bet if I took a few drinks I'd feel better. But I promised my mother I would never touch a drop and neither you nor any other man can make me. I been feeling bad for twenty years, so what you say about drinking is a lie."

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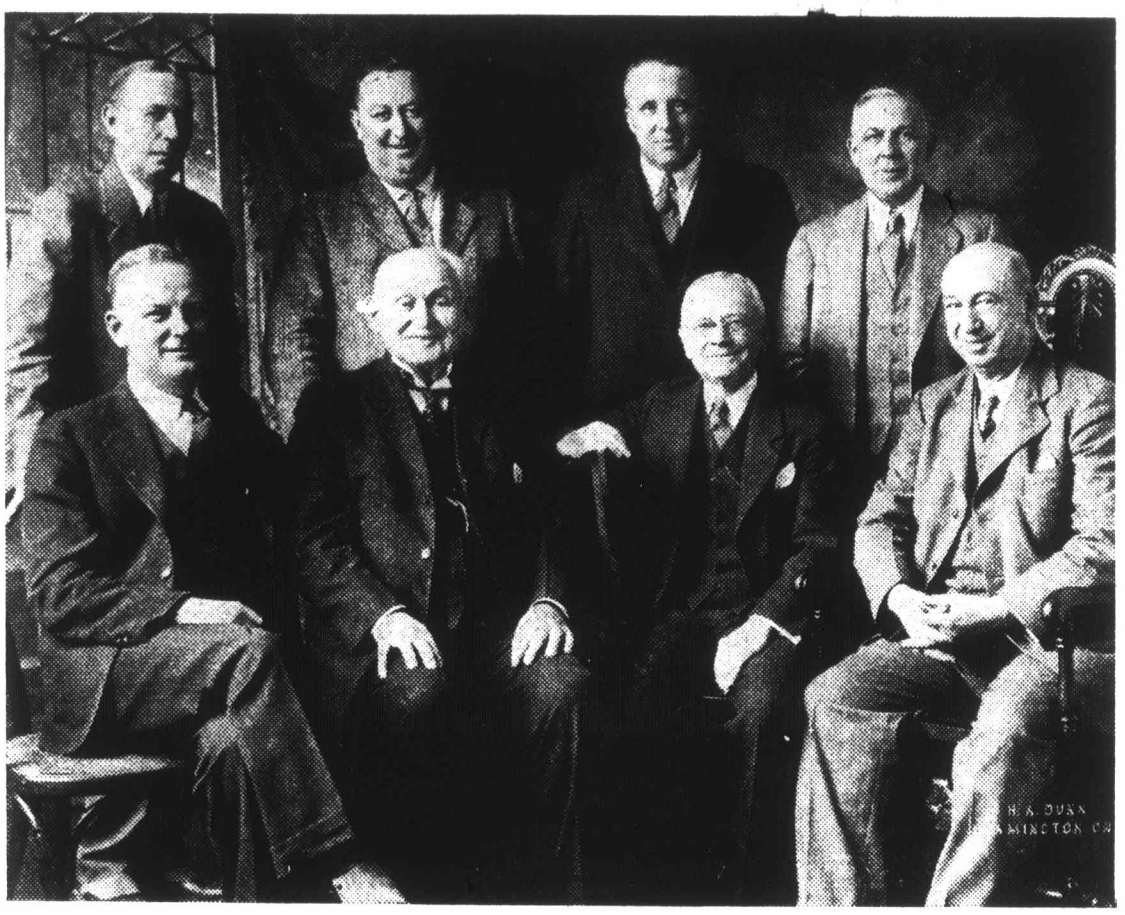

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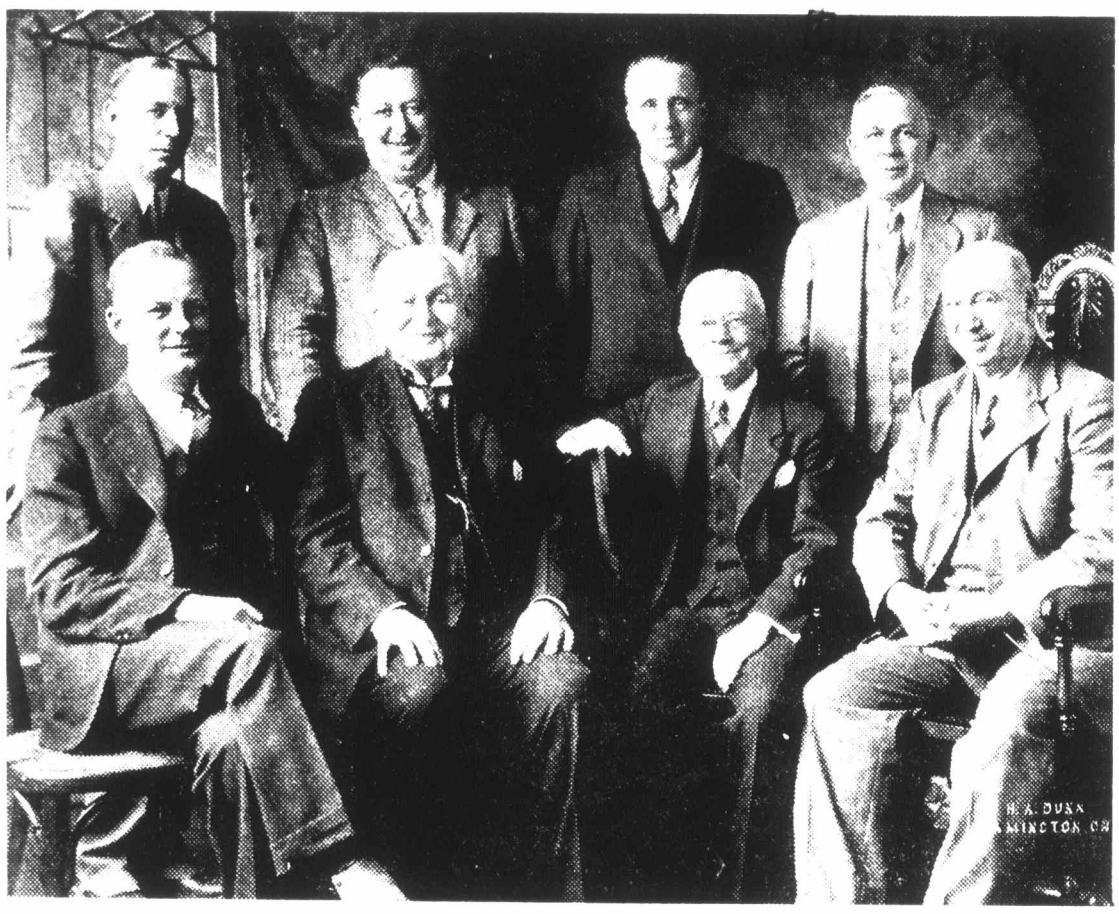

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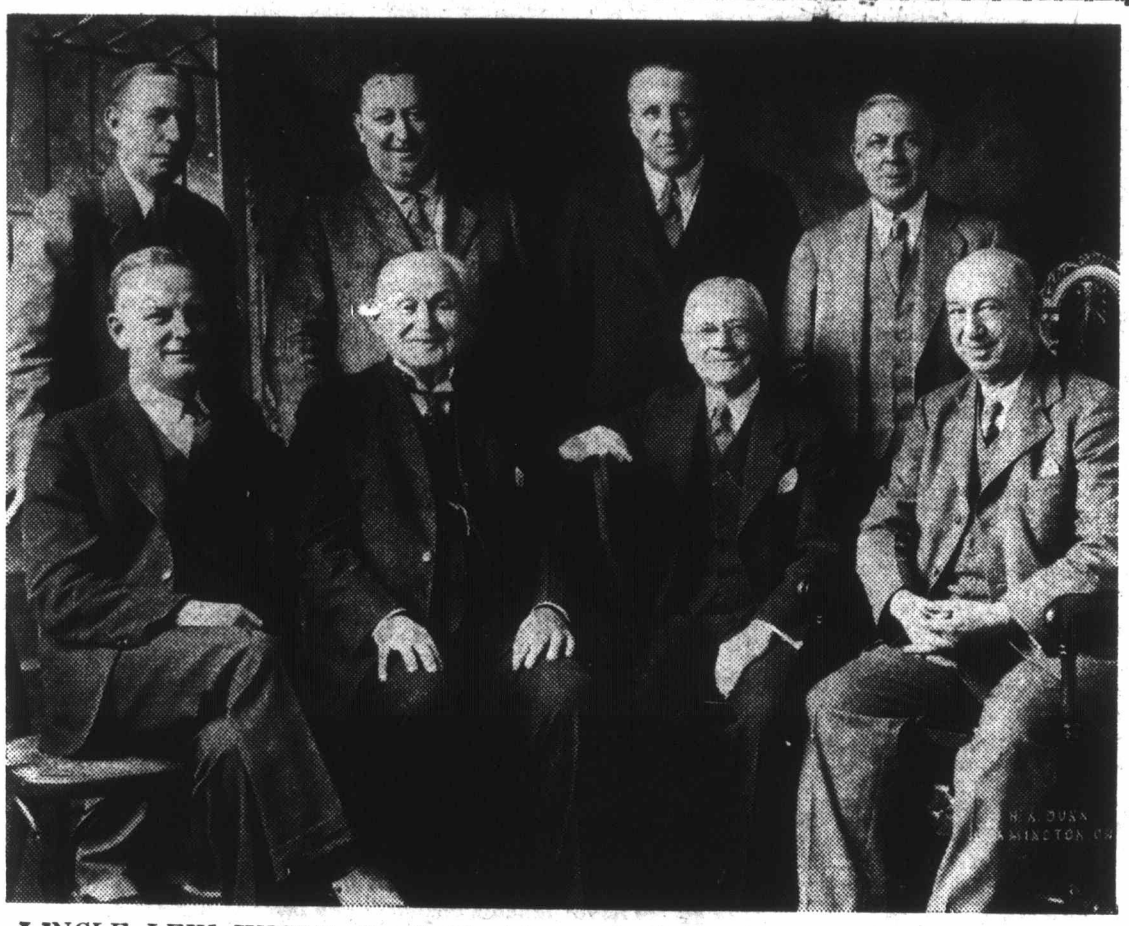

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From: Ed. Ward. — (Journalist)

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Waterton Lakes National Park - Alberta. —
Feb. 10th 1932. —

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan P.C. —
"The Senate": Ottawa. —

Dear Senator Meighan: —

Please permit me, first (as mock Ottawa "press-man" & in "Press Gallery" away back in '03) to express a word of congratulation that You have agreed to continue to serve our Canada. And I am

(+ others) Auf Fest. —

Please send me many Speech of Hon Meighan on this

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sure all good Conservatives as well as all broad-minded Canadians will rejoice that you are now to lead the government forces in the "Upper House": Mr Bennett acted nicely. — These day's, as in "Sir Roberts", & your days of Premiership, need skillful leadership. —

Now, please permit me to draw your attention to another matter: — Likely that General John Stewart M.P., will introduce a Bill in "the House", to set aside this Waterton Lakes Canadian National Park, as an component part of the proposed: "Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park" as this Park, and "Glacier" Montana U.S.A. National Park, both adjoin with International Boundary, only barrier. —

Representative Scott Leavitt of Montana, has a Bill before Congress now, & a copy of it was sent to Ottawa for "Comment" from

the Cabinet, last month. —
It would indeed be a gesture
of International friendship to
set aside this area as a permanent
"Peace" Park. — Please further it all
you can, if & When it reaches Senate.
Movement originated here, last
Mid-summer at an International
Rotary Club Convention & Banquet. —
I have lots of "data" available if you
would like further information. —
With thanks & much esteem:
Yours faithfully,
"Ed" Ward. —

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1320. 15th Ave. W.
Vancouver
February 15th/31

Personals

My dear Mr. Meighen

I hate to bother you at this time when I know most busy you are with important affairs, but you are the only man I know in public life, well enough to ask to help me in a matter which gives me a lot of worry. I wrote to you before & you were kind enough to say you would speak to the Minister of Justice about the treatment my sons received & your letter was so sympathetic I know you will understand why I am writing to you now.

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My Wm James McD. Tupper is
Senior Inspector in the R.C.M.P.
he has twice been passed over
Lately 2 Inspectors who are juniors
to him have been promoted to
Superintendents. As no reason was
given it is only natural to
suppose that these men had
influential friends behind them.
My son is married & has two small
Children. He was lately ordered to
go to Regina from Edmonton where
he was stationed & he was to report to
the C.I.D. there. As his family is still
in Edmonton he is naturally anxious
to know why he has been passed over
& where he will be sent now. I enclose
a letter which I have just received
from my son & I shall be very
grateful if you will give me your
advice & let me know if it will
be advisable for him to leave
patience & wait, or enquire why
he has been passed over, without
any reason given, after serving in
the force for so many years.
With kindest regards
Yours very Sincerely
Janet Tupper

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Ward:-

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter of the 10th instant. This expression of your goodwill is encouraging as many difficult tasks confront the Government, and I desire only to give the best assistance in my power.

I am pleased to be able to say that your wish with regard to the International Peace Park is to be gratified. It can be done in Canada by Order-in-Council, but because of the more dignified action being taken in the United States, a special Statute has to be introduced here.

Yours very truly,

Edward Ward, Esq.,
Journalist,
Waterton Lakes National Park,
Alberta.

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530 BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING,
Montreal, Canada. Feb. 27th, 1932.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C.
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Senator,

There is being forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of our March issue. In it we presume to draw to your attention our inclusion on page 13 of your photograph as one of Canada's business men of the month. We trust that you will consider our comments to be in order.

Yours very truly,

Hambley White

Editor.

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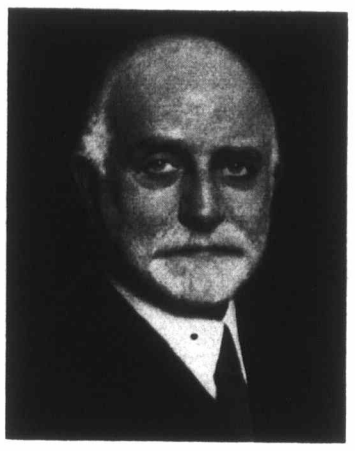
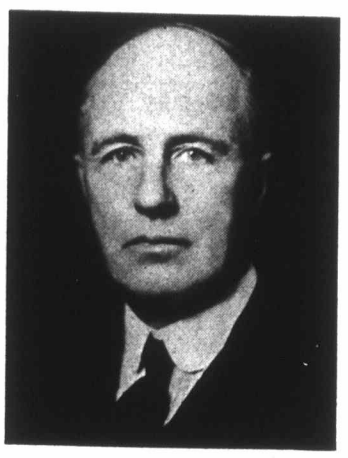
Business Men of the Month

SMITH DID SMITH

As a tribute to his fifty years of service with the institution, the directors of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation ordered an oil painting of their Vice-President and General Manager, GEO. H. SMITH. *The portrait, executed by namesake Joshua Smith, R.C.A., will be hung in the Company's Board Room in recognition of services rendered*





AN ENCORE

The RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C., *one time leader of Canada's Conservatives and former Prime Minister, reappears on the political scene as leader in the Senate and Cabinet Minister without portfolio. His re-entrance into public life was regarded with great satisfaction: unquestionably strengthens the ranks on Parliament Hill*



NOTABLE RECORD

ARTHUR B. WOOD, *with Sun Life since '93, honour mathematics graduate from McGill, Fellow of Institute of Actuaries of Gr. Britain, of Amer. Soc. of Actuaries and of Amer. Institute of Actuaries, Past President of Canadian Life Officers' Assoc., Vice-President of Sun Life since 1923, has been appointed also Managing Director*

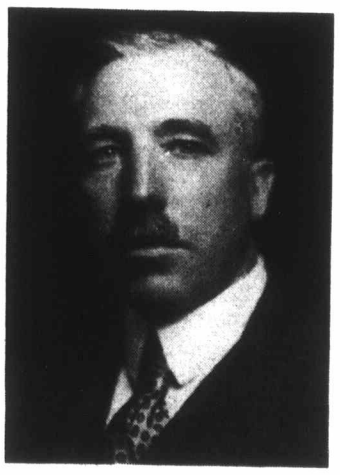
V.P. TO BOOT

Added to the many notable long service records of Canadian executives which come to prominence this year is that of C. S. BAGG — *thirty-five years with Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated. Executive Officer since 1907. Sometime General Manager, he continues as such and has been appointed Vice-President to boot*



AGAIN HEAD

HAROLD CRABTREE, *President of Howard Smith Paper Mills with over fifteen years continuous experience as pulp and paper executive, was last month re-elected President of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. The industry still being faced with many old problems, C.P.P.A. has chance for constructive work under his leadership*





BEATS ALKALI

Alkali salts in the soil of Western Canada have a detrimental effect upon Portland Cement. But J. D. JOHNSTON, *President of the Canada Cement Company, Limited, has announced the perfection of an alkali-resisting cement to offset deterioration. The new product is named "Kalicrete." Farmers' barn worries will be greatly lessened*

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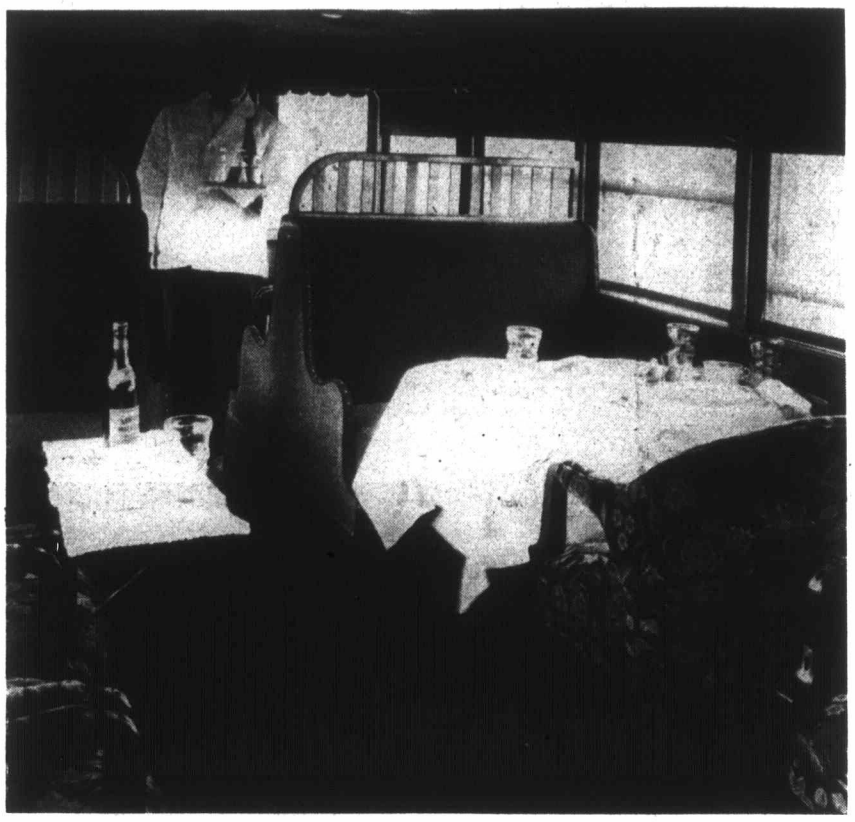
● "The public should receive the most economical transportation it is possible to give; but, care should be taken to see that transportation, whether by rail or by highway, is on a true economic basis." The author analyses the revenue from autos and the costs of highway maintenance, and finds a wide discrepancy which everybody makes up. Buses, trucks and private cars at least should pay their way



The stage coach is back again but with a powerful motor replacing the four or six horses of years ago. Pullman type motor coaches with upholstered armchairs and solariums are bucking railroads for passenger business

They Enjoy... But Don't Pay

By A. D. Ferguson, C.E.

Bureau of Economics, The Canadian National Railways

ONE hundred years ago, the "Iron Horse" replaced the highway vehicle as a medium of transport. Today, "competition" between rail and highway transport is again one of the transportation problems. The stage coach is back again, propelled by a motor of almost one hundred horse power in place of the four or six horses formerly used: the Pickford's Van disappeared, only to re-appear recently in a mechanized form. Such is the brief story of transportation progress for one hundred years.

For almost a century, the railways virtually had a monopoly of efficient land transport. Undoubtedly they felt that to some extent they had a vested right in transportation. They have not. The public should receive the most economical transportation it is possible to give; but, care should be taken to see that transportation, whether by rail or by highway, is on a true economic basis since failure to observe basic economic laws with such a vital force as transportation can only lead to national disaster. During the past twenty years, a new agency of land transport has been developed—the highway and motor vehicle. If we have not stopped to figure its true cost, it is solely because we have had the use of this facility at less than cost. Our highway systems are new, and we have failed to appreciate the full cost of maintenance and depreciation, which is a necessary charge upon every mile. This new agency of transportation has been developed during a period when our natural resources were being exploited at such an unprecedented rate that even colossal expenditures were lightly undertaken, and the inevitable results of over-prodigality were left for the future.

Road Expansion

Few of us have any conception of the magnitude of this new agency, and still fewer realize how the public has been unwittingly used to provide roadbeds for commercial highway operations. Accurate statistics of the highway mileage of Canada are not available prior to 1922, when there were in Canada approximately 165,000 miles of improved highways. By 1931, this mileage had become 196,000—an increase of 31,000 miles of improved highways in eight short summer seasons. It is most difficult to determine accurately how much has been invested in our highway system, but a carefully prepared estimate indicates that by the end of 1930 Canadians had invested $900,000,000 to provide rights of way for highway vehicles. This huge

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Ottawa, 2nd March, 1922.

Dear Mr. White:-

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo and also the issue of the "Commerce of the Nation" for March.

Many thanks indeed for your very kind references to myself.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hambley White, Esq.,
Editor, "The Commerce of the Nation",
530 Board of Trade Building,
Montreal, Que.

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Lunenburg, N. S.
March 2nd, 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighen

Sir,

We have read with regret that an effort is again being made in the Senate to legalize sweepstakes for the purpose of financing Hospitals and we desire most earnestly to register our protest against this move.

There is enough chance in life without the law itself appealing to this get-rich-quick instinct, when it is a certainty that only a few can gain, while many may be ruined.

Therefore we sincerely request that if this Bill comes to a vote you will use your vote and influence to help defeat the same.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia W. C. T. U.

Respectfully,
(Mrs.) Ada L. Powers
(Cor. Sec.)

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OTTAWA, 7 March, 1932.

Dear Madam,

I have your letter of the 2nd. instant, and in reply beg to say that the Hospital Sweepstake Bill was defeated in the Senate last week.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A.L.Powers,
Corresponding Secretary,
Nova Scotia W.C.T.U.,
Lunenberg, N.S.

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Austin
Man
Mar 8-1932

Sir Aublun Meighen
Ottawa Canada

Dear Sir

Excuse me for taking the liberty of writing you, But I thought you might not get to know, that your old friend Mr Alf Pickering died on Sunday morning very suddenly from heart trouble, and is being buried at Austin on Thursday afternoon (Mar 10th) he was 81 years old, His brother Joseph of Portage la Prairie was buried last Friday Mar 4th aged 91 years.

With kindest regards.

Believe me to Remain
Yours Sincerely
James Millott.
(Mail Carrier)
Austin
Man

PS Not knowing your private address I hope this will reach you all right. JM

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

CSG/HG.

Ottawa March, 9th, 1932.

Private & Confidential.

My dear Senator;

Some days ago you handed me the letter from Inspector J.M. Tupper to his mother, which has been sent forward to me. I am returning Inspector Tupper's letter herewith. I asked Major General MacBrien, who is in command of the Force to let me have a full and confidential report in regard to Inspector Tupper's services in the Police. For your private information, I am sending you herewith General MacBrien's letter upon the subject. Of course, this report to me is confidential, but, you are at liberty to use the whole or any part of it as you may see fit.

After having read it, would you be kind enough to return it to me for my files and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

A. Geoffrion

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen P.C.,
The Senate.,
OTTAWA.

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From the Can of Lady Tupper

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R. C. M. Police
Regina, Sask.
Feb. 13th /22

My dear mother,

Your letter of the 10th inst. received this morning & I was as usual delighted to hear from you.

We had a dance at the offices mess last night & had quite a good time, & met a Col. Gregory, who is related to Judge Gregory & he said he had known father well.

I would like you to write to the Hon. A. Meighen & ask him to get the Minister of Justice to get the Commissioner to have me supplied with a copy of the reports (signed) upon which he acted in passing Inspector J. W. Phillips over me for promotion to Superintendent, as previous to Dec. 16th /21, the date of the Commissioner's letter to me I never received a copy of any derogatory report nor was I otherwise notified of my alleged lack of the qualities mentioned.

The Rules & Regulations (1909) governing this Force which are authorized by Statute or Order in Council state in Paragraph 2346 "The report of the Inspection will be forwarded to the Commissioner and if any Officer is reported upon unfavorably a copy of the report will be furnished to him through his Commanding Officer."

I joined the Force in 1906

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+ this order has been in effect ever since Paragraph 1516 of Rules & Regulations 1928 being practically a repetition of this Para. 2346.

Therefore I am entitled to have signed copies of any derogatory reports about me, which I have never received + am only course of appeal is to the Minister of Justice who is head of our force.

I would like a point made of reports previous to Dec. 16th as that was the date the Commissioner quoted my reported lack of the qualities mentioned + any subsequent reports he asked for would naturally be influenced by the statements in his letter which was sent to the officer Commanding Edmonton attn. who I had only served about a month with.

I hope this will not trouble you too much.

With fondest love,

Your loving son,

P.S. Remember me to Mrs Rourke. Rourke will + you some for the family at Christmas time anyway.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER,
R.C.M. POLICE,
OTTAWA.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Office of the Commissioner,

Ref. No. 172. *Ottawa,*

5th March 1932.

Dear Mr Guthrie,

Inspector J.M.Tupper.

I return the letter from Inspector J.M. Tupper, dated February the 13th, addressed to his mother, which you loaned me this morning, and in connection with his case, desire to report as follows:-

As I had no personal knowledge of this Officer's capability, I had to rely upon the information on his file and the reports, verbal and otherwise, from several of the senior Officers of the Force, who are acquainted with his service. These Officers agreed that his work did not warrant his promotion to the rank of Superintendent. They expressed the opinion that his qualifications as a Police Officer, his resourcefulness and his initiative are not high and that he is lacking in tact, power of command and administrative ability, and these reports appear to be corroborated by subsequent events. To be perfectly frank, he is a by-word amongst almost all the Officers, and is looked upon as one who is lacking in confidence and initiative.

His complaint is that he was never supplied with copies of any adverse reports; nevertheless, there is evidence on his file to show that in 1926, he was informed by the late Assistant Commissioner Knight that he had been indiscreet in interfering with Constables Tarr and Ryan at Esquimalt, and instructions were issued from Headquarters that this Officer was to be cautioned as to the care he should take in coming into contact with a Non-Commissioned Officer or Constable, especially when he is the Officer trying a case for breach of discipline.

In 1931, Commissioner Starnes on the 13th April, in dealing with another case of Insp. Tupper's Command, stated as follows:-

> "After reading the evidence you sent me on "this case, it has struck me that Inspector Tupper "does not seem to have been very alert in looking "after matters in his Sub-District. It seems ex- "ceedingly strange that all these things complained "of could go on and be talked about as common knowledge "and then only be reported officially after the great "lapse of time which has occurred in most of the "complaints. This is more extraordinary than other- "wise would be the case as Inspector Tupper had "recommended Corporal Cameron for promotion."

It might here be mentioned that the Regulation to which Inspector Tupper refers is Section 1516 of the 1928 Regulations which appears under the heading of "Inspections" and reads as follows:-

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"The report of inspection will be forwarded to
"the Commissioner, and if any Officer is reported upon
"unfavourably, a copy of the report will be furnished to
"him through his Commanding Officer,"

that is insofar as inspections go, but does not necessarily include confidential or other reports which may be called for by the Commissioner from time to time.

In view of the principle involved in the preceding paragraph, as Inspector Tupper had been under the command of Superintendent H.M.Newson, I asked the latter to give me a confidential report upon Inspector Tupper. He did so and his report showed that in Supt. Newson's opinion, Insp. Tupper is lacking in tact, power of command and administrative ability. He also reported his resourcefulness and initiative have not been very high. His loyalty and personal character were unquestioned. Inspector Tupper has been informed of this. Other Senior Officers who know of his work have also corroborated this opinion, for example:- Superintendent Acland, the Officer Commanding at Edmonton, was also asked for a confidential report and stated his leadership is indifferent, lacks confidence in his own judgment and ability, constantly consults others and does not make good decisions from advice received. He further reports his general ability to be poor as well as his administrative ability, and gave it as a further opinion that he is not fit for promotion unless he improves. Superintendent Acland reports that he had endeavoured to show Inspector Tupper where his lack of ability laid.

Inspector Tupper had asked to be given charge of a Sub-District or separate command on probation, but the Officer Commanding at Edmonton in connection with this request reported as follows:-

"If this is granted, I respectfully request that he
"be not given any of the Sub-Districts in this Division,
"as they are too far removed from the Officer Commanding's
"direct supervision to be used as an experiment, and the
"Commands require Officers who possess the qualities in
"which he appears to be lacking."

It might be added that Insp. Tupper was furnished with a copy of the confidential adverse report of Supt. Acland, above referred to, on February the 19th, 1932.

In order to give Insp. Tupper an opportunity of showing that he is efficient and capable of performing duties which would justify his promotion to the rank of Superintendent in the Force, orders were recently given that he be sent to Regina to take over the duties of Inspector Tait, who formerly was in charge of the Criminal Investigation Branch of that Province.

Inspector Tupper arrived at Regina on January 25th, 1932, and for some 18 days occupied a desk in Inspector Tait's office, with what success is not clear, but it was then decided he should be given some opportunity to see the work in Inspector Watson's office and be given certain files to read and clear, by way of preparing letters and forwarding remarks necessary.

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In a few days Inspector Watson protested that he could not carry on and clear his ordinary work as Inspector Tupper found it necessary to ask so many questions, and as a result of this, it was decided to place Inspector Tupper at the desk to attempt to clear the work with Inspector Watson standing by to advise. Very shortly afterwards, Inspector Watson reported that the work was getting behind and it was obvious that Inspector Tupper lacked the acquaintance with routine and many details necessary to one handling that amount of work. He has now been given work which is confined to dealing with first reports rendered, in order that he would not be called upon to read back reports or ask information on previous activities,and this should permit him to become familiar with the routine and procedure more easily, but up to the present, his showing has not been very impressive for the Senior Inspector of the Force.

Inspector Tupper is still on trial at Regina, but as already stated, he does not appear to have shown much ability. At the end of the next month, a further report will be received and he will be given a period of three months in which to show that he is worthy of promotion and, in these circumstances, there appears to be very little else which can be done in his case.

Yours faithfully,

J.H. MacBrien

(J.H.MacBrien)
Commissioner.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K.C.,M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA,Ontario.

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Ottawa, March 11th, 1932.

My dear Lady Tupper;-

I am sorry indeed not to have earlier answered your letter of the 15th February.

It came in due course and was attended to without delay but, had I thought it would have taken so long to obtain the facts in the case I would have sent an interim reply.

I have done my best to get to the bottom of the difficulty as regards your son. As you know all one can do is to see the Officers here and get their reports. It is impossible to go behind their report or come to some conclusion as to whether the facts submitted to them on the basis of the report on which they form their judgment are without prejudice or not.

However, I have confidence in General MacBrien and know of no reason why any question mark should be put opposite his judgment.

It is not pleasant to submit to

you.....

Lady Tupper,
1320 - 15th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B.C.

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you the report which has been given to me, but there is nothing else for me to do than to give a brief outline of the facts as reported by your son's superior officer. The Department is of the opinion that he is"lacking in tact, power of command and administrative ability". These are their own words and appear very frequently in the report. They also say he"lacks confidence in his own judgment and is indifferent in methods of leadership."

Naturally, it seems very hard to credit that a son of Sir Charles could be lacking in such qualifications as indicated above, but such is their report.

They do state that his loyalty and personal character are unquestioned but, for the above reasons, promotion has not taken place.

They further state that a notification of the above has been given to him and especially referred to the fact that a copy of an adverse report of the Superintendent was delivered to him on February 19th last. This would, of course, be after you wrote your letter.

I am sorry, indeed, Lady Tupper that I am unable to send you something more pleasant.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa, March 11th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Willett;-

It was indeed good of you to write me telling me of the sad death of Mr. Pickering. Needless to say I remember him well and will never forget the loyal service he gave on my behalf. I am extremely sorry at his passing and ask that you express to any of his family who may survive my very sincere sympathy.

With kindest personal regards and again thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

James Willett, Esq.,
Austin, Man.

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Vancouver
March 16th /32

My dear Mr. Meighen

You were very Kind to write as you did, & I appreciate more than I can say, the trouble you have taken to get the report of my Son's failure to Succeed in the R.C.M.P. Your letter Contains the only definite information I have been able to get which explains in any way the Situation, And though that explanation is clear, I still feel there is more behind it. Then is known.

With Kindest Regards & many thanks

Yours very Sincerely

Janet Tupper

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Personal

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Waterford out Mch 24th 1932
Hon arthur Meighen Senator
Ottawa Can

Hon Sir

I am sending you a circular letter I sent to several Publishers. in different parts of the country.

I think it is along the lines of your resolution moved in the House of commons. In the session of 1925 When you was leader of the opposition. The time the Carillon Falls application for charter was up. to grant rights to United States men. —

Now I am of opinion it is not necessary to alter the old charter Made by Sir John A Macdonald or Make a new one. —

To Build the canal & develope Power with the U.S. in the international section. Only to do that - work Co operatively. not Even Joint ownership

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because we are the weaker body and cannot afford to take too much chances on that. -
The United States is not to be depended on any to much when they might become interested and run counter to canada. It depends a lot on what kind of a man they have for President. See Grover Cleveland and Teddy Rozevelt and the alaska Boundry award. - you no doubt will have conversations Hon Mr Bennett. -
Macleans Magazine June 15th 1929 has an article in it on the St Laurence Treaty by B K Sandwell you may know the man. If use or not -
Yours Truly
C A Wartman

P.S
How would it - do not to make that channel over 20 or 25 ft

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Water Power and Canada

The Editor:

I see by the press we are likely to have a treaty bargain soon, as to the development of the St. Lawrence River and the development of Power. Allow me to say, I am of the opinion there should be passed at Ottawa at this present session, a bill prohibiting any more power going from Canada than is under contract at the present time, before there is any treaty brought down or passed. Better let the water go down the river as it is doing now than export it to make opposition to ourselves to put our factories out of business. Then our own home market is killed. Let us keep our own doorstep clean and free from entanglements with other countries. The water runs as long as grass grows. It is no concern of ours about the United States. They are not looking after us. Neither do I consider it right for the Parliament at Ottawa to give away rights that should be for generations yet unborn. Every man knows we can never recover it if it is once conceded to the United States. Let every man at Ottawa show his Canadianism now or never. We want to know where he stands to his country. The people should demand it, for Power is one of the main arteries of our country to keep our people employed.

Power, I think, should pay a revenue of so much per horse power at the bus bar, as the water belongs to all the people.

C. A. WARTMAN.

Waterford, Ont., 1932

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Dayland Alta
Mch 28th 1932.
P. O Box 242

Hon Arthur Meighen
Senate
Ottawa

Hon Sir I read your article on Silver Currency with great interest, and I also read an answer by Sir Rey McKenna to an American Senator saying that Silver Currency is unpopular.

Suppose it is made legal & it should be done so Internationally would it not be a great source of Revenue for Govt to tax silver 50% on the value. would go up 100% or more overnight. it would still make holders of silver immensely rich

Please give this angle your consideration I think it ought to appeal to all Governments when taxation is so hard to raise Yours Sincerely

George. O Wallis

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House of Commons
Canada

March 30th. 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Senator;

There being no provision made in the Estimates for payment of my salary as a Committee Clerk on the Permanent House of Commons Staff for the year 1932-1933, and recalling with great pride the kind words you were good enough to utter on my behalf when the question of my appointment was before the House in 1924, may I now respecfully beg your most valued influence towards having my case reconsidered.

You may have my word, Sir, that nothing has occurred to warrant my dismissal from the Service. I presume that the predicament in which I now find myself is the outcome of a personal grudge which the Chief of our branch, Mr.Cloutier, has held against me for some time.

As my Mother and myself are finding it most difficult to make ends meet just now, both my brothers being married, I am positive a few words from you to Mr. Speaker would help ever so much towards my retaining my post here.

Please be assured, Sir, that if you choose to thus give me a hand at this trying time, you will once more have the undying gratitude of a true friend and admirer.

Respecfully yours,

Edouard Taschereau.

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Ottawa, March 31st, 1932.

Dear Sir,-

I have read carefully your letter of the 24th instant together with the circular which you enclosed.

I fully appreciate that too great care cannot be taken in making an agreement in respect to the St. Lawrence waterway and I assure you the matter will be given careful consideration by the Government.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

C.A. Wartman, Esq.,
Waterford, Ont.

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POOR
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MRS. JAMES WHEELER
WORCESTER STREET
NATICK, MASS.

April 7/37.

Dear Mr. Meighen

I'll say the Nova Scotia papers that you take on the Hill appear Ottawa. "More power to you!"

You know Uncle Allen the Babyform, I've much to tell you. My husband "passed on" in Jan. last.

He was such a wonderful husband — my real true mate — absolutely & fully my own real love — he was truly — being admired in a man —

I know that you would feel sorry

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MRS. JAMES WHEELER
WORCESTER STREET
NATICK, MASS.

April 2/37.

Dear Mr. Meighen

I'll buy the Nova Scotia paper that you ask on the 8th inst. or 9th inst. "Mrs. Jones to you"

You may trust Allen Mc. Robinson, for I must tell you. My husband "passed on" on Jan. 31st.

It was such a wonderful husband — my real true mate — identically & tenderly my own real love — he was truly living & admired in a man —

I know that you would feel sorry

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for me. Somehow, I am stunned, and cannot seem to comprehend it all. I am living entirely alone in this (not mine) beautiful home. I simply cannot bear to have anyone with me, until I can meet the world with a smile.

Four and one half years, what oh so short - when I still see that one of the most ideal companionships that could be dreamed of - I did not know that such big - red - blooded men, could be so true and tender.

Of course now I feel desperate

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and pleading that I must be alone to
to see him, - no matter how beautiful
& unbecoming, I cannot live
in them like a stone cat, as his children
(men & women) would like me to, as they
love me dearly. Certainly I owe much
to be grateful for.

I am going to Montreal soon
to meet my woman friend from Calgary,
whom I wish to do by much - and
to England, in the early future to visit
Louis Victor - and then to Montecito

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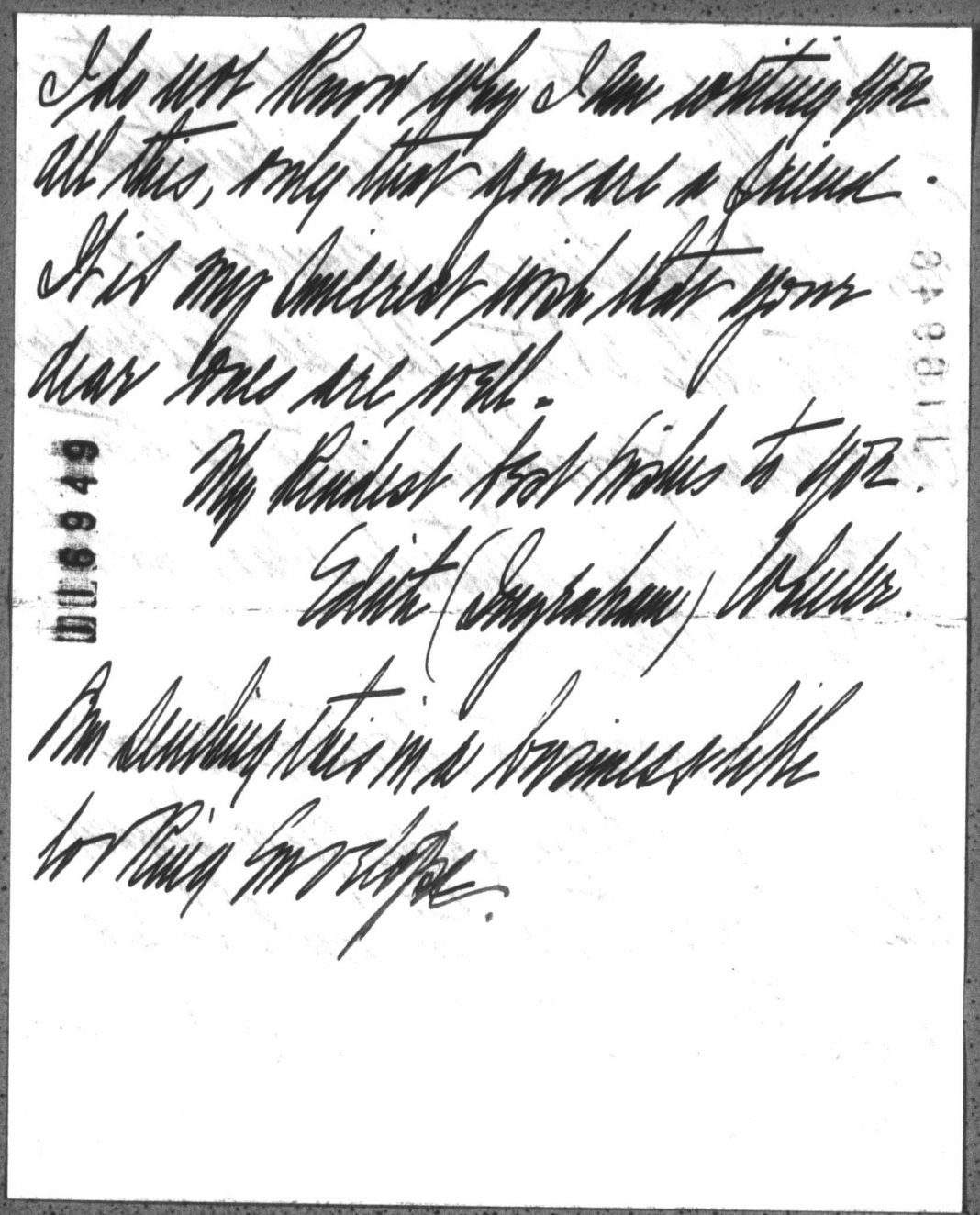

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Ottawa, April 8th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wallis,-

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo and appreciate the point you make.

In the Darling scheme to which I related on the occasion referred to, it is contemplated that considerable revenue could accrue from a tax on silver.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

George O. Wallis, Esq.,
Daysland, Alta.

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VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MARK REPLY FOR ATTENTION OF

Vancouver Harbour Commissioners

Vancouver, B.C.

May 2nd, 1932.

Senator the Rt. Honble Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Dominion of Canada,
O t t a w a, Canada.

My dear Senator Meighen:

Keeping my promise when I last chatted with you at the Chateau in Ottawa, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the 1931 Harbour Commissioners' Report. I know that in your busy life, when you have time, you will give it some consideration, and if there is any criticism which you can offer to us, I am sure it will be appreciated by our good President, my colleague and myself.

With kindest personal regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jas. B. Thomson -
Commissioner

JBT:JB

Enclosure

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11-2/24.

OTTAWA, 3rd May, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Watson,

I have made enquiry with respect to your Passport and am informed by the Department here that it went forward last night to Mr. J.B.Mackay, the General Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Toronto.

With best wishes for a pleasant voyage,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Robert Watson,
143A Keewatin Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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T. R. MEIGHEN, LL.L.

111 CÔTE DE LA MONTAGNE
QUÉBEC

4 mai 1932.

Très Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Le Sénat,
Ottawa.

Dear Dad:-

L'été dernier j'ai eu l'occasion de travailler pour un Monsieur Cyrille Vaillancourt qui est Président des Producteurs du Sucre d'érable de Québec, et en même temps directeur de la section du Département de l'Agriculture du Gouvernement Provincial, qui s'occupe du miel et du sirop d'érable. Ce Monsieur a eu l'amabilité d'envoyer cette année du sirop d'érable à plusieurs des amis de Monsieur Gagnon. Il avait l'intention d'envoyer ce sirop d'érable avec les compliments de Monsieur Gagnon, mais pour celui qu'il vous a envoyé, j'ignore s'il l'a fait avec les compliments de M.Gagnon ou avec les siens. En tous les cas, même si le sirop vous a été envoyé avec les compliments de Monsieur Gagnon, je suggèrerais que vous écriviez un petit mot à Monsieur Vaillancourt pour le remercier. Cela lui fera beaucoup plaisir. Son adresse est la suivante:

" Monsieur Cyrille Vaillancourt,
Les Producteurs du Sucre d'Erable,
5 Avenue Bégin,
Lévis."

Votre bien dévoué,

TRM/JV

Ted.

P.S.
Le sirop est excellent - il m'en a donné aussi.

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V

Ottawa, le 6 mai 1932.

Cher monsieur Vaillancourt,

J'ai reçu, la semaine dernière, du beau sirop d'érable et j'apprends maintenant que vous en êtes le généreux donateur. J'apprécie hautement cette délicate attention de votre part; car il n'y a pas de friandise que j'aime autant que le sirop d'érable, et il en est de même de ma famille.

Je vous remercie sincèrement de votre grande amabilité à mon égard et vous prie de me croire,

Votre tout dévoué,

(Arthur Meighen)

Monsieur Cyrille Vaillancourt,
Les Producteurs du Sucre d'Erable,
5, avenue Bégin,
Lévis, P. Q.

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For Translation (two carbons)

Dear Mr. Vaillancourt,-

At the end of last week I received a box of very fine maple syrup and my information now is that this was sent by you. I do very sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. There is no delicacy that I like as well as maple syrup, and this applies to all the family.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

(Arthur Meighen)

Monsieur Cyrille Vaillancourt,
Les Producteurs du Sucre d'Erable,
5 Avenue Begin,
Levis.

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Edmonton Journal

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

May 6th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA. Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am enclosing you clippings of our editorial page of yesterday and today with two articles marked that I thought might interest you.

Yours truly,

A.B. Watt.
Editor.

ABW/HM.

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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1932

Arthur Meighen's Leadership

There never was any doubt that the quality of the debates in the senate would be much raised by Arthur Meighen's selection as the leader of the government forces in that chamber. But the speech that he delivered on Friday last on the report of the Beauharnois committee served as a powerful reminder of how much it means to have him back in public life.

The Ottawa correspondent of a Liberal newspaper, the Toronto Globe, described it as "an indictment of political wrongdoing, a condemnation of prostitution of public office for private gain, the like of which has probably never been heard in the legislative halls of Canada." It "tore away the camouflage and exposed the fabulous profits reaped by Senator McDougald from the nation's resources, bared the details of mysterious transactions and stock held in the names of dummies, denounced in searing words McDougald's betrayal of his public trust, the use of his 'nuisance value' to enrich himself from exploitation of the people's heritage." After he had spoken for about three hours without a solitary note he sent, we are told, the throngs out into the corridors marveling at his masterly performance.

This is praise indeed and there can be few who, after reading the verbatim reports, will not agree that it was well deserved.

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V.

Ottawa, May 10th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Vickers,-

I have just received your letter of the 26th ultimo. We are always glad to hear from you and feel that your observations on European conditions have been most intelligent and reliable. I am sending your letter on to Mr. Evans.

There will probably be quite a throng in Ottawa for the Conference and obtaining the hearing one would desire may be difficult, at the same time I think you would find it interesting. We would certainly all be glad to have you if you feel you could spare the time to come. I am not sure whether I will be a member of the delegation or not, although it has been intimated to me that I probably will be. Obligations at Toronto are such that I do not want to be here too much.

Your friends in Canada will be exceedingly pleased to see you, including ourselves, Mr. Evans and Mr. McPhedran.

Very truly yours,

H.C. Vickers, Esq.,
c/o Vickers, Da Costa & Co.,
5 Copthall Court,
London, E.C. 2,
England.

His letter sent to Mr. Evans.

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Ottawa, May 11th, 1932.

My dear Balmer,-

Thanks very much for sending me the editorial page from the "Edmonton Journal" of May 6th. Your letter said two were enclosed but only one reached me.

We have had quite a little interest in the Senate this Session, but of course the atmosphere is different from the Commons.

I thank you for the generosity of your article and can only say that my indebtedness to you grows with the years.

With my very best regards to Mrs. Watt , believe me,

Yours very truly,

A.B. Watt, Esq.,
Editor, "Edmonton Journal"
Edmonton, Alta.

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V

OTTAWA, 13 May, 1932.

My dear Mr. Thomson,

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your 1931 Report, which I duly received with your letter of the 2nd instant.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Jas. B.Thomson, Esq.,
Board of Harbour Commissioners,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Learmonjtwn May 15th A.D. 1932

Hon Archer Meighen

Dear Mr Meighen

I take the Detroit News, and was pleased to read a report of your Speech in the Senate on the Beauharnois Case, or Scandle, I cut it out, and now enclose it to you, to show you how your talents are appreciated in the U.S. and I am sure, equally so in other Countries. We are all more than pleased to know that you are back in harness, and working diligently for our Country. The electors of Canada need all the available good men we can get, to assist in getting us out of our financial difficulties. Wishing You, and Yours, all the prosperity, health, and happiness that you can Contain, and long live to enjoy the same, I am

Yours Sincerely and Most Respectfully

Lewis Wigle

P.S.

I have written this letter in my 88th year without Spectacles, for which I am truly thankful

L W

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OTTAWA, 18th May, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant.

Upon Mr. Meighen's return to Ottawa early next week your communication will be brought to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

Lewis Wigle, Esq.,
Leamington, Ontario.

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May 26/32.

My dear Senator—

You asked me to let you know how mother is getting on - unfortunately she is not improving - and for the last three weeks has been very seriously ill - having suffered a stroke two weeks ago - She so often speaks of you and says how much she would like to see you once again -

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I know ye have been and still are very, very busy busy and when ye can afford a few minutes to come and see us ye will be doing a favour to one who will never be about very much again.

Sincerely yours

Florence G. White.

225 Gilmour St.
Ottawa.

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W

Ottawa, May 27th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wigle,-

I have been away for some time in the West, and since returning have been so busy that I have only reached your letter of the 15th instant.

Thanks very much for your very generous terms. I am especially glad to know that you are well, and amazed that you can write so clearly at your age. It would indeed be a pleasure for me to see you.

Yours very truly,

Lewis Wigle, Esq.,
Leamington, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 27th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. White,-

I have your letter of the 26th instant.

It will not be possible for me to get around this afternoon but I hope to be here next week and will make an effort to see your mother. I am very sorry to hear of her illness and am anxious to pay her a visit.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Florence White,
225 Gilmour Street,
O t t a w a, Ont.

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LE SÉNAT
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P.O.Box 458,
Quebec, June 20th.,1932.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Senate,
Ottawa. ONT.

My dear Mr.Meighen,

I have strongly recommended Mr.Harry S.Thompson, one of our very good friends of Quebec who is presently without employment,owing to the failure of McDougall & Cowans, for whom he was manager in Quebec for many years. McDougall & Cowans have not yet reopened their office in Quebec, and there is no likelihood that they will open for a long time yet . I would thank you to speak to your colleague, the Hon.Mr.Ryckman, on his behalf. The only position that he could occupy, without passing Civil Service Examination, would be in the Income Tax Department, in Quebec, or elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

D O L'Esperance

Senator D.O.L'Esperance.

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OTTAWA, 27 June, 1932.

My dear Senator,

I have your letter of the 20th instant with respect to Mr. Harry S.Thompson.

If I can be of any assistance in this matter I shall be very glad.

Believe me, with kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

The Honourable D.O.L'Esperance,
P.O.Box 458, Quebec, P.Q.

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Shaunavon,
Sask.
July 5/32.

Senator Meighen.
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen.

No doubt, you get many, many, letters like this one; but Mr. Meighen I am going to ask a favor of you.

I wonder if you could use your influence with the pension board in regards to my brother Fred.

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He was before the Pension Board about eighteen months ago. Then they said they could not do anything for him, as his service in the war was not responsible for his operations for hernia and for pendicitus that he has had in the last two and a half years, the latter, of course, was not the effects of the war and the former, he had had an operation before the war ever broke out. But still I think it helped to make him have more trouble with it; and of course, there is no work. He went overseas when quite young and is just seems as if he cannot settle down.

The pension board did give him a 5 Degree for $30. I hope Mr. Meighen you

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do not think I am ask-
ing too much, but this
morning, while thinking of
Fred, you came to my
mind and I thought as
you would understand,
Fred is in Portage
with Mrs. Gilroy.

I hope you, Mrs Meighen
and family are well.

Sunday night and
yesterday we had a glorious
rain, which was badly
needed.

Thanking you so much,
Mrs. W.H. Wasson, Yours Sincerely
Shaunavon, Ethel Gamar Wasson.
Sask.

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Ottawa, July 21st, 1932.,

Dear Mrs. Wasson,-

On my return to Ottawa today I find your letter of the 5th instant, and would be glad if I could be of assistance in the pension matter about which you write.

I may say that pension awards are entirely in the hands of the Pension Tribunals and a Minister or Member has very little to say in the matter. I shall, however, be pleased to bespeak favourable consideration of Fred's application and hope it may be of some assistance.

I am glad to say that my family and myself are all well, as I trust you all are.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. W.H. Wasson,
Shaunavon, Sask.

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MacGregor, Man.
July. 25th. 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Ottawa.
Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am writing you in behalf of my father. Mr. J. F. Walker of Portage la Prairie. Dad suffered a severe stroke two years ago last May at Calgary. I have had the care of him here at MacGregor ever since. and he is still a bed patient.

He was seventy last October and applied for old age pension which was not granted on account of the fact that he lived in ~~Manitoba~~ Alberta four years prior to his illness. Now Mr. Meighen we think this very strange as Dad was born in Canada and lived in Manitoba a good many years and he feels my husband has already had a great expense with all so he has asked me to write you for him.

I am still very grateful for a favor you did me when you recommended me for service overseas and I hope I am not imposing too much upon your valuable time.

I remain
Yours very sincerely
Roxana McNeely. - nee Roxy Walker.

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W

OTTAWA, 29 July, 1932.

Dear Mrs. McNeely,

I have your letter of the 25th instant and am indeed sorry to hear of Mr. Walker's illness and of the difficulty you are having with respect to pension.

I have taken the matter up with the Department here and have been furnished with the enclosed copy of the regulations relating to Old Age Pensions. It would appear to me that under section 12 Mr. Walker would be entitled to make application to the Pension Board in Alberta where he resided at the time he became ill, and I would suggest that a formal application be made to the Board at Edmonton. It should be pointed out that Mr. Walker's present residence in Manitoba is due entirely to his illness.

The warding of pensions is entirely within the Provincial Boards. The Department here acts only as a regulating body.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. R.McNeely,
MacGregor, Manitoba.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR,

DU6977

OTTAWA, July 28, 1932

MEMORANDUM

See Section 12 of amended Regulations herewith under Old Age Pensions Act relative to pension claim of Walker of which you spoke to-day.

A. D. M. L.

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Austin
Man.
July 29-1932.

Sir Arthur Meighen
Ottowa
Canada

Dear Sir

As my Contract for carrying the Mail at Austen expires on Dec 31-1932 I see that there are notices up calling for tenders which have to be in the Department by Sept 2nd 1932.
Do you think you could assist me in getting my present Contract renewed or a new Contract at the present rate that I am now getting, which is 50c per double trip equals one dollar per day or $313 00/100 per year.
I have been carrying the Mail here now for over 30 years and have never had a compplaint, and it is only during my present Contract that I have had this ammount.
If you can assist me in any way to get the Contract again I shall esteem it a great favor.

And Believe me to Remain
Yours Sincerely
James Millott

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UL6979

OTTAWA, 3 August, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In the absenceoof the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo. Upon his return to Ottawa your communication will be brought to his attention.

I am sure Mr. Meighen will be glad to do anything he can in support of your application for renewal of the contract, which application I assume has been forwarded to the Post Office Department.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

James Willett, Esq.,
Austin, Manitoba.

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PHONE 88 239

JOHN L. WILLIAMS L.L.B.

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR & NOTARY

502 MCINTYRE BLOCK
WINNIPEG

August 31st, 1932.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;

I have an opportunity of securing certain prosecutions of Inland Revenue Cases in this district, provided I can be properly recommended and placed on the List of Solicitors entitled to be called on to handle this work.

I spoke to my Father Mr. W. H. Williams and he suggested that I write you regarding the matter.

I have had considerable experience in defending cases of this nature and feel confident that I can give proper service.

Anything you can do in the nature of recommending me to the proper department will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

John. L. Williams

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OTTAWA, 12 September, 1932.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen has been absent from Ottawa.

I expect Mr. Meighen will return very shortly when I am sure he will be glad to do what he can on your behalf. As Mr. Meighen is a Senator for Ontario it would be most helpful if you could obtain a recommendation to the Minister of Justice from one of the Winnipeg Conservative Members of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

John L.Williams, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
McIntyre Block,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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D.L. 6982

Austin Man
Sep 24-1932

Sir Arthur Meighen
Ottowa

Dear Sir

I am writing to let you know that I have been given the Contract for carrying the Mail for a further term of four years from the expiration of my present Contract at the same figure. I signed the new Contract yesterday

I thank you very much for your assistance in helping me to get it.

And Believe me
to Remain
Yours Most Sincerely
James Hillcott

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UL6983

October 13th, 1932.

Senator Arthur Meighan,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

My dear Senator:-

I hope you will pardon me for taking up your time but I know of no one else that I know well enough to ask this question. It is purely out of curosity that I want to know and I have no ulterior motive whatever in asking you.

Why is it that a Deputy Attorney General is allowed to accept a retainer from an outside party and represent them in court? I thought that the Attorney General and his assistants were paid to look after the interests of everyone inthe Province, being neither for nor against them but to see that justice was done. I am referring to the Insul matter where Mr. Bailey represented the State of Illinois. If it is not too much trouble I would like to hear what you have to say on this subject.

With the kindest regards personally, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Hamilton B. Wills

HBW/HY (HAMILTON B. WILLS.)

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W.

Ottawa, October 15th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wills,-

I have your letter of the 13th. The question you put to me, I must frankly admit, is one which I have several times put to myself in the last few weeks. I have no knowledge myself of a practice which would justify the action you criticize, but perhaps if I made a more thorough study of the precedence one could be found - I doubt it.

Yours very truly.

Hamilton B. Wills, Esq.,
"Shadow Brook"
Willowdale, Ont.

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Rt. Hon. Senator Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;

May I be allowed the honour of further stating to you my case, and subsequent happenings since I last wrote you in the Spring.

The matter is now in the hands of the Prime Minister, who, I believe, signs

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the document recommending to the Governor-in-Council the abolition of my position, together with adjustments for superannuation gratuity. It is thus entirely out of the hands of the House of Commons officials.

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As this document has been in Mr. Bennett's hands for over a month, I have reason to hope and to believe that he does not see fit to abolish the position of a permanent public servant in

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the manner in which Mr. Beauchesne has chosen to abolish mine.

In Mr. Bennett I have a friend who knows that I am absolutely dependent on my salary for the support of my Mother, and I am hoping that he will ask Beauchesne to choose another of his branches if he must practice economy. Payment of my salary was suddenly stopped last July, and not a cent retiring leave was paid me.

As my fate is now entirely in the hands of the Prime Minister, a kind word, on my behalf, from you to him, would I am sure, prove invaluable towards my returning to my duties. The pot is not officially abolished 'till he signs that document, so here's hoping his fountain pen goes dry.

In closing, dear Senator, may I extend to you my kindest regards, together with my thanks for the interest you have always shown on my behalf.

Sincerely
Edward Jackson.

288 Daly
Ottawa.

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Right Hon arthur meighen
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recent date on C n R and Sir Henry
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word and while you have suffered
Politically for your faith I have
suffered for telling the truth I was
a watchman on the C n R last year
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with a truck stealing tires and I
thought it my duty to report it
so I reported the theft and told
whom owned the truck then they
took stock and found there had
been between 6 and eight hundred
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fined up some way and no one was called to account only myself The yard master Mr Ogilvie told me to shut my mouth and lay off or I would be let out of the service as they were a hard lot to put any thing over and I could not prove it so on the 23rd of november 1931 I was laid off and I protested so they gave me some spare work and on the 1st of January 1932 I fell from the tower a distance of fifteen feet ~~and~~ on the ice and injured my knee so that I can not walk without a cane but they will not do any thing for me although I am able to watch a crossing they say I am junior to the other men but that does not count in my case as I am an injured man and their is no seniority on the the crossings as the job is for injured men there is 31 watchman in london

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and only 4 injured men on the job so
you see how they get rid of a man
when he does some thing they dont like
I tell you there is a ring here or they
could never get away with all them
ties and no wonder the Hon R B
Bennett was trying to find out
where all the rail road ties went
and the vast sums of money that
was spent every year for ties I do
think its about time we had a new
yard Boss and others at London for
they are from here to Toronto they
are that old King Bunch of spenders
and they are right and you are
wrong every time I am writing
you in the hopes that you can
do some thing to shew them up
and get my job back as I am only
a Poor man with a wife and family
of 5 Boys 4 of them are ready to vote
for the Government any time

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The eldest Boy did vote for the Government in the by Election in South Huron as he is farming there and I have faith that you will do all you can for me ar see that I get my job back and Please see that my case is taken up by the Compensation Board at Toronto as there men at London and the C n R Doctar are trying to keep me from geting my job back ar any more Compensation all the Compensation I was allowed was two weeks and the C n R Doctar cut me of while I was in bed he said I had other insurance and he took that or Compensation and I had Paid for this insurance out of my own Packet They had right to to do it and when I was cut of the Compensation then my insurance stoped that has made it very hard for me I have been

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been unable to work for ten months
and nothing coming in I told mr
Piggott the Superintendent that I would
go to the House of Commons or to
Hon R B Bennett for my rights he
just laughed and said no one at the
house of Commons would waste time
to read it that he did not care so
I made up my mind I would write
and find out for myself as I have
been voting straight for my Party
for over 30 years and now I have
6 votes out of my house and believe
me I have no time for King or his
crowd or this crowd on the B & R
but as long as my Party will let
this B & R crowd keep me out of
compensation and out of a job
when I was honestly injured in the
Company's service while doing my
duty and I know my family is
back of me then we will not vote

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for ~~eny~~ either Party for we will not vote for King This is no Threat but if my Party will not stand by me in time of trouble and do some thing for me Then I am no good to the Party and I know that the B & R and Compensation Board are one so Please do me the favor and Place in the hands of some one who knows how to help me we are the old O & Sargeant Stock and stand by what we say Please grant me this one favor as its the first I have ever asked of my Party Please dont let Mr Piggotts words come true and laugh at me

Thanking you in advance
Yours Sincirlly
J M Weymouth London Ont
416 Sincoe St

PS
I give you my word and honor as a Royal Black Knight of Ireland This is true
J M Weymouth

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The Vancouver News
Complete Daily Coverage of Events at Home and Abroad
614 WEST PENDER STREET
Vancouver, Canada

October 17th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Leader of The Senate,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I desire to call to your attention the opening of The Vancouver News, which will start publication on or about November 1st. The new paper will take the place of the defunct Vancouver Star and will publish every weekday.

This is an important event in the history of Vancouver not only because it will fill a long-felt want, but because it means employment for a large number of people. This in itself, we believe, should commend our endeavor to your notice.

The new paper is entirely the efforts of Vancouver newspapermen who have been unemployed since The Star closed down last February. Aside from the large number of people on the circulation staff that will benefit from the new venture, there will be almost forty persons employed on the regular staff.

We are appealing to you for your moral support for The Vancouver News and a telegraphic message of encouragement from you would be appreciated.

We have, Sir, the honor to be

Your Obedient Servants,

THE VANCOUVER NEWS

G. Sivertz
Managing Editor.

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Ottawa, Oct. 20th, 1932.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 17th instant.

As a Minister of the Crown I have no voice in the details of the management of the Canadian National Railways. The Compensation Board is a provincial one and does not come under my authority in any way. Possibly your member of the Provincial Legislature could be of assistance to you in having your case reviewed by the Board, and I would suggest that you take the matter up with him.

Yours very truly,

J.M. Weymouth, Esq.,
416 Simcoe Street,
London, Ont.

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Ottawa, Oct. 28th, 1932.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 17th instant, which I found awaiting my arrival from Toronto.

I have thought over the request you have made but it seems to me that, as I have no knowledge whatever of the founders of the "News" or what its policy is to be, in fact anything about it, it would hardly be possible for me to send a message giving any assurance of support - moral or otherwise.

I am not, in the above, referring to what may be the political complexion of the paper but I think I should know something of its main purpose before sending such a message as you desire.

Yours very truly,

G. Sivertz, Esq.,
Managing Editor, The Vancouver News,
614 Pender Street West,
Vancouver, B.C.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 14 Queen Street,
ST.Catharines, Ontario,
November 2nd. 1932.

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The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighan,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Meighan:-

I trust that you will excuse my taking the liberty of writing you in connection with our mutual friend, Mr. Thompson of Merritton.

He is an applicant for the position of Postmaster at Merritton, and I believe that he has every chance of securing the appointment, especially if the wishes of the people of Merritton are considered.

You are no doubt aware that considerable preference and stress has been laid upon all these appointments, and that they should be made by and through the Civil Service Commission. Generally speaking, they should go to members of the Return Soldiers' Organization. I understand from the outstanding members of the Canadian Legion at Merritton that there is no objection to the appointment of Mr. Thompson. If you can be of any service to him in this matter, it will be very much appreciated.

I know that you will understand the straits and conditions of many of our friends, which necessitates their making requests, like in this instance. Ordinarily, they would not bother a man holding the position which you do and with the difficulties which you have to contend with.

As previously stated, I trust that you will excuse my writing to you as no doubt this matter may appear to be trivial to you. Please treat same confidential, and be assured that anything you can do in this connection will certainly be very much appreciated by Mr. Thompson and his family.

Respectfully,

E. C. Graves M.P.P.

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Ottawa, Nov. 5rd, 1922.

Dear Mr. Graves,-

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, and will gladly do everything in my power to help Mr. Thompson in this connection.

The appointment is, I assume, under the Civil Service Commission. I would very much like to see him get it. You must realize that, under the law, the Commission is bound to give preference to any returned soldier applicant who establishes that he is qualified.

Yours very truly,

R.C. Graves, Esq., M.L.A.,
214 Queen Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

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Ottawa, November 25, 1932.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 24th.

I will certainly keep your name in mind, and have made representations to Senator Webster on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. R. O. MacKay Turner,
583 Huron Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, November 25, 1932.

My dear Senator:

Attached is letter from R. O. MacKay Turner. Mr. Turner spoke to me on Wednesday with regard to this and suggested that possibly you would keep his name in mind. You know who he is, of course. We have found him dependable and quite an active salesman.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. Senator Lorne C. Webster,
Board of Trade Building,
Montreal, Quebec.

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TORONTO, CANADA.

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December ninth,
Nineteen Thirty-two.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

My son Ross who, as you probably know, is called after his Mother's family, the Ross's of Strathroy, is taking post graduate work at the University of Geneva. He is also quite an expert skier, having been a member of the Canadian Olympic Ski team. I have a shrewd suspicion that he chose the University of Geneva so that he could take post graduate work in skiing as well as in International relations.

Be that as it may, however, he appears to be enjoying all sides of the life over there.

He wrote me a few days ago to know if I could get him a press pass to the Sessions of the League of Nations. He has offered to write some articles over there on economic subjects as well as on skiing. If these articles are worthwhile I might offer them to some of the other newspapers but in any event we would probably use them in our own publications. I am at a loss to know where to apply for this press pass and thought perhaps you could advise me or give me some help in securing it.

With kindest personal regards, believe me

Yours faithfully,

C. LESSLIE WILSON.

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

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OTTAWA, 12 December, 1932.

Dear Doctor Skelton,

In Mr. Meighen's absence I enclose a letter received from Mr. C.L.Wilson, of Toronto, with respect to his son.

Your suggestion as to the procedure to be followed would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

Doctor O.D.Skelton,

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs,

OTTAWA.

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Liverpool N. S.
December 12. 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Leader Of The Senate.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I am asking you a Personal favour. even if it is not your duty to help me in my time of trouble.

There was a case started in 1925- against my Husband. of which they made me the goat. and stole over $3-000 from me in property and money and going through six courts- their were no charges laid against me. so I could not protect my self.

The first case against my Husband for trespassing on a certain property. which was a false statement signed without his knowledge or consent- he lost his case. the Judge gave the Plaintiff $30 damages and fifty two acres of valuable timber land belonging to me. in an opposite direction of the Plaintiff's deed. and two miles from where the statement of claim called for.

My deed is recorded a year and three months a head.

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and was not recorded by the court.
There appears to be a second decision given
on that case. The opposition took a Judgement
against my Husband for $300.00 instead
of $30 of which the decision gave.
And than they started in earnest.
The Sheriff took a team from me which
cost $600.00 and knowing it to be mine.
advertised three days and sold at Public
auction. and kept the money. and
still hold a Judgement against my
Husband. I hired Lawyer Roberson
of Bridgewater to prosicute three Cases
of which I payed him $5-5- he sold
my case to the opposition and represented
a coloured man as Sheriff so I would
loose I hold his correspondence of which
proves my statement. and he also put
a false statement of claim in court.
Later I hired R. W. E. Landry of Yarmouth
who wanted his money in advance.
I payed him $14.00. he got me receipts
on a pretence of settling of which he
has'nt done.

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He has admited he has collected a large amount from the opposition and $400.00 yet to collect.

It is over three years since I got the final decision. It appears he intends to keep all.

I took this matter up with the N. S. Barristers Society a number of times it appears they are to crooked for words. They claim they are not intrested in the case

I have written to Premier Harrington and the Attorney General and Justice Chisholm and they have all refered me to the N. S. Barristers Society. but they will not act.

Would you kindly use your good influence and force the N. S. Barrister Society to do their duty under your protection Why should I be persecuted in this manner in a law abideing country.

There has been conspiricy forgery perjury and stealing. the courts appear to be my worst enemy.

How long are these thing to continue

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I payed my court expenses as I went and the Opposition has a Judgement of $13-3.00 against me.
I think they are preparing for another raid. I get the costs of all courts in the finial decision.

I trust you will give this your strict attention and see that Justice is carried out. and keep up the good work of Law and order.

Please Oblige.

Margaret. G. Zwicker
Box 4.
Liverpool
Queens Co.
N. S.

P. S. Would you kindly acknowledge the receiving of this letter.

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OFFICE OF
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 14, 1932.

A. H. Hinds, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Hinds:

With regard to your letter of Dec. 12 as to the desire of Mr. C. L. Wilson of Toronto to have his son Ross receive a press pass to League of Nations meetings, I have had pleasure in informing Dr. Riddell, the Canadian Advisory Officer there, of the situation. If Mr. Wilson will have his son call at Dr. Riddell's office, 41, quai Wilson, Geneva, I am sure that the matter will be arranged if it is possible at all.

I am returning herewith Mr. Wilson's letter.

Yours sincerely,

O. S. Tower

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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OTTAWA, 15 December, 1932.

Dear Madame,

I have your letter of the 12th instant.

As I have no connection whatever with the Government of Nova Scotia or the Bar of that Province I am unaware of any way in which I can assist you in the matter about which you write.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Margaret Zivicker,
Box 4,
Liverpool, N.S.

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OTTAWA, 16 December, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I have arranged with the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to request Doctor Riddell, the Canadian Advisory Officer at Geneva, to use his good offices in securing for your son a Press pass to the League of Nations meetings.

If you will have your son call at Doctor Riddell's office, 41 Quai Wilson, Geneva, I am sure the matter will be arranged if it is possible at all.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

C.Lesslie Wilson, Esq.,

73 Adelaide Street West,

Toronto, Ontario.

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TORONTO, CANADA.

December twenty-second,
Nineteen Thirty-two.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your interest and your good offices in connection with securing a Press pass to the Meetings of the League of Nations for my son Ross. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to him, and have asked him to call at Dr. Riddell's office as suggested.

With best wishes, believe me

Yours faithfully,

C. LESSLIE WILSON
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The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

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3935 W. 22th Ave
Vancouver B.C.
Jan 10/1933.

Rt. Hon. Senator Sir Arthur Meighen,
The Senate.
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Senater.

On Aug 10th I wrote you relative to a position I was seeking as Indian agent at Alert Bay B.C. This position is now vacant and I have filed my application for same and it should come before the Civil Service Commission on or about Jan 17th.

As my application with full particulars has been fully laid before the Hon. H.H. Stevens and the Hon T.G. Murphy. by the proper representatives, I will not go into detail here. but would appreciate your kindness if you could assist me in securing the appointment. I might add I come from an old United Empire Loyalist family of Ontario, am one of three brothers who all served over seas in the late war. Iam in receipt of a

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small pension. have been an active supporter of the Gov. and anxious to reestablish myself, the position for which I am applying will do this.

Many prominent and influential persons have recommended my application to the Hon. Mr. Stevens. all of whom are well known to me personally. I will be most grateful to you for any assistance you may be able to give me. Thanking you I am

Yours. Faithfully.

W.S. Todd

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OTTAWA, 16 January, 1933.

Dear Mr. Todd,

I have your letter of the 10th instant.

As a Minister there is very little I can do with regard to an appointment through the Civil Service Commission, but I shall be very happy to do what I can and to support Mr. Stevens in his efforts on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

M.S.Todd, Esq.,
3925 W. 24th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Please mark reply
PERSONAL

THE MORNING POST,
15, TUDOR STREET,
LONDON, E.C. 4.

TELEPHONE 1500 CITY.

January 19th, 1933

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Would you do me the honour of accepting the enclosed with my good wishes for 1933 ?

Yours sincerely,

W. Gayzmore

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 2, 1933.

Dear Mr. Wynne:

I have your letter of 19th January and thank you very much indeed for the enclosed booklet, which I shall read with interest at the first opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. H. W. G. Wynne,
"The Morning Post,"
15 Tudor Street,
London, E. C. 4.
England.

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Rt,Hon,Arthur Meighen,P.C.,M.P.,K.C.
Senate Chambers,Center Block,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr.Meighen:-

Our mutual friend,Mrs,Mary Nolan of Calgary,informed me that she had spoken to you in my behalf.When I put her on the train the evening of her departure from Ottawa,I promised to call upon you and make myself known.I regret that I have been unable to do this-First,because I was shortly called away from Ottawa for several weeks.Secondly-because I have recently been released from Hospital after a six week's illness that was diagnosed as influenza and pneumonia.

I had the pleasure of meeting you upon the occasion of your last visit to Calgary at which time the introduction was performed by Hugh Cragg Farthing,M.L.A.

The examinations for the position of Junior Trade Commissioner were held on tuesday last.I am sure that I made a passing grade-although I don't feel that I covered myself with any particular glory during the hours of the shibboleth.

For the past few years I have been an patient in various Sanatoria suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculous that was contracted during/or as a result of military service.I am happy to say that I have had a clean bill of health for the past two years or more and am assured by specialists that I need not fear a re-occurance of the trouble so long as I take reasonnable care of myself at all times.Owing to the fact that I am in receipt of pension in respect to a war disability,I am entitled to a certain preference under the Civil Service Act.

I am very naturally most anxious to return to a field of activity and worth-while endeavor;and am certain that, given the opportunity,I can make good as a Trade Commissioner if for no other reason than that I must.

In any event I have no intention of living on a pension, nor for that matter of drawing it longer than may be absolutely necessary.

I am in constant touch with Miss Miller who assures me that Mr.Bennett is sympathetic.If you could see your way clear to assist me by speaking to Mr.Stevens I would feel that I have been assisted to a far greater extent than I could expect from any other quarter.

Realizing that you are a very busy man,I shall make no effort to see you,but shall leave this matter in your hands to deal with as you may see fit.

Yours Faithfully,

H.R. Darleton-Genge

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Genge:

I duly received your letter of 2nd. Absence from the City has prevented earlier acknowledgment. I remember well the very kind words used by Mrs. Nolan in your behalf and will gladly do anything I can for you. It seems to me that I might speak to the Hon. Mr. Stevens. I presume, of course, the appointments are made strictly on examination results, but as you know, war service counts in a very important manner.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. C. R. Tareyton-Genge,
Y. M. C. A.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Ottawa, 15th February, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

The Secretary, High Commissioner's Office, London, has received from Sir Rupert Howorth of the Offices of the British Cabinet certain presentation sets of playing cards issued by the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards of the City of London, which he has requested may be distributed to those to whom they are addressed. I am accordingly forwarding to you one of these sets which bears your address.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Walker

Acting Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 17, 1933.

Dear Mr. Walker:

I duly received your letter of 15th, and thank you very much indeed for your kindness in forwarding to me the decks of playing cards sent by the Secretary of the High Commissioner's Office, London. Am very glad to have this memento of the Imperial Conference.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. H. Walker,
Department of External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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February 20th., 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I would like very much if you could see me for a few minutes in Ottawa some time this week, preferably between 12 and 3 p.m., so that I could return to Montreal the same day.

I have just had a cable from Dad from China, saying he is well and enjoying the trip. I have also had a few letters which arrived by air-mail from Ceylon. I am sure the change is doing him a lot of good, and that he will have a lot to tell you when he gets back.

Yours truly,
John W. Webster

Copy to Toronto.

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SPEAKER
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SASKATCHEWAN

Regina Feb 20 - 33

Dear Arthur

Apparently I write to you only when I want something and I am still running true to form.

However will interject a few remarks

Was surely sorry I did not connect while in Stratford & Toronto ~~this~~ of '32 but the fates ruled otherwise

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SPEAKER
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SASKATCHEWAN

I spent a week
around St Marys & of
course had a splendid
time - also a week in
Ottawa - which I
enjoyed very much indeed.

The session is
going very very smoothly
at present but a simoom
may arise at any moment
However we are accustomed
to them and do not take
them very seriously

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The sting of this
letter is in its tale

I am working on behalf
of W. C Reeves who
carries the mail from
the C P R & C N R in
Weyburn to the P. O.

Everybody of any
standing knows he is
absolutely reliable
His opposition re the
contract about to be
settled - Well not so good

If in any way
you can assist in doing
a great right and
not doing anything
wrong

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I will consider it
a personal though not
deserved favor

With best wishes
to you for continued
success I remain

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Yours very Sincerely

R S Seshe

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Regina

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Ottawa, February 21, 1933.

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RUSH

Colin W. Webster,
Canadian Import Co.,
Board of Trade Building,
Montreal, Que.

HERE TOMORROW AND COULD SEE YOU BETWEEN TWELVE AND ONE

ARTHUR MEIGHEN

COLLECT

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OTTAWA, February 23, 1923.

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of 20th instant. Am very glad to hear from you and certainly sorry you did not run in when down.

With respect to Mr. Teeves, I am informed by the Post Office Department that there is no complaint against him but inasmuch as he is the holder of two contracts, the Department considers that the one for the carriage of mails to the C.N. R. Depot should be put up for tender instead of renewal. The Department has adopted a policy of distributing the work among as many as possible. This policy does not preclude Mr. Teeves from tendering, and if his tender is the lowest, he will doubtless be awarded the contract. If, however, tenders are equal, it is unlikely he would secure the award due to the fact that he ow holds a contract which does not expire until March, 1934, which gives him about $800.00 per year.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. R. S. Leslie,
Regina, Sask.

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E. ROY MOFFAT
PHONE 1100

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.

February 24th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Conservative Leader in the Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I thank you very much for yours of the 21st instant and quite appreciate the situation. I realize full well that under the circumstances nothing can be done.

Although it will be of no benefit I would like to suggest that for years the Roman Catholics had one representative on the Supreme Courts in Manitoba and although I have not the figures I would imagine that according to population that was about what they were entitled to. Owing to some reason which I do not know the Roman Catholic Faith is now represented by three men on our Supreme Courts. Individually I have no quarrel with the men holding those offices as I think they are all very fine gentlemen and excellent judges, also, although I will never be hung for my religion or anything like that, it sometimes makes one wonder if there if not a very great place and need for the Orange Lodge in this Canada of ours. It does look to me as if

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those sixty-five representatives from the Province of Quebec have more or less of a strangle hold on the rest of us.

Further I might suggest that I do not think Manitoba has ever had a representative on the Supreme Court.

Do not think I am complaining or anything like that as I am merely answering your letter in the ordinary course of the morning mail and expressing perhaps a little too fully my own views. It is not meant to embarrass you in any way and I know quite well that you are in no way to blame personally. It is I know the attitude of the Government and the only thing that can be done is let it drop. Perhaps I can take a little solace out of the fact that the Liberals are really worse than we are in this connection.

Yours very truly,

JCM*J

P.S. I met Mr. Colwill at the Court House a few moments ago and he was asking me if I had heard anything about the appointment. I explained briefly to him the status of it and he said ~~that~~ he remembered when Judge Montague was appointed that Harry Whitlaw had the endorsation of the Orange Order for Manitoba and insofar as the Orange Vote was concerned Colonel Taylor was rather disappointed that Harry Whitlaw did not get it. Of course we all like Judge

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Rt Hon A M/K C/3/Feb 24/33/

Mongague and he is an excellent judge and a credit to the Bench and I know the Colonel feels the same way towards Judge Montague as I do. At the same time I would imagine the Orange vote in Manitoba would be worth while giving some attention to as it really looks to me as if most of the catering the last few years has been to the Roman Catholics. However I do not want to get into any religious controversy as it makes absolutely no difference whatever to me but I remember alright Colonel Taylor telling me that he thought Harry Whitlaw should have got the appointment particularly as the Orange Lodge was behind him. Colonel Taylor is an Orangeman I believe and quite strong with the Orange Lodge so that any appointment that Colonel Taylor might get besides being a very worthy one would no doubt have whatever political benefit would be obtained through the Orange Lodge. I am merely mentioning these facts not that I have any right to and certainly with no intention of embarrassing either you or the Government because you will realize that our communications are really private and friendly and not Government or formal.

JCM*J

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F.G. Taylor 89

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 28, 1933.

PERSONAL

Dear Joe:

I think I should refer to yours of 24th. The proportion of three to the Roman Catholics is not at all beyond their rights from a population standpoint.

I don't know how you get the idea that Quebec is running the rest of the country now, because they really have only three Ministers in a Cabinet of about eighteen, which is not at all what they are entitled to on a population basis. In fact, I have sometimes wondered that it has been allowed to continue.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. C. Miller, K.C.,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

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145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ontario,
March 1st, 1933.

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen, P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

My mother-in-law, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, has just returned from Toronto today and has been telling me about an interview she had with you on Monday with the object of securing your assistance in finding some employment for me. Mrs. Wilson advises me that you were good enough to take an interest in my case and desired some information about my past experience and record. May I, therefore, give you a brief resume?

I was born in Toronto and, after being educated in schools there, St. Andrew's College and a business college course, entered railway service in Grand Trunk Ry. Operating Department, then with Chief Engineer and Manager of Construction for Mackenzie, Mann & Co. on C. N. Rys. work, first in Toronto offices and then several years in the field in Northern Ontario and from Toronto to Montreal, also one season on dock work on the Georgian Bay.

During the war, I was in the army for three years, holding a commission in Canadian Engineers and served with them in France.

On demobilization, I returned to C. N. Rys. service and had charge of tie and timber contracts between Sudbury and Port Arthur. This work kept me up in unsettled country and as I had been married and wished to get into better surroundings I resigned to go into business, conducting a fuel business here for about eight years. Although fairly successful for some time, as a result of boom here the business was overdone and when conditions became bad I was handicapped with too much competition, business fell off due to unemployment and customers moving away. A lot of my capital was in securities I used as collateral at the bank and when they pressed me for repayment of loans my securities had shrunk in value. I had to use up so much cash to meet calls from the bank, I was not able to carry on and was forced to make an assignment last July. This left me without means and I have only been able to secure a little temporary and part time work since then, doing assessment work for School Board, etc., but not sufficient to

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support my family without assistance. This work has now been completed and I have not anything to do.

I have tried in many quarters to secure employment, without any definite results so far. During the past six months, people interviewed Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett regarding me and I had some correspondence with him. I also saw Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, with a view to getting in my application for some post in connection with the St. Lawrence Waterways. I believed that if a Board or Commission was being set up for organization or planning of this project, my experience would fit me for a post of some kind. This, of course, has not resulted in anything yet.

I do not understand from Mrs. Wilson whether or not you had anything in view when you asked for the information about my experience, but have given you the brief outline of it, without going into details which included general office work, construction in the field, purchasing, handling of materials, stores, fuel, etc.

I am willing to go anywhere to secure a start and eager to merit any assistance given me.

If any further information is required, I believe I can refer to Mr. William Stone of Rolph-Clarke-Stone Limited, Toronto, Director of Bank of Toronto and other institutions. He is an old friend of my family's and can speak as to my earlier years.

Mr. A. J. Mitchell, formerly Vice President of C. N. Rys., was Comptroller of Mackenzie, Mann & Co. during the time I was with them and would, I believe, vouch for my work there.

Mr. R. C. Vaughan, Vice President of C.N.Rys., was in charge of the Department I served with after the war. I had some correspondence with him last year and, although he was not able to do anything for me, would, I believe, speak regarding my record.

As for local or more recent information, I believe I can refer to Mr. W. J. Bell of Sudbury, or Mr. L. H. Hillary, Manager of Royal Bank here as to my reputation since coming to Sudbury.

Trusting that the foregoing information will enable you to form some idea as to my capacity and fitness for any post you may be able to suggest me for and assuring you of earnest appreciation for your assistance, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Fred Taylor

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OTTAWA, March 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Mitchell: Re Fred Taylor

Perhaps you would be kind enough to read the copy of letter attached. No doubt you have many of these cases. This one seems most deserving and I hope you will keep his name in mind if you think you can help.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. A. J. Mitchell,
Canada Life Assurance Co.,
Toronto, Ontario.
c/o A J. Mitchell & Co

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OTTAWA, March 7, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I duly received your letter of 1st March. This letter contains all that I asked for and it is well expressed. I am having some copies made, because I want to be in a position to send them where they may possibly lead to something. I have nothing in particular in mind at the present time. Shall certainly be speaking to at least one of the men whom you mention.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Fred Taylor,
145 David Street,
Sudbury, Ontario.

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RUSH

Mr. R. M. Wolvin,
Mount Royal Hotel,
Montreal, Que.

HERE TOMORROW MORNING CAN SEE YOU AT TWELVE

ARTHUR MEIGHEN.

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OTTAWA, March 8, 1933.

RUSH

Mr. R. M. Wolvin,
c/o Mount Royal Hotel,
Montreal, Que.

CANNOT SEE YOU TONIGHT PROBABLY IN TORONTO TOMORROW STOP

IF HERE WILL WIRE YOU LATER.

ARTHUR MEIGHEN

COLLECT

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OTTAWA, March 9, 1933.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Many thanks for the Delicious apples which you were good enough to send me. I enjoyed them very much, and exceedingly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon C. Wilson, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Mississauga Road, Port Credit,
Ontario, Canada, March 22, 1933.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a study on the problem of unemployment. This treatment of the problem was commented upon favourably a year ago by Roger Babson. It was submitted to the Government several years ago, and has been submitted to the Department of Labour in the States, and elsewhere.

A despatch from Rome dated yesterday stated that the Confederation of Italian Industry has issued a ukase that all employers of labour take on more men. Whether this is under my plan of "Employment Assurance" or not, I cannot say, but it is the primary step advocated in my plan.

I therefore take much pleasure in submitting the plan to you with the sincere hope that it may be of some assistance to you in finding a way out of the difficulties which surround us.

Yours truly,

W. E. Wright

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ECHOES from the unique Déjeuner-Dinatoire offered by the Members of the "CLUB CANADIEN" to their DEAN, Senator LAWRENCE A. WILSON, Knight Commander of St. Gregory the Great, in their historical house at Montreal, March 25th, 1933.

Twenty-nine letters of regret were received from two hundred invitations and the two following were each awarded a gold medal running a dead heat in their respective effusions:

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"TWO FOUR ONE ST. JAMES STREET,
(Lord Atholstan's Office)
MONTREAL,
March 24th, 1933.

J. B. Robitaille, Esq.,
Secretary, Club Canadien,
MONTREAL.

Dear Mr. Robitaille,-

I have been signally favoured by an invitation to the annual re-union of the Club Canadien for the 25th to honour your dear old friend, Senator Lawrence A. Wilson.

Knowing most of the gentlemen, including Senator Casgrain, who are to re-unite on this occasion, I can fully credit the promise that the entertainment is to be absolutely free from any taint of intemperance so that my presence would in no way do violence to the principles of the fellow members of the Anti-Alcoholic League, the principles of whose members are strongly supported by the reviches of Anno Domini, viz. gout, lumbago, arthritis.

When I saw your guest of to-day in a broker's office gathering up winnings, I detected a few grey hairs in the flowing locks, which I attributed to his having backed the wrong horse in 1930. Your guest's general good health is doubtless due to his temperance principles. I raise my glass of milk wishing him long life, prosperity and happiness.

Yours sincerely,
ATHOLSTAN."

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"Office of the Prime Minister,
CANADA,

OTTAWA, 23rd March, 1933.

Honourable Lawrence A. Wilson,
The Senate of Canada,
O T T A W A.

Dear Senator Wilson,-

I was greatly pleased to receive your note, together with an invitation to attend a reception at the Club Canadien at one o'clock on Saturday next, when you are to be the guest at the Luncheon at one-thirty.

It would have been a great pleasure to be present and to hear you speak, and to see the warm affection indicated for you by your many friends; but my work makes it impossible. I notice from the newspaper that you whispered tosome of your friends that I had some of the attributes of a fox, and I assure you that, as the fox senses danger from afar and avoids it, so I realize that my presence at the Club Canadien might not only have a restraining effect upon the hilarity of the occasion but be dangerous for me as well.

I venture to convey to you by letter my good wishes, and express the earnest hope that you may be long spared in health and strength to bring joy and happiness to all with whom you come in contact, and in your life, by your generous actions and courteous consideration for your friends, testify to the real value of the word "friendship" and the realization of the true meaning of the word "citizenship."

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

R. B. BENNETT. "

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EASTER brought hundreds of cards of greetings and the following was adjudged "hors concours".

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"GLENSMERE,

OTTAWA, April 5th, 1938.

Dear Senator Lawrence A. Wilson,-

My very warmest thanks for your most kind Easter remembrance.

This is a fair morning, Mother Earth has just thrown off her winter mantle; Rideau River is rushing joyously on its journey to the ocean, carrying great ice-flows to plunge over the Falls. There is brilliant sunshine, forecasting, I hope, a bright and joyous Easter.

This morning I heard a robin for the first time this year; and ten days ago I saw a beautiful Grosbeak.

'God's in his Heaven;
All's well with the world.'

With renewed thanks and kind regards,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

R. L. BORDEN.

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OTTAWA, March 25, 1933.

Dear Mr.Wright:

Mr. Meighen has asked me to acknowledge your letter of March 22nd. He will be glad to read your article on the unemployment problem as soon as he has an opportunity.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Mr. W.E. Wright,
Mississauga Road,
Port Credit, Ont.

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OTTAWA ONT

WITH THE HOPEFUL WISH THAT YOU ARE COMING TO THE PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY HELD AT THE UNIVERSITE DOTTAWA I AM REQUESTED TO ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD SAY A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE POOR AND DISINHERITED CITIZENS A REPLY CARE OF THE SENATE BY NEXT TUESDAY WOULD BE APPRECIATED WITH KIND PERSONAL REGARDS

LAWRENCE A WILSON.

For P... Q... Cer...

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.

April 24th 1933.

A. H. Hinds, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hinds;-

I am sorry to bother you so much but I have an application for parole for a man named Dmytro Wladyki, government parole file number R51349.

This application has been handled by Mr. Gallagher of the Parole Department and without going into the details at all I can tell you conscientiously that it is a claim which I can strongly recommend for parole.

The Department held it up for further consideration till the eighth of April and I wrote them then and since then have had no reply, but I find out since that somebody has been butting into the thing and made some suggestion to the Department that Wladyki would pay half his fine, One hundred and Eighteen Dollars if he was released. The Department have no powers as I understand it to accept part of a fine and correspondence has taken place between Sheriff Home and Mr. Gallagher which delayed, I think, the consideration of the application. I wrote to Mr. Gallagher today and said that Wladyki had no money to pay and did not intend to pay it and asked him to let us have a report on the parole application.

Unquestionably you will know Mr. Gallagher very well and I believe if you called him up and asked him if he would give the communication his consideration right away that he would do so. The reason for the rush is that this man is farmer and must get out on his land if he is to get his crop in for this year. I am only

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A. H. Hinds, Esq. 4/24/33.

asking what I think is absolutely right in this connection and did not bother sending you the whole file because I think you can rely on me to that extent.

WRS/R

Yours sincerely,

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OTTAWA, 27 April, 1933.

Dear Mr. Sexsmith,

I have your letter of the 24th instant with respect to the parole application on behalf of Wladyki.

At the moment Mr. Gallagher is absent from Ottawa but upon his return within the next few days I shall get in touch with him and urge immediate consideration of the matter.

Done

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.

W.R.Sexsmith, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
Portage La Prairie,
Manitoba.

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80-W.

OTTAWA, 8 May, 1933.

Dear Mr. Walton,

I have your letter of the 1st instant and am asking the Minister of Pensions to look into your case.

I trust it may be possible for him to have the matter adjusted to your satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Reg# 12779-

Mr. J.W.Walton,
General Hospital,
Regina, Sask.

Claim for treatment
pay & allowances

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OTTAWA, 8 May, 1933.

My dear Colleague,

I enclose a communication I have received from Mr. J.W.Walton, of Regina, with respect to a matter coming within your Department.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

The Honourable Murray MacLaren, P.C., M.D., M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
OTTAWA

10th May, 1933.

Dear Senator Meighen,-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th of May, with enclosures from Mr. J. W. Walton, Regtl. No. 12779, of Regina, regarding pay and allowances.

I shall be pleased to have an answer sent direct to Mr. Walton, explaining the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Mackenzie

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HE[illegible]7051

May 11, 1933.

Mr. J. W. Walton,
Regina General Hospital,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Walton,-

Reg. No. 12779.

The Right Honourable Senator Meighen has forwarded me a letter which you sent to him under date of May 1st which contained your request for pay and allowances during the period when you were ill at home, and before your admission to the Regina Hospital as a Departmental charge.

I have had careful investigations carried out and I regret that it is not permissible to grant you pay and allowances for that period while you were at home. Your pension was continued during that time and covers such periods of home treatment.

I note that you have been in hospital since the 4th of January of this year on full pay and allowances and have been receiving the sum of $128.00 cash per month, plus free board, lodging and medical attention, which is in accord with the present legislation; further than that, the Department has no authority to go.

Yours truly,

(Signature of the Minister).

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COPY FOR THE INFORMATION OF The Right Honourable Senator Meighen, The Senate.

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London Ont
May 22/13

Rt Hon Sir

yours favor of may 19th at hand and realy I can not find wordr to express my gratitude but sincerely thank you for your kindness and if it is ever in my Power to do you a favar I will be only Too Pleased to do so Mr W J Piggott is the Supt ~~of~~ at Londen but Mr Kingsland is General manager of this Divinion and I know that just one ward from Mr Kingsland to the yard master or to Mr W J Piggott Supt and I would be back to work at once now Rt Hon Sir I give you my word as a Royal Black Knight of Irelahd and a true Conseritive I am asking you to help me

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and ~~~~ God will Blest you for
you know after raising 5 Boys
to manhood I am only a Poor man
trying to hold my home but if
I ~~~~ not get Back to work at once
I will be out of my home we are
doing our best to keep our head
up and not complain but knowing
you all my life or an Honest man
I have come to you for help and I
feel sure you will do all you
can for me as I have ~~lived~~ lived here
all my life and a Canadian yet there
are others that have only been here
a few years yet they seem to be
favored if I was not injured and
unable to do any other work I would
not say a word but I know that
Mr Piggott and the yard master does
not intend to let me work if they
can stop me as there has been several
jobs open in London and men

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have come from other Places and took the jobs and I was told they had more Seniority than me in that way they can keep me from work for years that's just a way to keep your old men Now Sir if you will but grant me one favour and use what influence you have with Mr Kingsland to Put me back on my jobs at the Crossing for I have always been a cooperative and honest and true and as true as God is our Witness I will be true to you and you will never have any reason to doubt me or be ashamed of me I have over 4 years service and not a mark against me in any way and in all that time I never broke a rule now Thanking for Past favours and hoping you will give this you attinion I am favours

Sincerely

J M Weymouth

416 Simcoe St London Ont

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OTTAWA, 3 July, 1933.

Dear Madam,

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and am asking the Department of Labour to give attention to its contents.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. E.A.Yensen,
1076 Seymour Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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OTTAWA, 3 July, 1933.

Dear Mr. Dickson,

Assuming that your Department has means of investigating complaints with respect to relief I enclosd a letter from Mrs. E.A.Yensen, of Vancouver, B.C., who complains that her daughter has been refused assistance by the authorities in British Columbia.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

W.M.Dickson, Esq.,
Minister's Secretary,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa.

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MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

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Ottawa, July 4, 1933.

Dear Mr. Hinds:

Your letter of July 3rd to Mr. Dickson re complaints from Mrs. E. A. Yensen, of Vancouver, I am referring to the Commissioner of Dominion Unemployment Relief and he will investigate same.

Yours very truly,

Geo. St. Pardoe

for Private Secretary.

A. H. Hinds, Esq.,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

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OTTAWA, 16 February, 1934.

DearSir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Senator Meighen I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant. Mr. Meighen is expected in Ottawa next week when your communication will receive his attention.

Yours very truly,

A.H.Hinds
Private Secretary.

Major J.H.Willett,
R.R. No. 2,
West Lorne, Ont.

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OTTAWA, 16 February, 1934.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a communication received by the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen from Major J.H. Willett, which is self-explanatory.

Would youmbe good enough to let me know what reply Senator Meighen may make thereto.

Yours very truly,

A.H.Hinds
Private Secretary.

The Secretary,
Canadian Pension Commission,
Ottawa.

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R.R. No. 2.

West Lorne, Ont.
July. 12 1924

Sir Arthur Meighan,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you as a returned soldier endeavoring to solicit your help in helping me to get justice from the G.P. Doolittle, M.D. of the Board of Pension Commissioners at Ottawa, which I received last July and which I have never received a reply although I have written three or four times.

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I have five years back pension coming to me.

I come from Winnipeg where I was an officer in the 90th Winnipeg Rifles (Little Black Devils) I joined up at the beginning of the war and went overseas with Lt. Col. Arthur Morley 144th Battalion.

I was honorably discharged at Ottawa in Sept. 1919. and worked in the Accounts Branch Soldier Settlement Board, at Ottawa, seeking my appointment through Hon. Premier and Hon. Black who was Chairman of the Board. Resigned a few years later of my own free will

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to enter the realestate
business in Detroit
and Windsor, where
I made good money and
later losing all in the
depression. and today
I have no job and no
money. If I had my
suit yaks back Benson
I would make to
Toronto and enter
the realestate business.
I am in the country
with no money to get
going again.
Please help me to
get my back pension
money. and as why
they have not given
me any reply to the
poor trouble.
yours sincerely
Major J. B. Meighen

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80 W

OTTAWA, 27 February, 1934.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant I have taken up with the Pension Commission the question of your application, and now enclose a communication received from Commissioner Lee with respect to the matter.

I also return herewith the enclosures received with your letter.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Major J.H.Willett,
R.R. No. 2,
West Lorne, Ontario.

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA,
March 6th, 1934.

Rt-Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send me a copy of the Senate Hansard containing a report of your speech, of which the following excerpt is a part.

This clipping is taken from the Commonwealth, a C.C.F. paper published in Vancouver.

Please send to the above address.

Yours very truly,

J. W. H. Williams.

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Reply to speech from Throne
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News From Ottawa

By Grace MacInnis

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ences, or the trying of other and somewhat archaic medicines that have been applied to the body politic in the past." Mr. Meighen is Conservative leader in the Senate and also a minister in the Bennett government. In contrast to Mr. Bennett's imposing array of figures to prove Canadian prosperity was Mr. Meighen's simple statement that although in comparison with other countries Canada cannot complain "relative to where we ought to be, in view of our great basic conditions and our opportunities, and position is such that all we can do is hang our heads in shame."

The following brief quotations will give some idea of his speech:

> " . . . we have at this hour a surplus of many things, if we can call a surplus something that cannot be disposed of at a profit. I do not know how under existing world economic conditions we are ever going to dispose at a profit of the large-scale modern power reduction of field and factory. . . .
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> "The unemployed of the United States aggregated not long ago some twelve millions. They are somewhat fewer today largely because of government enterprises that are being carried on with borrowed money. construction works under way that are either undertaken directly under the Government or financed with money supplied by the central power. But the naked and unassailable truth, which only stupidity can prevent anyone from seeing, is that if the United States were to be brought back tomorrow to the peak production of 1929, a production which the world utterly failed to consume or purchase, there would remain in that country no fewer than six and probably eight millions of unemployed, representing virtually one-third of its whole earning population. . . .
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> "Today a man ought to be able to make a living not only for himself but for a dozen, yes for over a hundred of his fellow men", (owing to improvements in machinery).
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> "I do not believe we are ever going to borrow ourselves out of adversity and into prosperity. . . .
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> "I do not believe we are ever going to distribute the plenty of the world by burning it up. . . .
>
> "But I do believe that industry as it is constituted today cannot operate under the old principle that we thought was eternal—free competition, the better surviving."

Realism, too, characterized the speech of Mr. Woodsworth. Filled with concrete examples, his address gave the C.C.F. viewpoint.

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8 W

Toronto. Ont.
Apartment No. 90 Coral Gables Apts
142 Wellesley Crescent.
March 7th. 1934

Dear Senator Meighan.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 27th ult. and extend my grateful thanks for your kindness in endeavoring to get justice done by the Pension Board. I sincerely hope I will be successful in getting my back pension for five years.

Please note my new address. I came to Toronto in the hope of getting work. I have been a real estate salesman an fire insurance agent most my life. If you know any firm in Toronto that would

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have an opening I would appreciate it ever so much.

Again thanking you for interest taken on my behalf, and trusting you will continue to help me on getting pension I remain

Yours sincerely.

J. F. Hallett
mayor.

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THE CANADIAN
PENSION COMMISSION

IN REPLY REFER TO

No._____

Ottawa March 7th, 1934.

The Right Honourable Senator Arthur Meighan,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,- re Major Willett

With reference to previous letter from this Office of February 24th, 1934, please be advised that pension is being adjusted at the total degree of disability present as from September 1st, 1928, the date upon which amendments to the Pension Act affecting refusal of operative treatment came into effect.

Yours very truly,

W.O.GLIDDON, M.D.,
for the Secretary,
Canadian Pension Commission.

WOG.C.
BUFF/London.

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112 W

OTTAWA, 12 March, 1934.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Senator Meighen I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the Senate Debates for the 31st January last, containing the speech of Senator Meighen referred to in your letter.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds
Private Secretary.

J.W.H.Williams, Esq.,
511 Northern Investment Building,
Edmondton, Alberta.

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MONTREAL

March 12th, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighen:

If you are not already aware of the probable future plight of our Newsprint industry, I commend the enclosed booklet to you.

As you probably know the Chemical Foundation, a "My Country, Right or Wrong" institution, is devoted to making the United States self-contained.

As I understand our problem our only hope in the long run will be to so improve our own product that this competition will be nullified. It means absolute co-operation between each and every Canadian company in furthering research work.

The local press made light of the pulp and paper association meetings held here in January, and our Newsprint Research Institute in Montreal has been instructed to use the soft pedal in its reports, but the truth must be realized.

Very sincerely yours,

RLW:H

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R. Lyman Williams

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 13, 1934.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I thank you very much for your letter of 12th enclosing "The Deserted Village". Have hastily run over this booklet and have found the perusal quite worth while. Am asking our Statistician at Toronto to study it carefully.

Yours very truly,

Mr. R. Lyman Williams,
Turpin, Bates & Williams,
Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
March 15, 1934.

Dear Mr. Weir:

I have read very carefully the draft enclosed in yours of to-day, and think I have a pretty clear comprehension of all its terms. Same is returned as requested.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Robert Weir,
Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Ont.

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
CANADA

Private. S Ottawa, March 15, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan, K.C.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

My dear Colleague:

Attached is a copy of the draft of the other Bill of which I spoke to you last night. This is the only original copy, so I would appreciate if you would let me have it after you have perused it.

We have left in this Bill not only agricultural products but those of the forest, sea, lakes and rivers, although my own opinion is that it should only be agricultural products.

Yours very truly,

R. Weir.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 11, 1934.

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Dear Will:

I think the subject matter of the enclosed letter comes under the Minister of Labour. Please read same carefully and if there is any way of helping this man under the plan now in effect, or any modification thereof, I do hope it can be done. He appears to be an experienced farmer, but enquiry will easily give an answer to that question.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. M. Dickson,
Secretary, Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontarioo
April 11, 1924.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 4th; it just reached me this morning on my return from the West. I am here only when the Senate is sitting and have no Department. The subject matter covered by your letter comes under the Department of Immigration or Labour, and I am taking the liberty of sending your communication to the Minister, accompanied by an urgent recommendation that the request made by you be very carefully considered, and if some practical way of carrying it out can be found, to have same carried out.

Am sorry it is not possible for me to deal with it directly.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. David E. Watson,
R. R. #1,
Goodwood, Ont.

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

Ottawa, April 13, 1934.

Dear Senator Meighen:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and have read with care that of David E. Watson, addressed to you on the 4th idem, which you enclosed therewith.

As you will recall, the Federal Government has during the past two years been contributing in an amount equal to the provinces' and Municipalities' share, not in excess of $200.00, towards the placing upon farms of families who at the time are in receipt of relief, with the hope that they will become self-sustaining within the two years over which the grant of $600.00, thus made in concert by the Dominion, provinces and municipalities, is in effect.

As our agreements with the various provinces expired with the Relief Act of 1933 on the 31st ultimo and as it appeared improbable that the new bill would be enacted by Parliament before the beginning of the present fiscal year, the provinces, including Ontario, have been advised that it is the intention of the Dominion, if and when the Relief Act of 1934 is approved by Parliament, to renew the agreements in order that the relief settlement plan may be carried on for a further period. The provinces were so advised in order that, if they desired to renew the agreements, they might in the interval, until such agreements could be executed, carry on with their settlement plans.

Mr. Watson's prime difficulty in coming under the provisions of the Act would appear to arise from the fact that the municipality in which he lives declines to enter into the arrangement which exists between the Dominion and the Province, and unless and until the municipality does so agree I do not see how it will be possible for him to share in the benefits arising out of the Dominion-Provincial arrangement.

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

I take it from his letter that he has made some effort to so participate, but I am bringing his letter to the attention of the Assistant Commissioner of Unemployment Relief and the committee which directly deals with relief settlement matters.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. McClean

Deputy Minister.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 17, 1934.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed is copy of letter just received from the Deputy Minister of Labour. You will see that the Dominion Government is quite ready to act in such a case as yours, but its policy is based on the Municipality co-operating. You will realize on reflection that it can not be otherwise, as it is the Municipality which can look into individual cases and knows the merits of applicants, and besides the Municipality must contribute.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. David E. Watson,
R. R. #1,
Goodwood, Ont.

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8 9 W

OTTAWA, 24 April, 1934.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have your letter of the 20th instant with respect to superannuation.

Will make inquiry into the matter and hope to write you again in a few days.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. R.E.Wilson,
529 A, 13th Avenue West,
Calgary, Alberta.

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OTTAWA, 24 April, 1934.

My dear Colleague,

I enclose a communication received from Mr. R.E. Wilson, of Calgary, Alberta, a former employee of your Department.

I know nothing of the matter of superannuation to which he refers apart from the statements contained in his letter.

Would you be good enough to drop me a line on the subject.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

The Honourable Robert Weir, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Agriculture,
OTTAWA.

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Calgary April 20th/34

W.L.7081

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Ottawa
ontario

Dear Sir:- I take the privelage of writing you Concerning a matter which I would take it as a great favor if you would bring to Mr Bennett notice.

In the first place I want to tell you that I am a nephew of the Late John Mc Lenaghan & Eduard Mc Lenaghen late of Portage La Prairie & have met you several times with my uncles.

I was in the Live Stock Branch of Dominion Goverment for 18 yrs 6 months getting in at Perth through the Late Dr Hanna under Sir Robt Borden.

At New Year last Hon Robt Weir saw fit to do away with the Horse Division & let Mr Mackae & myself out. Since then I have never received any Superannuation.

I have written to Dr Barton Deputy Minister of Agriculture & have received no reply. I wrote also to George Rothwell Live Stock Commissioner and got no decided answer

I was on the Permanent Staff but understand my Pension never has been reconended to.

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be paid. 007082

I want to ask you if you would be kind enough to bring this matter to Mr Bennett's notice & see what can be done for me, as I need this money at this time.

I will be very thankful for your kindness if you do this for me.

Yours Sincerely

R E Wilson

529 A. 13th ave West.

Calgary

Alberta

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
CANADA

Ottawa, April 26th, 1934.

CONFIDENTIAL

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Colleague:-

Your letter of the 24th instant received, enclosing letter you received from Mr. R. E. Wilson, which is returned herewith.

I might say that I am personally aware of Mr. Wilson's contribution to the Live Stock industry in Western Canada, but three and a half years ago considered it in the best interests of the service that he should not take a prominent part in the promotional work of this Department. Accordingly I gave instructions, that in view of his physical condition, and since he could not receive any superannuation if he were retired, that work should not be assigned to him, but that he should remain at home so that his health would not be further impaired in any way.

In the reorganization of the Live Stock Branch, which took place last year his position, with some others,

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was abolished, and immediately after his retiring leave expired, a report was submitted to Council requesting authorization to pay him the amount of money to his credit in the Superannuation Fund. This was in January last. Strictly speaking, Mr. Wilson's retiring leave commenced three and a half years ago, but actually, his position was carried and he received his full salary until the 1st of September, 1933. From that date until the end of December last, he was on his official retiring leave and also received full salary.

The Order-in-Council was passed but for some unaccountable reason it became mislaid before being forwarded to me, and a second report to Council was submitted which, I understand, was passed by Treasury Board on the 24th instant. I expect the Order-in-Council will be issued within a day or two and that no delay will occur in returning to Mr. Wilson his credit balance after it is received here.

Yours very truly,

R. Weir

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OTTAWA, 30 April, 1934.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Since writing you on the 24th instant I have taken up the question of your retiring allowance and am today informed that the necessary authority has been granted by Treasury Board and that you should be in receipt of the credit balance without delay.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. R.E.Wilson,
529A 13th Avenue West,
Calgary, Alberta.

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Canadian Pacific Hotels

Toronto, May 8th, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

just a note. ad. dual—
quotation. for. convention Conservative. Co.
Copy.

I. am. only. a. delegate. but. here.
and. then. with Ontario. women.
Mr. heard (burgess from. Ottawa.
for. an Invited response to address.
by. not only. Ontario. but Canada.

I had. dinner last Evening
with. Montreal. people. friends
too.

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General Smuts + Jennie. They
said. why. Meighen greatest Man
to clean. Do you remember.
(Disraeli) Day his greatest moments.
he came to Imp. crown Do your enemies
Please forgive me for writing you so
many times
I am not at 73 Duggan ave.
I am at 20 Heath St West.
If you may write me. my n. two
this. I will do. as Shakespeare.
Lady. MacBeth did. unto the fiddler
To-night. Jhis is a very. Private
affair but. I am. Forgive Truly Yours.
H. Laird Dawson.

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Dear Sir. Thanks. Lucerne.
at Club. Sincerely Mr. Dame.
I mailed map. yrs. a/c Dame.
In my. Military Class. mailed thy at-
tent. be. from Toasting to our future
Premier of Canada. Gd. Bless. Keep
you.

Edythe Lemon. Welsh.

Sorry yr. a. lms.
Will burn. At night yrs.
In great.

Sorry at 20- Eleventh Fr. Yours auto
carries Mary go. to Parliament. Ans

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PROGRAMME

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2. ADDRESS: THE HON. GEORGE S. HENRY, B.A., LL.D., Prime Minister of Ontario.

3. Short address on "ORGANIZATION"—Mrs. Howard Fallis, Peterboro

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Col. the Hon. Wm. H. Price, K.C.
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347 Bay St. Toronto,
May 7, 1934.

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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have your letter of May 3rd and thank you very much for your good words. Things are going fairly well at Ottawa, but it is difficult to have them go acceptable to the public in such times as we are passing through. It was kind of you indeed to write me and I appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Edythe S. Wilson,
Royal York Hotel,
Toronto, Ont.

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529 A/13th Ave West.
Calgary. May. 20th/34.

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Dear Mr. Meighen:- I just want to thank you for taking the trouble to have my Superannuation Cheque sent through. which I received last week.

Comming four & one half months after my term of Service was. completed made me think I was no going to get a Settlement

Again Thanking you for making this Possible

Yours Sincerely.

R E Wilson

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June 4th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Meighen;

I realize when I last spoke to you about my application for a position on the Senate staff I created in yourself a most unfavorable impression through my persistency.

The reason for my anxiety will probably never be told. Only one person beside myself knows it. This is Gerard Ruel, of Toronto. He may tell you if you care to ask him. But he has told me to refrain from troubling you further, merely suggesting I should write this little note to you stating I had a very real reason for being anxious and that he sympathizes with me in my situation.

Faithfully,

A. Wagar

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June 19, 1934.

Dear Mr. Walters:

I duly received your telegram. It was my good fortune to get quite a number but none worded in such gratifying terms as yours.

The inexorable toll of the decades one after the other has a rather disconcerting influence on one, but there is nothing to do but stand up to it all and get the best out of life in the way of achievement and enjoyment.

I thank you very warmly indeed and sincerely appreciate your friendship.

Yours truly,

Mr. C. S. Walters,
404 Laurier Ave. E.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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[illegible] 17 Aberdeen Ave. Ont.

Oct. 1. 1934.

The Rt. Hon Sir Arthur Meighen.
Parliament Buildings.
Ottawa. Ont.

My dear Sir.-

I wish to make a request on behalf of your own as I believe him to be (an agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.) in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

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that you be willing to
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from my dear friend
Joseph Lisle Lewis
of Toronto, of Disclai
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Miller & Miller
Barristers, etc.

Portage La Prairie, Man.
October, 9th, 1934.

OLD Age Pensions Branch,
Workmen's Cpmpensation Board,
WINNIPEG, Man.

Gentlemen: **RE:** THOMAS A WRIGHT.
Your File #15170 15204.

William Irvine of Nelson, B. C., has sent us your letter of October 2nd.

There is no real objection to transferring the property back to Thomas A. Wright with the exception however that the amount of the loan at present owing is all or more than the farm is worth and Herman Wright did not really get any benefit from the Transfer.

Herman Wright is the oldest son we believe and has been working at home for years. He is unmarried and we doubt if he ever got even ordinary wages. The last few years the loan got in bad shape on the farm and we understand in 1934 the Loan Company took a lease on it. Thomas A. Wright did not consider that he had any equity in the land but instead of throwing it up he decided to turn it over to Herman Wright and let Herman go ahead with it and see what he could do. It certainly cannot be considered that Herman has obtained any gift or particular benefit from this.

Would you kindly therefore reconsider the matter and see if it is absolutely necessary to retransfer the property back. If the farm was retransferred back to Thomas A. Wright we imagine Herman would simply pull out and leave it and the Loan Company would then start foreclosure and take the land. In this way it would not benefit anyone, Thomas A. Wright and his wife would not have it nor would Herman. If Herman keeps it and works away he might after a good many years be able to get the loan materially reduced and have something but for the present at least there is nothing in it for him.

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If there is any further information that we can get for you kindly advise.

Yours very truly,
MILLER & MILLER
Per;

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OTTAWA, 16 October, 1934.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen to acknowledge receipt of your telegram received by hhim at Vancouver on his departure for Australia, and to express to you his thanks for your good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds
Private Secretary.

Professor Malcolm W.Wallace,
91 Walmer Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

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P. O. DRAWER 1066

William Irvine

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE
JUDGE OF SMALL DEBTS COURT

007102

City of Nelson, B. C. October 29, 1934.

Honourable Sir Arthur Meighan,
Ottawa, Canada.

Honourable Sir:

Re: Thomas A. Wright. and Old Age Pension

I desire at this time to take the opportunity of writing you a letter on behalf of the above applicant Mr. T.A. Wright of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

I beg leave to inform you that Mr. Wright is at present residing in the City of Nelson, endeavouring if possible to regain his health. I regret to state that Mr. Wright has a ranch a short distance from the City of Portage La Prairie. Unfortunately he has not been able to make payments on same; hence, the mortgage and interest has accumulated in such a sum that the ranch is not worth the amount of claims against it.

I regret to say Mr. Wright is financially embarrassed and has made application at the Old Age Pension Board at Winnipeg for Old Age Pension. In connection therewith Mr. Wright had transferred all his interest in the above ranch to his son, Herman Wright.

It appears that the Old Age Pension Board desires that this land be retransferred back to Mr. Wright from his son. In connection with this matter I herewith enclose a copy of a letter filed from Messrs Miller & Miller, Barrister & Solicitors, Portage La Prairie on behalf of Mr. Wright to the Board regarding a re-transfer of the land, which you will readily see is not worth anything and does not warrant the additional costs on the applicant as he is not in a position to afford same.

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William Irvine

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE
JUDGE OF SMALL DEBTS COURT

007103

P. O. DRAWER 1066

City of Nelson, B. C. October 29, 1934.

Mr. Wright, no doubt you will remember, was a school teacher and was very prominant and popular man in and around Portage La Prairie and he personally is under the impression that you would be in a position to assist in the above matter; therefore, if you will be kind enough to kindly write the Board on his behalf, we feel confident that your kindness and influence would have its effect.

We are sorry to trouble you in this matter, but feeling the great importance and the absolute necessity to Mr. and Mrs. Wright securing Old Age Pension. We trust you will give the matter your favourable and kind consideration with our very best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,

William Irvine

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OTTAWA, 8 November, 1934.

Dear Sir,

In the absence in Australia of the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen I acknowledge receipt of y your letter of the 29th ultimo with respect to the old age pension application of Mr. Thomas A.Wright.

As the matter is purely a Provincial one I do not know what Mr. Meighen might be able to do regar ing it, and in his absence I am sorry to say I know of no way I can be of assistance.

Your communication will be brogght to Mr. Meighen's attention on his return to Canada about the middle of December.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds
Private Secretary.

Mr. William Irvine,
Royal Bank Building,
Nelson, B.C.

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William Irvine

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE
JUDGE OF SMALL DEBTS COURT

P. O. DRAWER 1086

007105

City of Nelson, B. C. December 27, 1934.

The Right Honourable Mr. Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada.

Honourable Sir:

Re: Old Age Pension, Thomas A. Wright.

On October 29th, 1934 I had occasion to write to you on behalf of Mr. Thomas A. Wright, formerly of Portage La Prairie, receiving an answer from your private secretary from Ottawa.

Mr. Thomas A. Wright was formerly a school teacher and had a ranch in or near Portage La Prairie. Unfortunately, Mr. Wright has met with reverses and is here in Nelson endeavouring to regain his health, and his friends thought it advisable to secure for him Old Age Pension.

Since writing you the Pension Board has granted him an allowance of $15.00 per month, which is not sufficient under the circumstances in his present condition as he is not physically well enough to do any additional work. Therefore, on his behalf and with his wishes I am writing you to see if it be at all possible for you to assist Mr. Wright by requesting the Pension Board of Manitoba to grant him the full allowance; viz., $20.00 per month.

No doubt you will remember Mr. Wright, as he was a very able assistant with you during several campaigns in that Province.

We regret exceedingly his position, but feel that we have done all possible with the assistance of friends of his; viz., Miller & Miller of Portage La Prairie, to meet with our wishes and up to the present date have not been successful. We sure will appreciate, if it be possible, your assistance in this matter.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season and awaiting your kind attention, I remain

Yours Faithfully,

William Irvine

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OTTAWA, 4 January, 1935.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 27th uhtimo and am indeed sorry to hear of Mr. Wright's condition.

I assure you it would be a pleasure to me to be of assistance to him and I shall do what I can. I am, however, doubtful if as a Member of the Federal Government I can do much in a matter coming entirely within the Government of the Province of Manitoba.

With the Season's Greetings, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. William Irvine,
P.O.Drawer 1085,
Nelson, B.C.

I may add that unfortunately I really cannot remember Mr. Wright. Perhaps I should, and if so I am indeed sorry.

A. M.

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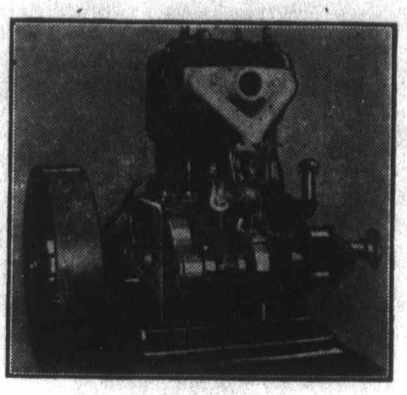

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P. O. Box 151 January 19th 1935.
Yarmouth, North, Nova Scotia

The Hon. Arthur Meighn,
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Mr Meighn:-

I was about to write to the Prime Minister, to congratulate him on his new move also to offer a word of encouragement, as well as my best wishes for his continued success. But. I fear that it may be a long time before it reaches him, and give him time to even look at it.

I am therefore taking the liberty to write to you enclosing a copy of The Nova Scotia Political Economic and Civic Reform Association's Platform as written by me in 1928. Attached to same under the Caption "Our Economic System" which appeared in the Halifax Chronicle on March 22nd 1929. Also a copy of the memo signed By Rev J.J. Tompkins, Parish Priest of Canso N.S. who I understand was a Professor of Economics in the University at Antiganish N.S.

Father Tompkins made copies of this platform and sent it to all the Priests in the Country, others have done so, so that it has had a very large circulation, Political Economic and Civil Reform means "Social Justice" and as the Prime Minister has nailed his flag to that mast, which is the Order of the day, his success is assured, if he does not allow the legislation to be prostituted, and nullified in its enactment. which you know is the old game.

I notice that he is about to establish an Economic Council, to advise the government on economic questions, now while it may seem presumptuous on my part, to suggest that I be appointed to that Commission, I have grave doubts as to possibility of finding a man in Canada who has had a greater experience, and who has a greater sympathy for the Premier in his efforts.

To prove my statements, please read the enclosed platform, written by me while the present depression was not visible to the naked eye, also my letter to the Premier of Feburary 1932, with a Essay on the Coal Question, which can be procured from his Secretary.

The policies as outlined by me spells Social Justice, I therefore offer my services believing that I can be of great assistance to him in carrying out his most momentous undertaking. I believe that you would be doing him a fa you to call this to his attention,

I remain Yours very truly.

L.M. Trask.

L M Trask

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Ottawa, Ontario,
January 22, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Trask:

I have yours of 19th January and have read hurriedly the memorandum which you enclosed. It indicates quite an unusual study of economic and national subjects.

As to the proposed Economic Commission, I would not presume (although I may be wrong) that actual appointments would be made before a General Election. It would seem to me more probable that the establishment of the Commission would be authorized by Parliament and the personnel await the decision of the country in the election. However, in this I am not speaking for the Government.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Mr. L. H. Trask,
P. O. Box 151,
Yarmouth, North,
Nova Scotia.

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Idle Rock
Stockton
Man.
Jan 29th 1935

My dear W. Meighen.

It is a long while now since I had the pleasure of hearing from you or writing to you, though I have many times been on the eve of doing the latter especially when I learned of your projected visit to Winnipeg, when I wondered if you could spare time even for a flying visit to us but always concluded that your time would be too fully occupied to permit you to come to Idle Rock. At the same time there is no public man in whose brilliant career I have taken a deeper & more sympathetic interest, but in spite of all your achievements I know there must inevitably have been many corresponding cares & worries.

It was a bitter disappointment not only in your Constituency here, but I believe all over Canada when the Winnipeg Convention elected W. Bennett to his present high office largely

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I think through the vaporings & misstatements of that windbag our present High Commissioner to London. In company with many more Conservatives I think Mr. Bennett has wrecked the conservative party for years to come, though he is broadcasting a marvelously attractive programme & vote-catching propaganda, totally opposed to the policies he has been pursuing & doubtless many suckers will believe & swallow. If he really means them there is no doubt they would be of immense service to Canada, but at least he is a Tory of the Tories & a stout hearted & sympathetic representative of the vested interests & there is no denying his ability & energy. We do not estimate highly Mr. Mackenzie Kings' qualifications for the Premiership.

The immediate cause of this letter is one which I received from my son Douglas in Winnipeg last night asking me to write at once & solicit your influence in obtaining for him the position of Chauffeur at Deer Lodge Hospital Winnipeg where the former occupant-

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of the post did a day or two ago.
Douglas is a thoroughly competent mechanic, sober hardworking & very popular both in the Ford establishment - where he worked for years & in the Nash establishment - where he now works. He is a War Veteran, having voluntarily enlisted in 1914 & fought to the end of the Campaign. Unfortunately his letter has been delayed a couple of days in reaching me but - if you can assist him in securing the appointment - I shall be very grateful indeed. I understand he has applied to the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa.

Agricultural affairs here, & I believe all the world over, are in a very depressed state & about half of our formerly prosperous community have their farms up for tax sale & though I have managed to keep out of that list up till now in spite of having had a series of shiftless tenants who have caused me heavy losses, prospects for the future are not bright, & as I am now in my 85th year & almost totally blind from Cataracts I am not likely

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to see any change for the better even if it does come.
George Steel was in Toronto a considerable time
ago & made every possible effort to find
& shake hands with you but failed, he is
keeping well. You have still many warm
friends & admirers in this district who would
like to again see you Prime Minister.
I cut a very fine photo of you & your two
boys from the newspaper some years ago &
I hope you are still looking as fit & well
as you did then.
I wonder if Mrs Meighen remembers a conversation
we had in your home in Portage many years
ago when she envied the first time the wife
of a former Prime Minister was having in London
& I asked her to be patient as the time would
come when she too would be enjoying time
times there as the wife of Canada's Prime Minister?
Of course I can neither see to read or write
now though enjoying fairly-close health in
every other way & Mrs Thomson is penning
this letter & joins me in wishing Mrs Meighen
& yourself & family a very happy & prosperous Xmas
Yours very sincerely J Thomson

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588 HURON STREET - TORONTO

February 2nd, 1935

Hon. Arthur Meighan,

The Senate

Ottawa.

Dear Mr Meighan--

May I take the liberty of asking a small favor from you, while apologizing therefor?

For many years the Clerk of the Senate has ordered enough of the current issue of my Facts for the Senators and Senate Officers, but this year for the first time the order has not come through. I had many evidences that it was found useful by the Senators. I am sure a word of suggestion or recommendation from you would help. In any case the cost is a mere bagatelle.

I enclose a copy of the new 1935 edition just off the press.

I am,

Yours sincerely

Frank Yeigh

P S--Several have suggested that the new Tourist Branch might use some--and I naturally concur

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
February 2, 1935.

Dear Dr. Roche:

Mr. Douglas Thomson of Winnipeg has applied for a position as Chauffeur at Deer Lodge and I wish to commend him to your favourable consideration. I have known him since 1908. He had a very creditable war record throughout the war and is very steady and industrious.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Dr. W. J. Roche,
Chairman, Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
February 2, 1935.

Mr. J. K. Thomson,
Idle Nook,
Stockton, Man.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

I certainly am glad to have a letter from you. It is not more than a week since I met somebody, whose name I cannot now recall, from your district, and, of course, I took the opportunity to ask about you and received the very welcome information that you are still going strong and well. Am awfully sorry to hear in this letter that your eye-sight is bad. You were not a young man when I met you first in 1908. If ever I get a chance I would certainly be very glad to see you.

I was not at all disappointed at the Winnipeg Convention; indeed never had any doubt but that I could be chosen if desired, but I felt that under all the circumstances it was better for the party to have a change made as I had had three election trials already.

I am sending you a photograph just by way of remembrance.

Yours very truly,

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

February 4, 1935.

Dear Senator Meighen,-

I have yours of the 2nd, recommending Mr. Douglas Thomson for the vacant position of Chauffeur at Deer Lodge Hospital, Winnipeg, and would state in reply that this is one of the positions which is exempt from the provisions of the Civil Service Act, and the Department of Pensions and National Health has authority to make its own selection.

Yours sincerely,

W J Roche

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto,
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Write Donald Sutherland

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OTTAWA, 5 February, 1935.

Dear Mr. Yeigh,

I have your letter of the 2nd. instant.

Until authority for purchase is granted by the Internal Economy Committee the Clerk of the Senate is unable to issue the necessary order. I understand the matter will be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting, possibly within the next two or three weeks.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Frank Yeigh,
588 Huron Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 6, 1935.

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Personal

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I have just seen our colleague Mr. Murphy. He is quite agreeable to the appointment of Mrs. Taylor as he realizes that she stands very well in Winnipeg and that all will know it is a deserving appointment.

I am exceedingly obliged for your considerate attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Hon. W. A. Gordon,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
February 7, 1935.

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My dear Colleague:

Mr. Douglas Thomson of Winnipeg has made application for a position as Chauffeur at Deer Lodge Hospital, which appointment I understand is under the jurisdiction of your Department.

I have known this man since 1908. He had a creditable war record throughout the war and is very steady and industrious. It is a pleasure indeed to me to commend him to you.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Donald Sutherland,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Queen St Wesley Church
Parsonage
30 Colborne St
Kingston Ont
Feb 13th 25.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Ottawa Ont.

My dear Mr Meighen.

I am taking the liberty granting you to
my Son A. D. Thompson of Toronto. Of
Whom I once spoke before in your Room to
Office.
For the past 6 years he has been working with
Chartered accountants Messrs in Toronto.
The last four + one half years with the Fred Page
Higgins firm. He has been doing very good
work I am told and greatly enjoyed.
The remuneration has not been very satisfactory
especially when he has plans in view (a home etc)
which must be defered until he can make ends
He tells me that he has applied to the Civil
service Commission for a position. It seems
this Commission advertised for Auditors with
four or five years experience.
My reason for this note is simply that you to speak
a word to help this Ambitious and competent
lad of mine if in any way this can be done
With farmers and workers & all concerned.-
Remembering with appreciation the friendship of the
past and with kindest personal wishes.

Yours Sincerely
Basil W Thompson

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 14, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have just received your letter of yesterday. Will be only too glad to assist your son in any way I can and hope that he will refer to me in his application, which, of course, will have to be to the Civil Service Commission. Please do not fail to ask him to do this.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Basil W. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
OTTAWA

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19th February, 1935.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of February 7th, regarding Mr. Douglas Thomson of Winnipeg, who applied for a position as chauffeur at Deer Lodge Hospital.

Before your letter reached me,- on representations from Mr. Kennedy, the Member for Winnipeg,- arrangements had been made to support the case of Mr. A. V. Collins for this position.

I shall be very glad indeed, if anything further turns up, to keep Mr. Thomson's name in mind.

Yours sincerely,

Donald M. Sutherland

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THE SENATE
CANADA

Ottawa, 19th February, 1935.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Government,
The Senate.

Dear Mr Meighen,

In connection with the enclosed letter, I must say that every word of it is true.

You cannot recommend too strongly Mr Tremblay and I am ready to accept all responsibility for such recommendation.

Yours very faithfully,
Aimé Bénard.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 21, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Sauve:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. J. P. Tremblay of St. Boniface, Man. What this man states is correct. I have been in touch with Senator Benard who knows Mr. Tremblay very intimately and who is very strongly of the view that his claims cannot possibly be disregarded in favour of any other. Would appreciate it indeed if they can be favourably considered.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Arthur Sauve,
Post-Master-General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 21, 1935.

Dear Mr. Tremblay:

I duly received yours of 12th and have taken the matter up with Senator Benard. Am quite convinced of the strength of your claims and am communicating with the Postmaster-General, though I really do not think I have any influence in a matter of this kind, being a Senator and not in charge of any Department nor active in politics. However, I will help you if I can at all.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. P. Tremblay,
277 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Man.

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Toronto. Feby 26. 1926.

(Mrs W. H. Lovell
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My dear Arthur —

As you did not come to the Dance last evening so that I could speak to you personally, I am writing to say — that yesterday I wrote to Mr Gaffney, the Deputy Post Master General at Ottawa regarding their purchasing - if they would do so — my Post-office building in Bisset. The Government purchases and own so many of these buildings, that perhaps they would see no disadvantage in owning mine if you would kindly see them, and stress the point - that they'd be nothing out - as they get their own terms with - the Postmasters of these Gov owned Post offices, and it would relieve me of a good deal of responsibility. I had the exterior painted about doors and windows last September - it is a stone building attached to the Royal Bank, both stone buildings - I had a new tarred roof put - on them too - and now have ordered a new chimney built when the warm weather comes, which I think

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will
Put the building in good condition.
There is a five roomed Apartment
over the Post office, and an office
Space on the ground floor beside the
Post office. The rental I get for the whole
building is $30.00 per month, the Post-
master then rents the Apart- above
and the office Space below for him-
self. The property is clear title, no
tax arrears, and insured for 2000 one Insurance
already paid for 1935. ... I have written
Mr Tabury that I will accept $2500 as
for the property either cash, or terms at-
6%.

Now if you could have a talk
with that Department it might help
in persuading them to buy the building
You may say, I should the Postmaster
at Bickle suggesting his buying the
building for the price I've named, and
the same terms, but he seems disin-
clined to purchase - I expect he is very
satisfied to go on as he is, as he'll
no doubt - be making nearly as much
in his rentals of upstairs and the office
space as he is giving me, while I keep up
all the expenses.... Hoping you have
not felt any ill effects from your drive yesterday
I am yours Affectionately - Mother Ward.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 5, 1935.

Dear Mr. Whitby:

I have your letter of 28th February and thank you for sending me the material enclosed, namely, the issue of "Industrial Canada", and an article by yourself in the issue of February last.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Geo. S. Whitby,
Director of Chemistry,
National Research Council,
Ottawa, Ont.

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FREDERICK W. TORNEY, K.C.
Barrister - Solicitor
Notary Public

POLICE MAGISTRATE
CITY OF MOOSE JAW

TELEPHONE
3450

MOOSE JAW, SASK.

15th March 1935

Dear Mr Meighen

The new Government has dismissed me from my position as Police Magistrate.

I wrote to Mr. Bennett and to Mayor Macpherson with a view to an appointment in the Yukon or elsewhere.

I think I am an efficient magistrate but as to this Mayor Macpherson can speak better than I.

I might ask for your assistance on my behalf.

If you wish you can find a brief sketch of myself on page 131 "The Revised of the Reforming Liberal-Conservatives 1927.

Yours faithfully
F. W. Torney

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March 20-1935.

Honourable Mr. Arthur Meighan

Respected Sir:—

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Facts.

There are 66 countries in the entire world.

The great powers of the world are; England. France; Germany, United States and Japan.

The greatest countries of the world are: England, Germany, United States, Japan, Russia, China and Canada, Argentia.

The greatest parliamentary influence in the world to-day is "The League of Nations.

The greatest necessity of

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to-day. International Trade Agreements

Canada in prosperous years ranks the highest in imports as well as exports trade, position third place.

Canada leads the entire world in exportation of wheat, newspaper, asbestos fisheries.

Canada gave to the entire world the first land surveying apparatus, the first threshing (the outcome of which is the Massey Harris Co Ltd) the first telephone as well 12 or 14 great inventions and in a few years ago the first electric stove made by Moffatt of Eastern Ontario, the first electric radio receiving set patented and perfected by a young Toronto youth.

Canada consumes and imports 5/6 of the entire world's supply of coal for industrial and domestic purposes leaves consumption.

U.S. and Canada consumes 2/3 of the entire world's supply of the tin plate (a metal

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alloy used in the manufacturing of tin containers for can goods.

Canada solely depends on trade agreements between her nearest neighbor United States and her mother country England.

That "the League of Nations," members voluntary comes separately to that particular country wherein occasion or circumstances demand.

Cordially and humbly.

M. Young.

W. C. Nixon

Canada's population is only 10½ million. Entire world's population 350 billion, yet glorious England situated in ⅓ area of the area of the Province of Ontario. Canada is the largest British Colony.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
March 20, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Torney:

I have yours of 15th. As to appointments from Saskatchewan, I am afraid I have really nothing to say. In fact, I have no Department and consequently no influence as to appointments. However, I will take the first opportunity of discussing the matter with Major Macpherson.

Yours very truly.

Mr. F. W. Torney, K. C.,
Barrister, Etc.,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

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DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL
SOUS-MINISTRE DES POSTES
CANADA

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Ottawa March 30th

Dear Senator.

Re Bertle Man.

Attached is a report from Winnipeg also a memo from the Chief Supt.

I doubt if a purchase would be attractive to the Public Works Dept but I could press for a rental of the present building system. Would it be satisfactory to do this

Yours Sincerely
J. J. Cohen

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293 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.
April 2nd, 1935.

The Editor,
The Toronto Daily Star,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Like many another Canadian, I have been wondering what it is all about, and whither we trend. Having had more time than anything else during the past five years, I have really tried to get at the problems and thoughts of "the submerged masses", as Count Tolstoy termed us all, excepting the favoured few of the upper class--more specifically, the "moneyed aristocracy."

I have listened to all leaders, from Tim Buck up or down, whichever way you wish to figure it, and, frankly, as one wanting to live a life in Canada, had become very worried over it all, until happily for me, a mining engineer friend of mine placed in my hands a copy of a book entitled "Britain's Policital Future", which is a "Plea for Liberty and Leadership" by Lord Allen, of Hurtwood.

Problems common to Britain, and dealt with in masterly style in the book referred to, are also problems common to us here in Canada. Since reading the book, I am now a convert to the thought that there is an easy way out, but every leader, irrespective of race, politics or creed, has to do his bit in order to make it easy.

If you think that you are a leader, I would suggest getting a copy of this book, reading it and then passing it on to someone else who you think is a leader also. That is, providing, of course, that after reading the book, in your opinion, you think we have the brain and brawn to snap Canada out of this mess. If you don't think we have, then I am at liberty to think that you are just as crazy as you probably regard me.

I have no connection with the publisher, author, etc., and have no axe to grind, other than trying to do my bit towards a better Canada.

Had I all the money some Canadians have, and were I as worried about the future of my money as some of my wealthy friends are, I would buy a batch of these for free distribution to every Canadian who thought himself a leader, and then sit back and say: "Canada

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is safe if only every one puts his shoulder to the wheel." I think it would prove a cheap investment for some of our wealthy Canadians who have made plenty of money out of Canada and are now afraid to even live in the country. If they took on this task, they might be able to come back soon and enjoy it again, as we were doing only a few years ago when we were all happy and contented.

"We first saw light in Canada, land beloved of God
We, the pulse of Canada, its marrow and its brawn,
And we, the men of Canada, can face the world and brag
That we were born in Canada beneath the British Flag."

May I suggest that anyone interested in our present day problems and the future of this country get the book, and read it and then work at it.

Yours very truly,

"D.G.H.W."

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Douglas G. H. Wright
Mining Geologist and Engineer

293 Bay street,
Toronto,
April 2nd, 1935.

The Rt. Hon.
Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Parliament Bldgs.,
O t t a w a, Ont.,

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I am a liberal, but I have always respected you as being of statesmanlike timber, and have regarded you as a Canadian - first, last and always.

The little book I am enclosing herewith, happily for me, was placed in my hands by a friend of mine. It has done me a great deal of good, and I thought if you could find the time to read it that you would enjoy it, and, as a leader, you might be able to make some use of the doctrines expounded therein.

Yours very truly,

D. G. H. Wright

P.S. I am also enclosing draft of a letter I am proposing to send to the Editor of the "Daily Star".

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 3, 1935.

Dear Mr. Coolican: Re Birtle, Man.

I have your letter of 20th March. Would be glad indeed if you would speak to the Public Works Department and see if they would see fit to make a proposal re rental.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. T. Coolican,
Deputy Post-Master General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 4, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Wright:

I have your letter of 2nd and thank you indeed for sending me the book "Britain's Political Future". I will read this at the earliest possible opportunity, which I think will be very shortly.

Return

I have also read with much interest the copy of your letter to the Star.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. D. G. K. Wright,
293 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I am enclosing correspondence in the matter of the Birtle Post Office. You will see that the Department do not feel like buying (that is the Post Office Department) nor in their opinion would the Public Works Department feel like buying. A suggestion is made though that the Post Office might be rented by the Dept. of Public Works direct. I have written to see if they would make a proposal along this line, as it might be more satisfactory to you than renting to the Postmaster.

Will you please write me tomorrow (Wednesday) so that I will get the letter Thursday and let me know whether you think this should be done and at what figure. I presume it would be better rented to the Department at the same figure you are now getting rather than rented to the Postmaster, especially if you could get a long term lease.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. W. H. H. Wood,
57 Castle Frank Cres.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, April 7,193

My dear Florence:

I received your letter. It came as a surprise, because certainly there was no letter of thanks coming to me.

Do not worry about the speech you made. I thought it showed a real aptitude for speaking and especially for phrasing; and, as to its length, it left me lots of time to get done what I had to do and catch the train. I was sorry to leave because I would have liked to have seen the proceedings through.

One thing I do regret is that in my rush of work I entirely forgot to ask my sister, Annie, to come with me. On Sunday last she told me that she thought I might have 'phoned her, as she would have very much liked to have been there. She tells me you are to be in St. Marys for some time now. I go up every year, chiefly to see the cemetery, and, indeed, I find that almost all I know are there rather than in the homes and streets of the town.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Florence Webster,
Athol Brae,
St. Marys, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1935.

Personal

Dear Mr. Coolican:

As requested I am returning the photographs of the Birtle Post Office. The correspondence enclosed with your recent letter has been forwarded to Mrs. Wood, the owner of the building, and will be returned to you in two or three days.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

Mr. P. T. Coolican,
Acting Deputy Postmaster General,
Langevin Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

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University of Toronto,
April 9,1935.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

Would you be good enough to renew the letter which has been so useful to me the past two summers? In Governmental circles in Central Europe it has been invaluable in making approaches. It has carried me to Dolfuss once,and just missed Ll.Goerge and Benes---maybe it willyet take me to Hitler! Though,needless to say, I use it sparingly.

Might I propose a simpler form, perhaps:

Letter of Introduction

"This will recommend to you Mr.C.Willson Woodside, a member of the staff of the University of Toronto. Kindly extend to him all possible courtesy and help."

Or,"all courtesy and help extended to him will be appreciated by..."

I dropped in for a chat on Germany once or twice last Fall,but without good fortune. Now I am off for Russia---I am sure we must have a talk about that. I plan to go via Paris,Berlin,Warsaw,Danzig,Memel and Leningrad; return route:Helsingfors,Stockholm,Oslo,London.

If there are any little commissions I could carry out for you,Sir,I stand more than ready.

Sincerely,

Willson Woodside

(Willson Woodside)

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Toronto. Wednesday. April 15/1936

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Dear Mr. Arthur —

I had your letter today — and others I mail. if I could send to the Dept on long loan, the Bisette Post office, at the present I am now getting for the P.O, that is $30.00 — per month, I should like it quite well, and would be agreeable to that arrangement.

I see that the Director of Postal Service writes in his letter information of that building, about the chimney, roof etc. The roof I had repaired last year, and paid the bill to the Postmaster. He had sent me the estimate for the repairing, "a first-class job would be done," and I told him to go ahead, and they did, and the bill was deducted from my rental, as I advised Mrs Wilkinson to do. The chimney estimate for rebuilding was sent me two months ago, I should written the P.O. then to have it done as soon as there was no frost — and this is to be done. I do think if the Dept at Ottawa should note over the Bisette

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Postoffice, they could perhaps, make much more satisfactory arrangements for themselves than the Owner of the property could, with much less expection the P. M. there too. Last summer, I had doors, windows, and eves painted and cement work done & roof repaired now have ordered the chimney re-built at a cost of $24.00 I had heard nothing about the back stairs before, so conclude all little faults are being reported to discourage the Dept.

If the Dept will take over that P. O. on long lease, giving me $30.00 per month, they, the Dept attending to the payment of further repairs after the chimney which I promised, I would be agreeable indeed. But if it means that I still would be responsible for any future repairs and this deducted from my $30.00 per month - well there would not be much object in giving it over to them, indeed I might lose by it, for the Postoffice Dept might just put on and in many things not necessary in a small P. O. and I'd have to pay the bills. I'll always have the taxes and the insurance to pay anyway. To be sure that the Dept means to take full responsibility for payment of future repairs - after the chimney - else it might not be a good thing for me - be sure of this Arthur — Affectately — L. McWood

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 11, 1925.

To whom it may concern:

This will recommend to you Mr. C. Willson Woodside, a member of the staff of the University of Toronto.

All courtesy and help extended to him will be appreciated by

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 11, 1925.

11 2 W

Dear Mr. Coolican:

I have heard from Mrs. Wood with regard to the Birtle Post Office. As to the condition of the building, she states that the roof was repaired last year, doors, windows and eves painted and cement work done. She has had no complaint about the back stairs. Two months ago she received an estimate for rebuilding of the chimney and gave instructions that this work be done as soon as the weather was mild enough.

Mrs. Wood thinks it would probably be better to rent the building to the Department on a fairly long lease, or for such time as the Department are prepared to take it, and is ready to do so at the same rent she is now receiving, $30.00 per month. She feels, however, that the Department should take care of any necessary repairs during the currency of the lease.

I would be glad indeed to hear from you that this can be done. Correspondence is returned.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. P. T. Coolican,
Deputy Post-Master General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Formosa Apts.
7139 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, Calif.
April,11, 1935.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen.
The Senate.
Ottawa,

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Robert Watson on long distance from Hollywood. It is a long time since the Watsons heard from you and we heard incidentally that you had been to Australia and that the boat called in at Los Angeles, and you never got in touch with us. Well - we forgive you, but Nan says 'never do it again'.

I guess you learned that we got 'across' here O.K. about a year ago and have been here ever since. It has been rather a hard job breaking through with the Motion picture people here, but I have been able to get going. I was Technical Director on the recent production of Barrie's 'The Little Minister' and wrote some of the s equences, and have other things looming.

I have recently been trying to interest one of the Studios here in Canadian stories and backgrounds, but you know how the Americans are in that regard - they are not 'boosting' Canada or any other nation when they can boost the United States - a perfectly reasonable attitude.

However, I have been trying for a year now to get them to agree to put over a picture showing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at their best, - not a cheap, wishy-washy 'get your man' western, - a real, honest-to-goodness story that would be something to be proud of, with actual R.C.M.P. backgrounds, and with the full permission of the authorities in Canada. A romantic story (my own) would ofcourse have to be injected into the picture to carry it. No doubt, you have seen 'Lives of a Bengal Lancer' (a truly marvellous production which is enthusing the world and bring 'Royal Commands') and I think something similar could be done with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

I have a Production Company enthusing over the idea of mine, and believe it will comsummate, if I can get permission from the R.C.M.P. authorities and the Canadian Government to make the background and atmosphere shots in Canada with the police in action. Camera men, et cetera would have to be brought to Canada from here. I also would accompany the 'expedition'. It really would be a splendid thing and I have written the Commissioner today to see if it can be done and permission granted. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have written the Commissioner for your perusal and if you could do anything to further the project I would be eternally grateful. It will mean much for me in the way of setting my feet securely on the way to success once more.

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You told me that any time you could be of service in some direct way, that I was not to hesitate writing to you - so here I am.

As mentioned in the R.C.M.P. letter - the whole thing will be financed from Hollywood. It would be a first-class Hollywood production from start to finish and something that would be a credit to Canada in the way of backgrounds, et cetera.

Please let me hear from you as early as possible. Also, could you furnish me with the name of the present Police Commiss-:ioner. I knew Starnes, but I think it is now Commissioner O'Brien.

Nan sends best regards and says that you are to look upon us here in Hollywood, as you did in Winnipeg, and any time you are within hailing distance, not to forget that the latch string is hanging out.

Best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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Formosa Apts. 007151
7139 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, Calif.
April,11, 1935.

Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Ottawa,

Dear Sir,

Referring to your C 575-3, and other correspondence we have had from time to time, as well as the attached which will give you a brief outline of my credentials - I have been struck recently with the wonderful success of the motion picture, 'Lives of a Bengal Lancer', and have been trying for almost a year now to get the picture industry here interested in something Canadian that would be worthy of our highest traditions. I have written many R.C.M.P. stories, as well as R.C.M.P. history, and my work stands high in Canada.

I have just completed a romantic story of the R.C.M.P., which is clean and manly, and brings in much of the splendid body of men, many of whom I know personally. I have succeeded at last in interesting a large Motion Picture Company in Hollywood in the story. In this, however, the desire is not simply to produce 'another slap-bang, wild-west, mounted police yarn', but one that would carry the tradition of the Force, and give to the world the men as a body in action, at their drill, in camp, at work, on patrol, in their manoeuvres, et cetera. This splendid background, absolutely true and correct as you might desire it, would give to the world something after the style of the 'Lives of a Bengal Lancer', and would do much to bring before the people of all nations the splendid force, which, in my opinion, is second to none, not even including the Bengal Lancers.

The cost of making the picture would be cared for right here, and the story would be by myself and under my technical supervision all the time. The story also would be submitted for your approval before finally 'shooting'.

To do all this, would, ofcourse, entail my coming to Canada and also a number of the Company's expert camera-men and technicians, and it would be necessary to get your permission to photograph perhaps one of your largest groups in action, under various conditions.

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As a Canadian author and historian, I am trenendously enthused over the idea, and I feel sure that every British subject will be delighted if the idea consummates.

My principals would, naturally, wish exclusive rights to take such a picture for say a year, or for such time as would give them a chance to 'put over' the picture complete, without others doing anything similar.

The American government lend their every aid to the industry here for their pictures such as 'West Point of the Air'....'Here Comes the Navy'....'Flirtation Walk' (A WestPoint Academy back-:ground)....'Devil Dogs of the Air' (Army Aircorps picture), all giving authentic military and naval backgrounds, and all these give the country and the units tremendous publicity and do much to creat a national spirit and international good-will.
To be able to get the United States to do something like this for our own Canada would, I am sure, be something worth while, and would justify to an extent my existence down here.

Would you be so kind as to give this your early and careful consideration and grant the idea your approval. Further arrangements, photographing, et cetera, to be made on receipt of your advices.

My credentials are of the very highest, and I would refer you immediately to:

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, The Senate, Ottawa;
P. Ashley Cooper, Governor, Hudson's Bay Company, London, Eng.,
George W.Allan, Chairman, Canadian Committee, Hudson's Bay Co, Winnipeg;
Ralph Parsons, Commissioner, Fur Trade, H.B.C. Winnipeg;

Lady Wellison, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ont;
C.H.French, late Commissioner Fur Trade, H.B.C. 182 Gorge Rd, West, Victoria, B.C.,
Mayor Gerald McGeer, M.L.A. Vancouver, B.C.,
Mayor John Queen, M.L.A. Winnipeg;
Archbishop Matheson, 91 Kingsway, Winnipeg;
Dr. C.W.Gordon, (Ralph Connor) Winnipeg;
Premier Bracken, Parliament Bdgs, Winnipeg;
Major Hugh McLean, Toronto;

You are at liberty to inquire at any of these ladies or gentlemen in the fullest manner in regard to my work and reputation in Canada.

Perhaps you will write me early hereon, as the matter is awaiting your decisions.

Very sincerely Yours,

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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 11, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Woodside:

I have yours of 9th. Was sorry to be away when you spoke in Toronto, because I certainly would have liked to have heard you. I enclose a letter of introduction as requested.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Willson Woodside,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 15, 1935.

Dear General MacBrien:

Robert Watson has written you from Hollywood with regard to being allowed facilities in Canada to enable him to produce a motion picture descriptive of the R. C. M. P. I write merely to tell you what I know of Mr. Watson. He was in Winnipeg for many years. I have known him for ten years at least. The Hudson Bay Co. there had him in their service as a writer. He is a Scotchman, British to the bone and no matter where he is his principal national interests would be with Canada and the British Empire. He writes well, and if it is thought worth while to encourage such a picture (and I know of no reason why it would not be) I could think of nobody better to be in charge of it than Mr. Watson.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien,
Commissioner, R. C. M. P.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 15, 1935.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have your letter of 11th and have written today to General MacBrien, head of the R. C. M. P., a letter which I sincerely hope will be of use to you.

You are wrong as to my being at Los Angeles. I landed at San Francisco and came up from there to Vancouver. Would certainly have looked you up had I been in your vicinity.

So far as I can see, it would be of benefit to have a good picture on the R. C. M. P., though I don't pose as an authority on such subjects. The letter I have written General MacBrien will certainly be of value to you unless the authorities see some objection to having such a picture made at all. I told them I could see none, and strongly recommended you to do the work.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Watson. Winnipeg never seems the same since our little group there broke up.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Robert Watson,
Formosa Apts.,
Hollywood, Calif.

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St.Boniface Man, May 15th. 1935

Dear Mr. Senator.,

The postmastership of St.Boniface has been appointed, unfortunatly I was not the successfull candidate, regardless of my numerous services rendered to the party.

I am not a return soldier but I am a soldier for my party and not even a return one, I am still at the front and going as strong as ever in view of the near Dominion election, and whenever their is a fair position opened for the needy workers, we are simply not considered at all, and the reward is given, most of the time, to a man undevoted to the party, and this case is one of them.

However I am taking this opportunity of thanking you very sincerely for your strong support accorded to me in this case.

Yours ~~very~~ truly

277 Provencher Ave

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Leader of the Senate
Ottawa O N T.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
May 21, 1925.

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Dear Mr. Tremblay:

I have your letter of 15th and am very sorry that you have not been successful in receiving the desired appointment.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. Tremblay,
277 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Man.

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60 Frank Street,
Ottawa, May 29, 1935

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I should very much like to make an appointment to have an interview with you within the next few days, if at all possible.

You, no doubt, will remember my father, Peter Welsh of Calgary, Alberta, who was Mr. A.L. Smith's right hand man when he (Mr. Smith) was Conservative candidate in East Calgary in 1921. We have, as you know, always been strong supporters of the Conservative party, and I should appreciate your allowing me a few minutes of your valuable time.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

Louis Welsh

P. S. - You might telephone me at Queen 2708-W.

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Ottawa,
May 30, 1925.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of 29th was received by Mr. Meighen just as he was leaving for Toronto. He suggests that you telephone me next week (Queen 6400, Local 5), but also adds that because of Committee meetings both in the forenoon and afternoon it ~~will~~ be necessary for you to state what representations you wish to make, over the telephone.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

Mr. Louis Welsh,
60 Frank Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

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THE CANADIAN NATIONAL HOTEL, CHARLOTTETOWN

June 7/35.

Dear Mr Senator:-

I have made application for ~~to be~~ one of the Commissioners of the Dominion Lending Commission, to the Honorable Mr London as this will be in my line of business I would kindly ask your support. Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain

Yours Truly

J. P. Tennyson

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Leader of the Senate
Ottawa
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W.L.7.162

Ottawa,
June 12, 1935.

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Dear Mr.Tremblay:

I have your letter of 7th with regard to appointment to the Housing Commission. Do not know just when, if at all, this Commission is to be named but will keep in view your recommendation at all times. I will also have a talk with Senator Benard and see what we can do.

Yours very truly.

Mr. J. P. Tremblay,
277 Provencher Ave.,
St. Boniface, Man.

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48 Harmer Av.
Ottawa
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My Dear Mr Meighen 112-W

Although the 16th is not until tomorrow (Sunday) I hasten to send you my sincere greetings & best wishes for a Happy Birthday - with the hope that you may long be spared to your loved ones - your legion of friends & the country at large.

May I extend my best regards to Mrs Meighen - Congratulations to Miss Lillian on her coming nuptial & greetings to Teddy & Max.

Ever faithfully yrs

H J Wright

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Senr
The Rt. Hon.
Arthur Meighen KC PC
344 Bay St
Toronto

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Ottawa

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My Dear Archbishop

Many many
thanks for your kind
letter of the 17th.
I duly received
the photograph & I
can only say in response
it will be a heirloom
in my family. I hope
for many years to come.

Faithfully Yrs
W. J. Whyte
K.C.P.L.

Senator
The Rt Hon Archbishop
Ottawa

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My Dear Archivist

Many many
thanks for your kind
letter of the 14th.
I duly received
the photograph & I
can only say in response
it will be a heirloom
in my family. I hope
for many years to come.

Yours faithfully
W. J. Wright.
K.C.P.C.

The Rt Hon Archivist
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June 20, 1935.

The Right Honourable,
Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

It has come to the notice of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster that a scurrilous and indecent chain letter has been sent to the Prime Minister and the Hon. Mr. McKenzie King and yourself among others, typed upon the paper of a small unofficial publication called the "Anglican Gazette", the letter paper having evidently been stolen from the office of this publication.

I have no doubt that the communication in question has been sent with the object of injuring the Church of England in some way. It is needless to say that no one connected with the Anglican Church could have been responsible for such an outrage.

A committee has been appointed of which I am a member to investigate the matter fully. In the meantime the members of the committee, who are much upset over the occurrence, beg to express their regret.

With kind regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

AMW/FKF

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
CANADA

E.

Ottawa, 20th June, 1935.

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The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

My dear Colleague,-

It affords me much pleasure to forward you, under separate cover, Volume 2 of the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference, Report of Proceedings. This volume completes the report of the conference and contains the technical papers presented at the conference by scientific workers in Canada and from twelve other countries.

I wish to take this opportunity of again thanking you for your interest and active co-operation in this event.

Yours sincerely,

R. Weir

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S. A. Williams
Consultant on Public Utilities
440 N. Frances St.

Madison, Wis.

W.L.7.168

June 23, 1935

Hon. Arthur Meighen

Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

The enclosed article, which I have written for the Oshkosh Northwestern, may be of interest to you.

The records of the U.S.Geplogical Survey, show that the amount of flow of water at Portage is nearly double the amount that is withdrawm at Chicago. Since you are not familiar with the situation at Portage I will say that a low, swampy strip of a mile and a half separates the two rivers at Portage. The Wisconsin river is some twenty feet higher than the Fox at ordinary stages and a government owned dike prevents the Wisconsin from overflowing into the Fox when the Wisconsin is at flood stage. The land along the Fox between Portage and Lake Winnebago is swampy and sandy and of very little value. The diversion dam would be the main expense.

May I suggest that if President Roosevelt had this plan called to his attention that action would probably follow. The president has long been interested in the power situation in New York, his native state. A year ago he visited the Fox valley and knows the historical background of the region.

I shall be glad to hear from you with regard to this matter. I have long felt, with many others, that here is a solution of a very serious problem, a solution that not only would be inexpensive, xxxxxxxx that would yield immediate dividends to the peo- of the region where the project would be located.

Sincerely
S. A. Williams

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Cheap Power for the Fox River Valley 007169

With the federal government seeking opportunities to develop cheap waterpower the cities of the Fox River valley and adjacent territory have an opportunity to secure a vast amount of additional power at a lower cost, it is claimed, than the phenominally low rates planned for the Tennessee valley after the completion of the Mussels Shoals project.

The waterpower of the lower Fox, already the most completely developed for that purpose of any river in the world, can be more than doubled as a by-product of an engineering project that has been proposed by S.A.Williams, formerly a science teacher, and now employed on a state project which aims at a better utilization of natural resources. The idea was originally conceived as a solution of the Chicago Drainage Canal problem, a dozen years ago. But the project would involve a great increase in the waterpower of the lower Fox river and at the same time benefit the power development ~~af~~ at Niagara Falls to an even greater extent. A still further addition to the country's power resources would result if the St. Lawrence canal and power development becomes a reality.

The plan is simply to divert a large part of the Wisconsin river into the Fox at Portage, taking advantage of the twenty-odd feet of difference in the level of the two streams where they come within two miles of each other. While the scheme is relatively simple it involves a number of interesting and rather complicated factors.

Since the construction of the Chicago Drainage Canal in 190 — the War Department has allowed the diversion of 5,000 ~~feet~~ cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan into the canal, via the Chicago river. This has done much toward solving Chicago's sewage

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disposal problem, and has protected her water supply, which comes from Lake Michigan. However, while Chicago has been benefitted, bitter complaints have been made by the city of St. Louis, the state of Missouri, the states bordering on the Great Lakes, and the Canadian goverment. At one time the attorney generals of sixteen states met at Washington to discuss this problem, which ic still unsettled.

Even the federal governmment suffers from this diversion of water from Lake Michigan, since the lowering of the water level in the Great Lakes makes it necessary to dredge certain harbors of those lakes a little deeper. The engineers of the Geological Survey have estimated that the permanent effect of the diversion of 5,000 cubic feet per second from Lake Michigan is to lower the level of lakes Huron and Michigan five and a half inches, with a similar effect upon the levels of lakes Erie and Ontario.

It happens that enough water could be taken from the Wisconsin river at Portage to make up for the loss at Chicago and still leave a good deal of water in the lower part of the stream. The average flow of the Wisconsin at Portage for the last 19 years has been estimated by the Geological Survey at 7,450 cubic feet per second. If 5,000 cubic feet per second were diverted into the Fox at that point there would still be a good sized stream left. The problem is not quite as simple these figures might indicate, however, for there is the matter of flood water, some of which might still ~~xx~~ have to be allowed to go down the Wisconsin river as at present.

But Nature has provided one of the finest millponds in the world, Lake Winnebago, which with lakes Buffalo, Puckaway and Buttes des Morts would go far towards providing storage for an excess of water in times of floods. Moreover, by installing enough turbines at the dams along x

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the lower Fox high water could be harnessed and the resulting energy made to yield a profit, though sold as dump power at lower rates than is paid for a steady supply of power.

To accomplish all this would mean the expenditure of a good deal of money, in a number of ways, but without going into details it is obvious that the cost would be but a trifle as compared with the expenditures at Mussels Shoals or Boulder Dam, while the benefits would probably be greater, all things considered, than at either of the projects named. The investment at Mussels Shoals will be about $100 per horsepower developed and most of the energy will have to be converted into electric current and transmitted long distances before a market is reached. The Boulder Dam is still more remote from power markets, in sharp contrast with the situation along the Fox river.

The engineering problems to be solved are of the simplest kind. There would have to be a large diversion dam at Portage and a wide channel cut across the low land that separates the two streams at the old portage. Land would have to be purchased for flowage purposes along both sides of the river from Portage to Lake Winnebago. Fortunately for the success of the project, most of this land is of little value for agricultural purposes and could be purchased at a very low figure. From Neenah and Menasha to Green Bay about 150 feet of the total fall of 169 feet is utilized at the various power plants. If the average flow of the river were more than doubled it would mean a corresponding increase in the number of turbines in order to use the additional water. This would, of course, mean much more than the purchase of more waterwheels. But the big expense in developing waterpower, that of dam construction and the purchase of land to be flooded, has already been met. The utilization of additional

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water is a relatively simple matter.

How much more power would such a diversion make possible on the lower Fox? If the power produced were used on an average of 40 hours per week the amount would be approximately 300,000 horse power. Nearly the same amount would be added to the total available at Niagara Falls, with the present installations, or nearly double that amount if the 300 feet of fall between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario were as completely developed as is the fall between Lake Winnebago and Green Bay.

There would, of course be a decrease in the power produced at Prairie du Sac. However, the fall at that point is only about 37 feet as compared with 150 feet on the lower Fox. Moreover, the plant at Prairie du Sac is a comparitively long distance from most of its customers. The proposed plan would involve an arrangement with the Wisconsin Power and Light company which would cost something, but this would be but a trifle compared with the value of the extra power produced elsewhere.

The hydro-electric plant at Keokuk, on the Mississippi, would be affected somewhat, but not always adversely. In fact some engineers believe that the gain in flood control, resulting in a greater head with less water going over the Keokuk dam, would offset the loss in times of low water. With cheap Illinois and Kentucky coal near at hand the production of auxiliary power in times of low water is a rather simple matter.

From the standpoint of the national government the project should be worthwhile as a solution of the problems by the Chicago Drainage Canal. From a Wisconsin standpoint, benefits would be shared between citizens of the Fox river valley and those of a wide stretch of territory who benefitted more or less directly by the creation of a large amount of power.

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Ottawa,
June 25, 1925.

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Dear Mr. Whiteside:

I have your letter of 20th. It seems to me the chain letter to which you refer did come to my office and that I read about half of the first line, after which it went to the waste basket.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A. M. Whiteside, K. C.,
930 Rogers Bldg.,
470 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa,
June 26, 1935.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 23rd and am glad to have the article which you have written re the Chicago diversion and the Fox River. This may be of value when the subject is under review here.

Yours very truly,

Mr. S. A. Williams,
440 N. Frances St.,
Madison, Wis.

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Extract from speech of Hon. Ernest Lapointe
quoted in "Le Soleil", Sept. 17, 1935.

"C'est pourquoi, je demande encore a nos amis de s'unir, de laisser leurs petites dissentions de cote, pour nous assurer une majorite comme nous en avions une au parlement de 1921 a 1930. Il n'y a dire, c'est nous, de la province de Quebec qui menions au parlement dans ce temps-la. Ca na pas ete la meme chose depuis 1930:"

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MINISTER OF FINANCE
CANADA

O t t a w a, February 10th, 1936.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of February 7th, and shall be very glad indeed to make inquiries with a view to assisting Mr. Alexander M. Watt although in view of what you say of his politics, I may have difficulty in doing anything for him. Perhaps, however, if I succeed in finding an opening which could be offered to him, the Minister concerned may be willing to overlook this little weakness on his part, especially as you assure me he is otherwise honest and competent.

With very kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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St. Marys April 5. 1936

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Parliament Bldgs
Ottawa

Dear Arthur.

When it comes to addressing you, formality has to be laid aside and you are just as I always like to think of you "Dear Arthur".

I am longer than I meant to be about writing to thank you, [illegible] for your presence with us and

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for the many kind things you said about me. as I said I would like to have been more worthy of them all:

I do hope I did not keep on and on talking, so that you were worried in getting your train. I was worried when speaking for fear I was doing so and in trying to leave out bits here and there got confused and tangled up in what I was trying to say, and omitted referring to your wonderful address on Shakespeare. We heard it over radio in Toronto and were just thrilled and too, when Sister Lillie was leaving us, a few weeks ago, Miss Stewart, doing something nice as she so often does, handed her "The Greatest Englishman of History". Both she and Jim were delighted with it and it has gone the rounds among friends. Mrs Sparks has been very poorly all winter and unable to be out but if the weather is fair, we expect her and Mrs Baird to see us this week and if she has not read it we will see that she takes Lillie's copy home. Both she and Mrs Baird will greatly enjoy it.

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Edla and I were up the hill at First Church this morning and the few people scattered here and there from the middle of the church toward the back and the front of it all empty made us really heart sore when we recalled the full church of earlier days. Mr Riddell, the minister, is a very superior man. far above the average but the hill seems to be a greater obstacle than in former days

Again let me thank you and with best wishes for yourself and Mrs Meighen I remain

Yours very sincerely

Florence Webster

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA
Leader of the Opposition

O t t a w a,
23rd April, 1936.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a.

Dear Senator Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith a communication received from Mrs. Norman Jones on behalf of her brother, Major T. M. Walker.

I have had a careful examination of the files in this office made but we do not seem to have received these documents. In view of the fact that these papers were apparently acknowledged from your office, I wonder if you would be good enough to have a search made in your files.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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TELEPHONE :
ROCK FERRY 493

6 BROWNING AVENUE,
ROCK FERRY,
CHESHIRE.

10th April. 1936 ?

M: A W. Merriam
Dear Sir,

I wish to again ask you to have a search made in your files for papers relating to my brothers war records & treatment for wounds.
The package was sent from above address & registered in Liverpool post Office, addressed to Rt Hon. Arthur Meighen. Unfortunally the package arrived just after Mr Meighen had left Ottawa but he wrote me today he had put the matter into his Successors hands, so I then wrote the Hon. Hugh Guthrie.
No one could do away with a large registered package Containing X Ray photographs & what were clearly important letters & the property of a wounded & sick man.
A most terrible injustice has been done & no one seems to care though my poor brother has suffered

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TELEPHONE:
ROCK FERRY 493

6 BROWNING AVENUE,
ROCK FERRY,
CHESHIRE.

I been in pain since 1916.
My brothers name is Major T. M. Walker & he was last with the Forestry Corps in Windsor Park (England).
He was out of work & in a very sad position until recently when at the beginning of last year he went to India, hoping the warm climate would help to heal & stop the pain.
He has broken down in health again & is a very sick man. He can do nothing without his papers & letters. The X Ray photograph also is very necessary.
Although I have written time after time I can get no satisfaction & so the poor man has neither pension or thanks for giving his all for Canada. He has lost wife, child, position, & all the money he possessed.
I do beg of you to help me find those papers & see if something can be done to set matters right.
Please forgive the trouble I cause, if you could see the tragedy in its true light you would understand.

Yours very truly
Mary Norman Jones.

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O t t a w a,
28th April, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Your letter to Mr. A. W. Merriam, dated 10th April, was forwarded by him to the late Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who in turn has asked me to make every effort to locate the material which, according to your letter, was sent to me shortly after I retired from public life in 1926. You mention in your letter that I replied saying that I had put the matter into the hands of my successor, the Hon. Hugh Guthrie.

I wish you would send me a copy of the letter I wrote you on that occasion, or the letter which my Secretary wrote you, as I think it will enable me to decide just what was done with the material you enclosed. Naturally, I have no recollection of the subject now, but I do want to make every effort to locate this material for you.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Norman Jones,
6 Browning Ave.,
Rock Ferry,
Cheshire,
England.

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Ottawa,
April 28, 1926.

Dear Miss Millar:

I have your letter of 23rd.

Am enclosing copy of letter which I have written Mrs. Norman Jones in the hope that her reply will enable me to locate the material required.

Yours very truly,

Miss A. E. Millar,
Room 389,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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via Cochrane Ont. from
Mary N. Jones

DU 7185

6, Browning Avenue,
Rock Ferry,
Cheshire.

12 May 1936.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I enclose card introducing Mr Herbert Coltes
Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.

I received yours of 28th April with much pleasure, but I cannot imagine how my affairs can still live in your mind or record files after so many years.

The package in question was returned to me with an apology in 1929. My letter to you was in Oct/26. Alas, my efforts have been in vain, my dear brother died August 1934.

After much struggle he obtained a railroad job in Northern India. A London surgeon took up his case & thinking a hot climate would at any rate, help him to work, risked signing his papers

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His work was very greatly appreciated and later out of 1,000 applicants he was chosen as Secretary of the Quetta Club. He married a 2nd time and for 3 years enjoyed real happiness - a baby was born and a more devoted trio it would be difficult to find. A wife, a trained nurse, was a great help but she could not prevent the cruel results of war - a slight attack of enteric and the system gave way - he was dead in Three days.
His wife is back in this Country working again and little Diana is a great blessing to her mother but of course They are penniless. It would seem that my brother did not die in vain for his wife and daughter arrived home just before the Quetta earthquake when the Club and staff perished - had he been alive at that time they would have been with him - Also - my brother nearly lost his position of secretary by insisting on the Club being

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6, Browning Avenue,
Rock Ferry,
Cheshire.

insured against earthquake - none of the Committee thought this necessary. My brother stuck out and gained his point and the beautiful building was covered and is to be rebuilt very shortly. My brother was a wonderful man such an organiser but unfortunately a bad saver.
There is a thing I would ask you and your Country to do as a memory of him. Save his great friend who at this moment is suffering.
Hearing of the trouble of this good friend I wrote to him and by return came pages & pages of a heart to heart talk - reminding me that 24 years have passed since we met and describing a life of hard toil - years of army life - office life and now when too old for - the existance in a lumber camp in Cochrane. Ont.
This man would make far more use of his life as a Secretary - he is honest and conscientious and writes a splendid letter. He is always cheerful

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and a gentleman right through every thing & he has had bad luck for years. His sisters in this Country I number amongst my dearest friends but they are all three widows now - at least one lost her man a few weeks before the wedding - he was killed near Bethune in France about 1915 -
We should all be willing to spend the fare necessary to set this man to a job - he cannot leave where he is without money or a job to go to. His letter made me laugh, he had intended it that way and yet I quote his words that follow
I have spent many many sleepless nights on account of being so tired and through pains and aches in my back & legs. Sometimes I feel I am being punished for something but I don't know what I did. I have always worked hard at any job I have had and I always get on with my seniors but am unfortunate in the end through no fault of my own. Nearly every firm has met financial difficulties and their staff dismissed. In every case I have been promised the job again should they start up. - --- I am very disheartened! -
I look to Canada to do something for this man, he is wasted as a lumberjack - not strong enough now at his time of life - He went to Canada about 1907 - my brother took him out after one of his (my brothers) visits to this Country.

I am sure my brother's last wish would have been that Canada would help his brother. And accept grateful thanks for kind remembrance of him. Yours sincerely [illegible]
War - so much suffering for us all and trust it's end! - but I must leave off now - Please forgive me -

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Ottawa,
May 26, 1936.

Dear Madam:

I have just received your letter of May 12th.

I am indeed glad to know that the package containing X-ray photographs and records in connection with your brother's case was returned to you in 1929. The letter addressed to Mr. Merriam which was forwarded to me recently must have been a very old one. It was dated just 10th April, and I presumed, naturally, that it was written this year. I am at a loss to understand why it was sent to me at all. It appeared from this that your brother, Major Walker, was still living, but in the letter received today you say that he passed away in August 1934.

As to Mr. Herbert Cottle, I really cannot think at the moment of anything I could to to assist him. Every mail brings similar requests and it is indeed difficult to be of help to people whom I do not know. It is impossible in many cases to find work for those whom I personally know well. In addition to this, I am just in the Senate and have no Government Department to administer, and, therefore, no positions within my gift. The party of which I am the leader in the Senate is not in power at the present time, and I have no influence whatever with the Government of the day.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you a more favourable reply, as I should very much like to meet your request if it were possible for me to do so.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Norman Jones,
Cheshire, England.

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Ottawa,
May 27, 1936.

Dear Alice:

On April 23rd you transmitted to me a letter addressed to Mr. Merriam from Mrs. Norman Jones, simply dated April 10th. It requested us to see if we could not locate the records relating to a brother of Mrs. Jones, Major Walker, which in this letter the sister was vehemently demanding.

It was not possible to find any such records and Mrs. Jones was communicated with so that more particulars could be obtained, and to make certain the records had not been sent to her many years ago.

A reply has been received to the effect that we had sent these records to Mrs. Jones back in the dim past (1929), that subsequently her brother had died, and is still dead, and that the letter transmitted from your office must have antedated all these events.

Yours very truly,

Miss Alice Millar,
Room 389,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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3614 Avenue Laval,
Montreal.

9th January, 1937.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I have before me your letter of 19th September 1935 asking me to let you know where I decided to settle.

I am not yet settled. I came to Montreal in November 1935 and, after learning that I could hope for nothing from the C.P.R. in Australia, took the first job offering here. I am now in my fifth job in 13 months but am still not earning what I did in Australia, while living costs me more. I was very ill advised to leave, and have all year been weighing the advisability of going back to settle there.

My sister has seen you, I think. She is at least earning a little, which she wasn't doing two years ago; but she needs to look ahead to the future, and that she is not doing.

I have had no news of my brother since I saw you last.

I hope to have holidays next year and will go to Toronto to finish straightening up my affairs. I should like very much to see you and will drop you a note in advance.

With my sincere thanks for your kind interest in me and my best wishes to Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Wood, Lillian and yourself for 1937, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Wright

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Toronto.

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Merrickville, Ont.
February, 19th/37.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

At a drawing on Monday at Brigade Headquarters which takes in our District Unit in Grenville my name was selected to represent the 9th Brigade on the list to be sent to Ottawa for final approval when making up the personnel for the"Coronation Contingent".

I know that it will require some influence at National Defence for the final selection and I am writing to ask you if you can put in a word with some weight at the Woods building where the selections no doubt will be made.

This is a trip of a life time for anybody who served in the war and I would like to get on as it will never happen again for some of us who are still active in the Militia.

In case you would want to know something about my service I have been in the Militia since 1912 to the present including 4 years war service and at the present time in Command of the Grenville Unit.

If you could put a word in some place for me I would be very thankful as I would like to see old England again anfi France if possible.

Yours respectfully,
Arthur M. Watchorn
Major,
Commanding 56th Grenville Battery, R.C.A.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

February 25, 1937.

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My dear Mr. Meighen,

Your letter of February 22nd, with enclosure from Major Watchorn of Merrickville, has reached me.

With its return I would advise that representations on this Officer's behalf have reached me from several sources, and if it is possible for me to do anything towards his selection, I shall be very glad to do it.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ontario,
July 28, 1937.

To whom it may concern:

This is to commend Mr. Willson Woodside, Canadian engineer and publicist, and a former member of the Staff of the University of Toronto.

I have known Mr. Woodside all his life and am sure that those who may give him a hearing can rely on any representations that he makes. Any courtesy and help which you can extend to him will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

If I may propose a new formula, I think this would just about fit the situation:

"This is to introduce Mr. Willson Woodside, Canadian writer on international affairs, and a former member of the staff of the University of Toronto.
From an acquaintanceship of many years I can recommend Mr. Woodside as a careful and discerning writer. Any courtesy which you can extend to him ..etc.

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The
Lord's Day Alliance of Canada
542 Confederation Life Building
Toronto 2

March 26, 1938.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

I am quite interested in the bill now before the Senate of Canada for the amendment of the Lord's Day Act. I expect to be in Ottawa on Tuesday next and would appreciate an opportunity of discussing with you some matters in connection with this bill. A reply to this letter addressed to me at the Chateau Laurier will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Geo. G. Webber

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Geo. G.Webber,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

The Bill referred to herein will be on the Orders of the Day for the Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday, 30th. instant.

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Ottawa,
March 29, 1928.

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Rev. Geo. C. Webber,
Chateau Laurier,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Webber:

I have your letter of 26th. Am sorry I won't be able to give a separate hearing on the Lord's Day Alliance matter. This comes up tomorrow morning at 10.30 before the Banking and Commerce Committee here, and I know you will be given an opportunity of being heard if you desire, and I certainly will attentively consider any representations you make.

I am exceedingly pressed for time until then, as I can be here but a very few days per week.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Old Stone Church
Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio
April 29, 1938

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I hesitate to trouble you with this request, but I greatly desire to read your speech on "Isolation," which I seem to remember you delivered in New York sometime ago. It was referred to in the course of our conversation when you were in Cleveland last November, an occasion which my wife and daughter and I shall always remember with pleasure.

The situation in the world just now makes the question of isolation a most pressing one. For this reason, as well as the delight and

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stimulus I have ever found in your speeches, I should appreciate your kindness in letting me have a copy of the address if it is convenient for you to send it to me.

With my warm personal regard,

I am

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Hon. Arthur B. Meighen

The Rt. Hon. Arthur A. Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa, Canada

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With my warm personal regard,

I am

Yours faithfully,

Robert B. Whyte

The Rt. Hon. Arthur A. Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa, Canada

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Ottawa,
May 4, 1938.

Dear Dr. Whyte:

I am indeed flattered to receive your letter of April 29th, and have very great pleasure in sending you a copy of my speech of February 8, 1936 on "Isolationist Neutrality".

With kindest regards and happy memories,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Robert B. Whyte,
Old Stone Church,
Public Square,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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New Brunswick Government
Bureau of Information
and
Tourist Travel

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REFER TO FILE

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR

Fredericton, N.B.
June 7, 1938.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senate,
Ottawa.

Honourable and Dear Sir,

We have this year produced another edition of the Historical Guide to New Brunswick by Dr. J. Clarence Webster, C.M.G., D.Sc., F.R.S.C.

This office is glad to carry out the suggestion of Dr. Webster that a copy of this Historical Guide be forwarded to you with his compliments.

Yours very truly,

D. W. GRIFFITHS,
Director.

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20 June 1938

The Right Honourable Senator Meighen
Ottawa and Toronto.

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Dear Mr. Meighen, My friends Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Edlund of Chicago are coming Quebec and I am persuaded that to visit our Capital. Doubtless they would greatly enjoy admission to either or both of the Houses in Session if you are in town and would kindly extend that courtesy I should appreciate it as if done to myself. Mr. Edlund is an Architect Engineer in charge of Construction for Swift and Co in Canada and the U.S.A. He has for some years been and is President of the Apollo Club of Chicago, which is internationally famous. I know you are just now giving your splendid talents to the solution of the Railway tangle and they would not desire to encroach upon your valuable time but if your Secretary would see that they have admission to one or both Houses while in session I would esteem it a personal favor. Thanking you for this courtesy and with every good wish and kindest personal regards. I remain very truly yours,

Gilbert Wilson
106 Poplar Plains Road. Toronto.

Please tell above couple
I would like to meet them
— Bring them to the
Committee Room — if
they turn up again
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Ottawa,
June 30, 1936.

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D. W. Griffiths, Esq.,
Director, Bureau of Information,
Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Mr. Griffiths:

I duly received your letter of 7th June and also have the fine Historical Guide which you sent at the suggestion of Dr. Webster. I am indeed glad to have this, and would ask you kindly to extend to him this expression of my sincere appreciation.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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WILLSON WOODSIDE
TORONTO, CANADA

20-A Harbord St.,
April 23,1939.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

Your letters have proven so valuable to me in previous trips in meeting prominent people in Europe that I am going to ask you for a fresh one. I am leaving in a few days (for the Mediterranean,in a Danish freighter whose captain is an old friend of mine) for an extended survey of the countries roundabout Germany.

I don't know whether you come across my articles,but the one in Harper's last December was chosen as the "outstanding article" in the British, American and Canadian magazine press,by the council of librarians which compiles the guide to current periodicals used in libraries. It was about Munich.

Dad and mother seem to be well,altho Don is still suffering from a case of concussion he got skiing. Helen is holidaying in Vancouver,and Madge has finally moved in from the country.

I trust all of yours are well. You have been quite prominently in the press this winter. It just went thro'

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my mind as I started this letter that I might be commencing the next "Sir Arthur". I haven't any inside information on the subject,but it would be fine,wouldn't it!

Sincerely,

Wilson

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Ottawa,
April 25, 1939.

Mr. Willson Woodside,
20-A Harbord St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Willson:

I just received today your letter of 23rd instant, and have pleasure in sending you herewith another letter of introduction.

I sincerely hope that you may have a pleasant and profitable trip.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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Ottawa,
April 25, 1939.

To whom it may concern:

This is to introduce Mr. Willson Woodside, Canadian writer on international affairs, and a former member of the staff of the University of Toronto.

From an acquaintanceship of many years I can recommend Mr. Woodside as a careful and discerning writer. He will, I am confident, prove himself worthy of any courtesy which you may be able to extend to him.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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GORDON DRAPER
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
407 Brock Bldg., 200 Bay St.
Toronto, Ont., May 27th 1940

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am making application for re-instatement in the Law Society, and hope that I may have a recommendation from you, that will assist. No one made a more thorough job of going down hill, and I have been reaping the whirlwind for eight years. I have at leat been honest, industrious and persistent in that period and have refrained from bootleg law.

It will mean a great deal to the family, Barbara is approaching marriageable age, Peter, in England and Lall not tin the best of hea lth. I have not told her of this application as yet, so as not to add worry. I do feel that I can get ahead now, and more than possibly shortly re-enter the army.

I have the hope that I may have a letter along the lines of the enclosed from you. If so I would prefer if you would address it to the Law Society but forward to me so that I may submit it with my other material.

Yours truly,

Newton M. Young

Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen, P. C. K. C.
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Ottawa,
May 29, 1940.

Col. Newton M. Young,
407 Brock Bldg.,
200 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Colonel Young:

I have your letter of 27th. I have today written the Law Society along the lines of your letter, and almost in the same words. I have also seen a Bencher of the Law Society in your behalf.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Ottawa,
May 29, 1940.

The Secretary,
Law Society of Upper Canada,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Newton M. Young has advised me of his application for re-instatement as Barrister and Solicitor, and has asked my confirmation of certain aspects of his background in the past eight years.

Mrs. Young's father was for many years a business man in Portage la Prairie, and I know the entire family well. In later years her father, David Cassels, retired and lived in Toronto, and I visited him and Young's home on many occasions.

So far as I know, Mr. Young has latterly confined himself to Mining activities, and made no attempt to directly or indirectly practise law. He has succeeded in re-establishing his home and circle of friends, and the family life, as reflected there, and in his son and daughter, is on a fine plane. Since his troubles, his personal habits, industry and perseverance deserve credit.

I am advised that his disbarment is not only now a serious matter for these children, but is in the way of his expressed desire to resume Military service.

I am confident your Society will give fair consideration to all the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

AH/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Eddystone Hotel,
Detroit, Michigan.
June 1st, 1940.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighen.-

I wrote to you last June, you very graciously replied and at considerable trouble to yourself gave me the information required.

I have been very much interested in the recent editorials of the Toronto Globe. I was particularly interested in your speech in which you offered your services in any capacity. I commend you for this. The Globe suggests that you resign from the senate and become leader of the Opposition in the Commons, I cannot see any advantage in your making this change, particularly when we want no opposition. You, as a Senator, are as much a legislator as any member of the Commons. I would advise against your taking such a step. I was also very much interested in reading a couple of days ago an account of the Senate proceedings during which the invective "(liar)" was used. A Senator should not set such a bad example, it brings to my mind an occurrence in the London City Council about 25 years ago. One of the councillors was injured by a drinking glass which broke as it hit him on the forehead, after having been hurled at him by another councillor. I have read the criticisms of the government policy. They were bitter and justly so. Many letters were pleased that something should be done at once. This criticism has all been a destructive criticism and I have been unable to find any real constructive criticism in any of the letters.

In time of War legislative action is ineffective. We require prompt executive action.

I would therefore like to suggest that Sir Lyman Duff convene the members of the Senate and the commons in the Commons Chamber each morning and that he preside over such meeting: that a non-partisan War Council of 10 or 20 members if necessary be selected; that these members or committees of 2 or 3 members be assigned certain tasks or certain areas; that 2 or 3 of these members or committees report each day to the legislature, in this way a report can be had from all of them at least once each week and more often if necessary; that this council may well be chosen from younger members of the legislature, who have had experience in the last war; and that the regular business of the legislature be conducted in the afternoons or as necessary in the regular way with the Senate and the Commons going their individual ways. The internal affairs must be carried on otherwise we will have nothing but chaos.

There are in the legislature many experienced soldiers who have high standing. Such men as Mr. Power, Mr. Ralston and my good friend, Mr. Sanderson have held high positions with the party. Mr. Sanderson is now in his 70th year and the others may be fast approaching it. They may be unable to stand the heavy burden even though they are willing and eager. There is however, a younger class. I refer to such men as my good friend, Mr. Duncan Ross of East Middlesex, who is not yet 50. He served his country well in the last War and is a successful business man. Mr. Allan Johnston, member for London appearing in Ottawa for the first time has a brilliant record in managing the affairs of that large City. Mr. James Sutherland without previous parliamentary experience, made a very fine speech at the opening of Parliament. I feel that the affairs of our country are to be entrusted to such men at the present time when dynamic action is required. I would have no hesitation in trusting my Canada to their keeping.

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If a man can command a regiment at 30 he can command an army at 50. If a man can govern a large city, he can govern a country, but if a man cannot make a sound judgement at 50, I would hesitate to believe that he could do so at 70. He would be what I call in my old Irish an "Omadhaun".

This council on reporting progress will then receive the counsel and advice of such older heads as Duff, Power, Sanderson, Ralston, Lapointe and Meighen. They will be assisted by patriotic and public-spirited citizens particularly in the purchasing of supplies and in the manufacturing of munitions. In this class are such men as my good friend, Mr. Aubrey Davis, of Newmarket.

I have been much interested in the replies to the letter of Senator Hardy. It proves that a weakness exists in our constitution, when it does not provide for a non-partisan public opinion on matters of great importance. It proves that when the correct answer is required, non-partisan public opinion will supply that answer. It is what I commonly refer to as the "The Court of the Town Pump".

I would like you to take up this matter with Sir Lyman. I will undertake to be lenient with him in the matter of some of the unjustifiable verdicts of the Supreme Court, if he can carry out something along the general lines which I suggest.

Again thanking you, for past favors, I remain

Yours truly,

WILLIAM J. WARD

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Ottawa,
June 4, 1940.

Mr. Wm. J. Ward,
Eddystone Hotel,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Ward:

I have your letter of 1st June which I have read very carefully.

Any suggestion such as you have in mind, to have any possible chance of being realized would have to be proposed by the Government. It is with sincere regret I have to say that no disposition toward any co-operative action with other bodies of public opinion has yet been in evidence in the Administration.

I have the highest opinion of Mr. Lyman Duff and some of the others whom you have mentioned, and feel that they will always be ready to assist.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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REMINGTON WHITE
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR

TELEPHONE ELGIN 5257

(Dictated from St. Michael's Hospital,
Room 416, Telephone Ad. 2181, Local 200.)

THE PREMIER TRUST BUILDING
19 RICHMOND ST. WEST
TORONTO, 2, CANADA

June 18, 1940.

Senator Arthur H. Meighan,
Senate Chambers,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighan:

Since our long-distance telephone conversation, the exigencies of my practice, coupled with inconspicuous effort on my part to further Canada's War Effort by personal contributions of both time and money and the incidents of my serious accident (a clipping in reference to which is enclosed) have prevented me from writing to you as I had intended.

Concerted effort on the part of yourself and your many supporters led to your being given, at least some part, in the inner councils of which you should be automatically a member at such a critical time as this.

Don't be discouraged; keep on presenting the facts in the cold light of reason, and, withal, assert on behalf of this whole Dominion, the paramount necessity of divorcing personality or political popularity from expediency.

When next you are in Toronto, I should esteem it a privilege to have the opportunity of a few minutes' conversation with you. You will recall that I am the son of Arthur V. White and was the junior to the present Honourable Mr. Justice Percy H. Gordon, prior to his elevation to the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan.

Faithfully yours,

Remington White

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DEATH NEARLY CAUSED BY BEFRIENDING DOG

June 4/40

Toronto Lawyer Has Narrow Escape in Car Accident Near Markham

A large dog which he befriended and was bringing to a Toronto veterinary, nearly caused the death of Remington White, Toronto lawyer, last night.

"For four days, while I was doing business at Beaverton, this dog followed me everywhere," Mr. White explained today at St. Michael's hospital.

About 14 miles east of Markham,



REMINGTON WHITE

I had just spoken to my own dog and had petted it, and throwing one hand over the seat I said something to the dog I was bringing to Toronto for treatment. It threw its front paws over the back of the seat. One went through the steering wheel intersections and the other between the wheel and the gear lever."

"I caught a glimpse of a cement bridge in front of me, and either had to ram into that or take to the deep sod slope. I thought I could steer the car down the slope, but it ended in a sheer drop. To my knowledge, the car rolled over twice."

For two hours, Mr. White said, he tried to extricate himself, while some drivers went by on the road and did not try to discover why the car lights were on down the bank."

Neither dog was hurt. Mr. White has at least some ribs broken.

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MD-W

Ottawa,
June 21, 1940.

Mr. Remington White,
Room 416, St. Michael's Hospital,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. White:

I have your letter of 18th and am very sorry to learn of the accident you have suffered.

Of course, I knew from the beginning of our correspondence that you are a son of Arthur V. White.

Am in Toronto now very, very little and do not expect to be there much until the Session is over.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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124 Wellington St. Ottawa

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June 22, 1940.

PL. 3-5871

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I am very glad that you are on guard for Parliamentary rights and duties. In spite of the present emergency it is necessary to be very careful about giving a great deal of power to a small group. A transition stage in history when perhaps it is necessary to turn to some form of socialism demands strong leadership and fearless action ..... but it will also need everyone's co-operation.

The Defence of Canada Regulations already give power to the police which could be used as in dictator countries. And when the Minister of Justice is the only one to whom to appeal ..... no trials in many cases ..... the situation is dangerous.

For instance a young woman came to see me who is of alien birth. Her husband had been apprehended (under Section 21, I think) and held for some time before the wife was notified. She was almost distracted for fear some accident had occurred. This is far too much like Germany. On coming to the Dept. of Justice here, officials notified her that her husband would be interned for the war and afterwards deported ..... with no plans for the family.

Then this unfortunate episode at Navan. I do not know the details. But if those of for-

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ege birth are going to be discharged from honest work as is being the case all over the country, it is only natural that some will seek desperate methods of livelihood. This event also will have the effect of making country people afraid of all strangers, especially if they are suspicious of nationality.

On discussing such matters as this (some weeks ago) I was not favourably impressed with the capability of a certain Mr. Anderson in the Dept. of Justice. Efficient in many ways, but narrow in his views and inclined to be intolerant. Great human understanding is necessary in this department, because the unfair treatment of any family will be retold all over the country and cause distrust of those in authority.

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Perhaps you wonder in what capacity - I write.

About fifteen years ago my father brought two young high school girls from a small town to see the capital city and our various democratic institutions. The responsibilities and privileges of their country were so appreciated in our home that this was a wonderful trip to us. We looked forward to the day when we could make our contribution.

Walking up towards the House of Commons and discussing the situation of the Mint, my father decided to inquire. The first gentleman who met us very

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kindly gave us directions MG 7.2 1 9 I happened to be the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen.

School days were always an inspiration to me, and democracy was taught all the way through. When concluded my mother was ill and the needs of the family seemed to be my first duty. After about ten years, part of which under great strain, I was free to chose other work. But it took a year or so to recover health and come back into public life after a Rip Van Winkle period.

A year ago I returned to Ottawa, realizing that drastic measures were needed in those critical times. All my efforts in various spheres, like so many others seem to have been ineffectual. And yet we must keep up our belief in a better way of life and the brotherhood of man.

I will not take more of your time, except to say please use your influence to give the ordinary people the right to express themselves. Society all over the world is in a state of upheaval and it will take all the tact and kindness, though firm, of all who can lead to bring us out of the present tragedy.

If I cannot be of immediate help in the political sphere, I will attend our church summer school, and try to bring more life into the Ottawa Valley.

Very respectfully yours,

Lillian E. Westall

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O t t a w a,
June 24, 1940.

Miss E. Westill,
124 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Miss Westill:

I have your letter of 22nd and thank you for having gone to the trouble to write me in these terms.

I think it important that the rights of Parliament be not altogether ignored. At the same time I realize that in times of war a degree and sweep of authority must be exercised by a Government beyond what is justifiable in times of peace.

As regards the episode at Navan, it was certainly unfortunate, but I can see no reason whatever to complain of the action of the police.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa,
June 24, 1940.

Prof. H. W. Wallace,
91 Walmer Road,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mac:

Have just read a letter from Lawrence Hunt which I am sending you. Please give J. S. a chance to read it and return same.

These are awful hours.

Yours very truly,

AH/E.

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Please address all communications to "The Manager"

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Cable Address: "Canbank"

Ottawa, 8th July 1940

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Would you write a letter of reference for Shelagh for her to send in to the Bank of Canada, where she has applied for a temporary position? Her application has been completed and sent in, and we took the liberty of naming you as one of three references.

When are you ever coming over with the coal king in tow? or Mr. Ballantyne?, the latter preferred but the former required.

Kind regards

Shelagh Wright

404 Laurier Avenue E.
Apartment 106

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Ottawa,
July 9, 1940.

Mrs. Gladys Wright,
Apartment 106,
404 Laurier Ave. E.,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Gladys:

I have yours of 8th and will be very glad indeed to answer any reference made to me by the Bank of Canada.

Your preferred Senator is not here this week for some sad reason--I know not what.

Yours very truly.

AM/E.

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H. B. West
59a St. Denis Building
354 St. Catherine St. East
Montreal, P.Q., Canada

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July ninth.
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Senator the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen.
The Senate.
Ottawa. Ont.

SECRET.

My dear Senator Meighen.

I acknowledge,with many thanks ,your letter of 8th inst.

I should welcome an early opportunity of meeting you in Ottawa ,or elsewhere as you may elect to reveal matters of the gravest importance fully documented.

It is in my power to wompletely destroy the present N.B. Provincial Government . To be frank I have recently written to Rt Hon R.B.Hanson for an appointment. There now seems a possibility of his joining the gang and thus the remnants of the great Conservative Party will stand committed to what the Liberal Government has done or failed to do. You quite probably know John J Penverne, I begged him not to run at the last election ,but that Breton head of his will not reason. You never can and never will elect an Irish Roman Catholic Prime Minister. John Penverne cpuld have greatly helped led the resurrection of the Party in this Province. I greatly fear he has discounted his own usefullness.

I wonder if you are familiar with the great Baldwin plan the House of Morgan cum Vatican cum Church of England cum Greek Orthodox Church devised by Baldwin and his interviews with Villeneuve,Gasparri . Do you for instance know why J.P.Morgan left on his yacht Corsair for the Meditteranian in the week of March 18th 1939,and that the Archbishop of Canterbury was on that yacht and visited the Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Church . Do you know why the aforesaid Metropolitan exposed the whole scheme to Stalin ,and this, combined with the greatest double cross in all history is the reason we are at war with Germany to day instead of Germany fighting Russia. Why wasn't France prepared why did England make belated preparations ,why did France supply over 14 million tons of iron ore to Germany last year. Senator we are in the gravest danger.

Senator , I would like to talk to you ,I wan't nothing from you . I took no interest in political issues as such until three yersa ago, but out of a somewhat extraordinary commercial advisory background ,and perhaps family history I feel now at 56 years of age competent to express certain opinions

I should require about two hours of your time . I know you are busy. I need your counsel and advice ,developed out of a long public service . Something tells me I should not see Hanson yet at any rate.

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H. B. West
59a St. Denis Building
354 St. Catherine St. East
Montreal, P.Q., Canada

Harbour 0779

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I intended to accompany this communication with certain original documents but would greatly prefer submitting them in person. I could be in Ottawa any day other than Sunday, with twenty four hours notice . I would prefer it to be in the early days of next week.

My eldest son on whom I formerly relied is on active service, thus as I cannot trust anyone else to do my secretarial work , or know it's contents , I perforce, do it myself. I apologise for errors in typing. C'est la guerre.

Yours faithfully,

H.B.WEST

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W 7226

Ottawa,
July 10, 1940.

Mr. H. B. West,
354 St. Catherine St. E.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. West:

I have yours of 9th. I do wish I could give you the time you desire, but really it is impossible. I still have my business obligations in Toronto and only come down for the days of each week that the Senate sits, and then I am in Committee most of the time and the rest of the time in the House. If you have documents that you think you could submit to me and are of importance in respect of something where I can be of help, I would deem it a favour if you would send such down.

With your statement that this country is in danger I am in thorough agreement, and the thing to do is to compel such steps as will make us of some assistance commensurate with our capacity. We certainly have not been of such assistance so far.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Kentville
Kings Co.
Nova Scotia
July 15th. 1940.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir.

Pardon me for the liberty I am taking in writing these few lines but our country now needs strong men to guide its destiny and I feel that I should like to tell you something which happened some time

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ago and seemed so strange
to me then.

I am not young as I
am nearly seventy-five. At
different times in my life
I have dreamed things which
have seemed so clear and
have come so true that for this
reason I am telling you my
dream.

I dreamed I was some place
in Upper Canada. I entered a
large dining-room in which
a long table had been laid for

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dinner. Sir Wilfred Laurier
came in and knocked loudly
on the door of a large waiting
room leading off from the
dining-room and, in my dream,
I heard you say.
"If he knew who was in here,
the Great Arthur Meighen".
You looked up when you spoke
but just sat still reading a
paper. Laurier turned from
the door and sat down at the
table, alone, though the table had
been set for other guests.

At the time of my dream you

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were not in public office and
I knew nothing about you.

There may be something
which you alone can do to
benefit our country and I
know you will regard this
letter as private as I should
not like it spoken of.

Sincerely yours

Mary Harrington Fitzpatrick Willoughby

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Ottawa,
July 17, 1940.

Mrs. Mary H. Wiltshire,
Kentville, N. S.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of 15th and thank you for taking the trouble to write me the interesting information which it contains.

May I sincerely hope that your health remains good, and that you have years of happiness ahead?

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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J. SPENCER CHURCHILL. RALPH C. VICKERS.
~~PROSCOTT POLLOCK.~~

THE EARL OF DENBIGH
HAZLERIGG.

1, Throgmorton Street,
(AND STOCK EXCHANGE)
London, E.C.2.

HCV/FLS

17th July, 1940.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

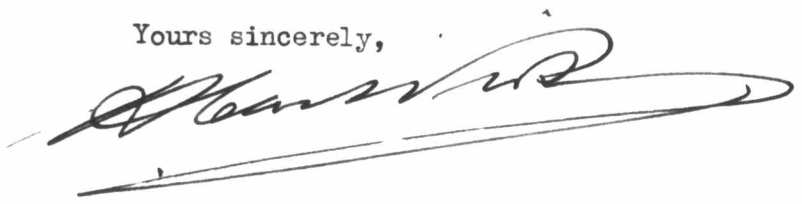
Many thanks for your letter of the 2nd instant, which made quite a quick journey.

Many thanks, also, for your kind enquiries. I am pleased to tell you that Ralph is getting on well and is being moved to-morrow from the hospital up North to one near London where he will get treatment from the best man for fractures in England and then I shall hope for an even quicker recovery.

I thought your son's wife had returned, but am pleased that she is staying at Hatfield and she ought to be very happy there. Personally I do not think there is any need to worry, and just to show you what I am thinking I enclose copy of a letter which I have sent to friends, chiefly in America, but you, who know this country well may be able to appreciate it.

My kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
320, Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.,
Canada.

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132 Earl St —
Kingston
July 30th — 1914

OC 7.233

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen

Dear Sir

We Canadians are well pleased that England has re-iterated its assurance that we shall be protected. so we need no protection from U. S. A. Canadians will resent struggle any attempt of the Canadian

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Government to agree to
any interference in our
British territory on
this Continent from
any foreign power
We rely on your
statesmanship for the
stand you take on
Canadian liberties

Yours sincerely

A. M. Waddell

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August 5, 1940.

The Senate of Canada

Mr. A. M. Waddell,
132 Earl St.,
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Waddell:

I thank you for your letter of 30th. Your sentiments on this subject are precisely mine. It is hard, though, to get any results at all.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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W.L.7236

Ottawa,
August 6, 1940.

The Senate of Canada

H. C. Vickers, Esq.,
Vickers, Da Costa & Co.,
1, Throgmorton St.,
London, E. C. 2,
England.

Dear Mr. Vickers:

I received yours of 17th. It is a real pleasure to hear from you. I enjoyed immensely reading the memorandum you enclosed. You men are really living. It is wonderful to see the British people stand together as a family. They are going to write the grandest epic in the world's history. Many a time I wish I were there among them. Beside theirs, our conduct is paltry.

Permit me to congratulate you on your marriage which has no doubt now taken place.

Yours sincerely,

AM/E.

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Ottawa,
March 5, 1941.

Memorandum to Dr. Wiggins:

I have read with care and interest your memorandum on the subject of co-ordination of Welfare Services in Canada.

I fear you underestimate the amount that the plan you outline in this memorandum would cost, and generally, the difficulties, owing to the conflict of Dominion and Provincial jurisdictions which would ensue.

At any rate, a discussion of the subject with me at the present time would be quite without value, as there is nothing whatever I could do to further what you have in mind.

Yours very truly,

AM/EL

Arthur Meighen.

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CITY OF TORONTO HEADQUARTERS
244 BAY STREET
TORONTO

TELEPHONE
ADELAIDE 0331

Toronto, Ontario,
May 10, 1941.

Sir A. Meighen,
Canadian General Inv. Trust,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir Meighen:

I am writing on behalf of the Victory Loan Committee to ask you to help us. On June 2nd the Government will appeal to the people of Canada for subscriptions to the largest War Loan ever issued in this country. While official details have not yet been announced, it is expected that the amount will be not less than $600,000,000, and that Toronto will be asked to raise more than $150,000,000.

You will appreciate I know that the raising of this great sum is an essential part of Canada's war effort, and that the cooperation of all of us will be required to ensure its success.

Preparations are already under way throughout Canada and a large organization has been set up in Toronto. A strong Publicity Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Charles S. Watson is hard at work making plans and setting up programs. During the next week or so a member of this Committee will call on you to ask for your help in connection with certain advertising plans in which you can be of great assistance.

We are sure that you will be only too willing to have a share in this great undertaking, and thank you cordially in advance for your cooperation.

Yours for Victory,

E. G. Baker

Chairman
Toronto Executive Committee.

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244 BAY STREET
TORONTO

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Third Canadian General Inv. Trust,
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30-W

Alsask, Sask.
May 27, 1941

Hon. W. Meighan.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly autograph the enclosed card and return it to me?

I am a No 1. Public nuisance as I'm endeavoring to collect autographs from busy people - head-liners and statesmen. A friend noticed the absence of your name in my collection and advised me to ask for it at once as he said - "Mr. Meighan is the smartest man in Canada."

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Your name will be in good company as I have, among other autographs, those - Lord Halifax, Lord Tweedsmuir, Dr. Albert Einstein, Ralph Connor, Mackenzie King - R. B. Bennett & Neville Chamberlain.

I will appreciate the favor if you will send yours.

Thanking you,

Yours truly

(Mrs.) P. Winter.

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Toronto Ont
June 3rd/41

Honourable Arthur Meighen K.C.
House of Commons
Ottawa

Sir.

I would like to know if you and Senator Duff recommended me to capt J Ber. Transport Department Sir. to be taking in the merchant Marine prob. I made application Sir. the job in Ingersoll Sir. most any thing if you did not do so please write capt Ker. and ask him to put me in if possible. So if I dont get the Gannet job. It was a captain 72. years of age been appointed to the Marine prob. here in Toronto and was no return man like my self. Im a lot younger. So Dont under. Stand why much older men gets these jobs and I cannot get any when Im qualified. hoping you will write the Marine board.

Yours Truely
P E Walters
50 Aberdeen St

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I have known Mr. R. E. Webster for a number of years and believe him to be an honest, industrious, and steady young man, well worthy of confidence.

(Signed) George A. Norris, M. D.
Reeve, Omemee.

Omemee,
March 10, 1884

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The Methodist Parsonage.

Cmemee, March 10, 1884

This is to certify that the Bearer Mr. R. F. Webster is a young man of most excellent moral religious character. He is a worthy member of the Church of which I am pastor.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend him to the confidence of all with whom he may have to do.

(Signed) J. C. Wilson.

Methodist Minister.

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Wm. Beatty & Son,

Dealers in

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Etc.,

3 King Street East,

Toronto, December 10, 1888

The bearer, Mr. R. F. Webster, has been in our employment for over two years, during which time we have found him honest in his character and perfectly trustworthy.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. Beatty & Son.

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Trent Canal,

Superintending Engineer's Office

Gamebridge April 13th, 1905

To whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that for three years I have known Mr. R. F. Webster as a master Carpenter in the employ of Messrs. Brown & Aylmer Contractors on Section 3, Simcoe Balsam Lake Division of The Trent Canal.

During this time he has been in charge of Carpenters building and erecting the moulding for the concrete work on the Locks, Dams, and Bridge Abutments on this section; also building and erecting the heavy timber gates for the Locks and general Carpenter work.

He has been in the employ of Messrs. Brown & Aylmer on similar work for about eight years.

I can heartily recommend Mr. Webster as a careful and skilful mechanic always zealous for the interests of his employers.

(Signed) H. S. Carpenter,

Assistant Engineer.

Section 3.

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Gamebridge, Ontario,

17 May 1905

To Whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Mr. R. F. Webster was employed by Messrs. Brown & Aylmer Contractors, as Carpenter & Foreman Carpenter during several years. For the past 3 years I have been Engineer in charge of the Simcoe Balsam Lake Division, Trent Canal, of which their work forms part. It consisted of the erection of 5 locks and 3 dams, of concrete, & etc. Mr. Webster was chiefly engaged in putting up the moulds for this work and in the building of Lock gates. At these and other works I found him a quick and good workman steady and a hard worker also able to handle men advantageously.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. Adams Davy,

Div. Eng.,

Trent Canal.

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BROWN & AYLMER
CONTRACTORS

Trent Canal,
Gamebridge, Ont.,
January 31, 1907

This is to certify that Mr. R. F. Webster has been in our employ for a number of years as a foreman Carpenter. He proved a competent and reliable workman at all times and we have **great** pleasure in recommending him.

(Signed) Brown & Aylmer

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DOMINION ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO. LIMITED

ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS

Montreal April 15th, 1907

To whom it may concern:

Mr. R. F. Webster was in our employ as foreman Carpenter on a large building **connstruction** during the past summer. On closing down the works for the winter we had nothing to offer him immediately and he left our employment. He is energetic and thorough in his work. We have always found him to be strictly sober.

DOMINION ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO. Ltd.

(Signed) Walter J. Francis

Assistant Manager

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Alex. Dobson,

Flour, Feed, Oats and Hay.

Beaverton, Ont.

April 15th, 1907

This is to certify that Mr. R. F. Webster has done all the work on the cement foundation of my mill here and that this work was entirely satisfactory. I found him a very reliable workman able to do any work in his line that he may undertake and can recommend him to any Company in need of a good man.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Alex. Dobson.

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ROSEDALE SECTION TRENT CANAL

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THE RANDOLPH MADCONALD CO. LIMITED

CONTRACTORS

Head Office - Crown Life Building

Toronto, Ont.

Rosedale, Ont., August 20, 1908

R. F. Webster,

Beaverton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We will require Foreman for concrete moulds here, about first of next week.

Kindly advise us if you are open for engagement, what wages you would expect and how soon you could come.

Mr. Aylmer of Brown & Aylmer gave us your address.

Yours truly,

THE RANDOLPH MACDONALD CO'Y, Ltd.

(Signed) Per W. R. W.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA 007254

St. Andrews Lock and Dam.

Lockport, Man., Nov. 15th 1909

To whom it may concern:

Mr. R. F. Webster has been engaged during the past summer in constructing the gates, eight in number, for St. Andrews Lock, and in the employ of Mr. John Burns. He has executed the work in a most satisfactory manner and has proved himself a thoroughly accurate, competent and conscientious mechanic.

(Signed) E. A. Forward.
Engineer-in-charge

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Town of Transcona, Man.

Patterson

W.U. 7255

Transcona, Man.

January 2, 1917

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. R. F. Webster since July 1912. From March 1913 until February 1916 he was in the employ of the Town of Transcona as Town Foreman and Building Inspector. He was also for a short period Operator in our electrically equipped water works deep well storage reservoir pumping station.

I found him always very conscientious and thorough in his work, and his honesty and integrity is above reproach.

I can heartily recommend him for a position of trust.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. S. McGibbon

Town Engineer.

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Dear Mr. Meighen

In reply to my letter
of Dec: 12th regarding your
influence on behalf of my
brother Major J.A.C. Macpherson
to secure a permanent Govt:
appointment, you were good
enough to say you would

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2/ gladly help if you know of
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a term of ten years to the
Board of Pension Commissioners
recommended in Judge
Audette's report Tabled in
the House of Commons - Tuesday
Jan: 31st - Just - Unsparing
& Condemnation Reigns Amidst
would you be good enough

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3/ To say a word of endorsement
or belief Still would aline to
the Hon de Murray MacLaren
Recommendation?
I am taking the liberty of suggesting
to you that he should
Call upon you & make an
appointment, thereby giving you
Leisure, to see you, to give you
the opportunity of putting any
Questions to him you may
want to - If you can
comply with my request

I will be more than
Duly grateful —
Yours very Sincerely
A. Mildred Watkinson

1254, St: Mark Street
Montreal

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2095 Lincoln Ave
Montreal.
Feb 8th '32

Dear Mr. Meighen.

First let me offer you my most sincere Congratulations on accepting a Senatorship. You who have made Senators now join the Upper Chamber. It means that you are back again in the arena. Perhaps it is Bennett I should have congratulated on having secured you.

For myself things are far from rosy. After 15 years with the Montreal Star four of them as editor I find myself compulsorily "resigned" and after 25 years of newspaper editorships in Western & Eastern Canada (Saskatoon Star, Regina Post & Montreal Star) at the age of 54 I am told I am too old for

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another executive position But surely have written editorials during the entire period I have directed the policies of the papers for that time there must be some work for me to do.

I am writing to Mr. Bennett suggesting that I know most of the major issues pretty thoroughly - the St. Lawrence Waterway, the Beauharnois issue, the tariff changes - wheat & others. Could'nt I help in preparing briefs for the Government - There will have to be a lot of convincing propaganda before the St. Lawrence treaty is accepted by Quebec & the alternative is a Quebec National Rights party which might spread. Is there any chance of helping to prepare our case for the Economic Conference. I must get some work at once.

I think I did good work in Saskatchewan when I made the case for the Bradshaw charges - I am capable of many years of working yet - and I believe that Knowing my need you will give the matter your best consideration - Hoyle has promised to see you soon & to plead for me

Sincerely Yours
George H. Wright

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UL 7262 Toronto Str.
Winnipeg Man. Feb. 10, 1932

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Ottawa

Sir:

I take great pleasure in congratulating You in the success of your high office as Leader of the Senate and Minister of the Cabinet. I have always been hoping that You would again be a Member of Government, and my hope has come true.

I hope you do not critisize me too hard for being so bold as to ask the following favors but as I am still a Shoemaker and find it impossible to make a living during these hard times. I have turned in Your direction to help me secure a position as Deportation Officer. You have tried to do so once before while Leader of Opposition when I had my application for same on Feb. 1926 and You were

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not successful. I hope you might be more so as member of Government. There are some Deportation Officers in Winnipeg that were appointed during Liberal Government and still hold their positions while hardboiled Liberals. For instans Mr. Mironko who secured his position through influence of Hon. McMurray. If it is not possible to secure a position as Deportition Officer there may be some opportunity in other Department such as Customs, Post Office. Of coarse I am too Old as mail carrier but there may be something else in the Post Office Dept. that might do. I have also a son 23 yers old High school Education, born in Canada that I wish to get a position as Clerk in the Post Office Dept. or any thing else in same Dept. He has had an application for mail carrier, for four years now and with no results. I hope you will be good enough to try on my behalf and get myself and my son any position that you could within your power.

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I should be very grateful and forever indebted to you. I hope you still remember me for I am the man who has taken part during two Electon campain on yours behalf at Gypsumville St. Martin Fairford and Davis Point. My sons name is A. J. Wojna. I wish you would excuse my boldness but as I am forced to write you I hope you oblige me I remain

Yours obedient servant

Charles Wojna

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CHARLES T. WOODSIDE
GROCERY BROKER
AND MANUFACTURERS' AGENT

204 TOOLE PEET BUILDING
PHONE R1041
CALGARY
CANADA

Feb 11/32.

Hon Arthur Meighen
Ottawa. Can.

Dear Arthur:

I consider it important to us here that Donald get a job of some sort soon. Therefore I am taking a chance on you finding a spare moment to put in a word for him.

He is applying to A-C Spark Plug Co.Ltd of St Catherine,Ont, for a position as representative in Alta and BC, with headquarters in Calgary.

This Coy is a division of General Motors, and would be a fine appointment for Don. If you can do anything for him in this regard, you know how it will be appreciated, It is quite a tradegy for a boy of his age to be without work. He is 25, willing, able, well educated, etc.

I wonder if your friend Russel could pull a string, if you asked him? Perhaps there is a General Motors official that you could use.

Anything you can do in this emergency will be doubly appreciated, as I realize that you must be busy right now, and plenty of more important matters to take your attention

Kind regards

C. T. Woodside

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Ottawa, February 17th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wright:-

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter of February 8th. This expression of your goodwill is encouraging as many difficult tasks confront the Government, and I desire only to give the best assistance in my power.

I had heard about the termination of your work with the Montreal Star and heard it with very great regret. I am new now in this connection and am not at all sure that I will be able to give any time to the organization features as I have heavy obligations in my Toronto connection which I cannot honourably abandon. I shall, however, bring the matter of your engagement up at the first opportunity.

Yours truly,

George F. Wright, Esq.,
2095 Lincoln Avenue,
Montreal, P. Q.

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Charley:-

I have your letter of the 11th instant and have already written the Spark Plug Company on Donald's behalf.

Yours truly,

Charles T. Woodside, Esq.,
Grocery Broker,
204 Toole Peet Building,
Calgary, Alberta.

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Sirs:-

I understand that Mr. Donald Woodside of Calgary is applying for a position as representative of your Company in Alberta and British Columbia, with headquarters at Calgary.

I have known this young man all his life - indeed he lived at my home for a time in Toronto. Donald Woodside is an admirable young fellow, well educated, intelligent and industrious. In earlier years his health was none too good, but he has now developed a good physical condition. I would think he would be just about the type of man you would want for such work, and very highly commend him to you.

Yours truly,

A. C. Spark Plug Company, Ltd.,
St. Catharines,
Ontario.

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Ottawa, February 18th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wojna:-

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter. This expression of your goodwill is encouraging as many difficult tasks confront the Government, and I desire only to give the best assistance in my power.

Not having a Department of my own it is not easy for me to be of any real service to you, but I will do anything in my power.

Yours truly,

Charles Wojna, Esq.,
543 Toronto Street,
WINNIPEG, MAN.

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543 Toronto str.
Winnipeg man.
Febr. 24th. 1932

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Ottawa Ont.

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Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 18th. inst and the writer was very pleased to know you remembered him.

As am in straightened circumstances, with a large family to support, not one of them working, I would deem it as a great favor if you would use your influence in the Department of Immigration or the Government departments to secure a position for my son and my self. I can read write and speek most central European languages, and could qualify for the position of Deportation officer.

I hope you will pordon my intrusion on your valueble time, but my hope is that you will help me to secure a living.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date,

Yours very sincerely
Charles Wajna

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I252 West Georgia Street .
Vancouver .B .C Feb 29th --I932 .

Rt.Hon Arthur.W. Meighen .
Ottawa .Ontario .

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Dear Mr.Meighen /

You may or may not recall the reception of a letter from the writer quite a long time ago and your reply thereto wishing that you might be of some assistance to me and stating that you were then not active in politica .

In that letter to you I stated that in I9II I expended thousands quietly to defeat "RECIPROCITY" Wilf and Willie .Also that the Late Hon Frank Cochrane just prior to leaving the Mining Ministry at Toronto made a special trip to Haileybury Ontario expecting me to leave with him in the Official car for Ottawa where he was to assu me the Ministry of Rys and Canals .

This I could not do at the time being tied up with scores of men and mining claims all over the Northland and then and there I lost a friend tho opposed to me in secretarian beliefs for I am an Orangeman and Mason .

Now Mr .Meighen as time went on I lost in the north and also in Mexico where I held very valuable leases even prior to the time or date of the Political battle mentioned .

My Father fought in the Fenian Raids and had a farm near the Humber which stream he and other patriots waded and marched to Stony Creek meeting and scattering the invaders prior to the arrival of the British regulars ---then in I87I again volunteered without pay and taking team and Democrat drove Garnet Wolsely over that terrible CURDURO from Prince Arthurs landing (now Pt Arthur Ont)to near St Boniface Manit

Later driving John .A. MacDonald over the county of Grey and ten years afterward Jno.A . gave him land and persuaded him to move to Manitoba where my half brothers fought in the second Riel rebellion .

My ancestors four of themfought on the field of Waterloo .and my eldest son Fought in France and came back a first Lieutenant and my cousin Alvin won the United states Congressional medal in that struggle for liberty I was refused enlistment account being lame BUT did my bit and more .

I have a young family all school age being ROBBED of their rightful start in life and losing permanent teeth and I am unable to give them even the necessaries of lifeand this relief system is worse than death with its humiliation and degradation and I will have none of it for they manage to advertise in every way, it is so planned that it may suit Foreigners but never for any right thinking CANADIAN .

Now I am quite lame and nearing sixty and wish some place in charge of something which would be permanent until my four children can earn sufficient to at least support themselves .

My eldest boy at home is now about nineteen out of school for a year unable to find work drives anything which burns gas and would welcome anything in the form of light work especially where he would be learning something --while something secretarial on some of the many Commissions or in charge of a toll bridge, or men where there is not too much walkingalmost anything anywhere would constitute some little reward for a lifetime of service to the Ideals of Sir John and CANADA always given without thought of any reward .

During the Campaign I received many letters from the Hon R.B.Bennett and his Secretaries but I have been trampled under in the mad scramble for places I suppose .

Respectfully and sincerely Yours .
W.Dickens .Yorke .

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Thirty years a Mining Engineer .
Some place on some commission --mining or natural resources .
The oft quoted "Civil Service " is not ALWAYS consulted .?
Tho lame in one limb --not lame in the head .
There is some place SOMEWHERE where I can still serve my Country
the Empire which my forbears have served for five hundred years .
There are many Canadians suffering privation and misery today
whose condition is not TOLD in the market places .
Conservation has been my theme with the elimination of WASTE .
Should Canada finally compel me to accept charity I shall
be a man without a country and minus a party .
The Dominion urgently requires more men to act in an advisory
capacity with the Provincial people in the matter of road
building and division of costs .
The RIGHT man in the proper place can save his country thousands
and THOUSANDS of dollars ?.
I have carried the banner of the Red Cross and First Aid into
scores of places in the wilderness .
I could be instrumental in the total elimination of the deadly
LEVEL Ry Crossing ---its history could be written in blood
and tears .
Wherever there are hundreds of men working it is good policy
to have ONE solid thinking man whose remarks carry conviction
in the right direction .
This is a real "S-O-S " call for my family ship is sinking .
My typewriter and voice have prevented the sinking of many a
struggling candidate .

W.Dickens .Yorke .

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Epigrams .------Wm.D.Yorke .

We may retrieve the losses of the past by closing the door of error and opening the door of OPPORTUNITY .

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For thousands of years men have toiled upward toward the heights of advancement while WAR has intervened to hurl the world downward again toward the primitive and the beast .

Let us forget the mistakes and press onward toward the achievement of national well-being .

Real manhood implies unbounded RESPECT for true WOMAN--hood ..

The Undertaker too often follows the Surgeon .
Let us train our youth along creative effort of hand and brain best suited to the boy or girl .

The "Maple Leaf " IDEAL stamped upon the sole of our shoes and upon the SOUL of the nation will demolish wailing walls with barrages of paycheques ,driving the grim spectre of want from the doors of Canadian homes .

The common people are the greatest patriots -for their lives of sacrifice and service make up the story of a nation .

Good highways increase prosperity and are a symbol by which the progress of a community may reasonably be measured .

The tortured waters through thousands of nameless canyons are roaring their challenge to enterprise over all Canada .

If we sit idly upon the banks of the river of time Providence will never assist in the crossing until we apply the oars of enterprise.

Dame fashion could practically dominate the entire textile industry of Canada .

Canada where the smile of the Mighty Master crowns the purpled peaks at sunrise and each sunset is His benedicton .

If the Creator planned a tourist Eden British Columbia was blest by His smile .

The word homeland should imply all that is sweetest and best in all the chords of memory .

What land more beautiful when the Master spreads His paint brush in the autumn and the mists unfold from the red and gold of a million crimonsoned hillsides ---than the "Land of the Maple Tree" ?

When wage cut guns are aimed ,the PURCHASING power is the target .

CANADA where a thousand --thousand lakes and streams give and take their colors from the sky .

The ENFORCED idleness today is starting thousands and thousands of the youth of CANADA on the road to HELL and the blame lies with those who but vision the world thru million dollar lenses .

Would it not be better to spend money on publice works and lasting highways than upon additional jails and prisons ??

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Ottawa, 10th March, 1932.

Dear Mr. York;-

I duly received your letter of the 29th ultimo and have read the enclosures very carefully.

It is very distressing to learn of the difficult position in which you now find yourself, but there is always the one consolation that there are others who are about the same. The letters one receives at this time are multitudinous and I assure you it is very difficult to do anything practical to assist.

I have made a note of your case, however, and will do anything I can if I can find a suitable opportunity.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

W. Dickens York, Esq.,
1252 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Personal.

10530- 127th. Street,
Edmonton, Alberta, March 29th. 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,P.C.
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr Meighen,

I should have mentioned in my letter of the 28th. Instant that Dr.G.D.Stanley, M.P. for Calgary is a very good friend of mine; he helped me in my election campaign in 1926 and knows me well personally. Mr Bennett will also remember me as I have had several personal contacts with him in Calgary in Canadian Club matters.

These facts are referred to with the idea of showing that I am not a stranger to the Party and I am certain either of the above gentlemen would have a kindly feeling and speak well for me.

Respectfully yours,

S. P. Williams.

S. P. Williams,

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, April 1,1932

A. W. Wiggins,Esq.,
R. R. No.1,
Portage La Prairie, Man.

Dear Mr.Wiggins,-

Your letter of March 15th arrived while I was home at Easter. Upon my return I immediately got in touch with the Minister of Railways and submitted as strong a recommendation in your behalf as was possible. I do not know what the results will be as there are literally thousands of applicants for this work.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. Bennett

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ONTARIO
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

St. Marys, Ontario.
April 5, 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
Senate Chambers,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Ended unsuccessful

Dear Arthur-

I am writing you on behalf of Miss Evelyn E. Wynne, a daughter of Wm. Wynne of Woodham, one of our good old standbys and workers in the neighbourhood of Woodham. Miss Wynne has been engaged as a clerk in Census Work in Ottawa for the past year or more, and she is very desirous of being kept on the Civil Service.

If you think that there is anything you can do to have her retained in the Civil Service, it will be very much appreciated, both by Miss Wynne and myself.

I shall be glad to have a line from you at your earliest convenience. With best personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. E. Richardson

O. Chas. E. Richardson, M. L. A.

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Ottawa, April 8th, 1922.

My dear Charlie,-

I have your letter of the 5th instant with respect to Miss Wynne and find she is still employed in the Census work.

Reductions are made in this branch of the Service at the rate of about one hundred per month. I will be very glad to do anything I can to have her employment continue as long as possible. The possibility of employment in the other branches of the Service is not very bright at the present time. Owing to reductions in appropriations all the Departments are obliged to reduce their staff.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Richardson, Esq., M.L.A.,
St. Marys, Ont.

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Ottawa, April 9th, 1922.

Dear Mrs. Waring,-

I received your letter today and was very glad indeed to get word from you again and to know where you are.

I wish I could give you some encouragement as to your son, but the United States, in case an agreement is arranged in regard to the St. Lawrence Waterways, will themselves be in charge of half the work and will be employing their own citizens for that half. Canadians will be doing the same but I am quite sure it would be impossible to arrange for the employment of citizens of one country for work in the other on the projeet.

I sincerely hope you are enjoying the best of health. I often wondered where Margaret was. I have not heard of her for years.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Helen B. Waring,
325 West Church Street,
Gainesville, Fla.
U.S.A.

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April 9/32 ?

Dear Arthur Meighen:

I, Helen Bennett Waring, am recalling myself to your memory.

It was with pleasure I learned from the Tampa Tribune of your capable leadership of the Opposition. I do not think you care so much for the country I "married" but the press here rates you as a Statesman not a Politician. This is an honor I appreciate for there are but few Statesmen now, even our good Herbert Hoover is not that, a good upright man and honorable but neither a Statesman nor a Politician.

I am asking as favor from you Arthur if it is not prejudicial to your own interests. Charles, my elder son, graduates next month as a B.S.E.E. He has also had four summers practical experience as assistant engineer in survey and other civil engineer work. I would like to get him on this new waterway work and ask you to help him to secure an appointment.

As he is not a Canadian he could not, I believe, try through your Civil Service, so this is a direct approach.

I hope all things are well with you.

Yours sincerely

Helen B. Waring

325 West Church St.
Gainesville, Florida

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Portage-la Prairie. Man.
April. 1st 1932.

To Senator, The Rt. Honorable A. Meighen K.C. M.P.
Senate Chamber
House of Commons
Ottawa. Ont.

Our Dear Mr Meighen
Senator. Ottawa.

I am enclosing a letter from W.H. Burns M.P. Ottawa. and shall proceed to explain.

I am wishing to be on the elevator staff at Churchill. when the same commences this coming summer, or whenever it operates.

I have had fifteen years experience in elevators and large machine works before I commenced farming here and am desirous of a change.

I feel confident the change would be the best, and also that I could give good service to the dept of Public Works. I am going to ask you Mr Meighen K.C. to speak a word to the Minister of such dept. and hope to have my name on the staff of Operation.

Sincerely thanking you. Truly Yours A.W. Wiggs
Portage.

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OTTAWA, 19 April, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wiggins,

I have your letter of the 14th instant, and will be glad to add my word in support of Mr. Burns' recommendation on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

A.W.Wiggins, Esq.,
R.R. No. 1,
Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

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OTTAWA, 19 April, 1932.

My dear Colleague,

I understand Mr. Burns, M.P., has recommended Mr. A.W.Wiggins, of Portage la Prairie, for appointment to the elevator staff at Churchill.

I would like to add that I know Mr. Wiggins and can say he will do well anything he undertakes.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

The Honourable R.J.Manion, P.C., M.P., M.D.,
Minister of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
OTTAWA, CANADA

April 21st, 1932.

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My dear Colleague: Personal.

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, on behalf of A. W. Wiggins, of Portage la Prairie, who would like to get something to do in connection with the elevator at Churchill.

I am not at all sure that there will be a chance of doing anything for Mr. Wiggins, as the elevator staff is practically complete now. However, I am making a note of his name and shall at once bring it to the attention of the Engineers.

Yours faithfully,

W. Reid Norman

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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890 Notre Dame St.,
Montreal, Que.,
May 12th, 1932.

Private & Confidential

Dear Mr. Meighen:

During the Summer of 1920 or 21 I had the honor of meeting you in Moncton and Shediac and discussed certain Railway matters in Doctor Landry's house in Moncton.

I had been Assistant to General Manager Mr. Gutelius but left the then Canadian Government Railways to accept the Management of a Branch Line in New Brunswick. One of the matters discussed was my returning to the Canadian Government Railways which you assured me would be arranged should the party return to power. This unfortunately was not to be for some time.

What has prompted me to write you at this time is a vacancy, or possibly two, that may occur in the Dominion Railway Commission in the near future by the Superannuation of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

I have had during the past thirty years experience that would fit me for such a position, having been with the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Government Railways for many years and at present with the Canadian

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National Railways. The positions held for years were of a confidential nature as is the one I am holding at present.

I might say that I was selected to bring the first train over the Trans-continental Railway in December 1912 from Sault Lookout to Cochrane to make good a promise made by the Late R.W. Leonard, then Commissioner, that the rails would be connected up and a train over the line by the end of that year.

Yours very truly,

D W Williams

Right Hon. A. Meighen,
Senator,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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W.L.7287

211 Carling Ave.
Ottawa, May 18, 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Parliament Bldgs.

Sir:

Owing to the necessity of decreasing the number of temporary clerks employed on the Census, a great many received notice, on Tuesday May 17, that their services would be no longer required after the end of this month.

About a month ago, I understand, Mr. C. E. Richardson, M.P.P. for South Perth, wrote you mentioning the fact that I was employed at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and you were kind enough to reply that you would intercede for me of the occasion presented itself.

As it so happened, I was among those who received their final notice, and from present indications, it seems that at the end of the month I shall be out of a position.

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I have put forth my best efforts in my work and feel that my record will bear investigation.

I sincerely hope that you will give this letter due consideration, and anything that you may be able to do for me that might enable me to retain my position until the end of the Census, or at least for a while longer, will indeed be gratefully appreciated.

Yours very truly,
Evelyn E. Wynne

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OTTAWA, 18 May, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant.

Upon Mr. Meighen's return to Ottawa early next week your communication will be brought to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

D.H.Williams, Esq.,
890 Notre Dame Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

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(Printed in Canada)

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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RIGHT HON ARTHUR MEIGHEN

SENATE OTTAWA ONT

A J WICKENS K C MENTIONED FOR RADIO COMMISSION KNOW HIM WELL IS SUITED EVERY WAY HAS RADIO KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE INDENTIFIED WITH EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY WORK FOR YEARS HAS NECESSARY EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY BRITISH BORN YOU NEED HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT RECOMMENDING HIM TO MR BENNETT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFLUENCE

D R W.W.IRWIN

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THE SENATE OTTAWA ONT

UNDERSTAND COMMISSIONERS ARE ABOUT TO BE APPOINTED FOR THE RADIO BOARD MIGHT I SUGGEST A LOCAL MAN WHO WOULD FILL THE BILL PERFECTLY STOP THIS IS WICKENS K C HE HAS BEEN DIRECTING BROADCASTING HERE FOR YEARS AND HIS CHOICE OF PROGRAMMES HAS BEEN HIGH ABOVE THE AVERAGE STOP THIS MAN IS CAPABLE OF HOLDING THE POSITION AS EXECUTIVE HEAD STOP HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING LIFE TO THE FULL REGARDS

W E SEABORN

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Private

Ottawa, May 26th, 1922.

Dear Mr. Williams,-

I have your letter of the 12th instant. I remember well the visit to Dr. Landry's house, although it does not seem to me so long ago.

I do not think it likely that further appointments will be made to the Railway Commission for some time, but I will keep the matter in mind. Things at present are in such a very difficult position that one is fortunate to have a respectable position of any kind. This is not to intimate that you could not well discharge a bigger one.

Very sincerely,

D.H. Williams, Esq.,
890 Notre Dame Street,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, May 26th, 1932.

Dear Colonel Seaborn,-

I received wires yesterday from yourself and Dr. Irwin with regard to the selection of Mr. A.J. Wickens, K.C. of Moose Jaw for an appointment to the Radio Commission.

I can assure you that, so far as I am concerned, your judgment as well as that of Dr. Irwin will have every weight but, as you know, there are to be only three appointments made and there are nine provinces, including two big ones. I have no idea who is being the choice of any of them.

Under the three commissioners, there will be nine assistant commissioners - one from each province - and the Provincial Government is to be consulted in every case as to the appointment of the assistants.

I will keep Mr. Wickens name in mind for consideration when the subject comes up as I have no one especially, myself, who I think might be appointed.

Yours very truly,

W.E. Seaborn, Esq.,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

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P.S.- I have not heard
from you for a long while,
or Mrs. Irwin either.
My best regards to you both.

A.M.

Ottawa, May 26th, 1932.

Dear Dr. Irwin,-

I received wires yesterday from yourself and Colonel Seaborn with regard to the selection of Mr. A.J. Wickens, K.C. of Moose Jaw for the appointment to the Radio Commission.

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Yours very truly,

Dr. W.W. Irwin,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

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H.

Ottawa, May 27th, 1932.

Dear Miss Wynne,-

I have your letter of the 18th. It is impossible not to feel sorry for those who find themselves out of work at this time. No doubt the fact is that a great many had to be released from the Census office because, necessarily, this is a temporary service and also because no doubt everyone is working hard to get back. Under the circumstances I do not see what one can do, the course being pursued is, doubtless, caused by the lack of necessity for the service and the limitation of the vote.

Regretting that I am unable to send you a more favourable reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

Miss Evelyn E. Wynne,
211 Carling Ave.,
O t t a w a, Ont.

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May 30th, 1932.

Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge with much appreciation your letter of the 26th inst. I have no doubt that your intimation that Canada is a pretty big Country and that there are big provinces in the East is much to the point. As you no doubt readily understand we are importuned at times to send telegrams which we know in the first place must be futile.

Undoubtedly your many friends throughout Canada are glad to see you back in the Political ring. I hope you will enjoy being in the Senate and that you will be able to find expression and a suitable outlet for your ability in public service.

Needless to say, if you are coming West we will all be glad to see you again.

Again thanking you for your letter and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. E. Seaborn

WES*MP

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Chestus Basin
June 2st /32 N.S.

The Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Ottawa Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I am going to write you concerning the Postmastership at Chestus Basin. I. on November 14th/31 was temporarily apponted Postmaster at Chestus Basin, on May 31st/32 it was transfered to Miss Beatrice Hennigar What I should like to know is Why the Civil Service Board give a single girl also with a D.s Diploma the Preference, Of Course She is liberal & the Civil Service I feel sure are liberals. I wrote the Civil Service Commission But they were not Courteous enough to answer my letter that is why I am writing you. J. W. Margeson, once told me you were the Clevenest man he ever knew. So I thought Perhaps you Could tell me Why I was not apponted. For Forty years I worked for the Tory Party Spent my money on time. I never ask for one favor of the Party until The last election I ask for the Post Office

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At Chestes Basin. I was Promised it, and got it. I bought Post Office lock Boxes I built an Office and went to a big expence to do it. I am only a very Poor Man. I brought up twelve Children and struggled to do it By Blacksmithing, Now at My age I am almost down and out and I built My future on that Post Office I was offered that office several times befor But would not take it because I would have had to take it from a Widow But this time the Case was different, I also have a Son a Returned Soldier who made application for the Postmastership But was turned down. Now Mr Meighn if I am not Putting you to too much trouble I would like to know why one of we two were not appointed. If you could find out, You may apply to Dr Rekfuss. or W. G. Ernst. At Bridgewater to As to My Character, I noticed by the Paper where you are very much opposed to that Civil Service. So thought I would ask You this Question Sincerely Yours Delbert Webber

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P. S.

I might say I have been an Councillor for the Municipality of Chester for fifteen years, I was Warden of the council for seven years during that time So I believe I am capiba of handling the Post Office, If I Cant hold a Job Under a Tory Administration, I wonder what hopes I would have under a liberal, Now Mr Meighn I wonder if there are any thing you could do for Me. I would like to Know if the Civil Service Commissio is going to be abolished when the revenue is under three thousand dollars a year.

Sincerely Yours

Delbert Webber

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Watrous June 4th 1932

Dear Mr Meighen

I am taking the liberty of writing you to ask you to take an interest in a matter of vital importance to myself & several other members of the Railway mail service staff in the Vancouver Division. Some few weeks ago a suggestion was made either by the local office or the department at Ottawa to

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...ndred expenditures such as
...other divisions & the removal
...of a number of men from the
Railway Mail
service & the P. Office in different
towns was the only feasible
way to accomplish this
result. We - the Railway Mail
Clerks assn. - sent a representative
to Ottawa to put ~~not~~ our case
before the Cabinet & several
conferences were called
in which the Hon H. H. Stevens
sat in as a representative
of B.C. in which we
all of us have great

confidence. Mr Stevens will
tell you just what the
outcome was + what
was proposed by both sides.
Our man - Mr Bate - returned
to Vancouver well pleased
with his mission which
was to convince the Dept that
if any men were to be
removed they must be
removed from the bottom
up. On the face of definite
assurance that any final
adjustment would be

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submitted to Mr. Stevens &
passed on to our association
Rep for perusal, I and
other clerks concerned
were were called in for
a talk separately by
the local supt - and told
that we were to be placed
in the P.O. or moved to
some other town. Notwithstanding
the fact that the 5 lowest
men on the list are quoting
as follows, 3 out of Calgary
+ 2 out of Nelson. Mr Bates
suggestion save the

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Dept. just what would
be saved by this scheme
with the exception that
the 5 junior men would
be demoted and not
picked at off the middle
of the list as suggested
by this office. In my
case I cannot move
without sacrificing my
home & try to make a
new home at the age
of 56 for my wife & family.
I have recently suffered

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The 10% cut $15.00 and
if I went into the P.O.
I would lose my mileage
amounting to about $25.00
per month and also
suffer a decrease of
salary of another
5.00 or so per month.

I am up against the
real thing and am trying
to enlist your help in
convincing the Dept. to
not make things any

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier Ottawa.

It would be impossible for me to sell my house at any price now and the rental of any other market is all shot to pieces.

Some time ago I wrote to you if you will remember but when I say that I am the son of the late W.R. White K.C. of Pembroke and a cousin of Senator G.F. White you will probably remember my name and the circumstances

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under which I communicated with you. In your reply you stated that you would be glad to do anything you could for me at any time that it was possible for you to be of assistance. If you get in touch with Lyndal White at Mr Stevens they can give you all the data necessary for you to lend your help.

In the meantime I am

Very sincerely yours.

C. Tupper White

2735 - West 10th ave Vancouver

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His is an urgent appeal & I would feel honored by a reply

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OTTAWA, 7 June, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd. instant.

By an Act passed during the last Session of Parliament revenue post offices under $3000. are now exempt from the provisions of the Civil Service Act.

I would suggest that you take the matter up with the Member of Parliament for your district. Coming from Toronto Mr. Meighen would hardly be consulted with respect to an appointment in Nova Scotia.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

Delbert Webber, Esq.,
Chester Basin, N.S.

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ONTARIO

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

St. Marys, Ontario.

June 11, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senate Chambers,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:-

I am writing you again on behalf of Miss Evelyn Wynne, who has been connected with the Civil Service in Ottawa, but her father was in to see me to-day, and states that he is under the impression that her services have been disposed of just recently. Inasmuch as Mr. Wynne is a particularly good supporter of mine, in fact one of my chief men in the Woodham district, I would like very much to have his daughter retained, if at all possible, in the service.

Anything you can do for Miss Wynne in this connection will be very much appreciated, and wishing you continued success in your duties, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. E. Richardson

O. Chas. E. Richardson, M. L. A.

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Toronto, June 11th, 1932.

Dear Mr. White, -

Your letter of the 4th inst., directed to me at Ottawa, has been forwarded to me here.

I am not familiar with the arrangement which it has been necessary for the Post Office Department to make in view of the reduced expenditures, but if I can be of assistance to you I shall be glad to co-operate with Mr. Stevens on my return to Ottawa in a few days.

Yours very truly,

C. Tupper White, Esq.,
2735 West 10th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

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OTTAWA, 14 June, 1932.

My dear Charlie,

I have your further letter of the 11th instant with respect to Miss Wynne. I also received a letter from her last month.

Owing to the limitation of the appropriation it has become necessary to reduce the Census staff by large numbers and I do not see any prospect of further employment for Miss Wynne in this branch of the Service.

Permanent appointments come entirely within the Civil Service Commission and a Minister has no voice in the matter.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Chas. E.Richardson, Esq., M.L.A.,
St. Marys, Ontario.

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Wembley July 22nd
Alta

Mr Arthur Meighen
Ottawa
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Dear Sir

You may not remember me but I looked after your Committee Room in McGregor Manitoba and there is a Mail Route to be let here Rural Route no 1 Wembley and I would Appreciate it very much if you would do what you can to help me get it

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hopping to heare from
you Soon

yours Truly
J b Ward
Wembley
Alta

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P S my Father and I
ran a Harness Shop in
N. Gregor and Carberry

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OTTAWA, 29 July, 1932.

Dear Mr. Ward,

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and recall your activities in my behalf when you were a resident of McGregor.

If I can be of any assistance in the matter of the contract about which you write I shall be very glad to do anything I can on your behalf.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J.C.Ward, Esq.,
Wembley, Alberta.

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I252 West Georgia Street .
Vancouver .B C October 29th--I932 .

Rt.Hon.Arthur.W? Meighn .
Ottawa .Ontario .

Dear Mr Meighn /

I am enclosing a little jingle for the Ottawa paper which is now going the rounds of the Democratice American press . Should this be deemed worthy please allow it it to be passed on to any paper whose policy supports my ideas.

I am still un-employed though many less deserving men are on the Dominion payrolls --especially the new camps now being brought into action and my long experience in camp life and the necessary sanitation along with thirty years FIrst Aid work and Camp Welfare is still being over looked and I wish to state that if the Hon Frank Cochrane and Sir James Whitney or Willie MacLean were in the house today a demand for my recognition for past services alone would be made that would place me somewhwre with sufficient earning power to rear my family and care for an ailing wife and an invalid daughter .

I think with scores of my friends that I have been treated to the very verge of rotteness by the great Conservative party and left to starve after I lost a large sum in that last Mexican Revolution when all my oil leases were cancelled and the major companies were given my land .

I wish to have charge of one of the larger camps and a quiet single sentence from you or Mr .Bennet would accomplish this saving grace if written or spoken in the right Provincial place or where ever the appointments are made .

Firm in the belief that someone at the Nations Capital can and will reach out a sustaining hand to a stricken CANADIAN family who did its share and more for the Empire from beyond the days of WATERLOO where three of my forefathers fought side by side and two of them felland later my father waded the humber river and went to repel the Fenian invaders meeting them near Stony Creek and still later drove Garnet Wolsely from Prince Arthurs Landing (NOW Pt Arthur) to near St Boniface Manitoba and with out charge or expenses and the writer a member of the 90th of Winnipeg and my two sons both winning high honors in the late war --do you think I wish to accept relief except in the form of permanent employment ? I DO NOT and have sold every valuable thing we possess and still we are nearly starving and my childrem scattered over the Province looking for work and just recently we lost our home and all our goods went with it .

Respectfully .

W.M. Yorke .

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Ottawa, November 10, 1922.

Dear Mr. York:

I duly received your letter of October 29th. Am here very little as my responsibilities in Toronto keep me there absolutely all the time except when the Senate is sitting.

The verse you sent me is one of the very few one gets in the mail that show real talent. This is a very readable piece of work and well done. I am passing it round.

As to a position--I have no Department. Nearly all the positions anywhere in the Government are under the Civil Service Commission. Of those left, any appointment for British Columbia would, of course, require the recommendation of the appropriate British Columbia member, and would be in still better position supported by the B. C. Minister. Any one's influence outside of British Columbia for the appointment of a B. C. citizen to some other Department would be absolutely nil.

AM/EME

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. M. York,
1252 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Montreal. AGENCY November 20th 1932.

Honourable Mr. Arthur Meighen

Senator au Senat

Dear Sir,

Allow me although not personally known to you your Honour to Write you a few lines to you and the Ministers of the Senate and explain to you in a few words my trouble or in other words my Grivance. While the Railway Report is under discussion, having been employed with the above Company has train messenger since Aug 8/1916 till the month of April 1932 When a Curtailment of trains and a Cut of 14 Train messengers took effect, put me Completely out of a Position, since then I am Seeking to find one and without Success, the References inside this letter will be I hope Satisfactory Proof to Recommend myself to you, and Ministers of the Senate, has you will understand my Case is a hard one, and its my self that knows it; however has a Citizen of the City of Montreal, and by birth from mont Bellw. P. Que. I am going to ask you, your honour to allow me to ask from you or from Some of the Ministers of the Senate,

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Montreal, ~~AGENCY~~ November 22nd 1932

to help or do me a favor in this manner, yourself, or has your Private would you kindly Recommend me with a letter from the Senate addressed to the Honourable Mr. Alfred Duranleau, Minister of Marine and Fisheries at the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, who Can Give me a Position in different ways, for instance at the Cold Storage, or the Canadian Pickers, or different other ways, in which the Honourable, Mr. Alfred Duranleau is in Charge, and in which Mr. J. C. Newman, is the President of the Harbour Commissioners, I am educated in the both languages and would be only too glad to tackle anything in the way of work to make a honest living, your honour you will not only do me a favor by Recommending me to these gentlemen, but you will also and more so be the means of Providing both for me and my family which will never be forgotten, Thanking you in the meantime your Honour, may I ask you to give this letter your deepest Consideration and entrust. Remaining your Obedient Servant George Watson

8202 La Jeunesse St. Vieuay.

Montreal P Que.

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OTTAWA, 28 November, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I am returning herewith the two letters received with your letter of the 25th instant.

As a Minister from Ontario I have nothing to say with respect to appointments in the Province of Quebec and am unable to assist you in the matter of your desire for an appointment with the Montreal Harbour Commission.

I regret that I cannot send you a more satisfactory reply.

Yours truly,

Mr. George Watson,
8202 La Jeunesse Street,
Villeray,
Montreal, P.Q.

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1173254 St. Mark's Rectory
Montreal
Dec. 12th 1932.

Dear Dr. Meighen

I am taking it for granted you will remember me, although it is quite four years since we had the pleasure of meeting you at my brother's, Kenneth Macpherson's also for Sport - a most enjoyable evening at your home in Toronto - & trading on the hope that the occasion did not leave a complete blank in your mind, I am going with you to allow me to take up a few moments of your valuable time - long enough to ask of you

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2. a very great favour which I know
you will graciously grant if it is in
your power to do so —
To be brief — is there any position
whatsoever with a living Salary you
could bestow or assist in doing so
in my brother, Jack Macpherson of
Ottawa? One entirely to his unfit
occupation he is absolutely up against
it, & were it not desperately vital, I would
not trouble you but it is so hard to know
who to apply to & where one is likely
to get a hearing — He has been to see
several Ministers, & it is always a case
of "I will keep you in mind if anything
turns up," but nothing ever happens.
& because of his same answer so often
given. He is somewhat discouraged
as he feels he is one of many
clambering for his comparatively
few jobs to be had —

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3/ His Qual. drawback is Shyness & diffidence about pushing himself &. it. Seems to me that a man who has served his Country well, is a good citizen & loyal Subject & is capable of filling a good position, should at least be considered. He has a splendid record which will bear looking into - I am enclosing a few letters which will be better than any Gushing praise from me - He is particularly well qualified for the Pensions Board & Soldiers resettlement as well as being capable he is interested & thorough - Miss Carr-Harris (an Overseas Nurse & who also worked with Dr Grenfell in Labrador) worked with Jack in Ottawa in the S.C.R. Told me She had never seen such intelligent interest & work - that after he reports - She got such quick action & results & that Nothing has been neglected or put aside & in that way many of the deserving

4/ cases which had received little or no attention previously & who were disheartened & fell. May I would like you about presenting this case again & look after - I could tell you a great many wonderful things in his favour - Suffice it to say however that he is an A.1. Man worthy of Some Serious Consideration. Influence does a lot - & if you could lend yours on his behalf Records can show how grateful we would all be and I can promise you faithfully that your trust in him will not be misplaced if you recommend his appointment -

He has a very fine wife & two lovely Children, both bright, & the boy is brilliantly Clever - I will enclose his record which will speak for itself - He is ambitious & with half a chance could make a career - he is really so worthwhile & useless Something happens Soon

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S/ to Save his situation if. means he will
have to discontinue his Studies & start in
Sm business to earn do to help out financially
Ind - it would be taking a razor to chop wood.
I hope I have'nt bored you with
Such detail but I feel sure you
will understand a certain amount
is necessary to assure you that my
appeal is very genuine & urgent
& Ind. just to secure a good job
for a dear relation! -
I know that a word from you is
almost a command, but if you feel
that you are unable to do anything,
could you make any helpful Suggestions?
There is a position Vacant at the
moment on the Board of Appeal
Ind. that may have to go to a Trade
Canadian, and I believe

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b/ also that a Tariff Board Commission
is shortly to be named. No doubt
there would be some positions there
in the Post accounting or
Correspondence departments
anyway things have come to such
a pass that anything with a settled
salary coming in each month-
would be acceptable — Is so the
Bill Nut works like a Trojan trying
to sell oil furnaces in Summer
Frigid air in winter + 3 think
Electric washing Machines!
But Everyone is economizing
& God they must freeze or Boil-
it so dirty as the case may be!
What a world — !
Will you kindly return all

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J. Mackrell Signed Letters, "Copies"
dont Matter -

I hope you & your family are
all enjoying the best of health -
& at any time you are in
Montreal & can find time to Spare
I will be glad to see you & pleasure
in dining with me -
With Kindest Regards
from Mrs Mackrell & myself
& hoping I may hear from
you in the near future
Yours Sincerely
Mackrell Robertson

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89 W

347 Bay Street, Toronto,

15 December, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Wotherspoon,

I have your letter of the 12th instant directed to me at Ottawa.

It would indeed be a pleasure to me if I could assist Major Macpherson but the difficulty is I have no Portfolio and No Department. If I knew of a vacancy I would not hesitate to recommend him, but as you doubtless know more positions are being abolished than created and for the few vacancies that arise in the public service the applications are overwhelming.

It is doubtful if I will be in Ottawa until the Session resumes but I shall then be glad to do anything I can should an opportunity present itself wherein I can be of assistance.

I am returning the correspondence received with your letter, together with the very interesting record of the splendid progress made by your brother's young son.

Needless to say I recall with pleasure your visit to my home here.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. S.Wotherspoon,

1254 St. Mark Street,

MONTREAL, P.Q.

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Toronto

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944 Riverwood Avenue.
Fort Garry, Manitoba.
January,30,1933.

The Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Bay Street.
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Mr. Meighan,

Like many another, the Watson family of Winnipeg finds itself suddenly exposed to "The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune", in as much as the Hudson's Bay Company, in its Economic campaign, has seen fit, after fifteen years, to close down the special department in which I have been operating, and for the first time in an honourable business career of unusual diversity and combinations, I am 'out'. I was going to say 'out of work', but it not exactly that, for since I was informed of it, I have been working harder than ever in my attempt to get settled elsewhere, - I am merely out of work that brings in anything for what I have to 'give'.

I am not at the last ebb, or anything like that, but I have no desire to get there with a long siege.

As you know, no writing man in the Dominion can live on the product of his pen, free-lancing; he has to have regular employment to provide the essentials. The little that returns from his stray literary efforts merely provides the 'extras'.

My work with the Hudson's Bay Company has consisted of National and general publicity, advising on booklets, folders, et cetera in connection with the service, editing "The Beaver" their staff magazine which has gained an international reputation since I took it over ten years ago, educational work with the staffs and lecturing and discoursing on the Company's history to visiting conventions, et cetera., and general research work, even to the putting on of pageants such as Governor Charles V. Sale left to my care in the Sir George Simpson Centennial Celebrations at Fort St. James in 1928, when some six hundred Indians were there to take part.

It is not generally known that by original profession I am an experienced and efficient Accountant (not chartered) Expense Controller and general business manager. All my life I have been first and all the time a <u>Business Man.</u>

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My contribution to the literature of Canada is as follows:-

Five British Columbia novels
Two Scottish Novels
Two volumes of Canadian ballads and poems
One volume of Nature History poems for Canadian Children.
Four small books on Manitoba History
The History of Manitoba (4 vols) 400,000 words, just completed; not yet in print but contracted for.
"The Beaver" which is an Historical Journal which I have edited for 10 years;
One book of Travel (Canadian) for Boys
One text book on Literature,

Hundreds of Feature Articles, short stories, fugitive poems, etc.

I have lectured on Canada throughout the West and in Great Britain.

With such an extensive experience and record, I know I should not be long out, but I can only get 'in' by letting it be known that I am 'out'.

I am willing to do anything in which my talents or general ability can be used; I am willing to go anywhere (so is Mrs. Watson) I care not whether it is Great Britain, the West Indies, Japan, China, Russia. If there is any special investigation that requires a man of experience, Scottish shrewdness and an observer with the ability to write, I am 'it'. I am used to meeting and conversing with all classes of people and can be 'close as a clam'.

I am in perfect health and at the very peak of my energy and vitality.

I am capable of making any kind of investigation and giving a clear and lucid report on same; I have newspaper and journalistic experience right back from by Glasgow newspaper days and I know Canada from end to end as very few do, for I have been a keen observer and have retained what I have seen, being a writer.

I know you are weighted down with 'affairs of state' and that your life must be pestered, but I felt I would not be doing myself justice if I did not write to you in the circumstances; if I did not 'appeal to Caesar,' as it were.

I am attaching the briefest of outlines of my experience, in case this might be wanted, from which you will notice that I have also had years of experience in the Steam Ship trade. The Fruit and other orchard business of the Okanagan valley is also familiar to me.

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As you can appreciate, I can obtain the highest credentials in every phase of Canadian life, political, business and professional.

With sincere regards and all good wishes, in which Mrs. Watson joins me,

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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Robert Watson

Born Glasgow, Scotland;

Educated at Pollok and Shawlands Academies, Glasgow. A Bursar of both schools;

In Canada since 1908;

With the Hudson's Bay Company since 1918, in various executive positions;

Publicity and Advertising Adviser;

Historian, and editor of "The Beaver", the H B C internationally known magazine;

Expert in composing, laying-out and editing Publicity booklets, pamphlets and other material;

Author of many books on a variety of subjects; internationally known as a feature writer and a writer of general articles;

A man with ideas;

Well and favourably known throughout Canada and Great Britain;

An experienced Accountant and Expense Controller; an Efficient Organizer;

For years Supervising Business Secretary;

Competent in the handling of staffs and in meeting the general public;

A capable lecturer on a variety of themes, chiefly travel and outdoors;

One in whom Art and Commerce have met and harmonized;

First and all the time, a Business man;

Has been employed as follows:-
William Sloan & Co., Steam Ship Owners, Glasgow;
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Married, with a family of two;
Punctual in business; temperate in all habits;
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Present reference, - Mr. P.A. Chester, General Manager, Hudson's Bay Company, Hudson's Bay House, Main Street, Winnipeg, by wire or letter.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 3, 1933.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have your letter of 30th. Am really distressed to learn that you have run into this piece of hard luck--just one of an army of tens of thousands. The number of such communications coming to me certainly keeps one from getting too enthusiastic, but we must keep our courage up and battle on.

I have read all the details you give me with great interest, and am trying to think out some possible avenue along which I might be able to help. Will watch for an opportunity, and meantime if you can think of any special point at which I can do something worth while, let me know.

Very kindest regards to Mrs. Watson.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert Watson,
944 Riverwood Avenue,
Fort Garry, Manitoba.

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CHARLES T. WOODSIDE

GROCERY BROKER
AND MANUFACTURERS' AGENT

204 TOOLE PEET BUILDING
PHONE R 1041
CALGARY
CANADA

Feb 4/33

Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Ottawa. Can.

Dear Arthur:

Greetings. Long time since I have seen or heard from you. Hope you are well, and that your family the same.

A young fellow in Calgary, one of our very best friends, named Allan Carscallen, wrote an examination this week for Junior Trade Commissioner.

He graduated from Alberta U in Commerce some two yrs ago, since which time he has been in business and teaching, so that when it came on such short notice to write an exam, (was given only three days notice) he was somewhat rusty, and wouldnt do himself justice.

He is one of the finest young fellows you could wish to know, and the Dept would be well served if they gave him an opportunity. I wonder if you could make some enquiries re the matter, and if a word from you would help, I certainly would appreciate anything you would do or say. He has been Don's chum for 15 yrs or so. Clean, honest, and has good sense.

Regards

C. T. Woodside

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 7, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Wotherspoon:

I have your letter on behalf of your brother, Major J. A. C. Macpherson. It is probable the report to which you refer will be before the Cabinet shortly, and I will very gladly keep in mind the strong representations you have made.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. S. Wotherspoon,
1254 St. Mark St.,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 8, 1933.

Dear Charlie:

I have your letter of 4th. Appointments as Trade Commissioners are made entirely on special examinations and in order of merit at the examination. I shall, however, take an opportunity of speaking to the Minister and drawing his attention specially to what you say as to Mr. Carscallen.

It is quite true I have not been West for ever so long.

Saw Wilson about two months ago. He was looking fine.

Very kindest regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Charles T. Woodside,
204 Toole Peet Building,
Calgary, Alta.

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944 Riverwood Avenue,
Fort Garry, Manitoba.
February,8,1955.

Dear Mr. Meighan,

I received your kind letter of February 3 and I can well understand you must be swamped. The old H.B.C. no doubt has its back against the wall, like a great many other businesses, but they are certainly showing the most calloused and relentless front, in regard to employees, of all the large businesses in Canada and, unfortunately, they are hitting at the men with fairly long services, fairly decent salaries and large national and family obligations, and replacing them with young men who have no such obligations. However, that is their privilege, but it has played fast and loose with the morale of those who are still there with them; they are like a drove of cattle waiting their turn in the slaughter house.

The trouble with my particular business and literary experience is that there are not very many places here into which I might fit, and those that might be suitable are occupied. And being away here, I do not hear of such outlets in the East, as such positions are seldom if ever advertised.

In a nutshell:-

I am a long experienced Accountant, Credit Manager, Office Manager, Business Secretary and Organizer;

I have long experience of Publicity Work, general advertising, educational work with staffs and with general public;

I can lecture on any subject with which I become familiarized;

I can write, investigate, et cetera, on almost anything;

I could act as special correspondent at home or abroad for any large newspaper or combination of newspapers; and would be willing to go to Japan, China, West Indies, Australia, Great Britain, anywhere;

I could fill in splendidly at any of Canada's foreign offices;

I could edit and business manage a newspaper, such as The Vernon News, with the greatest ease.

Do you know Lord Beaverbrook or any of the other big newspaper and Journalistic interests? I surely could fit in with them, somewhere. Other Canadians have been used in this way.

The fact is, I don't mind where I go or what I do, so long as it is worth while work and honourable.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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In a large tourist hotel, such as C.P.R. Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, Victoria, Digby, or C.N.R. Jasper, I could fit in where there is a doubling up of the work and a necessity to have a man say who could supervise the accounts and control expenses, and at the same time could look after the publicity, and the entertainment of the guests, one who could meet them properly and contact, such as one of the assistant managers is generally expected to do.

I can guarantee this, who ever uses me willget their money's worth.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 14, 1933.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I just received this morning your letter of 8th.

I know Lord Beaverbrook quite well, but, unfortunately, he and I did not seem to become fast friends. He misinterpreted something I did once and has never forgiven me. Would it not be well for you to write Mr. Hungerford? You may say in your letter that you are doing so at my suggestion and that I would be glad if he would refer to me as to your qualifications and competency.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert Watson,
944 Riverwood Ave.,
Fort Garry, Man.

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February 23rd., 1933.

Private and Confidential

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I wish to thank you for the interview you were good enough to give me yesterday in your office.

As perhaps I have not made the Robertson Yard matter quite clear, I would like to give you the following information:

The Department of Railways & Canals are willing to cancel our lease as from 31st.March 1933, and give us a "during pleasure" lease at $1. per annum, instead of $12,000. which we have paid them for a great many years. The buildings on this land, owned by Farquhar Robertson Limited are in good repair, and are worth about $100,000.

If we accept the "during pleasure" lease, we will have to pay the City taxes amounting anywhere up to $3,000. per year on these buildings, unless we demolish them, and it seems wasteful to demolish good buildings at the present time. I have discussed this matter several times with Colonel Dubuc and members of his Department, and we are all agreed that having these buildings on the property makes the property all the more valuable to the Canadian Government for leasing to ourselves or any other party. Our suggestion is that we sell these buildings to the Government for $1., we to have an option of buying them back for $1. or to lease the land on as favorable conditions as the Government can obtain from anyone else. The idea of buying back the buildings for $1. is that if a party should come along and wish to buy the buildings as well as lease the property at $12,000 a year from the Government, any profit on the sale of the property might come to us, who have paid the total cost of the buildings, and not to the Government, who have contributed nothing. The Government, however, would benefit from this sale back to us at $1. by the fact that they would have a steady tenant at $12,000. a year for as long as his lease continued.

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I trust that this makes the matter quite clear, and that you can see the reasonableness of our request to the Department of Railways & Canals.

I hope to send you a photograph of our plant in a few days.

Yours truly,

Colin W. Webster

Copy to Toronto

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GILBERT A. J. WILSON
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR
93 SUN LIFE BUILDING
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March 2nd, 1933.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

My father called upon you yesterday in my interest and gave me your kind encouragement to write to you. I desire to secure a legal position in either the City Solicitor's Office, the Department of the Attorney General, the Hydro Electric Commission, the Succession Duty Department or the Canadian National Railway Legal Department at Toronto.

I am a barrister-at-law having been called to the Bar of Ontario in 1931 and since that time have been associated with the late David Henderson, K.C. and am at present serving in a like capacity with Mr. Ernest M. Lee. Should I become located in a position, the amount of salary would be of less consequence to me than the training and opportunity of advancement.

I shall be happy to follow any suggestions in pursuance of this matter that you may care to make and wish to thank you kindly for the interest which you have been good enough to evince.

Yours very truly.

GAJW/MRB

Gilbert A J Wilson

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OTTAWA, March 6, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 2nd. Had quite a talk with your father on the same subject and will be on the lookout for anything that may come in sight that would be of interest to you. I think it would be practically impossible to get into any public offices at the present time in this capacity, as, should vacancies occur, there will probably be contractions, and if so, longstanding applications waiting and pressing. However, I will keep you carefully in mind.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Gilbert A. J. Wilson,
93 Sun Life Bldg.,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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OTTAWA, March 7, 1928.

My dear Mr. Warren:

I have just heard the sad news of the death of Mrs. Warren. Had not known previously of her illness, and can assure you I am exceedingly sorry to learn of the great sorrow you must now be enduring.

Would you kindly accept the sincere sympathy of Mrs. Meighen and myself.

Very truly yours,

Mr. A. E. Warren,
Canadian National Railways,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Wife of C.N.R. Executive, Mrs. A. E. Warren, Dies

Winnipeg, Man., March 5.—The death occurred Sunday morning at the family residence, 606 Stradbrooke Avenue, of Elizabeth Margaret, wife of A. E. Warren, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, after a long illness. Besides her husband Mrs. Warren is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. S. McGhie of Toronto; Mrs. L. W. Fitzmaurice of Montreal, the Misses Helen and Ruth at home; a sister, Mrs. C. P. Wright of North Portal, Sask.

Rewards Totalling $975 Follow Bandit's Capture

The above is a clipping from to-day's Mail and Empire. I thought possibly you might wish to write to Mr. Warren.

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House of Commons
Canada

Amherstburg Ontario
March 10th/1933

Hon Arthur Meighen
Hydro Electric
Toronto
Ontario.

Dear Arthur.

What can you do to have a son of a very good friend of mine placed in the Hydro Electric service. He is a good electrician, age 27, name John Wigle, son of Mr and Mrs Melvin Wigle, of Amherstburg Ontario.

The parents would appreciate very much if the right button could be touched in his behalf.

Sincerely & Faithfully Yours.

Reeb Gott.

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OTTAWA, March 15, 1933.

My dear Friend, Eccles:

I have your letter of 10th.

To be frank I don't think there is any chance of an electrician getting on the Hydro now. We have been cutting down rather than increasing the personnel. My suggestion is, however, that young Mr. Wigle write the Secretary of the Commission and say that he is doing so at my suggestion, and I will very carefully keep his name in mind. I have not the least doubt, from the family he belongs to, he will be a creditable young man.

Yours very truly,

Eccles J. Gott, M. P.,
Amherstburg, Ont.

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10530 - 127th Street
Edmonton, Alberta. June 27/33

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto.
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Thank you indeed for your letter of the 21st instant.

The following is a suggestion in regard to relief of my present almost desperate position. It is understood that the post of Superintendent of Jasper National Park is only temporarily filled and that steps will be taken in the very near future to install another appointee.

I feel that I could fill the position to the satisfaction of the

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Government, having highest recommendations from municipal bodies covering a period of some fourteen years service previous to my entering Canadian General. If I have not risen high in the Party it is because I had to attend to business all my life. I did, however, contest a Provincial seat against the Liberals and United Farmers of Alberta in 1926 at which time I made a very good showing. I will not again refer to my family history in the Party for my own activities speak to some extent for me.

As Ray Milner is away I have not mentioned this to him. He is, I know, a good friend of mine. I presume a post

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of this sort is quite apart from any local patronage committee. Should you consider my ambitions are not warranted by my present circumstances I am prepared to undertake any kind of honest work anywhere in order to support my family.

I do trust that you will help me.

Respectfully yours
S. P. Williams.

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OTTAWA, April 3, 1933.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your two letters this morning. Will be glad indeed to do anything I can for you with regard to this position. You will, of course, require the active support of Alberta people, especially Alberta organizations. Am not sure whether the appointment comes under theCivil Service Commission or not. If it does, that support will be of no value.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. S. P. Williams,
10530-127th St.,
Edmonton, Alta.

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DOMINION AND ANGLO INVESTMENT CORPORATION
LIMITED

15 KING STREET WEST
TORONTO

4, April, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I believe the enclosed memorandum sets forth all the relevant facts regarding the transfer tax assessments of $999.64 and $768.28 on the Dominion and Anglo Investment Corporation Limited.

May I express the Corporation's and my own personal appreciation of your kindness in offering to discuss this matter with the Department of National Revenue should you find it convenient.

If you think it advisable at this time to discuss the general question of investment trust taxation, I am outlining a few considerations with the object of getting the Department's reasoning behind investment trust taxation. I feel that some time we will have to build up a case for special treatment of investment trusts, otherwise the burden of taxation will be so heavy as to destroy the whole principle behind investment trusts.

For instance, on the basis of a $1,000,000. Corporation, the cost of management at the rate of one half of one per cent. would be $5,000. Assuming that the $1,000,000. is invested in bonds to give a return of 6 per cent. or $60,000, the present Corporation income tax of 12½ per cent. on that amount is $7,500. or three quarters of one per cent. of the capital. The total cost of management and taxation is thus one and one quarter per cent. which is sufficient to more than negative any advantage to be gained from expert management, diversification etc. Dividends from Canadian corporations are, of course, exempt, but all other income is subject to the regular Corporation Tax.

The average shareholder's investment in an investment trust is only between $2,000. and $3,000. The shareholder is, therefore, representative of the small investor who would come in the lower brackets of the income tax schedule. As it is, the

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the investment trust, unlike ordinary operating companies, is virtually a holding company, and therefore a sieve, the income in turn being paid to the shareholders, where it is again subject to tax. The result is a double taxation on savings. Perhaps it might be well to distinguish between investment trusts and finance companies, the taxation on which is based on capital appreciation and not on income.

Interest paid out on an investment trust's debentures would be a cost of doing business, and therefore deductible. If share capital was converted into some kind of participating income debentures, total income might be construed as an interest charge and therefore deductible.

As I understand it, the Dominion Income Tax on Life Insurance Companies, which are more and more taking over the function of investment trusts as managers of the people's savings, is based not on income, but on net profits credited to shareholders, which of course is but a very small fraction of total income. Unless the true nature of the investment trusts is recognized by the Department, their growth will inevitably be stultified.

Yours faithfully,

Harry Jackman.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, April 6, 1933.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing to you herewith a memorandum on behalf of Dominion and Anglo Investment Corporation Limited, in respect of transfer taxes assessed against them. I have no interest personally in this Corporation, but on behalf of another have argued the points raised herein.

It seems to me utterly illogical and indefensible to apply transfer taxes in this case, where there is no real transfer at all.

Will be glad to have your earnest consideration of the argument herein presented.

Yours very truly,

Mr. C. F. Elliott,
Commissioner of Income Tax,
Department of National Revenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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415, Jarvis Street.
Toronto.
6th April 1933.

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The Right Hon Sir Arthur Meighen
Ottawa.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to my conversation with you in December last before leaving for Scotland, I have now returned to Toronto.

To-day I have addressed a letter to the Right Hon E.B. Ryckman making application for an appointment in the Sales Tax Department.

I would appreciate any assistance you can give me in obtaining this position.

Thanking You,
I Remain,
Yours Sincerely
E. A. Wallace.
(Old St. Andrews Church)

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
"COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX"

ADRESSEZ VOTRE RÉPONSE AU
COMMISSAIRE DE L'IMPÔT SUR LE REVENU

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Department of National Revenue
Ministère du Revenu National

INCOME TAX DIVISION
DIVISION DE L'IMPÔT SUR LE REVENU

OTTAWA, 8th April, 1933.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing memorandum on behalf of the Dominion and Anglo Investment Corporation Limited in respect of Transfer Taxes against them.

Please be advised that inasmuch as the Transfer Tax provisions of the Special War Revenue Act are administered by the Commissioner of Excise, the memorandum is being returned to you as it is felt you will probably wish to write Mr. Scully direct.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner of Income Tax.

FHL/EMS.
Encl.

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OTTAWA, April 10, 1933.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I just received your letter of 6th on my arrival this morning.

I understand these appointments are entirely under the Department of National Revenue. I hope you have referred to me in your application.

Yours very truly,

Mr. E. A. Wallace,
415 Jarvis St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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OTTAWA, April 10, 1933.

Dear Mr. Scully:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing to you herewith a memorandum on behalf of Dominion and Anglo Investment Corporation Limited, in respect of transfer taxes assessed against them. I have no interest personally in this Corporation, but on behalf of another have argued the points raised herein.

It seems to me utterly illogical and indefensible to apply transfer taxes in this case, where there is no real transfer at all.

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Yours very truly.

Mr. H. D. Scully,
Commissioner of Excise,
Dept. of National Revenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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944 Riverwood Avenue.
Fort Garry, Man.
April,24, 1933.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
The Senate,
Ottawa,

Dear Mr. Meighan,

Just a note to say that I am still on the hunt for a new field of enterprise. I took a journey as far West as Vancouver and south to Los Angeles. Nothing of a definite nature showed up and things seem to be pretty general in their condition.

I wrote to your friend, Mr. Hungerford, but he was very definite in informing me that he hadn't a thing to offer under existing conditions. I am going to be doing a few weeks lecturing for the C.P.Steam Ships in the west, but am fr ee to take up anything of a permament nature at any moment.

You don't happen to know of a secretaryship to one of your various commissions now operating or prospective, that I could take care of, or a secretaryship to any of your cabinet ministers?

There is nothing along secretarial lines that I could not undertake with satisfaction; organization of all kinds also comes within my field. I have never actually done any political organizing, but I feel it would not take me long to get the swing of it.

We are all well here andpperking up with the advent of spring in Manitoba.

By the bye, it occurs to me that the University of Manitoba will be getting together a new Board of Governors and that they will almost of a necessity have to appoint a thoroughly efficient business man to take care of the work in connection with the Board and the University. If so, that is something I could look after admirably, for I am an experienced Accountant, Expense controller and general supervisor, having held such positions in several 'big businesses'.

If anything of this nature comes within your ken, perhaps you will keep me in mind.

Best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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944 Riverwood Avenue.
Fort Garry, Man.
April,24, 1933.

Hon Arthur Meighan.
The Senate,
Ottawa,

Dear Mr. Meighan,

Following my letter of yesterday's date, I notice fromthe speech given here today by Major Murray that the West is shortly to have two High Power Radio Stations. It occurs to me that there might be an opening in the West in connection with these for one of my experience and ability, one in whom art and business combine as they do with very few.

I don't know just how and where to apply in connection with the matter and I know there are likely to be a hundred men for every appointment. But I can'give' as much as I shall ever get, and more, and in a small way I have tried all my Canadian life to contribute something to the country as a whole. Perhaps you could do something along this line.

I hate to trouble you, but you see I am still keeping to the purpose I set myself, not to let a single chance slip up.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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OTTAWA, April 26, 1933.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have your letter of 24th. Am very much relieved indeed to know that you at least have some temporary activity.

Your suggestion as to the University of Manitoba is interesting and has possibilities. If I had any idea who the new Board would likely be, it might be I could communicate with them to your advantage. You will, of course, keep me informed.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 28th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have your letter about S. P. Williams. I have had several talks with him and pretty well appreciate his position. At the moment, however, it seems quite impossible to do anything for him out here. My own companies are carrying on no active program of development and are at a stand still and consequently are over-staffed. There is really nothing I can do for him directly. Neither have I been able to discover anything which would be suitable for him elsewhere. He is an excellent fellow and I have a high regard for him but to locate him is a matter of difficulty under present conditions here. You can be sure, however, I will keep him very much in mind.

I have just returned from the Coast. Conditions there seem to be rather better and there is every indication of an impending gold boom.

Yours faithfully,

Dict. HRM/F.

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OTTAWA, 28 April, 1933.

Dear Mr. Watson,

I have your further letter of the 24th instant.

Appointments to the Radio Commission are made through the Civil Service Commission. When applications are called for full details will be given in the advertisements.

WhileI would have no voice in the appointments you are at liberty to refer to me in your application.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Robert Watson, Esq.,
944 Riverwood Avenue,
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944 Riverwood Ave.
Fort Garry, Manitoba.
April,29,1930.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
The Senate.
Ottawa,

My Dear Mr. Meighan,

Thanks so much for your letter of April 26.

Only last night the nucleus of the New Board for the Manitoba University was announced. I am enclosing a list of same, so perhaps you could get in touch with some of them you happen to know.

I may say that just this morning I found out that Colonel J.Y.Reid is an applicant and has been 'pulling strings' for some time. I only made my application a week or so ago and have not been pulling any strings so far, not being much of a hand at that. Reid is a pretty old man now and I don't think could give the work such activity or interest as I could, but that will be for the new board to decide. There are other applicants also. But I would like my name to be given every consideration. So many of them are apt to think that a writing man is merely 'a writing man' while, as you know, that is merely a man's hobby in Canada. He has to have his 'bread and butter' job, or would starve to death. My profession all my life has been Expense Control, Figures, Office Management, Secretarial work, organization, et cetera, so I think I have the qualifications, especially with my deep interest as well in educational matters.

The new Board will no doubt be meeting soon, so this would have to be got after quickly. Many of the Board know me personally and would be friendly. I would ofcourse be willing to devote my entire time to the work.

I am leaving on my lecture tour for C.P.Steam Ships on April 30 and will be away for a few weeks, but could be back to meet that Board as desired.

With appreciations,

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Watson

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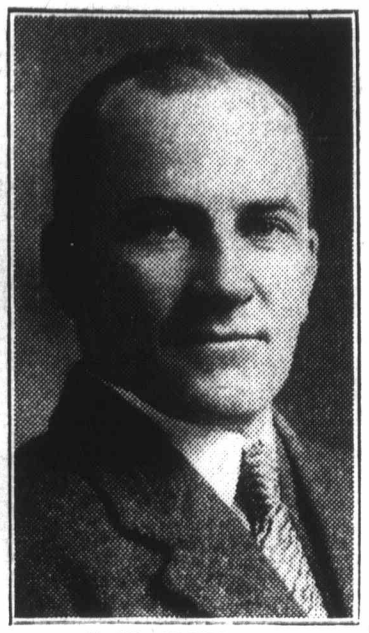
Members of New University Board of Governors



MR. JUSTICE A. K. DYSART



MRS. H. M. SPEECHLY



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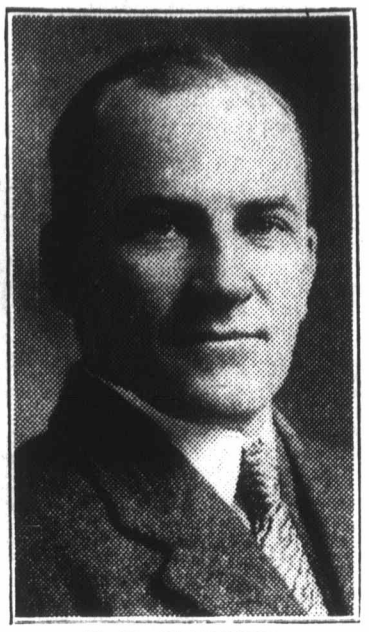

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OTTAWA, May 2, 1933.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have your letter of 29th.
Am glad to have the names of these officers,
and am writing Mr. Justice Dysart to-day.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Robert Watson,
944 Riverwood Ave.,
Fort Garry, Man.

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OTTAWA, May 3, 1933.

My dear Judge Dysart:

First of all I congratulate you on being appointed to the Board of Governors of Manitoba University. I do not know many of those appointed, but certainly your own name and that of Mr. Coleman will add greatly to public confidence. I sincerely hope you will enjoy the work, and am sure you will add to the prestige which your remarkable success on the Bench has brought you.

Am venturing to write with regard to a man who is an applicant for Secretary. His name is Robert Watson of 944 Riverwood Ave., Fort Garry.

I have known this man intimately for some time, and indeed I know your brother knows him quite well also. I am not familiar with the immediate environment, but I do feel sure this man would be active and valuable. If you could give him consideration, the news would certainly be a pleasure to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. Mr. Justice Dysart,
Court of the King's Bench,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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OTTAWA, May 3, 1933.

Dear Ray:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of 28th. I am specially anxious about Mr. Williams on account of his invalid daughter, and would make a very special effort to help you if anything turns up where the two of us together can get behind him.

Yours very truly,

Mr. H. R. Milner, K. C.,
Milner, Dafoe, Poirier & Martland,
Royal Bank of Canada Chambers,
Edmonton, Alta.

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COURT OF KING'S BENCH
WINNIPEG

May 9, 1933.

My dear Senator Meighen,

I acknowledge your letter of the 3rd inst., and thank you for the kind references to myself. I think you realize that I have always felt under an obligation to merit your approval of my work. I am glad indeed to have your words on that account.

Regarding Robert Watson as an applicant for secretaryship; I can assure you that I am rather well acquainted with Mr. Watson, and believe that I know his capabilities. Moreover, I am Chairman of the Committee of Appointments of the University. If there is anything I can do to further his prospects it will give me great pleasure both on his own account and yours. However, with our present very restricted resources, the chances are that there will be many eliminations from the staff, and possibly, those who now occupy positions, will as far as possible be fitted into others. In view of this, I cannot hold out any assurance that Mr. Watson could possibly succeed, but I will certainly do my best.

Yours very sincerely,

A. K. Dysart.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

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London Ont
May 17 /33

Rt Hon Sir
in reply to your letter I fully understand your Position as a ~~mister~~ minister of the Crown but I would like to ask a favor as I have known you for so long time and have always been one of your supporters and would vote for you any time and I have sit water in my house and as we seem to be on the verge of another Election I still want to stand by the Party but their are certain ones on the C n R that have made misstatements to keep me from work for over a year and as an injured man and injured in the service I have a right to work and Seniority should not be applied to my case for I have an injured

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leg and not able to do any thing
only watch a crossing and I am
denied that paltry job and I know
the reason is because I played true to
my party and gave information to
Dr McGibbon which he thanked me
for and now they put seniority on me
and bring men from other points to
keep me from work and honestly I
need the work badly as I am not able
to do other work now do you think
it is right when I am a Canadian
and have lived here all my life
and raised a family of 5 Boys and
my party in Power in both houses
and me injured in the companys
Service and then denied to hold the
paltry job of a crossing watchman
and I have never before asked any one
of my party to help me now do a
life long friend even when you lived
at St Marys I humbly beg of you

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to do all you can or [illegible] appeal
in the Proper channels that I may be
put back to work on my old job all
I ask is a chance to work and I pray
that you listen to my request and use
what Power you can in my behalf and
believe Hon Sir your trust will
never be betrayed this is my last
appeal for help but after working and
voting Loyaly for a Party for thirty
years if the Party will stand by and
see or let others work my job then I
know they do not need my support
any longer but I would be sorry to
have the Pull away but I can only see
it that way and I beg you Hon Sir
not to take this as a Threat I would
not offend you for if you were
running to day I would support
you name just a word for yours
own but I have a way of finding
out things now I W J Piggott the

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Supt at London will not support
your no 2 76 Per cent of the Employes
are for King This is the truth as I
can show you for the last 2 years that
the men laid off or let out of the service
when ever Possible it was the Conservative
that was let out and mark my words
unless there is some change when the vote
is taken it will Prove my words true
I have heard Mr Piggott the Supt laugh
at the Hon R B Bennett saying I
have not said any thing to offend
you in any way and thanking
you for Past favors and wishing
you Success

I am yours Sincerely

J M Claymantle

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OTTAWA, May 19, 1923.

Dear Mr. Weymouth:

I have your letter of 17th which I have read carefully.

There is something which I know it is hard for the public to understand. The fact, nevertheless, is that the Government in no way interferes with the operation of the Canadian National Railways. You can realize at once that if the Government interfered with the management and said who were to be taken on and who were to be put off, it would very soon mean the end of the system as a Government enterprise, because such things cannot be done.

If you will tell me who the man is who has charge of your district--it might be Mr. Kingsland of Toronto, but, whoever it is--I might speak to him telling him what I know about you. Certainly I will be glad to help you if I can, but the decision is entirely in the hands of the officials.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. M. Weymouth,
416 Simcoe St.,
London, Ont.

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May 27, 1933.

W. D. Yorke, Esq., M.E.,
1781 West 64th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Meighen has been kind enough to hand me your letter of the 22nd instant addressed to him, and I note what you say.

The Federal Government is taking over the cost of handling the single homeless men, that is, men who are without any connections or homes or shelter of any kind and are single. These are being sent out to camps throughout British Columbia under the direction of General MacNaughton, and in British Columbia through the Military Officer commanding District No. 11, namely, Col. Sutherland Brown.

If you could present to him this letter I am sure he will give to you every consideration. That is, of course, if you come within the category. In any case the young man to whom you refer in your letter would probably do so, and with your experience it might be possible for him to find a position with some responsibility.

Will you therefore take this letter to Col. Brown and he will, I know, deal with it in a fair and equitable manner.

Yours very truly,

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THE DEPARTMENT OF

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

OTTAWA May 27, 1933.

Rt. Hon. A. W. Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a .

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of the 26th instant with attached letter from Mr. Yorke of Vancouver, and I have written him as per the enclosed.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Stevens

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CABLE ADDRESS "ROYALBANK"

Souris, Manitoba,
December 14, 1933

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. Wm. Wenman, Post Master here, is retiring at the end of the month, due to advanced age. He is now some seventy-five years of age. His brother, Frederick E.Wenman, is applying for the position and has been Assistant Post Master these last sixteen or seventeen years. His application forms have gone forward to Ottawa, setting out his qualifications.

The Wenmans are very fine people, having settled here in 1881, coming from England. They are all highly educated and have been life long Conservatives. Fred Wenman is married and has three of a family dependent on him for support and as he has no other means, he depends on the Post Office salary to support his family. I understand that he has the support of the local Conservative Association. Mr. Wenman served all through the Great War and was discharged with the rank of a Lieutenant.

Mr. Wenman is rather afraid that his own age may be against his getting the position as he is some sixty years old. However, I would say that he is in splendid physical condition and very much above the average man so far as education is concerned. I can assure you that so far as character and ability are concerned, you can confidently put in a good word for Mr. Wenman.

If, in your discretion, you can recommend Mr. Wenman for the position, I shall greatly appreciate your doing so.

May I take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Meighen and yourself a very happy Christmas and in this wish I am joined by Mrs. Bell.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

W R Bell

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OTTAWA, 19 December, 1933.

Dear Mr. Bell,

I have your letter of the 14th instant with respect to the Postmastership at Souris.

This appointment comes under the Civil Service Commission and it is doubtful if I canbbe of much assistance. I shall, however, be very glad to do what I can on behalf of Mr. Frederick Wenman.

Mrs. Meighen joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Bell a very Merry Christmas.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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The Royal Bank of Canada,
Souris, Manitoba.

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The Royal Bank of Canada

89 W

Souris, Manitoba,
December 27th, 1933

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I appreciate very much your letter of the 19th inst. in connection with Mr. Frederick Wenman, who has applied for the position of Postmaster at Souris.

I might say that Mr. Justice Taylor is acquainted with Mr. Wenman and I have written him in the matter also.

The position is really coming to Mr. Wenman as he has been Assistant Postmaster for some seventeen years.

The good wishes of Mrs.Meighen and yourself are reciprocated.

Yours sincerely,

W R Rees.

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St. Martin, Man.
Jan. 14th. 1934.

P.T. Hon Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

A letter I have at from W. H. Burns, M.P. Portage La Prairie, I think for better remembrance, I will enclose that letter. Mr. Burns was very kind and answered that letter but I couldn't hire detectives to find something on that Postmaster to throw him out. Altho, he is a Liberal he is not any crook, so I don't like to put him in trouble if he is not guilty. (

I believe, Sir, you remember the time, when you tried to locate me a position as Deportation Officer, but that was a few years ago, and for better remembrance I will enclose a letter from you. Maybe you are now in more power to help me get that position and I believe my application is still there.

I know Mr. Meighen, your

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Time is very valuable and you don't waste it unnecessarily- but believe me, if I was in a better position I would not bother you so much, and so long. I know some persons ~~who~~ just got that job as Deportation Officer, and it didn't take them long at all.

I thank you in advance for your kindness to me.

Yours Very truly.

Charles Wojna

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

Ottawa, Feb. 5, 1926.

Chas. Wojna, Esq.,
128 Syndicate St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Wagna:

Your letter of the 1st inst., reached me this morning. I am bringing the matter to the attention of the Civil Service Commission although there is really very little I can do to assist with that body as any attempt to exercise political pressure does harm rather than good. However, I am to-day bringing your representations to the attention of Dr. Roche.

Yours very truly,

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OTTAWA, 18 January, 1934.

Dear Mr. Wojna,

I have your letter of the 14th instant.

Would be glad indeed to assist you in the matter of obtaining Government employment if it were within my power to do so, but as Leader of the Senate I have no Department and, therefore, have no positions within my gift. Furthermore, the policy of the Government, because of the compulsion of economy, has been one of contraction rather than expansion, and many hundred have been let out.

Am very sorry not to be able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Charles Wojna,

St. Martin, Manitoba.

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA.
February 10th,
1934.

Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

There is a vacancy in the Staff of the Senate, created by the death of W. J. O'Neill, Clerk of Stationery for the Senate, and I am wondering if it could be arranged that this be given to Mr. Ben Windsor, who is a temporary employee in the Commons Post Office. He comes from New Mills, Restigouche County, New Brunswick, and has important backing from that County, and they are exceedingly anxious to have him placed and it has been suggested that you might be able to influence his appointment. I think he is quite capable of performing these duties. If nothing can be done in regard to this however please say so at once.

I dislike very much to bother you or anybody else about matters of this character but certainly half my timeis taken up by the importunities of those seeking employment with the Government and it is rather getting on my nerves.

Sincerely yours,

RBH:JDS.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
February 13, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I have your personal letter of 10th o behalf of Ben Windsor. I will take this matter up with the Speaker when I get to Ottawa.

Am surprised that you feel like bending under the load thrown on you by applicants for office. Saw no sign of anything breaking your nerve last Saturday noon, and am very confident you can stand up against many times the pressure that bears down upon you now. Furthermore I sincerely hope the time will come soon when you will be at the post where such pressure is multiplied.

Best regards,

Yours very truly,

R. B. Hanson, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Mr. Hinds:

Please give Memo to Mr. Meighen regarding appointment referred to.

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Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen.

OTTAWA, 15 Feb. 1934. 193

MEMORANDUM

This position became vacant in November, 1933. The Government have deleted from the estimates the salary vote ($2250.) for this position. The work is being carried on by a temporary employee. If the salary is restored the Civil Service Commission will be asked to make the appointment. First preference will be given by the Commission to members of the Senate staff who might be elegible for promotion. Three members of the staff will doubtless apply for the promotion. Failing a selection from the staff other applicants will be considered by the Commission.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 21, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Hanson: B Wendover

With further reference to your letter of February 10th and my reply of 13th, I now find that the position referred to became vacant in November 1933. The Government have deleted from the estimates the salary vote ($2,250) for this position and the work is being carried on by a temporary employee. If the salary is restored the Civil Service Commission will be asked to make the appointment. First preference will be given by the Commission to members of the Senate staff who might be eligible for promotion, and it is expected that at least three of the present staff will make application. Failing a selection from these applicants, others will be considered by the Commission.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

R. B. Hanson, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA.
March 7th,
1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen:- Re: Ben Windsor.

This is the man I wrote you about some time ago with reference to a position in the Senate in succession to Mr. O'Neill. On receipt of your letter I advised him that it was not possible to place him there.

I understand, however, that the present Assistant in the Senate Post Office, Mr. Weston, may be obliged to ask for leave of absence, as he is ill. Would it be possible to have Mr. Windsor placed as his substitute during his absence. Anything you might do in this connection will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

RBH:JDS.

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OTTAWA, 8 March, 1934.

Dear Mr. Hanson,

I have your further letter of the 7th instant regarding Mr. Windsor.

I fancy if leave of absence is granted to the Assistant Postmaster the Internal Economy Committee will have applications from several members of the Senate staff who would be anxious to have the opportunity of acting in Mr. Weston's absence. However, I shall not overlook your request and if I can do anything to meet your wishes I shall be glad to do what I can.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

R.B.Hanson, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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116 Roxboro Road,
Calgary, Alberta,
April 4th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

May I impose on you once again.

I have just finished sending an application in to the Royal Air Force in England. Really don't know if there is any chance, but I have a commission in the Calgary Regiment N.P.A.M. and also have a pilot's license.

Would you be kind enough to send them a letter of recommendation for me.

My application was addressed to The Secretary,
Air Ministry,
Adastral House,
Kingsway,
London W.C. 2.
and I used a reference number
56352/30/S.7.-(535)/C.

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Mother and father are both in good health. Helen & Mother still talks about the wonderful time they had in the east last summer. Willson will be off for Germany again in a week or so. We don't see much of him but are proud to have him doing so well.

My best regards to Mrs Meighen and the family.

Yours Sincerely
Donald H. Woodside

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*****3353***** West 4th Ave*****

Vancouver B . C . April fifth I934

Rt.Hon.Arthur.Meighen.
Ottawa Ontario.

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Dear Mr.Meighen.

Referring to your letter of May 26th -I933 (Inclosed) Several members of the late Tolmie Cabinet urged the Dep't of National Defense to find a place for me--No results--

Now there are many rumors of a Fedreal Election hence this letter -- We all realize that such anx event must take place in the near future-- some preliminary preperation should be underway NOW for this next struggle will be a real fight for the National Defense officials appear to have made enemies of nearly every man in the relief camps and these jobless men are notvoteless.

Many voters and home owners are unread of foreign birth and Mr Bennetts remark here "WET NURSING AND DERELICTS" having been exploited and misconstrued even by our supposedly Conservative news Paper the "PROVINCE" which has straddled the fence always until the issue was decided Etc.

Some foundation work should be under way especially affacting the younger portion of the west .

The columns of newspapers known to be honestly on our side of the field should be thrown open to real writers of current events and also of Canadian political history.

I have written such short ,crisp, epigramatical articles for forty years and I wish to have charge of the principal committee room -editing and supplementing all printed matterand assisting in the organization of our forces for which I have a special liking and a natural talent .

I expect no mercy from the present local Gov't officials and cannot obtain an old age pension having been out of the Province more than two years in the last twenty.

My pension of seventy five cts daily is not sufficient for our three grown children my wife and my self ALL un-employed annd when the local liberal Gov't were sure of election no time was lost in cutting us off relief and we have suffered for months with both cold and hunger and the children have no clothes now fit to go out looking for any work.

I am writing Hon H.H.Stevens today also, and should be thankful if you find it convenient to hand him this letter for that gentleman or your self are the two logical men for future leadership of the Commons.

This letter should not be thrown aside-a move should be made at once in this Province especially and while I am speaking for the welfare of my children I amm keeping the welfare of my country to the fore .

Respectfully.

W.M. Yorke .M . E .

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326, IIth, Ave, West.
Vancouver, B.C. April. 9th, I934.

Rt, Hon, Arthur Meighen.
Parliment Buildings.
Ottawa Que,.

Dear Sir;-

Going back to our meeting in the hotel Vancouver, when you were here last fall, and my suggestion at that time that I might require to write to you soliciting your co-operation in certain matters.

What I anticipated then, was likely to happen to me, relative to my position with the Public Works Department of the Provinciat Government, has since become a reality, and I now find myself definately out of my position and a good Liberal (single man) in my place.

For a number of years I have been in the employ of the Public Works Department here, at times as superintendent, inspector and foreman, on some of their largest and most important bridge and dock projects and have some of the finest bridge work in the province to my credit. For the past three years however, very little of this work has been carried on, or in fact any kind of construction work, with the result, I have had employment less than half time, over that period, and since the present government came into power, I have been cut off entirely, although at that time, I had the appointment of inspector on one of the largest bridge projects in the province, but where Liberal patronage is concerned a persons qualifications or past service are of little concern, and my services were immediately dispensed with.

What I have in mind at the moment, is a position with the harbor board here, where they always have a certain amount of construction and repair work to be done, and although they have a staff of engineers, Etc, I understand they have no one at the moment. who can just fill the position of superintendent, inspector or foreman on any of their construction work.

On March 20, th, I made application to the board for the position of inspector, on the renewal, of the highway approaches to the second narrows bridge, here, which has recently been let by contract, but to date I have hed no reply, although it carried with it the endorsement of the President of the Vancouver-Burrard Conservative Association, Mr C.E.Mahon. the B.C Conservative Association, as well as the entire patronage committee.

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In making application for this particular position I felt that it was new work, and a little out of the general routine of the staff, and would therefore not interfere with their organization, Further it was an appointment that would be warranted, would be in my particular line, and as the work was going to be proceeded with at once, I would be able to get immediate employment.

I notice be todays local paper that the board are now calling for tenders to be closed on the 23rd, inst, for the renewal of the railway approaches to the same bridge, these are also of heavy timber and pile construction, my special hobby, So with all this work going on in my particular line, as well as other construction work being contemplated by the harbor board in the near future, I feel that with my experience and qualifications, saying nothing of my life long loyal support to the party, that my services should be of sufficient value, as to warrant my securing at this time. a position, of some responsible nature, on some of this work.

I would therefore appreciate very much your taking this matter up on my behalf, through the proper channels, at your earliest convenience, as my needs at this particular time are most urgent as I have been out of employment now for some considerable time.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours very truly.

S. B. Williscroft

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 14, 1934.

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The Secretary,
Air Ministry,
Adastral House,
Kingsway,
London, W. C. 2, Eng.

Dear Sir:

Donald H. Woodside of 116 Roxboro Road, Calgary, Alta., has sent in application for position with the Royal Air Force, addressed to you. I am writing merely to say that I have known this young man nearly all his life. He is an intelligent, conscientious and capable air pilot, and has had good experience in other fields.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 14, 1934.

Dear Donald:

I have your letter of 4th and have written at once today and forwarded to the Royal Air Force the recommendation you desire. I sincerely hope you will be successful, but I would think they would probably have so many applications at home that it would be difficult to get in from anywhere outside of England.

Very best regards to yourself and all the family. Wilson was in the other day but I am sorry I was absent from the City and did not see him.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Donald Woodside,
Calgary, Alta.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 19, 1934.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 9th.

The difficulty is that one here, no matter what his office, has nothing at all to do with the giving of positions in B. C. In fact if he tries to have something to do, he is likely to do more harm than good. Such small amount of patronage as there is is entirely in the hands of the representatives from that Province; and the representatives from B. C. who know more than those of other Provinces do not propose to permit others to dispose of their responsibilities, or try to do so.

Am sorry not to be able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. S. B. Williscroft,
326 11th Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

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PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Meighen;

Messrs Larose and Wood, of the Senate staff, have revived a proposal about the Stationery Department that was advanced earlier in the Session and then dropped.

Personally, I cannot refrain from saying the Senate would do better by Mr. Larose by promoting him to be Assistant Black Rod. But if he prefers to assume Mr. Wood's present duties I am in his favor.

Since one detail of my plan is counter to theirs, I will appreciate your eliminating it when considering the essential feature of my letter.

Thanking you in advance for considering my case and hoping the work I have been doing, and which I wish to make much more useful, can be compensated for to some reasonable extent,

I am, Very truly yours,

T. Wagar

Ottawa,
April 26th,
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OTTAWA, Ontario,
April 26th, 1934.

Senator The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
O T T A W A.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

A better presentation by the Canadian newspapers of the work of the Senate is my aim. Mr. Blacklock should be aided by some one in touch with newspaper managements who can get his copy across and procure consistent loyal editorial support.

Employment of anyone by the Senate for that particular purpose would defeat its own end. I am willing to continue research work for Senators, assist a much larger number than before and assume certain regular duties on the Senate Staff in connection with which there is at present a vacancy. I refer particularly to the duties of the late Chief of the Stationery Department. In spare time between Sessions I propose to resume on my own responsibility the calls I have been making in the past ten years on newspaper men and arrange to keep up these contacts during Sessions, if so requested by the newspaper people themselves.

Senator Dennis, as you know, a practical newspaper man, has gone into the matter at length and endorses my plan. Something has already been accomplished voluntarily. But a worker has to live and, besides, the work should be systemitized as soon as possible and files of material prepared and maintained.

I have expended on other publicity between 1923 and 1931 from $6,000. to $20,000. per annum. My plan differs from all others, is carried out at a small share of the expense usually provided for undertakings of similar size. And yet each endeavour has succeeded.

This is why I can offer the Senate this service at a moderate outlay over and above the salary now

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fixed for the Chief of the Stationery Department.

To achieve my ends for the Senate, I need the best designation of title available; in fact, the one now vacant , Second Clerk Assistant, is the only one to which I am eligible under the regulations of the Civil Service Commission. And my programme, as it happens, can only be carried out with the aid of the minimum salary fixed for that position, namely, $4,200.

The difference betweem this and the salary of the late Mr.O'Neill is, I believe, $1,620. May I submit for your consideration a way of saving under other adjustments of the Staff likely to be made in part today, a large part of this $1,600., so that you will not be confronted with a larger budget than last year.

Mr. Potvin's salary, as Second Clerk Assistant, was $4.720. ..... $4.720.

The salary of two Assistant Translators, which I understand you are about to select, will be in the neighborhood of	$3,130
leaving a difference of	$1,490

Even if you promote Mr. Duckett, now Chief Translator of Laws, to the old classification of Chief Translator of the Senate Debates, at a salary beginning at $3,600., you will only be adding to Mr. Duckett's present remuneration the sum of $180. This, subtracted from $1,490., leaves a net salary saving of $1,310, which, added to Mr. O'Neills salary of $2,520, makes $3,880.

This, I venture to suggest, you might be able to consider as a possible saving available for the work I have proposed.

May I add that under this adjustment of your staff you would gain at an additional outlay of less than $4,000. my research work and services on the Canadian newspapers.

Respectfully submitted,

Q. Wagar

Second sheet not read before signing.

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April 24, 1934?

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Dear Senator;

I would only expect $2,000. for myself these hard times out of any salary available. Every dollar that could bespared should go to further the interest of the Senate and its members in their public capacity. I'm too much of a crusader to devote any more than absolutely necessary to myself.

A. W.

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OFFICE OF
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

TORONTO.

May 12, 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:

This will introduce to you Mr. Wishart VanEvery, an old friend of mine and a younger brother of the late John VanEvery whom, of course, you knew at Varsity. Mr. VanEvery is a graduate of the School of Practical Science and I believe has had considerable experience in connection with investigation and appraisement work. He has not a position at the present time and is very anxious to secure work if possible in connection with the survey which is being made in regard to the economic, social and political relations of the United States and Canada. I understand that you are a member of this Committee. Any assistance which you may be able to give Mr. VanEvery in obtaining work will be appreciated. Whilst I have not seen him to any extent for a number of years, I feel satisfied that any work which he would undertake would be well done.

Trusting that you may be able to help him in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

W. A. P. Wood.

WAPW/MR.

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Hamilton, Ontario,
123 Platt Avenue,
May 14, 1934.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

With reference to our interview of May 12th I am inclosing you New York despatch May 7th cut from Hamilton "Spectator" relative to U?S.--Canada Survey to be made by the division of economics and history of the Carnegie endowment for international peace under the direction of Dr. James T. Shotwell.

It is stated in the press announcement that the survey would necessitate a large working staff both in this country and the United States and I wish to make application for enrolment on this work.

As one of the Canadian members of the central international committee whose function,,as intimated, is to plan the character and scope of the work I would appreciate hearing from you on the above and what additional steps I should take, if any, in forwarding my application; to whom and where to apply and if a personal interview would be desired.

For a your information I am inclosing a brief synopsis of my qualifications and engineering experience. You will note the work I have been engaged in may appear not to include the branches as mentioned above but I wish to say I have carried out various investigations both in Canada and the United States while in the employ of the public utility companies.

This City suspended all extension work and since May 1933 I have been unemployed.

In addition, and in the event of the above enrolment not being obtained, I would appreciate if you would consider this as an application for any position you are aware of, irrespective of magnitude, in which my qualifications and experience would be of service.

I am inclosing a letter of reference, kindness of W. A. P. Wood, Toronto.

Yours very truly,
W. W. Van Every.
W. W. Van Every

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WILL MAKE U. S.-CANADA SURVEY

Economic and Historical Relations Study

Plans of Carnegie Endowment Directors

[illegible] York, May 7.—The details of a vast plan for the survey of the economic, social and political relations of the United States and Canada were made public Saturday by Dr. James T. Shotwell, director of the division of economics and history of the Carnegie endowment for international peace, under whom the research will be made. The projected survey, portions of which have been under way for two years, will occupy the next two years, with results forthcoming this year and next, Dr. Shotwell said.

One hundred and fifty years of Canadian and American history—the history of two nations emerging side by side on a single continent, developing rival waterways and railways, and great stretches of farm, mining and timber lands, consolidating in political institutons having a common heritage but shaped by diverse influences; two countries with constantly circulatory movements of population back and forth; two nations succumbing together to the economic nationalism of a dislocated world—history collected and studied from the point of view of inter-relations in economic, political and social spheres, will fall within the scope of the plan. It calls for a large working staff both in this country and Canada.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler will head a central international committee, composed of twenty outstanding Americans and Canadians, whose function is limited to planning the character and scope of the work. American members are: The Hon. Newton D. Baker, the Hon. John W. Davis, the Hon. Alanson B. Houghton, the Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, the Hon. Frank O. Lowden, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, Dr. James Brown Scott and Owen D. Young. Canadian members are: The Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, G.C.M.G., the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Senator Rodolphe Lemieux, Sir Robert A. Falconer, K.C.M.G., Dr. C. W. Colby, the Hon. Newton W. Rowell, the Hon. Vincent Massey, Edward W. Beatty, Thomas A. Russell, Dr. John W. Dafoe and Dr. R. C. Wallace.

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Matriculated in honour mathematics from Peterborough Collegiate Institute.

Served twelve months in the several departments of the shops of the Canadian General Electric Co., Peterborough.

Graduated in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto, year 1899.

Two years with the Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Co., Peterborough, on the design of saw mill, mining and water wheel plants and machinery.

Four years on engineering staff, in Mechanical Engineering Dept. of the Lackawanna Steel Co. during the construction of their new plants at Lebanon, Pa. and Buffalo, N.Y. Was in charge of design construction and putting into operation of their by-product coke oven plants.

One and one half years on engineering staff of Canada Car and Foundry Co. during the design and construction of their new plant at Turcot, Montreal, Que. Was later chief electrician on this plant in charge of all electrical work.

Two years associated with T.L.A. Somerville as "Engineers and Factory Architects" with offices in Hamilton. Prepared plans specifications and supervised construction of:

New plant for M. Beatty and Sons, Welland, Ont.
Foundry and machine shop for John Bertram & Sons, Dundas, Ont.
Foundry for Gartshore-Thomson Pipe and Foundry Co., Hamilton.
New plant of Tallman Brass and Metal Co., Hamilton, Ont.

One year with the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. at head office in Milwaukee, Wis. as estimating sales engineer handling all enquires from district sales offices on steam engines, condensers, and direct connected electrical units.

Two years on engineering staff of Algoma Steel Co., Sault Ste. Marie Ont., during construction of new merchant mill, blast furnaces, by-product coke oven plant and sulphuric acid plant.

Three years as City Engineer of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (position included Plumbing and Building Inspector). Carried through extensive contracts on Permanent Pavements, Sewers and Cement Side Walks. During this period the Town of Steelton was annexed to Sault Ste. Marie and the city purchased its (Sault's) public utilities (water works system and electrical light and power system) from the Lake Superior Corporation. Handled the City's interest and appraisal work in this transfer.

Two years as Manager and Engineer of Public Utilities, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. These consisted of the Water Works Plant and System and the Electric Light and Power System.

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Four years Research Engineer with the Niagara Electro-Chemical Co., Niagara Falls, N.Y. Supervised the construction of and put into operation as electrolytic plant for the production of 7½ tons of chlorine gas per 24 hrs. (gas plant for chemical Warfare service U.S.A.) Developed and built a commercial plant for the liquefaction of above chlorine gas. Developed and built commercial plants for the production of metallic chlorides (zinc, ferric, ferrous, etc.) Developed and built commercial electro-metallurgical plants for the production of sodium.

Six years with the Niagara Falls Power Co., Niagara Falls N.Y. In Lands Department - Preparing descriptions of property, checking deeds, easements, agreements, taxes, etc. Preparing annual reports for:

Federal Power Commision
Interstate Commerce Commission
Public Service Commission of State of New York.

In Cost Department - Had charge of property records and appraisal of all existing properties and new acquired properties. Was the Power Co's engineering representative with the engineers and accountants of Firm of Ford, Bacon and Davis in making special appraisal of all Power Co's properties and properties of subsidiary companies (Niagara Junction Railway Co., Niagara Gorge Railway Co., etc.) for rate purposes and application for increase of Capital Stock. Was later made liaison officer between the Engineering Department Auditing Department and Accounting Department in preparing all reports with estimates, etc. on new project work for presentation to Executive Committee for approval.
Worked directly under Norman R. Gibson, Vice-Pres., in charge of Engineering.

Three years as Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, Engineering Dept. City of Hamilton. Assisted in carrying to completion plans, specifications, Superintending Construction and putting into operation the following:

A 250 ton per 24 hour modern high temperature garbage and refuse incinerator, complete with electric cranes, motor operated air compressors, forced draft fans, etc.

The screening portion using Dorr Co. Inc. electrically operated equipment for a 48 I.M.G.D. sewage disposal plant complete withe laboratory and equipment.

Five electrically operated sewage pumping stations located in various parts of the city.

A 36 I.M.G.D. rapid sand filtration plant complete with electrically operated low lift pumping station, chemical and mixing building, coagulation basins, filter building and clear water reservoir.

A complete 15 K.V. outdoor gum filled metal clad transformer and Switching Station and the rehabilitation of the electrical equipment of the main high lift Beach Pumping Station.

Am an Associate Member Engineering Institute of Canada and a Registered Member Association of Professional Engineers Province of Ontario. A Canadian born at Port Hope, Ont. Married and have a small family.

Signed..... W. W. VanEvery.

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Ottawa, May 16, 1934.

My dear Dr. Shotwell:

You may remember John F.Van Every of the class of 1896, Modern Languages. He died two or three years ago. The writer of the enclosed extract is his younger brother. He came to see me and stated that he understood the Carnegie Endowment Directors were undertaking a review or survey of social and economic relationships between Canada and the United States, and felt that he could be of service in this work.

I do not know, of course, whether the service of such a man as Mr. Van Every can be used or not, as I am not intimately enough associated with your endeavour. Am passing on this extract from his letter and also the enclosure, giving record of his experience.

Very truly yours,

Dr. J.T. Shotwell,
405 West 117th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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Ottawa, May 16, 1924.

Dear Mr. Van Every:

I have your letter and am writing Dr. Shotwell. I would not gather though from the newspaper clipping which you enclosed that the Committee is employing engineers. However, will await his reply.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. W. Van Every,
125 Platt Avenue,
Hamilton, Ont.

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CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

DIVISION OF ECONOMICS AND HISTORY
405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

May 19, 1934

My dear Meighen:

It is good of you to write about Mr. Van Every. I already had his application on file. I am sorry to say, however, that I do not believe there is anything open for him in this Survey. He has, I think, the wrong idea of it. Research is not a profession that offers an opportunity for anything but self-sacrificing work!

Ever yours,

James T. Shotwell

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
The Senate
Ottawa, Canada

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Ottawa, May 22, 1934.

Dear Mr. Van Every:

Enclosed is copy of letter just received from Dr. Shotwell with reference to your application.

Am indeed sorry his reply is not more favourable.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. W. Van Every,
123 Platt Avenue,
Hamilton, Ont.

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502 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg,
June 14th, 1934.

Senator Arthur Meighen,
OTTAWA, Canada.

PRIVATE

Dear Meighen:

I notice that the government is passing a farm relief bill. I would very much like to get on this staff if possible as I believe with my experience that I could be of assistance to the government in straightening out some of the unusual difficulties of the farmer. I have not made any requests from the party here as I am only known through Bob Rogers' organization and yourself.

I have been out of business for about a year and do not feel like venturing anything at the present time. This is the reason I would like to get coupled with something that would at least keep me running until conditions have improved in a business way.

Now if you can suggest anything or assist me in getting an appointment I will very much appreciate it. Trusting this will not inconvenience you, I am,

Yours truly,

W. H. WILLIAMS
W H Williams

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W.L.7415

June 19, 1934.

Private

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of 14th. Am sorry to have to admit I don't know the first thing about this Farmers' Relief Bill yet, as it has not come before the Senate. Am inclined to think appointments under it will be under the Civil Service Commission, but will look into the subject and see if there is anything I can do.

Kindest regards always,

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. H. Williams,
502 McIntyre Block,
Winnipeg, Man.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

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Hamilton Ont.
June 26th 1934.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

My dear Senator:—

Hager has been asking me to see you on his behalf, and for the life of me I don't know what this man can expect. He has been bothering every one, as you know.

I promised to write you or see you on his behalf. I am doing this in the event of his calling on you. Kindly tell him

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THE SENATE
CANADA

that you heard from me
if he calls. Of course, if
anything can be done for
him I would be glad of it.

I am leaving for the
West in a day or two.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Gillis

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502 McIntyre Block,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

August 16, 1934.

The Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Meighen:

In reply to your favor of June nineteenth, in reference to a position on the Farm Relief Act which went through the government some time ago, I am informed by the party here that they are appointing a staff to assist in straightening out the farmers' difficulties.

I would very much like to get on this staff and you know my capabilities along that line and what I can accomplish as well as anyone.

If you can do anything to have me included on this staff, I will appreciate it very much.

Trusting to here from you when convenient, and thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours truly,

W H Williams

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Mr. Hinds:

Please look up address in previous correspondence.

E. M. E.

502 McIntyre Block,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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St. Boniface February 12th 1935

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Leader of the Senate
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir Senator :-

I am taking the liberty of writing to you, in regard to the position of Post Master of St. Boniface Manitoba, for which I am applying.

Knowing that it is a Liberal position, I am soliciting your support, if any way possible. I also have a strong and faithfull supporter of the Conservative Party, both in Provincial and Federal fields. No doubt you will remember me as such, when I worked for you in the Portage district, while you had the honour to be Prime Minister of Canada and I have also worked for several successfull candidates and I may add without any remuneration. It was my Contribution to the party and I could do it

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to them, because I had the money.

I am well known to the Hon. Senator Bernard, Judge Bernier, Judge Taylor, the Hon. Mr. Duranleau Minister of Marine in the present Government and Mr. Potvin one of the Civil service Commissioner's. Etc.

The depression has hit me very hard, as a matter of fact I lost every dollar I had, except courage and faith. I have my wife and twelve children dependent on me and I have been unemployed for nearly three years, also I have a very sick boy of 21. which has been in bed for the last 4 years

I am asking the position of Post Master of St Boniface, first of all because I can fill the position honorably and I am unemployed and need work badly for the support of my large family.

I have hesitated a long time before writing to you, but in view of my lamentable position, I am asking the support of all.

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All my friends, whom I have supported myself during elections time with my time and money. Can I expect from you a good word in my favor and kindness of my gratitude as well as that of my family. I beg to remain.

Yours very truly

J. P. Prendergast

277 Provencher Ave
St Boniface
Manitoba

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Eburne. B.C. Feb. 14th 1935

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. P.C.

MG 7.423

Dear Senator: and Friend.

I thank you for your kind letter of Jan. 7th

I have since been scouting around, and with a word from Colonel Spencer. President of the Western Bridge. Co: He asked me to go over to the Western Bridge Co plant and interview the Gen. Manager Col. Mackenzie: Ok he says I know Senator Meighen quite well and we had a profitable interview.

Earlier on when yet quite a youth and young man. I served years in heavy shop (machine) work and then went to work at Machine engine work in Buffalo. I worked for years in Guelph and short time in Toronto. so I feel quite

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able to take an opening soon as offered in a steel construction works. The Western Bridge are enlargeing their plant extensively and Col. Mackenzie said he would get me on construction. and then later absorb a few more men into the works. I appreciate his encouraging words.

What I would like Senator Meighen if you could spare a couple of minutes of your ever busy life. for you to drop a line to Col. Mackenzie Gen. Mgr. Western Bridge. Works Vancouver (corner 1st and Columbia) and give him a word in my behalf. for which I would be grateful. Structural steel work would return to me again and I am quite sure I would prove efficient. Grateful to you I remain.

Your Sincere Friend

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Albert W. Higgins.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 19, 1926.

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Dear Mr. Wiggins:

I have your letter of 14th. It is indeed a pleasure for me to write Col. MacKenzie and I have done so today, and tried to make it such a letter as will be of practical value to you.

Yours very truly.

Mr. Albert W. Wiggins,
Kburne, B. C.

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007427

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 19, 1935.

Dear Col. MacKenzie:

I want to write and express my appreciation of your having taken the trouble to accord an interview to Albert W. Wiggins of Kburne, B. C. Mr. Wiggins called on you in the hope of securing work on structural steel and construction.

This man I have known for many years. After considerable experience in just such work and also in elevator work he started farming in the Portage plains, bought a farm from me and was one of the very few who ever paid for what he bought. He is a worker of real merit and I sincerely hope will get a chance at the Coast.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Col. MacKenzie,
General Manager,
Western Bridge Works,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Western Bridge Company Limited

TELEPHONE:
FAIRMONT 2900

FIRST AVENUE AND COLUMBIA STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

CABLE ADDRESS
"WESBRIDGE"

No.181
File - applic.
February 28, 1935.

PERSONAL.

Senator Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Senator Meighen:-

I have your letter of February 19th in connection with Mr. Albert Wiggins of Eburne, B.C.

We have been able to give Mr. Wiggins at least temporary employment on the construction of our New Plant.

Our Master Mechanic has had several talks with Mr. Wiggins and the first opportunity that he has of using Mr. Wiggins services in the machine shop, he will be given a opportunity of showing what his abilities are as a mechanic.

I hope that we will be able to keep Mr. Wiggins employed.

Yours truly,

J. P. Machugall

General Manager.

JPM*G.

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Eburne. B.C. Mar. 4th 35.

The Right Hon. A. Meighen. P.C. Senator
Ottawa. Canada.

89 W

Dear Senator:-

I must hasten and let you know how happy and pleased I am since you were so wonderfully kind to take a few moments of your valuable time and give Col. Mackenzie a letter of influence which has resulted in me commencing to work at their plant.

Col. wrote me asking for an interview, and to meet the Supt. of works.

We extend our kindest appreciation Senator. and do as we have always done watch with pride our Senator and friend

Accept our appreciation and Thanks, kind Senator.

Yours Sincerely
Albert. W. Wiggins.
R.R. 1. Eburne B.C.

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Arcola, Mch 4th 1938

Dear Archie.

Since working for in the late summer, have been unable to get anything to do, we thought it wise to remain here during the winter, rather than move the home equipment, no object in remaining longer, there can be nothing earned, or no purchasing power left.

The wholesale prices which I have been in to see on different times, are most decent to me, but all running with reduced staffs, and still over staffed, for the volume of trade. Number trade on the Prairies as a standstill.

I have had through all the years, experience with farmers, farm lands, farm mortgages, in placing settlers on land.

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have continuously represented the Canadian Pacific Railway under the department of Natural Resources, as land agent.

I could fill a place on the rehabilitation programme that will be undertaken on the western Provinces, or with the Federal Loan Board.

Have at present an application with the Colonization Finance Corporation of Canada, who have recently moved the Head Office from the East to Winnipeg, they only have positions for zone managers, as they call opperations.

Have cited above, having some knowledge of the work, I am taking the first opening in any work, anywhere, that I can get, that secures me an income.

I will appreciate your suggestions and reply, when you can spare the time.

Sincerely yours

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W.Z.432

Ottawa, Ontario,
March 5, 1935.

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Dear Colonel Mackenzie:

I appreciate very much indeed your letter of 28th and the fact of your having given a chance to Albert Wiggins.

Yours very truly,

Col. J. P. Mackenzie,
Western Bridge Co. Ltd.,
1st Ave. and Columbia St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 7, 1925.

Dear Alex:

I just got your letter this morning. Really I should have written you sooner for I have often wondered how things have turned out for you since your last letter to me.

Tremendous economic forces generated by machine production have thrown the whole system out of balance, leaving vast numbers with no work and, therefore, no buying power. The unfortunate thing is that this includes some of the very best who happen to be in unfortunate localities. Things are getting some better but there has to be a world-wide working hour and working week reduction on a scale far greater than contemplated now. The main thing with you is to get something meantime.

Mr. Hinds

Can you get this?

Could you give me the names of any one of the officials of the Colonization Finance Corporation? Will try and get them here and if so will write on your behalf, making a footnote to that effect. I would presume the Saskatchewan Loan Board was filled up, but I will enquire from the members and see. I presume you have written your own Member. It does not matter what side he belongs to, it would be worthwhile getting his interest anyway.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A. M. Watt,
Arcola, Sask.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
March 11, 1935.

Dear Mr. Lang:

I am writing you as President of the Colonization Finance Corporation, because, unfortunately, I do not know the Western Manager, Mr. Herzer.

There is a man at Arcola, Sask., Alexander M. Watt, who has represented land companies and carried on a hardware and lumber business there for about thirty years. He is an admirable fellow, a hard worker, very good at accounting and has excellent knowledge of Saskatchewan conditions and land values. The drought of Southern Saskatchewan has proven too much for even him, and he is seeking some worthwhile connection. I do not know whether you need anyone in connection with Colonization Finance Corporation or not, but if you do or may in the future, it certainly would be worthwhile to see him. Anyone who has had anything to do with him will speak well of him. This letter is in no sense in return for political favours, because he is of the opposite political persuasion to myself. I just know him thoroughly and know he can be depended upon to give high-class service.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Louis L. Lang,
Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
Waterloo, Ont.

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IN CONNECTION

QUEEN'S HOTEL

Hotel St. Charles
Winnipeg
CANADA.

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March 12th 1935.

Dear Archer.

I came in here last week to remain for the month, as it was too much out of touch, receiving an urgent your letter reaching me this a.m.

Am enclosing newspaper report of meeting held here in January, which gives you the names of the men connected with the two companies, the one. The Canada Colonization assn mostly C.P.R. this I have tried to get in touch with, the other. The Colonization Finance Corporation, Limited, have pres. J.T. Preston Vice Pres, both of Toronto. Ont. I have only been

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W.L.7.436

in touch with Frank W Reinoehl
chief Farm manager resident in
Winnipeg. who has my application.

I will write Bob MacKenzie, had it
done so before, we are old friends
and I have a lot of respect for
him.

Needless to state your letter
this morning is appreciated,
and a needed tonic.

Sincerely
Abel

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Colonization Finance Corporation.

President: L.L.Lang, Mutual Life, Waterloo, Ont.

Vice Pres: J.F.Weston, Imperial Life, Toronto.

General Manager, T.Herzer, Winnipeg, Man.

Sec. Treas: A.E.Love, Winnipeg, Man.

Directors:

J.N.K.MacAlister, C.P.Ry. Co., Montreal, P.Q.

W.Hostie, Canada Life, Toronto.

S.E.Cork, Confederation Life, Toronto.

A.E.Pequegnat, Mutual Life, Waterloo, Ont.

J.E.Breckenridge, National Trust, Toronto.

R.P.Jellett, Royal Trust, Montreal.

C.W.Strathy, North American Life, Toronto.

C.D.Henderson, Union Trust, Toronto.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 14, 1905.

89 W

Dear Alex:

I have yours of 12th. I had already found out that Mr. Louis Lang was head of the Colonization Finance Co., and wrote him two or three days ago. I know him very well.

Yours truly.

Mr. A. M. Watt,
Hotel St. Charles,
Winnipeg, Man.

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KITCHENER, ONTARIO,
CANADA.
CABLE ADDRESS: "LANE," KITCHENER
WIDEBROOK AND A.B.C. CODES USED

W.L.7439

March 14th, 1935. 89 W

Senator Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of the 11th inst. I am forwarding to the Colonization Finance Corporation at Winnipeg, asking them to place, if possible, Mr. A. M. Watt, and I think I can assure you that if we have an opening of any kind, Mr. Watt will be on the staff of the Colonization Finance Corporation.

Mrs. Lang and I are leaving to spend a couple of weeks in Florida. I will not return until the 4th or 5th April. Presume there will be nothing new in the meantime in regard to Great Lakes.

Yours very truly,

LLL:C.

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DOMESTIC ENGINEER — CAPITOL 5707 — INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRING

F. G. JOHNSTON

~~700 TENTH AVENUE NORTH~~, SEATTLE, WASH.
1006 E. Denny Way

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

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March 23, 1935

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Perhaps I should say, Arthur, as I used to call you. You may have to think a while to remember who I am, but you likely will recall Fred or F. G. of the old Johnston-McClymont Firm, the first plumbers in Portage. That was before Jack Garland, Billy Richardson, F. G. Taylor, and the boys, got you to run for M. P. It is some years since I have been in Portage but I well remember the night you were elected and the fun we all had before.

I received a letter from my sister and brother-in-law, Harry Watson, of 323 Hampton Street, Winnipeg, today, telling me that their son, Archie J. Watson, wants to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and they said if he had a letter of introduction from some one of importance in the government he would have a better chance with his application. I have not seen him for years until last September when Mrs. Johnston and I took a trip to Winnipeg.

He is a fine big young man, over six feet, and well-built, and has an advanced high school education. He also is a graduate of Success Business College, of Winnipeg, in accounting. He will measure up to all requirements and be a credit to the force if he should be selected. I know if you knew him I would not have to ask you to grant this favor for me, but as it is I am asking you to do this great favor for me. If you wish any recommendations as to his character or fitness I will gladly have him send them to you.

Thanking you kindly in advance, and with all best wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,

F. G. Johnston.

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89 W

OTTAWA, 25 March, 1935.

Dear Mr. Wade,

I have your letter of the 21st instant.

As a Senator I have absolutely no voice in matters coming within the Civil Service Commission. I am, however, asking the Commission to give consideration to the points raised in your letter and to communicate with you.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. Cliff Wade,
Woodstock Road,
Fredericton, N.B.

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007442

OTTAWA, 25 March, 1935.

Dear Mr. Foran,

re Charles Wilfred Wade.

I enclose a communication received from Mr. W.Cliff Wade, of Fredericton, N.B., with respect to the above named who apparently had a temporary appointment in the Fredericton Post Office.

Would you be good enough to write Mr. Wade direct in answer to the points raied in his letter.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Wm. Foran, Esq.,
Secretary, Civil Service Commission,
OTTAWA.

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W. FORAN,
SECRETARY

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CANADA

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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE No.....

OTTAWA..... March 27, 1935.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant enclosing a communication addressed to you by Mr. W. Cliff Wade of Fredericton, N.B., with reference to Mr. Charles Wilfred Wade who was employed for some time in the Fredericton Post Office.

I may explain that the Post Office Department employed Mr. Charles Wilfred Wade in a temporary position of Postal Helper at Fredericton, having been given authority by the Commission to make a selection locally in the absence of eligibles. Steps were immediately taken by the Commission to establish an eligible list and Mr. Charles Wilfred Wade was a candidate at the examination but was unfortunately unsuccessful. When the eligible list was finally established, it became necessary to assign the first of the successful candidates to the position which Mr. Wade had been occupying. His employment was extended to the end of February in order to permit of his being given fair notice and the Post Office Department was instructed to replace him from the 1st March. A full explanation regarding the case and the sections of the Civil Service Act bearing thereon has been sent to Mrs. Annie I. Wade, the wife of Mr. Charles Wilfred Wade, and also to Mr. W. Cliff Wade, whose relationship to the employee is not apparent. However, in accordance with your request, I shall be glad to write to Mr. Wade again in regard to the matter.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Rt.-Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Personal

10530 - 127th Street
Edmonton, Alberta
March 27/35

D.L.7446

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Dear Mr Meighen,

I wired you last night asking that you help me with Miss Macpherson who is at present administering the "Farmers Creditors arrangement Act."

While ill from overwork another man was put in charge of the Edmonton Office and thereby over

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any head. If [illegible] any
unfair for I have
done good work for the
act, having organized the
Edmonton District (a
very large one), and
generally operated it
for nearly five months.
If you
have not already
mentioned the matter
to me MacPherson, 114
Wellington St (Room 6)
it is not too late
for it is only a question
of rearrangement.
MacPherson
is very fair I think.

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If any illness (a short one) had been caused by my own carelessness or wrong doing matters might have been different. My interviews were as high as 30 per day on some occasions. I am naturally quite strong and well enough to look after charges on my own account. The original arrangement was that this man, another man Whirter, another official Receiver and myself had the territory divided between us,

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now [redacted] placed over
me and my appointment
predates [redacted] some
six months.

It annoys me
to think that such
things can be done and
I assume you I am a
[redacted] sufferer by the
charge.

As I do not trust
this even (Miss Roberts)
matters are much worse
If writing me please use
House number and street?

Trusting you
are quite well and again
thanking you - Respectfully yours
S. P. Williams.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 28, 1935.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I duly received your wire of 26th and have taken the matter up with Major Macpherson. I think he has done the very best possible and that you are being kept on in the service without reduction of pay. Major Macpherson advises me also he has written you quite fully so I need not repeat his message.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. P. Williams,
10530-127th St.,
Edmonton, Alta.

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London Ont

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Rt Hon Sir arthur Meighen

Hon Sir

I am writing you in regards to a letter I received from you some time ago expressing your willingness to help me I take it for granted that you spoke to mr Kingsland in my behalf and also that mr Kingsland might of spoke to them at London but sorry to say I have had no results though I have waited with patience and as you referred me to my member at London mr Frank White I have this day taken it up with mr White member for London and mr Frank Bryce member for East Middlesex mr White has a statement of my case and I do hope to get some results for if I was not injured and unable to work I would not trouble any of you Hon Gentlemen in my behalf hoping you will give your aid to mr White to see that I am taken care of for through my injuries and not able to work in the last three years due to injuries I have now lost my house and home and only for my Sons I would be a Public charge but I have 5 Sons of age the youngest Boy will cast his first vote in the coming Election that says 7 votes from my house thanking you for Past favors

and with Kind Personal Regards

I am Sincerely yours

J M Weymouth

712 Elias St

London Ont

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 1, 1935.

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Watson

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I have your letter of 23rdHave never been able to be of the slightest value in getting anyone on the Mounted Police. They pay no attention to recommendations at all, certainly none to those who do not know the individual applicahh and I don't think they pay any attention even if one does. They size their man up and follow their own judgment absolutely.

I am sorry not to be able to write you a more favourable reply.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. G. Johnston,
1006 E. Denny Way,
Seattle, Wash.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 2, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Weymouth:

I have your letter of 31st March. Would certainly be glad to be of any assistance to you if I could at all. You have raised quite a number of sons and done well by your country, and any good citizen should be glad to help you to work.

I am going to take occasion to speak to Mr. White, and if he knows of any special point where I can be of assistance, I will do all I can.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. M. Weymouth,
712 Elias St.,
London, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1925.

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My dear Colleague:

Mr. J. H. Weymouth of London, Ontario, has written me two or three letters which indicate strange actions on the part of C. N. R. officials. His last of April 7th is enclosed.

This man has about five sons and it seems too bad that he should be discriminated against for the reasons stated in his letter.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Dr. R. J.Manion, M. P.,
Minister of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Stratton Whitaker 007453

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

April 11th 1935

The Right Hon. Senator Meighen,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

When I was last in Ottawa, I had the pleasure of spending a day with Judge Taylor, and we were more or less discussing my plans for the future.

It is somewhat difficult to secure a General Agency for the west, and as most of the insurance companies are not particularly anxious to secure the services of an ex-manager, no matter what his experience may have been, I discussed with the Judge the possibilities of securing an appointment in connection with the Unemployment Insurance Scheme. The Judge was hopeful something could be secured as he thought my knowledge and past activities would work in.

I was wondering, that is if it is not asking too much of you, whether you would be good enough to use your influence for me along this line, as I feel satisfied I could give a proper return to the Scheme, as I think you know I have never been afraid of work and have always put my entire energies into the thing that I was doing.

The question may arise in your mind of course, as to why I am out of the Portage. I want to assure you that everything was in perfect order, and the Financial statement I presented at the Annual Meeting, better than ever, and this is admitted by the present Directors who are now running the company. I am merely mentioning this fact, in case any doubt should have entered your mind.

I feel that my services could be made use of either with an insurance company or with a Scheme such as the Unemployment Insurance Scheme, or even the new building scheme that is being outlined.

I do hope you wont mind my writing you, and that I may secure the benefit of your support.

Yours faithfully,

Stratton Whitaker

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Senator,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

It is some little time since we have been in touch with each other, but I thought from the fact of you being associated with the Financial Houses and being on a number of Directorates, there might be some prospect of getting you interested in a young friend of mine, Freeman Waugh by name, a son of Doctor Waugh of Kingston, Ont., and whom I believe have always been very staunch Conservatives.

This young man was a graduate of Queen's in Commerce and Finance some three or four years ago, and is very desirous of improving his position. At the present time he is Manager of one of the local Movie Theatres in Toronto, which is simply something at which he may earn a living, until a much better prospect is in sight.

If, through your connections, you know of some position, which this young man might fill and with good prospects for advancement, I will be very pleased indeed to have word from you in respect thereto.

I judge the young man to be about twenty-five or six years of age, is very bright, with a very alert mind, and I think would fill with credit any responsible position in which he might be placed.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W.B.Scace

W.B.Scace,
29 Victoria St.,
Brantford, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
OTTAWA, CANADA

April 12th, 1935.

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My dear Colleague: Personal.

I have received your letter and the enclosure from Mr. J. M. Weymouth, of London, Ontario, and shall be glad to make enquiries to find out why he was laid off by the Railway.

Yours faithfully,

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
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Ottawa, Ontario.
April 12, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Soace: Re Freeman Waugh

I have your letter of 11th. It would indeed be a pleasure to me to be of assistance to the young man you mention but when you realize that one is in receipt of an avalanche of letters all the time on behalf of so many who are trying to get something at all to do, it is pretty hard to be of assistance to one to improve his position. It is sincerely to be hoped we can struggle through to better days when opportunities will multiply, because it is most distressing to be able to do so little now.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. B. Soace,
Cockshutt Plow Co.,
Brantford, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 15, 1935.

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

I have your letter of 11th. I feel you could probably do very good work indeed. Of course, it will be quite a while I would think before any are appointed. Mr. Naylor speaks in the highest terms of your work with the P. la P. Of course appointments to this Commission in a high position are going to be very difficult to attain at this time.

Yours very truly,

Mr.Stratton Whitaker,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER

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Please reply to 10530- 127th. Street.
Edmonton, Alberta.

May 21st. 1935.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,P.C.
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr Meighen,

During your last visit her on Easter Monday you were so good as to offer to write or see the proper parties in connection with my obtaining an appointment under the new unemployment insurance undertaking.

While I understand that the bill is not yet completed in The House it would appear advisable not to waste any time,in my case,as doubtless many applicants will have it in mind. It might also appear that there will be organizing in a preliminary sense.

Organization work is my strongest point as I feel sure you will remember,when, during my Canadian General days , I set up a structure in Alberta (with a small part of Saskatchewan) which produced nearly a million and three quarters business in Investment Trust, Insurance Shares, Lomdon and Western Trust and Picardy. However I feel quite competent to hold down any post as I am again feeling very well and weigh more than ever before in my life, having a medical certificate to the effect that I have made a complete recovery from my run-down condition.

A post in either Eastern or Western Canada would be welcome.

It was indeed pleasant to see you looking so well and to hear how well Canadian General and Associated Companies are doing; also to have a chat with Mr MacLean (Canada Packers) who was with you. Mr MacLean comes from Port Hope, my home town,and knows my family well.

Would you be so good as to write me ?
Respectfully Yours,

S. P. Williams.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
May 28, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Williams:

I have yours of 21st. Do not know to whom you should send an application yet, but as soon as I find out, will advise you. If you see that the Commission is being set up, it would do no harm to write the Minister of Labour anyway.

Yours very truly,

Mr. S. P. Williams,
10530-127th St.,
Edmonton, Alta.

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Ottawa,
June 27, 1935.

My Dear Senator:

Attached is letter just received from Lyman Williams of Montreal about his brother, Arthur. The father of these boys, the late Murray Williams, was a close personal friend of mine, and I am writing just because of that friendship.

You will note from the letter that what the young man wants is experience on a ranch. If you have any place that he could be put to meet the wishes of himself, his mother and brother, I would certainly be pleased.

I am very disappointed you have not been able to get down and sincerely hope you are not having more trouble with your fott than expected. Many of the Senators keep asking for you.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Senator Patrick Burns,
Calgary, Alta.

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Ottawa,
June 29, 1935.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of 26th and have written Senator Pat Burns on behalf of your brother. Sincerely hope to have a favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Mr. R. Lyman Williams,
c/o Turpin & Co.,
Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.,
St. James St. & Victoria Sq.,
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa,
June 29, 1935.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of 26th and have written Senator Pat Burns on behalf of your brother. Sincerely hope to have a favourable reply.

Yours very truly.

Mr. R. Lyman Williams,
c/o Turpin & Co.,
Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.,
St. James St. & Victoria Sq.,
Montreal, Que.

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July 2nd, 1935.

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Right Honourable Arthur Meighan, K.C., P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator Meighan:-

I have your letter of the 27th and wish to thank you for your kindness in writing to Senator Burns. Mother appreciates your ready response very much.

Yours very truly,

R. Lyman Williams

RLW:BH.

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103 Warren Road
Toronto - Ontario
May 2nd.

Dear Senator Meighen

You will I hope remember my father Judge McKay of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan.

Up until last November my husband Richard A. Wright was in

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charge of the office staff of The Burgess Door and Manufacturing Company which Company did all the woodwork and panelling for the new wing of The Chateau Laurier at Ottawa. This firm being no longer in business my husband has applied for the position of Cost accountant in charge of Dominion Government Accounting Staff at the John Inglis Plant - Toronto.

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This is exactly the same type of work he has been doing He is a graduate of Upper Canada College - Toronto and the Royal Military College Kingston.

Anything you may be able to do towards helping him to secure this position would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Marion McKay Wright

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Ottawa, May 3rd, 1939.

Mrs. Marion McKay Wright,
103 Warren Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Wright:-

I have your letter of the 2nd of May. I do wish I could be of assistance to your husband with the John Inglis Company. I am certain, however, that I have no influence with the officers of that Company. It would seem to me you ought to get in touch with someone specially friendly with the present Government, if you can. The business of the John Inglis Company is with the Government and it might be that your husband would be helped that way. I am sorry I cannot write you a more favourable reply.

Yours truly,

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Ottawa,
May 20, 1939.

Mr. Jack Vanderstaeten,
2069 St. Catherine West,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

I am indeed sorry to have received your telegram of 16th instant too late to enable me to listen to the programme mentioned. I arrived at my office and read it only this morning.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, March 27, 1934.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Re: Peace Bridge Bill

I promised on Saturday to give you the reasons for wanting this Bill to go through the Senate before Easter adjournment. I may say the Bill was reported out of committee this morning and by unanimous consent of the House will come up for third reading tonight.

Under the exchange agreement $1,714,000 of the $2,507,000 of the 7% bonds have been deposited and $932,000 of the 8% bonds have been deposited. A condition of the exchange agreement is that the depositing bondholders agree to accept interest from Jan. 1,1934, on the basis of 5%. This involves a reduction of interest amounting to $85,000 per year.

By reason of the present indentures, these bonds can only be called sixty days before the interest date. The 8% bonds were called in January and must be exchanged and those not called for exchange must be taken up on Monday next. The 7% bonds must be called on Saturday, the next interest date being June 1st.

If this call is not made and the 8% bonds not taken up on Monday, it will mean the loss to the public generally of the savings effected by the reduction of interest from 7% and 8% to 5%,and the loss of approximately $45,000 in taxes in the State of New York.

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I Hon Hugh Guthrie attach copy of exchange agreement and letter, in case you should need them.

I will be at the Chateau available for any discussion, should you need me.

Yours sincerely,

H H Perrault

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

CANADA

OTTAWA

September, 29th, 1933.

L. B. Spencer Esq, K.C.,

WELLAND. Ontario.

Dear Mr. Spencer;

I have had before me for consideration your proposal in regard to the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company which was originally incorporated under Chapter 74 of the Statutes of Canada, 1923, and also by the laws of the State of New York being Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1922. I note that subsequently on 13th. June, 1925, the two Companies incorporated under the above legislation were amalgamated into a new single Company under the same name and that the agreement of amalgamation was duly approved in Canada by Order in Council on 29th. June 1925, since which date the operation of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Bridge has been under the sole jurisdiction of the amalgamated Companies.

I have also before me a certified copy of Chapter 824 of the Statutes of the State of New York which was passed at the Extraordinary Session held on August 31st, 1933, creating a new corporation known as

.... Buffalo

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L.B. Spencer K.C.....

and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority which Act authorizes a new Company, among other things to acquire all the assets and property of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company under the terms set out in the Act of the State of New York.

You have requested a formal approval so far as the Dominion of Canada is concerned of the provisions of the Act of the State of New York in order to carry into effect the new arrangement authorized by that Act.

After giving the matter consideration as fully as possible in the limited time at my disposal and after discussion with the Law Officers of this Department, I have concluded that any approval to be given by the Federal Authorities must be by means of a statute by the Parliament of Canada, and that an Order in Council as suggested by you would not be sufficient for the purpose.

I am aware of the necessity for immediate action if notice is to be given to the bond-holders of the

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companies in order that the reorganization proposed under the New York State Act may be carried into effect, and I would suggest for your consideration, that, for the purpose of avoiding delay, the present amalgamated companies under the agreement of 1925 might give the necessary notice to bond-holders on or before 30th. instant, and might at the same time transfer by proper documents and conveyances, all the assets of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Bridge Company to the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority so that the new incorporation should become the owner of the undertaking and entitled to carry out the contemplated arrangement with bond-holders.

If and when the above transfer by the new Bridge Authority is completed, an application should be made by the Bridge Authority to the Canadian Parliament for ratification, the Government will be prepared to facilitate the passage of the necessary legislation through Parliament at the next session, but in such proposed legislation, conditions must be introduced to protect all Canadian interests, whether Dominion, Provincial, Municipal or otherwise as outlined to you in our discussion today.

If the above course is adopted, I see no difficulty

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having the necessary legislation passed by the Parliament of Canada at the next session, which legislation would include, in so far as the Dominion of Canada has a right to to do, the validation of the contemplated bond issue as authorized by the Act of the State of New York above referred to.

Yours truly,

Sgd. H. Guthrie.

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BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

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and

BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

SECURITY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this 11th day of December, 1933, by and between BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE AUTHORITY, a public benefit corporation organized and existing by and under Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1933, and having an office in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, (hereinafter called "Bridge Authority"), party of the first part, BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York and the Dominion of Canada, and having an office in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, (hereinafter called "Bridge Company"), party of the second part, such of the holders of the First Mortgage 7% 50 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due June 1, 1955, (said Bonds being hereinafter referred to as "First Mortgage Bonds" and said holders being hereinafter referred to as "Mortgage Bondholders"), and of the 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds due April 1, 1945, (said Bonds being hereinafter referred to as "Debenture Bonds" and said holders being hereinafter referred to as "Debenture Bondholders") of the Bridge Company as may become parties hereto, parties of the third part, and MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, a domestic Trust Company, having its principal office at No. 284 Main Street, in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, (hereinafter called "Agent"), party of the fourth part;

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Bridge Company is a corporation duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York and the Dominion of Canada, and owns and operates a public bridge commonly known as the "Peace Bridge" for vehicular and

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pedestrian traffic between the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, United States of America, and the Village of Fort Erie, in the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge Company has issued and outstanding Two Million Five Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($2,507,800.00) principal amount of its First Mortgage Bonds secured under Trust Indenture to The Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo, as Trustee, dated June 1, 1925, and One Million Fifty Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($ 1,050,100.00) principal amount of its Debenture Bonds issued under and pursuant to Trust Indenture to The Liberty Bank of Buffalo, as Trustee, dated June 1, 1925; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge Authority was created under and by virtue of Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1933, and vested with powers, among others, (subject to additional authorization from the Government of the Dominion of Canada relative to that portion of the property situate within the Dominion of Canada, which authorization is in process of being obtained), to acquire title to all of the assets and property of the Bridge Company and in payment therefor and for its corporate purposes to issue its negotiable bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding at any one time Four Million Dollars ($ 4,000,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge Authority, desiring to facilitate the acquisition of the Bridge property and other assets of the Bridge Company by the Bridge Authority and the issuance of bonds of the Bridge Authority in exchange for the presently issued and outstanding First Mortgage Bonds and Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company insofar as the Mortgage Bondholders and Debenture Bondholders shall desire to make such exchange, has requested the Manufacturers and Traders Trust C ompany to act as its agent under this Agreement and said Manufacturers and Traderm Trust Company has evidenced its willingness to so act; and,

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WHEREAS, the Mortgage Bondholders and the Debenture Bondholders of the Bridge Company becoming parties hereto desire to cooperate with the Bridge Authority and to facilitate the acquisition of the Bridge Property and other assets of the Bridge Company by the Bridge Authority and the issuance of bonds of the Bridge Authority in exchange for the presently issued and outstanding First Mortgage Bonds and Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable considerations, the parties of the third part, each for himself and not for the others or any of the others, has agreed and hereby does agree with each other and with the parties of the first, second and fourth parts hefeto as follows, to wit:

FIRST: (a) That the Mortgage Bondholders shall and will on or before the 31st day of December, 1933, deposit their First Mortgage Bonds of the Bridge Company with the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York with coupons of June 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons, attached and with suitable transfers thereof to bearer in case the same are registered as to principal.

(b) That the Debenture Bondholders shall and will on or before the 31st day of December, 1933, deposit their Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company with the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, with coupons of April 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons, attached and with suitable transfers thereof to bearer in case the same are registered as to principal.

(c) That all persons, firms and corporations depositing First Mortgage Bonds and the Debenture Bonds, or either thereof, of the Bridge Company, or coupons pertaining to such bonds, or any thereof, shall, by such deposit and the acceptance of a Certificate of Deposit or Certificates of Deposit therefor, become parties hereto with the same force and effect in every particular as though they had signed this agreement.

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SECOND: The Mortgage Bondholders, on depositing their respective First Mortgage Bonds, shall receive negotiable Certificates of Deposit therefor, Such Certificate of Deposit shall be issued in denominations of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) and One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). Attached to each one Thousand Dollar ($1,000.) Certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st day of December, 1933, in the amount of Five Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents ($5.83). Attached to each Five Hundred Dollar ($500.00) Certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st. day of December, 1933, in the amount of Two Dollars and Ninety-One Cents ($2.91). Attached to each One Hundred Dollar ($100.00) Certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st. day of December, 1933, in the amount of Fifty-Eight Cents ($.58). Such certificates of Deposit and Coupons shall be in substantially the following forms:

(Form of Certificate of Deposit)

No._____ $ _____

Representing
Bond No._____

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
For
BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

First Mortgage 7% - 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due June 1, 1955.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority under a Security Exchange Agreement dated November_____,1933, by and between Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, such holders of the therein described First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds and such holders of the therein described 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company as shall become parties thereto in the manner therein provided, and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, of the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority has received from _____

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principal amount of First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due June 1, 1955, with interest coupon maturing June 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons attached, of Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, for deposit for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions expressed in said Security Exchange Agreement.

Reference is made to the aforesaid Security Exchange Agreement (a copy of which may be inspected at the office of the

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undersigned) for a complete statement of the purposes, terms and provisions thereof and of the rights and benefits thereunder of the holder of this Certificate of Deposit, By accepting this Certificate of Deposit, the holder hereof shall thereby become and be a party to said Security Exchange Agreement and be bound by its provisions with the same forde and effect as if he had executed the same, and agrees that he will take no action on the Bonds so deposited inconsistent with the terms and provisions of the said Security Exchange Agreement.

Upon the surrender of this Certificate of Deposit, duly endorsed, with signature guaranteed, to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, the holder hereof shall be entitled (a) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge A uthority shall be consummated, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, to a _____ Dollar ($) First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bond of said Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due January 1, 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from January 1, 1934, and _____ Dollars ($) in cash, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement; or (b) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority shall not be consummated and said Security Exchange Agreement shall expire or be terminated, as therein provided, to a dollar ($) First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bond due June 1, 1955, of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, with coupon maturing December 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons, attached, and an amount in cash equivalent to the difference between the amount of the June 1, 1934, coupons detached therefrom and the amount of the coupon attached hereto.

This Certificate of Deposit is transferable at the aforesaid office of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, by the registered holder hereof in person, or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender hereof, properly endorsed, and with the transfer tax stamps required by law attached and, when so transferred, the transferee shall for all purposes and in all respects be substituted for the prior holder hereof.

Title to this Certificate of Deposit, when duly endorsed, shall be transferable, to the extent permitted by law, with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument, Each holder of this Certificate of Deposit, by accepting the same, consents and agrees that delivery by any bearer hereof, properly endorsed in blank, shall vest the title hereto and all rights and interests represented hereby in the transferee to the same extent, for all purposes, as would delivery under like circumstances of a negotiable instrument payable to bearer; provided, however, that the Agent may treat the holder hereof (or, when properly endorsed in blank, the bearer hereof) as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Certificate is not valid unless signed by the undersigned Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company by its Presidmnt, or Vice President, and attested by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

Dated,

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY

By _____

Its President.
Its Vice President.

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undersigned) for a complete statement of the purposes, terms and provisions thereof and of the rights and benefits thereunder of the holder of this Certificate of Deposit, By accepting this Certificate of Deposit, the holder hereof shall thereby become and be a party to said Security Exchange Agreement and be bound by its provisions with the same forde and effect as if he had executed the same, and agrees that he will take no action on the Bonds so deposited inconsistent with the terms and provisions of the said Security Exchange Agreement.

Upon the surrender of this Certificate of Deposit, duly endorsed, with signature guaranteed, to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, the holder hereof shall be entitled (a) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge A uthority shall be consummated, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, to a _____ Dollar ($) First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bond of said Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due January 1, 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from January 1, 1934, and _____ _____ Dollars ($) in cash, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement; or (b) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority shall not be consummated and said Security Exchange Agreement shall expire or be terminated, as therein provided, to a dollar ($) First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bond due June 1, 1955, of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, with coupon maturing December 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons, attached, and an amount in cash equivalent to the difference between the amount of the June 1, 1934, coupons detached therefrom and the amount of the coupon attached hereto.

This Certificate of Deposit is transferable at the aforesaid office of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, by the registered holder hereof in person, or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender hereof, properly endorsed, and with the transfer tax stamps required by law attached and, when so transferred, the transferee shall for all purposes and in all respects be substituted for the prior holder hereof.

Title to this Certificate of Deposit, when duly endorsed, shall be transferable, to the extent permitted by law, with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument, Each holder of this Certificate of Deposit, by accepting the same, consents and agrees that delivery by any bearer hereof, properly endorsed in blank, shall vest the title hereto and all rights and interests represented hereby in the transferee to the same extent, for all purposes, as would delivery under like circumstances of a negotiable instrument payable to bearer; provided, however, that the Agent may treat the holder hereof (or, when properly endorsed in blank, the bearer hereof) as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Certificate is not valid unless signed by the undersigned Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company by its President, or Vice President, and attested by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

Dated,

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY

By _____

Its President.
Its Vice President.

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ATTEST:

_____
Secretary.
Assistant Secretary.

As Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

(Form of Coupon)

No._____ $_____

On the 31st day of December, 1933, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company will pay to bearer, at the principal office of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, Dollars ($), being interest for the month of December, 1933, on its First Mortgage 7% 50 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bond No.

BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

By_____
Its Treasurer.

THIRD: The Debenture Bondholders, on depositing their respective Debenture Bonds, shall receive negotiable Certificates of Deposit therefor. Such Certificates of Deposit shall be issued in denominations of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00) and One Hundred Dollars ($ 100.00). Attached to each One Thousand Dollar ($1,000.00) certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st day of December, 1933, in the amount of Twenty Dollars ($ 20.00). Attached to each Five Hundred Dollar ($500.00) Certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st day of December, 1933, in the amount of Ten Dollars ($ 10.00). Attached to each One Hundred Dollar ($ 100.00) Certificate of Deposit shall be a coupon payable to bearer on the 31st day of December, 1933, in the amount of Two Dollars (1$ 2.00). Such Certificate of Deposit and Coupons shall be in substantially the following forms:

(Form of Certificate of Deposit)

No._____ $_____
Representing
Bond No._____

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
For
BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY
20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds due April 1, 1945.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned, Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority under a Security Exchange Agreement dated November _____,1933, by and between Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, such holders of the therein described First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds and such holders of the therein described 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company as shall become parties thereto in the manner therein provided, and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, of the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, has received from _____

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principal amount of 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds due April 1, 1945, with interest coupon maturing April 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons attached, of Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company, for deposit for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions expressed in said Security Exchange Agreement.

Reference is made to the aforesaid Security Exchange Agreement (a copy of which may be inspected at the office of the undersigned) for a complete statement of the purposes, terms and provisions thereof and of the rights and benefits thereunder of the holder of this Certificate of Deposit, By accepting this Certificate of Deposit, the holder hereof shall thereby become and be a party to said Security Exchange Agreement and be bound by its provisions with the same force and effect as if he had executed the same, and agrees that he will take no action on the Bonds so deposited inconsistent with the terms and provisions of said Security Exchange Agreement.

Upon the surrender of this Certificate of Deposit, duly endorsed, with signature guaranteed, to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, the holder hereof shall be entitled (a) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority shall be consummated, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, to a Dollar ($) First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bond of said Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due January 1, 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from January 1, 1934, and Dollars ($) in cash, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, or (b) if the exchange for bonds of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority shall not be consummated and said Security Exchange Agreement shall expire or be terminated, as therein provided, to a Dollar ($) 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bond due April 1, 1945, of Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company with coupon maturing October 1, 1934, and all subsequent coupons attached, and an amount in cash equivalent to the difference between the amount of the April 1, 1934, coupon detached therefrom and the amount of the coupon attached hereto.

This Certificate of Deposit is transferable at the aforesaid office of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as provided in said Security Exchange Agreement, by the registered holder hereof in person, or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender hereof, properly endorsed, and with the transfer tax stamps required by law attached, and, when so transferred, the transferee shall for all purposes and in all respects be substituted for the prior holder hereof.

Title to this Certificate of Deposit, when duly endorsed, shall be transferable, to the extent permitted by law, with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument. Each holder of this Certificate of Deposit, by accepting the same, consents and agrees that delivery by any bearer hereof, properly endorsed in blank, shall vest the title hereto and all rights and interests represented hereby in the

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transferee to the same extent, for all purposes, as would delivery under like circumstances of a negotiable instrument payable to bearer; provided, however, that the Agent may treat the holder hereof (or, when properly endorsed in blank, the bearer hereof) as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Certificate is not valid unless signed by the undersigned Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company by its President, or Vice President, and attested by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary, as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

Dated,

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY

By _____
Its President.
Its Vice President.

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary.
Assistant Secretary.

As Agent for Buffalo and
Fort Erie Public Bridge
Authority.

(Form of Coupon)

No._____ $_____

On the 31st day of December, 1935, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company will pay to bearer, at the principal office of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, Dollars ($), being interest for the months of October, November and December, 1935, on its 20 Year 5% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bond. No._____

BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

By _____
Its Treasurer.

FOURTH: That as, if and when the Bridge Authority shall acquire title to the Bridge Property and other assets of the Bridge Company, and shall issue its First Lien 5% 20 Year coupon Bonds therefor, as provided by Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1935, and as herein provided, or concurrently with such acquisition of title and issuance of bonds, the Bridge Authority and the Agent are hereby expressly authorized:

To exchange the First Mortgage Bonds and attached coupons and the Debenture Bonds and attached coupons of the Bridge Company, deposited with the Agent, as herein provided,

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for First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bonds of the Bridge Authority issued in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1933, and meeting the conditions hereinafter specifically set forth (hereinafter called "Bridge Authority Bonds") upon the following basis, to wit:

For each One Thousand Dollar($1,000.00) principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds deposited.

(1) One Thousand Dollar ($1,000.00) First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bond of Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due January 1, 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from January 1, 1934;

(2) Fifty-five dollars ($55.00) in cash.

For each Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00) and One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) principal amount, respectively, of said First Mortgage Bonds, a pro rata amount of said Bridge Authority Bonds and cash.

For each One Thousand Dollars ($ 1,000.00) principal amount of Debenture Bonds deposited,

(1) One Thousand Dollar ($1,000.00) First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bond of Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due January 1, 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from January 1, 1934;

(2) Thirty Dollars ($ 30.00) in cash.

For each Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00) and One Hundred Dollars ($ 100.00) principal amount, respectively, of said Debenture Bonds, a pro rata amount of said Bridge Authority Bonds and cash.

FIFTH: That the First Lien 5% 20 Year Coupon Bonds of the Bridge Authority, referred to in this Security Exchange Agreement, shall meet the following requirements:

(a) They shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each and every year, and shall have semi-annual interest coupons attached. The first coupon attached to each such bond shall be dated January 1, 1934, and

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shall be payable with a coupon of July 1, 1934.

(b) They shall mature and be payable on the 31st day of December, 1955, subject, however, to call or redemption as hereinafter provided.

(c) They shall be callable for redemption at the option of the Bridge Authority on any semi-annual interest payment date on and after January 1, 1937, at par and accrued interest and a premium of one and one-half per cent (1½%), as now or hereafter limited by law; provided, however, that they shall be issued in two (2) series of equal principal amount, and one (1) of such series shall not be callable prior to the 31st day of December, 1941.

(d) They shall be tax exempt to the full extent provided by Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1933.

(e) They shall be a first lien on the real estate and Bridge Property of the Bridge Authority, including structures and approaches, and lands and easements used therewith, and shall also be secured by a pledge of the tolls and revenues of the aforesaid properties.

(f) They shall be duly approved by competent counsel as to their legality.

SIXTH: That, in the event the aforesaid exchange for Bridge Authority Bonds shall become effective, the holders of Certificates of Deposit hereunder, upon the surrender of such Certificates of Deposit, as aforesaid, shall be entitled, at their election, to receive one-half (1/2) of their respective allotments of Bridge Authority Bonds of that series which shall not be callable prior to the 31st day of December, 1941.

SEVENTH: That, in the event the Bridge Company shall call the aforesaid Debenture Bonds for redemption on the 1st day of April, 1934, and subsequent to such call the Bridge Authority shall determine that for any reason the contemplated exchange of Peace Bridge Bonds for the outstanding First Mortgage Bonds and the outstanding Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company is impossible or impracticable of achievement,

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the default resulting from the non-payment of said Debenture Bonds on the redemption date shall be, and hereby is, expressly waived and the Debenture Bonds deposited with the Agent hereunder shall be forthwith reinstated and such call for redemption shall be a nullity as to such deposited Debenture Bonds without further act or deed whatsoever.

EIGHTH: That, in the event the Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company shall be exchanged for Bridge Authority Bonds, as herein provided, or called for redemption and sufficient funds for the redemption thereof deposited with the Trustee under the Indenture whereunder they are issued and outstanding and in the event the Bridge Company shall call the aforesaid First Mortgage Bonds for redemption on the 1st day of June, 1934, and shall deposit with the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee under the Indenture securing said First Mortgage Bonds sufficient moneys to redeem all such First Mortgage Bonds as shall not be deposited with the Agent, then and upon the happening of the aforesaid events the Bridge Authority and the Agent are hereby expressly authorized to make the aforesaid exchange for Bridge Authority Bonds forthwith, and the parties of the third part expressly consent and agree that Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee under the Indenture securing said First Mortgage Bonds, may cancel all such deposited First Mortgage Bonds concurrently with such exchange, and discharge and cancel said Trust Indenture.

NINTH: That the Agent individually, or in any trust or other fiduciary capacity, may become a party to this Agreement as Mortgage Bondholder and/or Debenture Bondholder, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefit accruing to any other Mortgage Bondholder or Debenture Bondholder.

TENTH: That the Bridge Authority is expressly authorized at any time it may deem proper, prior to the consummation of the aforesaid exchange for Bridge Authority Bonds, to terminate this Agreement, and, in case of such termination, the bonds and coupons deposited hereunder shall be returned to the Mortgage Bondholders and Debenture Bond-

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holder, as provided in and by the aforesaid Certificates of Deposit, without any expense whatsoever to such Mortgage Bondholder and Debenture Bondholder.

ELEVENTH: That the Bridge Authority may extend the time to deposit First Mortgage Bonds and Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company, and coupons pertaining to such bonds, or any thereof, beyond the 31st day of December, 1933, and within the term of this Agreement, and all such Mortgage Bondholders and Debenture Bondholders making such deposit within such extended period shall have and be entitled to receive the same rights and benefits hereunder as though such deposit were made prior to the 31st day of December, 1933.

TWELFTH: That this Agreement shall continue in effect until the 30th day of June, 1934, unless sooner terminated by the Bridge Authority, as hereinbefore provided.

THIRTEENTH: (a) That the Agent shall not be answerable for the default or misconduct of any agent or attorney selected by it with reasonable care, nor for anything whatsoever in connection with this Agreement or the execution thereof, except its own wilful misconduct or gross negligence.

(b) That the Agent shall not be responsible or answerable for the validity or sufficiency of this Agreement, nor for the execution thereof, nor for or in respect to the title or value of any bond, coupon or other property deposited or received by it hereunder, nor for the genuineness of any bond, coupon or other obligation deposited or received by it hereunder, nor for any act or thing which it may do or refrain from doing hereunder in good faith.

(c) That the Agent shall be protected and held harmless in acting upon any notice, request, consent, certificate, bond or other instrument or paper referred to in this Agreement or received by it hereunder and believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or executed by the proper party, and shall be entitled to receive the same in its discretion as conclusive proof of any fact, matter, or the existence of any condition of

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affairs therein stated, upon which or by reason whereof it may be required to act or to refrain from acting, or, in its discretion, may act.

(d) That the Agent may advise with counsel and shall be fully protected in any action taken or suffered by it in good faith in accordance with the advice of counsel.

FOURTEENTH: That upon the consummation of the aforesaid exchange for Bridge Authority Bonds, or upon the termination of this Agreement by lapse of time or otherwise, the Agent shall give notice thereof to the holders of Certificates of Deposit issued hereunder by publishing a notice thereof once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Buffalo, New York, and no other or further notice thereof shall be required to be given by the Agent.

COVENANTS OF THE BRIDGE COMPANY

FIFTEENTH: The Bridge Company, for and in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable considerations, covenants and agrees to and with each and all of the parties hereto:

(a) That it will duly and punctually pay on demand at the principal office of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, 284 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, the interest coupons attached to the aforesaid Certificates of Deposit pursuant to the terms and provisions thereof; provided only that the Certificate of Deposit pertaining to each such interest coupon shall be duly executed and issued by said Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company as Agent hereunder. Such interest coupons may bear the facsimile signature of the Treasurer of the Bridge Company and such signature shall be deemed for all purposes to be the signature of the Treasurer of the Bridge Company and shall be binding upon the Bridge Company.

(b) That no expense or charge of any kind or nature shall be made against any Mortgage Bondholder or Debenture Bondholder signatory hereto, nor against any bond,

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coupon, cash or other security or property of any Mortgage Bondholder or Debenture Bondholder which may be deposited with or received by the Agent hereunder.

SIXTEENTH: The Bridge Authority, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable considerations, covenants and agrees to and with each and all of the parties hereto:

(a) That it will use its best efforts to consummate the acquisition of the title to the Bridge Property and other assets of the Bridge Company, as provided by Chapter 824 of the Laws of the State of New York, 1935, and the exchange of Bridge Authority Bonds for outstanding First Mortgage Bonds and outstanding Debenture Bonds of the Bridge Company, as herein provided, without however, definitely and finally committing itself so to do.

(b) That no bond or coupon deposited with the Agent shall be withdrawn or removed from the custody of the Agent except as herein expressly provided and upon a surrender of the Certificate of Deposit relating thereto.

(c) That it will pay all of the expenses and reasonable compensation of the Agent.

(d) That no expense or charge of any kind or nature shall be made against any Mortgage Bondholder or Debenture Bondholder who shall become a party hereto, nor against any bond, coupon, cash or other security or property of any Mortgage Bondholder or Debenture Bondholder which may be deposited with or received by the Agent hereunder.

COVENANTS OF THE AGENT

SEVENTEENTH: The Agent, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable considerations, covenants, and agrees to and with each and all of the parties hereto to act as Agent for Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority hereunder upon the conditions and with the limitations hereinbefore specifically set forth.

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MUTUAL COVENANTS

EIGHTEENTH: All of the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree that this Agreement shall bind the heirs executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto severally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the individual parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and the corporate parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed by their respectively duly authorized officers and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed by like authority, as of the day and year first above written; and the Mortgage Bondholders and the Debenture Bondholders have set opposite their names the principal amount of First Mortgage 7% 30 Year Sinking fund Gold Bonds and the principal amount of 20 Year 8% Sinking Fund Debenture Gold Bonds of the Bridge Company held by them respectively.

BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

By (Signed) HISBET GRAMMER
Its Vice-Chairman.

ATTEST:

(SIGNED) NORMAN B. MACPHERSON
Secretary.

(Party of the First Part)

BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE PUBLIC BRIDGE COMPANY

By (Signed) FRANK B. BAIRD
Its President.

ATTEST:

(SIGNED) JOHN J. BOLAND.
Secretary.

(Party of the Second Part)

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY

By (Signed) THOMAS CANTWELL
Vice-President.

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ATTEST:

(SIGNED) _____
Asst. Secretary.

(Party of the Fourth Part)

Parties of the Third part:

Signatures	Principal amount 7% First Mortgage Bonds	Principal Amount 8% Debenture Bonds
_____	$_____	$_____
_____	$_____	$_____
_____	$_____	$_____
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April 4th, 1934.

The Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I thought the proper thing to do was to write a thank you note to the Honourable James Murdock, and I wrote him as per the enclosed. I received a reply to-day, a copy of which I also enclose.

I can not get the drift of the whole thing and if there is anything more I should do, or keep my mouth shut, or if I have done anything that I should not have done, I wish you would tell me.

I have always been taught to acknowledge any courtesy, and it has been my invariable practice to do so, and I thought I was only doing the right thing in acknowledging Senator Murdock's withdrawal of his opposition to the Bill. Frankly, it has me puzzled. It looks as though the Senator thought there was some sinister thought behind my letter of thanks. Of course, I know that you or Mr. W. F. O'Connor who is very close to the Senator, can explain that that was farthest from my thoughts, but I hate to write a letter that creates a situation that requires explaining. However, there it is, and I am very sorry about the matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Welland, Ontario.

March 31st, 1934.

The Honourable James Murdock, Esq.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Senator Murdock:

It is a strong man who can change his attitude on any matter, and I wish to thank you for acquiescing in the Peace Bridge Bill on Wednesday last.

Yours sincerely,

" Lynn B. Spencer. "

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Ottawa, April 3rd, 1934.

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Mr. Lynn B. Spencer, K.C.,
Welland,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I received your letter of March 31st reading as follows:-

> " It is a strong man who can change his attitude on any matter, and I wish to thank you for acquiescing in the Peace Bridge Bill on Wednesday last. "

You compliment unduly, perhaps, as I did not change my mind, but still regard the action taken on the Peace Bridge Bill as being entirely unwarranted, having regard to the presumed honour and dignity of Parliament and the necessity, usually assumed, of giving all measures coming before the Senate of Canada full consideration under the rules of Parliament.

It was my personal judgment on March 28th when this Peace Bridge Bill Petition was first presented to the Senate and when the Petition was acted upon, the Bill presented and three readings given to facilitate the passage of the Bill, that the really important feature of the Bill that made it necessary to give such a demonstration of unseemly haste was found in Section No. 4 of the Bill. My judgment in that respect has not changed.

When, however, the Right Honourable the Leader of the Senate gave the assurance contained in the following words:

> "The Government, in so far as I have communicated with any member of it - and I have communicated with the Prime Minister - have precisely the same views that I have sought to express to this House; that it is worth while to have the legislation, and worth while to save the money of the company, if possible, by having the legislation passed now. "

I was not disposed out of consideration for his judgment and the judgment of other members of the Government, to protest further.

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Ottawa, April 3rd, 1934.

Mr. Lynn B. Spencer, K.C., -

I still believe that the action taken on this measure will confront the Senate of Canada later and that it was ill-advised and improper, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding and because you believed it necessary to write me your letter of March 31st, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, as Leader of the Senate.

Yours truly,

" James Murdock "

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Peace Bridge

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 5, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have yours of 4th with enclosures. Am not surprised at the letter you received by way of acknowledgment. Probably Senator Murdock really does think that there was some undisclosed reason for the haste in considering the Bill in the Senate. Personally I feel sure there was not, and it was because I felt so certain on this point that I recommended that the Bill be disposed of before the Senate rose. I am sure Senator Murdock has no question as to my sincerity in this matter, and I feel certain that in due course he will have no question as to the sincerity of the promoters of the Bill themselves.

I would not, if I were you, carry the correspondence farther.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Lynn B. Spencer,

Welland, Ont.

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c/o R. D. Tighe,
716 McLeod Building, Edmonton,
October 24th, 1932.

Senator Meighen,
OTTAWA,
Ontario.

Dear Meighen,

After our several talks with reference to the Peace River Country during the past years, I have been sent the Engineer's report by Dr. Manion. I am writing my answer to you, as well as to the Doctor, Mr. Bennett, Senator Burns and Senator Griesbach.

I am amazed at the contents of the report.

After having been many times with MacNabb of the C.P. and with Crysdale, in an advisory capacity, for which I was paid, I can only say that it is quite the most dastardly piece of injustice and breach of faith I have ever seen. I have heard them talking for days on end. Several times the Minister of Lands, Mr. Fred Burden, and I were together at these conferences. Burden is at present in London, as Agent-General for B.C. He, also, is amazed.

The report you sent me is not, in any way, related to the summing up of the whole situation by the Engineers. They told me often that the Peace River country would have its coast outlet at once "as it merited it in every way". The cost was discussed after consulting many Engineer's reports. The twelve to fifteen millions, so often quoted, was considered sufficient for joining the present Alberta System south of the Peace River, to the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway, via the Hudson's Hope Canyon and the Peace River Pass, where MacNabb made his survey last summer. This route is the only Coast outlet for the Peace country as a whole, and B.C. in particular; also according to the Engineers of William McKenzie, Lord Rhondda and the B. C. Government, whom I have taken through this country for many years.

Again, I would like to know why this so-called Peace River report continually quotes the 1925 report of the C.P.R., who, at the time, were negotiating for the E.D. & B.C. Railway system? What about the report costing $500,000.00 and two years work of the C.P.R., C.N.R. and B. C. Government? Crysdale mentioned to Burden and myself what a wonderfully good report they had made and that "it would break his heart if it did not succeed"!! I might add that I was doing my best to assist in the negotiations in 1925 with Beatty of the C.P., in Montreal.

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To deny this faithfully promised coast outlet, to delay it and, at the same time, to spend vast sums on the H. B. Co. Railway, on Hotels and steamboats, etc., which were not in any way required, and after the promises made by those with authority to make them, is, to say the least, an awful breach of trust and truth. We are sure to be landed in an awful hole through this having been done. I told Sir Henry Thornton this at great length, four years ago, before it was done, and Senator Burns will, I know, bear me out.

A great part of the settlers of the Peace River country have gone there in reliance on the promise of a coast outlet.

A large part of the best farming districts is less than six hundred r.r. miles from the coast. Naturally, to haul the grain back, via Edmonton, to the Coast, would make it over fourteen hundred miles, or nearly three times the distance. The C.P. and the C.N. charge for this more than they would to haul the grain a still greater distance eastwards, to Fort William on the Lakes.

As I told you before, a great deal of harm has been done by stopping the extremely good and well-to-do settlers from the United States from coming into the country. They are quite pleased to become good Canadians and are most capable settlers.

I know that the public might be difficult about more construction at the present time, unless it were done in the way the Government here, Mr. Blake Wilson of Vancouver, and myself plan. That is, to put the unemployed to work on something useful and give them a small wage of say $1.00 per day, and a land scrip when construction is finished. This would enable them to homestead and scrip up there and have nice useful blocks of land to work. They would be qualified to homestead after using an axe and tools, horses, etc., on constructions. That everyone who goes into that country stays there is my certain experience.

I would like to say that I am sure that this altogether twisted and unjust report on the Peace River is going to cause much grief to those that made it.

I do hope that you will be able to make an extended trip through this wonderful country. You will be converted at once, like everyone that goes there and sees it.

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In the meantime, work for the unemployed in Alberta and B. C. could be given in the way of cutting the right of way. This would be most useful work to the country and the existing railroad systems to give them tonnage. The work done by the unemployed so far has been nothing but a joke, and a most costly one as well as most unsatisfactory to the country.

To spare about three million bushels of choice seed grain tells the story of what they have done this last spring to the droughted Prairie Provinces.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Burden in London and he says "You were quite safe in using my name as you did and I can back you up in all you have said concerning the report and the Peace River generally."

I might add that the whole country is astounded at the report that Ottawa has given out in the House of Commons. I might add that the Engineers who sign this report were never in the country other than perhaps a train journey. Their information is second and third hand and worse than that.

An early reply would oblige.

Sincerely yours, Cowper Rockfort.

I would like to come down and talk to a few of you good people. I think I can tell you things that would be appreciated ask Senator Pat about it? I am here in Edmonton now. C.R.

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Ottawa, Oct. 28th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Rochfort,-

I have your letter of the 24th instant.

This subject is not one which comes under me as my duties are confined to that of Leader of the Senate. It comes under the Department of Railways and Canals.

I have a very deep interest in the Peace River question and hope to be present when the subject is under review.

Yours very truly,

C. Rochfort, Esq.,
c/o R.D. Tighe,
716 McLeod Building
Edmonton, Alta.

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1037 WEST PENDER STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

April 4, 1935.

Senator Arthur M. Meighen,
The Senate,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In the editorial entitled, "PEACE RIVER CANADA'S HOPE", we have put Canada's problem with respect to her wheat trade as simply and forcefully as we know how.

Canada, as a wheat growing and exporting country has not been marking time or holding her own in recent years. She has been losing ground - and for specific reasons with which we have attempted to deal.

Canada's grain trade is too great an industry to be placed in jeopardy, either by active experiment or inactive indifference.

The competition Canada is facing today and must face in the future from countries which have been underselling the Dominion is too real and too severe to be ignored.

In the writer's opinion this editorial points the way to the most practicable solution to the question, "How can Canada hold her position of supremacy in the export grain trade of the world during the next decade?"

Until Canada can be sure of competing economically and successfully in the wheat markets, surely there can be no stable agrarian market for manufactured goods in our prairie provinces, and our grain trade, which normally brings hundreds of millions of dollars of new money into Canada annually enriching the whole Dominion, must languish.

Sincerely yours,

Publisher

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PEACE RIVER CANADA'S HOPE

UNDER whatever authority or ownership it might be built, a railway across northern British Columbia from Peace River to Stewart on Portland Canal would be the most hopeful new development project that could be carried forward in Canada.

The Dominion is in the wheat business and it is losing out. We may as well face that fact frankly.

Canada is losing out for two reasons:

1. Because the "holding" policy of the Wheat Pools, perpetuated now by the organization under John I. McFarland, and possibly in the future by a Grain Board, is really "holding an umbrella" over Argentina and Australia where grazing land, rich and fallow, is being ploughed and sown to wheat. The British market, antagonized by Canada's policy of attempted price-dictation, is turning elsewhere for wheat and will buy only such high-priced wheat as is needed for mixing with the soft wheats of the Southern Hemisphere countries.

2. Because Canada's wheat fields in Manitoba, southern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta have grown less productive as constant cropping and droughts have diminished subsoil moisture and impoverished the topsoil. Weeds have increased over most of the prairies. Average yields are down to such an extent that 10 to 15 bushels an acre is considered to be a fair crop.

A few seasons of highly favorable moisture conditions would be of great value to the prairie wheat fields, but the long term trend of production per acre is downward in western Saskatchewan and Alberta where the bulk of Canada's wheat is now grown.

To regain its former position—and the recovery will be more difficult with each passing year in which present policies and trends are continued—Canada must COMPETE with Argentina, Australia and Russia for the United Kingdom wheat market, the one large remaining outlet for exportable surpluses of wheat. It is not unlikely that Canada, in the future, will have to compete without the benefit of the existing preference on wheat in this market when the Ottawa trade agreement comes to an end.

To compete with Argentina, Australia and Russia, all low cost production countries, Canada must take advantage of every possible favorable physical factor of production and transportation.

North central Saskatchewan, northern Alberta and the Peace River country, where yields of 20 to 35 bushels of wheat to the acre are common in land that has not lost its original fertility and is not yet choked with noxious weeds must produce the bulk of Canada's export wheat in the years of intense competition ahead.

Of all these areas the Peace River country holds forth the greatest promise.

But before Canada can take full competitive advantage of the Peace River country it must shorten the haul to tidewater.

In the eyes of transportation companies and the grain trade the haul from Winnipeg to Fort William is a short one. It is approximately 425 miles. When that point is reached the grain is still far from the Atlantic Coast and must be conveyed either by lake boat or overland by train to terminals where ocean-going ships can load it.

The lap from Winnipeg to Fort William is but a short section of the total distance Canadian wheat is taken from the wheat fields to the Atlantic. The average haul is about 2500 miles.

If the wheat goes westward to Vancouver the haul is rom 650 to 1200 miles.

But Canada's Peace River country is no farther away from tidewater than Winnipeg is distant from Fort William.

The edge of the wheat country is about 450 miles distant by possible rail route from Stewart.

There are no great physical handicaps to overcome. The highest pass to be crossed is lower than the easy Yellowhead pass. A train leaving Peace River could go unbroken to the Coast, with no "pusher" engines on any grade.

The highest grade steam coal on the North American continent, as proved by actual railway tests, is available in great abundance at Hudson's Hope on the line.

The road would pass through a country highly favorable in geological formation for mineral deposition.

The port of Stewart is open the year around. Portland Canal is navigable the year around with never a marine disaster against its record.

It should be entirely possible to haul Peace River wheat to the north coast port at an average cost of 8 to 12 cents a bushel or from a third to half of the cost of shipping it to Vancouver—less than a third of the cost of shipping it eastward.

Canada's wheat trade, which affects in its prosperity and depression the whole trade and industry of Canada, is facing hard economic realities.

Sooner or later Canada must fight for the life of this major industry with a grim determination to hold as much as possible of what we have.

The twenty to thirty million dollars required to build a railway westward will be as nothing compared with the loss Canada will suffer unless the potentialities of the Peace River country are capitalized, and is nothing compared with the annual profits that will accrue from the advantageous position Canada would occupy if such a road were built.

The Peace River wheat fields are closer to tidewater than any other great grain-growing section of Canada.

It is logical and inevitable that this fact should be realized and that Canada should put herself once more in a position to sell better grain than any other exporting country at a price that will ensure for Canada the lion's share of the world's wheat importing market.

THE MAYORS BESIEGE OTTAWA

Parliament Hill, Ottawa, was this week stormed by an army of mayors—an engagement probably unique in the history of Canada.

The chief magistrates of cities from Victoria to Halifax asked that the full burden of relief be borne by senior governments and that the Federal Government undertake to refinance the municipalities at 3 per cent.

It was a memorable occasion, made the more memorable by passionate addresses by Mayor McGeer of Vancouver.

Doubtless it made a fairly sharp impression on the parliamentarians.

Preceding this meeting was the conference of mayors in Montreal at which several resolutions regarding relief and refinancing were passed.

It is possible that something will come of it all. Perhaps Ottawa will lift the burden of relief from hard-pressed municipalities. Ottawa may even take some steps for a general refunding of municipal debts, although that is less likely.

As to the first possibility, a great deal can be said in favor of the argument that relief is essentially a problem and a load for the Federal government to carry.

The municipalities of Canada are more or less circumscribed in their available sources of revenue and no good purpose can be served in overburdening them with a load of responsibility which they must carry at the risk of their solvency.

As to a general refunding of municipal debt, that is a more debatable subject.

Most municipalities, if relieved of the cost of carrying their share of unemployment relief, would be able to finance themselves, and would be quite willing to do so.

The Federal Government has brought down its budget, making no provision to assume the full cost of relief or of taking more than its share. If it should make shift to relieve the municipalities this year as an emergency measure, it would have done a great deal and it could fairly say to the municipalities, "Wait another year and see how your incomes respond to gradual improvement in general conditions."

It has its own credit to consider and it must move carefully if it is not to find that is programme of conversion affecting its own obligations is not disturbed. It would be a final great tragedy injuring all of Canada and doing no municipalities any good if Canada should lose its own high credit standing in the bond markets of the world.

What the Federal Government might well do, however, is to adopt the constructive suggestion of the opposition's financial critic, Col. J. L. Ralston, and establish a board to supervise all municipal financing and give advice to the municipalities on their financial affairs.

Such an organization centralizing authority over municipal financing is long over-due, and its existence would do much to restore confidence in Canadian municipal bonds.

Concerning Mr. McGeer's part in the conference of mayors, it can only be said that it is a hopeful development.

At Calgary Mayor McGeer was toned down moderately. He did not succeed in getting the Western mayors to approve his idea of manhandling a 50 per cent. arbitrary reduction in interest out of the bondholders, as he proposed to do in Vancouver. He compromised and got away with something, rather than sticking to an impossible objective and getting nothing. He even persuaded the mayors to adopt his plan of monetary reform to use the national credit for a great public works programme. None of them knew what it was all about, but they endorsed it, anyhow.

In Montreal he was forced to compromise further, and while the conference proposed that the Bank of Canada should be used for a municipal refunding operation, it did not endorse or embody in its resolution anything of the mayor's bitterness against bondholders and it did not ask the Dominion to do more with the national credit than spread it, as a mantle, over the municipal governments.

Mr. McGeer's fame and prejudices had preceded him, and the mayors knew how to deal with him, allowing him to blow off steam to his heart's content and using advantageously the publicity he, as a colorful character, was able to bring to their project of relief from the cost of relief.

In Ottawa, too, Mr. McGeer's fulminations would not be taken too seriously.

Many of the members of parliament, acquainted with the fact that in Victoria Mr. McGeer declared that the time was ripe for the appointment of a receiver for Vancouver, and that he would not oppose such a step, might have been amazed by his declaration that if anyone attempted to put a sheriff into Vancouver he would throw him—the sheriff—into English Bay. But they are getting to know Mr. McGeer as he is known in the West and due allowance will be made for his extravagance of language and his astonishing inconsistencies.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1925.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 4th and have pleasure in reading the article "Peace River Canada's Hope", which you were good enough to enclose.

Yours very truly.

Mr. H. T. Mitchell,
The Financial News,
1037 West Pender St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM

The story in Toronto papers today that Ho Guarder held at Montreal is not true.

J. H. S.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

Ottawa
October, 21st, 1928.

PERSONAL.

Re Kingston Penitentiary.

My dear Colleague;-

Word received at 3 p.m. from General Ormond, Superintendent, who is in charge of the situation at Kingston, states that matters today have quieted down. Of the 220 prisoners who were actively engaged in the disturbance and who were out of their cells, 98 have been returned to other cells in buildings within the Penitentiary walls and some kind of accomodation will be found for the remainder. 700 of the prisoner have not been released from their cells during the disturbance. They are now to be released in gangs of 40 or 50 for the purpose of giving them their meals in the dining-room. There has been no disturbance and the prison officials are taking every precaution to prevent further disorder. There have been no casualties among either prisoners of prison officials, although there is a rumor that one prisoner was shot in the shoulder last night. The despatches in the Toronto Globe and Mail today emanating from correspondents at Kingston are entirely too lurid, and while the situation is serious, it is nothing like that portrayed by the newspaper correspondents. General Ormond has issued a statement of the actual situation and has given facts to all newspapers, whose correspondents are at present besieging the Penitentiary.

Yours sincerely,

H. Guthrie

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen.,
The Senate.,
OTTAWA.

Use such portions of the above as you deem proper and see also my statement in Hansard on Wednesday last as to the original outbreak.

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"MAITLAND HOUSE",
KINGSTON, Ontario,
November 2, 1932

PERSONAL

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan,
"The Senate"
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighan:-

I read, with a good deal of interest, your comments on the Penitentiary situation, but I suppose you realize that you have just touched the fringe of the matter.

It is quite true that over crowding has had something to do with the trouble here, but the truth is, the thing goes deeper than that, and in my opinion, is due, very largely, to the unfortunate delays in making permanent appointments here. For instance; a Deputy Warden was appointed only several months ago, after several years delay, with only an Acting Deputy Warden, while, as you know also, the vacancy for the Wardenship is still unfilled, though nearly a year vacant now, and Inspector Smith was put in only as Acting Warden. On top of that, there was a vacancy for the Chief Keeper for a while, so you will see that the three most important offices in the Institution were filled only temporarily, or not at all. Manifestly too, when men are only acting, and not confirmed in their position, they have not the authority of permanent officials, and those under them well know that fact. If then, there has been lack of discipline, you can well understand why it has been.

A year ago, just before I left for Florida, I had a long talk with Mr. Guthrie, and told him the situation as I saw it, and told him that I feared there would be trouble here, and he was fully seized of that fact, but apparently, whatever the influences, and whatever his own desires, he did not seem to be as free to act as he would have wished. I suppose the Civil Service Commission was responsible for this. My own opinion is, that in positions of this kind, dealing with Criminals, the Civil Service should have nothing whatever to do with the matter. It is absurd to follow a line of procedure where men, let us say with the highest marks in Civil Service Examinations, should be given preference over experienced men, much better qualified than themselves for the position for which they apply. I have never been in love with the Civil Service Commission as such, and I believe appointments generally, under the old system were much more acceptable and much more satisfactory than under the Commission, since it placed the responsibility directly on the Members and the local advisors. However, that is now, neither here nor there, but I do think that

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the objection to the Commission applies particularly with respect to where the appointments have to do with the handling of notorious criminals. I may say too, that I doubt very much if it is a wise thing, even for a month, to leave the Kingston Penitentiary in charge of two men like General Ormond and Mr. Megloughlin who, whatever their other qualifications ---- and I have no doubt they are excellent ---- know nothing whatever about Penitentiary affairs. Military discipline may be all well and good in its way, but something more than that is needed in handling criminals, and I think it was a very serious mistake to let out both Acting Warden Smith and Deputy Warden Walsh at the same time, leaving General Ormond without any steadying experienced influence by his side. Indeed, I believe that if Mr. Smith had been appointed, permanently, long ago, you would have never had any trouble as you have recently had.

Please understand that this letter is not written in any critical or fault-finding spirit, but rather with the idea of pointing out the mistakes of the past, and seeing if they cannot be remedied before further trouble occurs, as I greatly fear it will once the men are released from their cells if, in the meantime, some experienced Penitentiary man is not on the job. As it is, the present situation is not fair either to General Ormond or to the Bennett administration or, for that matter, to the prisoners themselves.

If you care to, you can show this letter to Mr. Guthrie, and, as a matter of fact, I wish you would, because he knows where my sympathies are, and that I have always tried to help, in every way I could, to overcome unfair criticism.

Finally, there is one suggestion that I would offer, and that I think might be acted upon at once, and that is, that the name of the so-called "Preferred Class Penitentiary" at Collins Bay, be immediately changed. The word "Preferred" should be eliminated, and some name adopted that would be more representative of the spirit and purpose of the Institution, namely : "Penitentiary For First Offenders".

Mrs. Givens and I are leaving a week from tomorrow to spend the winter in Florida, and I thought, before I went, that I would unburden myself to this extent, at least, on this Penitentiary situation.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W.R. GIVENS.

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Ottawa, Nov. 4th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Givens,-

I know you are on the road to Florida but I must acknowledge your letter of the 2nd instant.

It is absolutely impossible for me at the present time to give you an answer. I would be surprised myself it if had been a delay on the part of the Department. My understanding is that the Civil Service Commission has refused to make an appointment for this position on the ground that of all the applicants there are none with whom they are satisfied. However, when I know more about it I may write you later. I am going to show your letter to Mr. Guthrie and will have a talk with him.

You are one of not very many now who can enjoy a period of leisure and I am very happy to think you can do so. May you have a delightful winter in Florida.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

W.R. Givens, Esq.,
"Maitland House,"
Kingston, Ont.

Conditions in Kingston Pen.
complaining of delay in making appointments
of Warden, Assistant Warden etc.

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Ottawa, Nov. 4th, 1932.

My dear Colleague,-

I am sending you a personal letter which I have just received from W.R. Givens of Kingston.

I want to talk to you about this matter because I am sometimes a little shy of information in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Hugh Guthrie, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

Personal.

Ottawa
November, 5th, 1932.

Dear Arthur;-

I have your letter of 4th Instant, enclosing a letter addressed to you from Mr.W.H. Givens which I return herewith. I have read Mr. Given's letter over with great interest, and I will take an early opportunity of discussing it with you.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

H. Guthrie

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen P.C. K.C.,
The Senate.,
Ottawa.

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OTTAWA, 10 November, 1932.

My dear Colleague,

I enclose a further communication I have received from Mr. W.R.Givens with respect to the Portsmouth Penitentiary.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Hugh Guthrie, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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OTTAWA, 10 November, 1932.

Dear Mr. Givens,

I have your further letter of the 6th instant, the contents of which I am bringing to the attention of Mr. Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie read with much interest what you had to say in your previous letter, and he will take an early opportunity of discussing it with me.

With kind regards, believe me.

Yours very truly,

W.R.Givens, Esq.,

Kingston, Ontario.

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Ottawa, November 18, 1932.

PERSONAL

My dear Hugh:

Attached is a confidential letter from my brother, which I think you would like to read.

Was in Winnipeg the first of the week and heard very many comments, all to the effect set out in this letter. Judge Montague came to see me and spoke in the highest terms of the conditions he saw at Stony Mountain.

A difficult situation was saved there I know, by the intervention of other Judges. It means though that little discouragement was given to convicts to raise trouble if they want to.

Yours very truly.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Manitoba Penitentiary

WARDEN'S OFFICE

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

Stony Mountain 10th November 1932

SENATOR,
THE RT.HON.ARTHUR MEIGHEN.
OTTAWA. ONT.

Dear Arthur,

On Monday the 7th inst., I had a case in Court, the prosecution of two Inmates who assaulted two Officers of this Institution on April 15th last, permanently injuring one, causing him to be practically blind in one eye, and with continued pains in his head. These two Inmates secured Percy Hagel to defend them, and their defence, as indicated at their preliminary trial, as well as Hagel's intimation to the Crown Prosecutor, was to be along the line that they had been driven almost insane by unjust treatment prior to April 15th. Anyone might surmise that that would be the only excuse or defence that any inmate could put up, I could have had them brought before Judge Stubbs some weeks ago, but was afraid he would start in to rip up the Institution, and succeeded in getting the Attorney General to order a Jury Trial, in which case it would come up at the Fall Assizes, with a possibility of coming before either Judge Dysart or Judge Montague, but unfortunately it had to come before poor old Judge Galt, who as you well know is over eighty years of age.

During the intervening weeks I had endeavoured to get some of the Judges to come out and look over the place. Judge Dysart was out some years ago, and I knew he would be fair. Judge Montague came out last Saturday the 5th inst., with Mr Potter Crown Prosecutor. I showed them over every part of the Prison, including our Penal Cells and Shops, and explained to them fully, when, where and how these two inmates assaulted and tried to murder our Officers. They went away delighted with their trip and Judge Montague told me confidentially, that if he were trying the case, he would not hesitate to give the accused fifteen years.

On Sunday morning Montague happened to go down to his office in the Court House, and (not by appointment) happened to meet old Judge Galt, he started to tell Galt about his visit to the Institution, and how pleased he was with what he saw, and found Galt in a very hostile mood. He had read over the evidence submitted at the preliminary trial, and thought it was terrible and inhuman etc., that we would shackle prisoners to the gate of a cell Montague tried to explain to him what it meant, and that every punishment every inmate got, was either ordered or had been approved by the Department, seeing that he was having little, if any effect on the old man's mind, he called up Judge Dysart and later Justice MacDonald who all interviewed him, as they were sure he would make some comments in Court, which at this time the Press would pick up and broadcast all over, detrimental to all Penitentiaries, but all their appeals were of little avail. They however got him to agree, providing Percy Hagel and the Crown Prosecutor could arrange it. to allow the Prosecution to drop the charge of Attempted Murder and one or two other charges, and persuade the inmates to plead guilty to one charge of Aggravated Assault, and he would give one of the accused one year in Gaol and the other a little less at the end of the Assizes. Montague was horrified but under the circumstances, and in order to avoid publicity and a lot of foolish editorials in the Tribune such as they have published regarding Kingston and St Vincent de Paul, he advised me and the Crown Prosecutor to do as we did. The Minister of Justice might wonder why and and now you can tell him. I don't suppose Galt has ever visited any of our Penitentiaries and he certainly has not in my time.

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He apparently imagines like many others, including the editor of the Tribune, that Prisoners suddenly become good law abiding citizens the day they enter the Prison, and also believe, that they would'nt attack an Officer without provocation.

The Tribune had a foolish Editorial the other night, stating there must be something wrong when unarmed criminals will attack armed authority, as a matter of fact the very reverse is the situation. When going through our Blacksmith shop last Saturday with hammers and iron bars of all kinds in use, Judge Montague asked, "What protection the Officers had" I said "none at all". The same applies in all departments, with the possible exception of the Farm and outside gangs, yet the public seem to think like Judge Galt, that they could'nt and would'nt do anything serious if not provoked and abused, really it is worse than ridiculous.

I think all the Judges and Magistrates should be made to visit the Prisons they send men to, once a year.

Only last Saturday Judge Galt sentenced a man, on a charge of Rape, who the Crown Prosecutor told me he expected to get three or six months at the most, to Two years with ten lashes, He, the Crown Prosecutor, told me he was going to see if he could'nt reduce it, I doubt very much if Judge Galt ever saw a Cat-o-nine-tails or knows how it is administered, he certainly does not know that any Prisoner would rather stand handcuffed to a cell gate every day for three months, rather than receive ten strokes with the Cat, yet he ordered it on what was really a doubtful charge of Rape.

Yesterday morning the Free Press published an article, stating twenty five soldiers had been despatched Tuesday evening, secretly, to both Prince Albert and Stony Mountain Penitentiaries, as a precautionary measure, they never intimated where they had got their news, nor did they call me up to make sure whether it was right or not, and as a result C.K.Y. broadcast this news over the Radio just as if it was an absolute fact. I felt it was time for me to speak, and I called up the Free Press on the phone, told them I had read the article and that I had heard that it had been broadcast that morning, and that there was not a word of truth in it, so far as we were concerned at least, and I suggested that they send a representative out to locate the Soldiers stationed here, they agreed to, and I shewed their representative through every Department, and he found no apparent unrest here, I told him if the Press kept on publishing unfounded rumours as facts, there would likely be trouble everywhere.

To-day's Broadcast contradicted yesterday's, and I hope the papers will too.

You can inform the Minister of Justice that I am not anticipating anything out of the ordinary here.

Your brother,

W Meighen

SC.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

PERSONAL.

Ottawa
November, 19th, 1932.

My dear Arthur;-

I have your letter of 18th Instant, enclosing a private letter addressed to you from your brother who is warden at Stony Mountain Penitentiary. I have read this letter over with interest. Yesterday I had a conversation with Dr. Hodgson and Mr. Drummond-Hay and they told me practically what is contained in your brother's letter. The truth is, that certain newspapers are playing the very "devil" with penitentiary management. I expect the matter will come up for discussion in the House of Commons when the supplementary estimate is before the House, and I shall endeavour to make a full statement in regard to the situation. I am glad that the situation at Stony Mountain is so satisfactory at the present time. What I fear most in regard to these institutions is the "Red" influence outside.

Yours sincerely,

H. Guthrie

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen P.C. K.C.,

The Senate.,

Ottawa.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

PRIVATE. Ottawa November, 23rd. 1932.

Dear Arthur;-

I am returning herewith the private letter addressed to you by the Warden of Stony Mountain Penitentiary. I particularly note what is said about Judge Galt and I have taken the liberty of discussing the matter with the Prime Minister. I hear upon all sides that Judge Galt has reached the age as judge when he should retire from the Bench and the Prime Minister agrees with me in this view and told me that he would write a private letter to Judge Galt in regard to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

H. Lafleur

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen K.C. P.C.,
The Senate.,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, November 25, 1932.

Dear Will:

When I got to the Senate last week, I found your letter of 10th. I handed it to Mr. Guthrie who has read it and has taken certain steps because of its contents. I think it was quite well worth while giving this account, and I am sure he was glad to receive it.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. William Meighen,
Warden, Stony Mountain Penitentiary,
Stony Mountain, Man.

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DAILY BULLETIN

Dominion Bureau of Statistics

Department of Trade and Commerce

No. 299. Ottawa, Tuesday, February 21, 1933.

Libraries in Penitentiaries and Reformatories

The Dominion's seven penitentiaries in 1931 had 48,342 books in their libraries for 3,748 inmates, or an average of 13 books each. In addition each penitentiary reveived an average of 54 periodicals. Books and periodicals cost an average of $878 per institution.

All but 3 of the 36 reformatories and industrial schools in Canada reported libraries,---an average of 837 books apiece for 131 persons detained.

Hospital Libraries

Reading is one of the chief pastimes of people who have the misfortune to be confined to a hospital for a long period. The Bureau of Statistics has learned that 80 per cent of 31,572 inmates of Canadian mental and neurological hospitals in 1930 were in institutions equipped with libraries. The average size of these libraries was 1,231 volumes, and the average number of patients to an institution 901.

Sanatoria for tuberculosis are smaller, having an average of only 183 patients. But 84 per cent of the patients have access to libraries which average 1,993 volumes per hospital.

Creamery Butter Production

The production of creamery butter in Canada in January totalled 8,124,081 pounds, compared with 9,394,976 pounds in the preceding month and 8,483,081 pounds in January, 1932.

Reports Issued Today

1. Libraries in Sanatoria, Homes, Mental and Penal Institutions in Canada, 1931.

2. High School Libraries in Canada.

3. Production of Creamery Butter in January.

Unemployment Among Wage-Earners in Kitchener, Ontario 1931. Census Publication.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

June 12, 1934.

My dear Guthrie:

I have seen Mr. Bennett. Sir Henry Drayton is coming down tonight and Sir Henry and I would like to see you tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock if it would be convenient at all.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen
per E.M.L.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

Cancel tomorrow morning - Election Bill in afternoon - but will try & see you sometime N.Y.-

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Mr. Meighen
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February 8,
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the intention of the Government to investigate the working of the Borstal System, I take pleasure in sending you herewith a reprint of an article by Magistrate Jones of Toronto, entitled "A Plea For Young Offenders", which is a general statement concerning the Borstal System. I trust that the Government may see its way clear to take at least the first steps toward the adoption of such a system in Canada.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Silcox,
General Secretary.

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What About Young Offenders?

A Plea for the Borstal System

By MAGISTRATE JAMES EDMUND JONES

(Note: In the speech from the throne, delivered before the Houses of Parliament, January 17, 1935, His Excellency, the Governor-General said:

> *"My government has under consideration the adoption, throughout the penitentiaries of Canada, of a system similar to that which is known in England as the Borstal System and is making investigations as to its operations."*

In order that the advocates of prison reform in Canada may be better informed concerning the Borstal System, the Social Service Council of Canada has secured permission to reprint, with slight modifications, this article which appeared in ***Saturday Night****, issue of November 17, 1934, by Magistrate Jones of Toronto.*

The general attitude of the Social Service Council of Canada, on this matter may be gathered from the recommendations contained in the report of its Committee on Criminology, published in Social Welfare, issue of March, 1934. These recommendations stressed the classification and segregation of criminals, the provision of educational training for those "capable of responding to training", and the creation of a staff of the highest merit.

Attention is also directed to the section on the Classification and Segregation of Convicts, in the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries (Dominion of Canada) for the fiscal year ended, March 31, 1934, pages 20-21. The following is a significant quotation:

> *"It is obvious that in thickly populated countries, such as England, Belgium and Denmark, there is no particular difficulty about classifying convicts so that they may be segregated into institutions according to their classification. However, in Canada segregation by institutions is presently only practicable in eastern Ontario and western Quebec, where segregation by institutions is already in effect to a certain degree. The full effect will not come into existence in less than three years. However, under any system of classification and segregation, the problem eventually works down to classification within institutions.")*

"It is better to provide a fence at the edge of the precipice, than an ambulance at the bottom."
"It is better to save by the light-house than by the life-boat."

THIS is not to be a sermon, though it deals with the redemption of erring youth. As the son of a clergyman, I cannot however resist the temptation of starting with two fine texts.

Nor is it to be a legal treatise, which is liable in the hands of a lawyer to become a dry-as-dust performance. Lawyers in the past have for the most part been inactive in legal reform. But times and ideals are changing fast.

To eradicate crime is as impossible, no doubt, as to discover perpetual motion. But the struggle to find some method of securing perpetual motion has resulted in vast improvements in overcoming friction and improving machinery. Thus improvement in the administration of criminal law tends towards reaching what seemed a hopeless ideal when John Howard in 1777 and his successor Elizabeth Fry started England on a new train of thought, unknown to those in power when the sole object of law and the exercise of its powers by judges and magistrates was "the punishment of wickedness and vice".

The Recent Dark Ages

Let us pause for a moment to consider the dark ages we have emerged from. As short a time ago as 1821 Sydney Smith, a clergyman and editor of the powerful Edinburgh Review, in an attack on the views of Howard and Fry wrote this inhuman tirade:—

"It is quite obvious that if men were to appear again, six months after they were hanged, handsomer, richer, and more plump than before execution, the gallows would cease to be an object of terror. But here are men who come out of jail and say, 'Look at us—we can read, write, we can make baskets and shoes; we went in ignorant of everything; and we have learned to do without strong liquors, and have no longer any objection to work. We did work in the jail and have saved money, and here it is'. What is there of terror and detriment in all this? And how are crimes to be lessened if they are thus rewarded?"
And again:—

"Here is not the method to stop crimes. In prisons that are really meant to keep the multitude in order, and to be a terror to evil-doers, there must be no sharing of profits, no visiting of friends, no education but religious education, no freedom of diet, no weavers' looms or carpenters' benches. There must be a great deal of solitude, coarse food, a dress of shame; hard, incessant, irksome, eternal labour; a planned, regulated and unrelenting exclusion of happiness and comfort."

But in congratulating ourselves that "those cruel days have gone forever," we must not be tempted to pause in our efforts at reform. We must make experiments even if we are not sure that they will fully succeed. Otherwise all is stagnation. Magistrate J. A. R. Cairns, of London, England, has

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written two fascinating books on the problems with the tragedy of which he is oppressed in his contact with erring humanity. In one chapter, after quoting from the Bible, "How much then is a man of more value than a sheep," he relates some harrowing experiences, and exclaims "What a clamorous call to new experiments in governance!" A few pages on he explains the text and effect of the statutes establishing the so-called Borstal System.

The Problem Youth

This expression "Borstal System" has no statutory origin. It is a colloquial expression, adopted because the first "school" established under the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1908, was built at a place called Borstal. It was a Felpham, Middlesex, that the writer was permitted to make a tour of inspection which enables him to tell something of the successful handling of "problem youths" who had failed to respond to the modern methods of remand for sentence, probation, and parole.

This English system is a carefully planned method of segregation. Any system of incarceration which permits the mingling of men with children, reprobates with redeemable first offenders, thoughtless youths with confirmed criminals, is not merely a mistake so far as the imprisoned persons are concerned, but eventually aggravates the difficulty so far as the public is concerned.

These Borstal places of detention are not called jails, nor conducted as such. They are schools, to which youths (both male and female) between the ages of 16 and 21 may be committed for not less than two years, and not more than three. It is found that in the cases of youths deemed fit subjects for Borstal treatment a shorter detention than two years is insufficient to educate and train them for a useful career, and a longer detention than three years is liable to rob them of their desire for independence and to spoil their chances of being able to carry on without institutional aid.

Not for Incorrigibles

When I have discussed this system with experienced Canadian judges and magistrates the obvious question is always asked: "But how can you be sure that such institutions will not be ruined by the inevitable incorrigibles who are bound to contaminate those who wish to improve themselves? Many youths under 21 are already confirmed criminals, and to have them associate with those who may be reclaimed would be as disastrous as to admit older confirmed criminals!"

The answer is two-fold. There is no indiscriminate commitment of youths to Borstal institutions. A careful inquiry is first made by officers of the Court as to their antecedents, their attitudes, and their suitability for Borstal treatment. Secondly, machinery is provided so that if the authorities of a school find that an unsuspected incorrigible turns out to be a menace to the discipline of the school, he may be removed summarily to a reformatory or penitentiary to serve the balance of his term.

When I was at Felpham School I was impressed with the calibre of the masters. They resembled in no respect the old-time prison guard, but were the most capable teachers that England can supply to make good in one of the most difficult educational jobs that are available for those who are attracted by the teaching profession. The Head Master had a most impressive personality, and wherever he moved among the boys he was treated with marked respect, and, it seemed to me, with affection in many cases. Bear in mind that these boys were all guilty of at least two offences and had not responded to such milder treatment as probation. But in many cases their home lives were such that occasional visits from a probation officer were quite ineffective to curb them in their criminal tendencies or to remove them from the evil surroundings of their home life, and the baneful influence of vicious and perhaps older companions.

Much Self-Discipline

As I walked among the boys and watched them at their work (all were employed in some useful occupation and were learning something worthwhile) I noticed a splendid specimen of physical comeliness to which I drew the attention of the Head Master.

"Yes", he said, "we have great hopes of that boy. He leaves us next week after a detention of three years."

In a few moments we passed a scraggly, undersized, unattractive little fellow, who by his tongue was a Cockney, and by his size and voice seemed under sixteen. I asked what could be expected of such an unpromising looking specimen.

"You will find it hard to believe," said the Head Master, "but that fine looking young man looked like him three years ago. Fresh air, good food, proper hours and healthful surroundings will do the same for our little undernourished new arrival."

I asked as to order and discipline. The answer revealed that the boys themselves help largely with this. There is a monthly contest between the three houses for the best marks in conduct, study and work. They are keen to come out head, as the winning house has special privileges for the month following. If, therefore, one boy sees another member of his house doing something that would deduct marks from his house, he may usually be relied upon to restrain the offender.

The four features of the programme are: (1) Education and lectures; (2) Trade instruction; (3) Regular gymnastics and drill; (4) Scheme of rewards.

Such a system is necessarily dependent for its success on the personnel of the teaching staff, who must be men of culture, education, vision and ideals. Every year should see an improvement in the calibre of the men who offer to make a real contribution to social welfare by being willing to tackle a very difficult job with boys who are themselves difficult. Solomon wrote, "When there is no vision the people

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perish, and he added, "but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Time and again judges, magistrates, parole and probation officers, prison officials and all those who have to do with erring humanity are baffled by the apparently insoluble problems that confront them. But vision, optimism, belief that somehow eventually good will prevail over evil, must give us new strength to confront our task. Happily all is not discouragement. This is not the place for me to give instances of the many cases where men have turned from their evil ways. Our purpose is to examine and try whatever seems fraught with promise and hope for better conditions. We are nearly thirty years behind old England in the matter of dealing with erring youth between 16 and 21.

At Montreal recently the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada initiated a campaign for the adoption of the Borstal System in Canada. A petition has been signed by the Primate, Archbishop Owen, on behalf of the Church. This petition, addressed to the Senate and House of Commons and to the Governor-General-in-Council has been signed by:—

The Primate, Church of England in Canada.
The Moderator of The United Church of Canada.
The General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
The Salvation Army in Canada.
The Church Army in Canada (Anglican).
The Director of Catholic Charities.
The Catholic Big Brothers.
The Protestant Big Brothers.
The Jewish Big Brothers.
The Catholic Big Sisters.
The Protestant Big Sisters.
The Jewish Big Sisters.
The Jewish Boys' Club.
The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.
The Jewish Children's Bureau.
The Working Boys' Home.
The Industrial Schools Association.
The Victoria Industrial School, Mimico.
The National Council of Women.
The Dominion Branch of The International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons.
The St. John's Industrial School.
Judge H. S. Mott, Juvenile Court, Toronto.
Judge R. S. Hosking, Family Court, Toronto.
Four Judges of the County of York.
The Magistrates of the City of Toronto.
The Crown Attorneys of the City of Toronto.
The Social Service Council of Canada.
The Community Welfare Council of Ontario.
The Aura Lee Club, Toronto.
The Young Men's Christian Association, Toronto.
The Toronto Public School Men Teachers Federation.
The Social Psychology Department, University of Toronto.
Ontario Educational Association.
The Rotary Club of Toronto.
The Kiwanis Club of Toronto.
The Canadian Progress Club of Toronto.
The Prisoners' Aid Association of Montreal.
The Rotary Club of Westmount.
The Lions Club of Montreal.
Montreal Council of Social Agencies.

The petition recites the alarming increase in the number of youths charged with crime in Canada and the decline in criminality in England, which it attributes in part to the probation system and in part to the Borstal system. It suggests that the latter system "could be adopted gradually as the juvenile court system has been, the first experiments to be made in populous centres." And it points out that while the provision of the necessary machinery would fall to the provinces, the establishment of the system must be a responsibility of Parliament.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 12, 1935.

Penitentiaries

Dear Sir:

I would like to acknowledge you letter of 8th and thank you for sending me the pamphlet "What about the Young Offender". I shall read this carefully for the purpose of any legislation submitted to us and I am sure will find it valuable.

Yours very truly,

Rev. C. B. Silcox,
General Secretary,
Social Service Council of Canada,
37 Bloor St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

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Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

In writing you on the 20th instant regarding a proposed new subsection (3) for Section 215 of the Code, I overlooked a request of the Deputy Attorney General for Alberta for amendments to The Juvenile Delinquents Act and also to Section 215 of the Code allowing prosecutions to be brought within one year of the committing of the offence instead of six months, as now provided in both cases under Section 1142 of the Code. I quote the following from the Deputy Attorney General's letter, in which I entirely concur:

> " Offences charged under section 33 of The Juvenile Delinquents Act are triable by summary conviction, and, no other time being limited as mentioned in section 1142 of the Code, the effect is that the complaint must be made or the information laid within six months from the time when the matter arises. Many offences which could most appropriately be dealt with under section 33 do not come to light until after more than six months, with the result that prosecution under the section is barred, and in some such cases no other course of procedure is available. For instance, the offence

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of sexual intercourse with a young girl, resulting in pregnancy, frequently is not disclosed until about the termination of the period of pregnancy. It is worth while noting that if the offender in such matters is an adult and the six months' time limit has elapsed, he cannot be charged under the section mentioned, but by the concluding words of the first proviso to section 5, subsection 2, of The Juvenile Delinquents Act, if the offender should be a juvenile, that is, a boy under sixteen, he might be charged, as the six months' time limit is not effective in regard to juveniles. The second proviso to this subsection would not apply in the case of juveniles, as they are not charged with any of the offences enumerated in section 1140 of the Code, but only with the offence of delinquency. Have you considered whether the time limit of six months should not be extended to, say, twelve months? This could be effected by the insertion of a few words in section 33 of The Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Cases of a similar nature may be dealt with under section 215, subsection 2 of the Criminal Code, and the same difficulty arises under that section, offences under which must be taken up within six months.

You might also please consider whether section 33 of the Juvenile Delinquents Act might not be backed up by a provision similar to subsection 4 of section 215 of the Code.

If any amendments to The Juvenile Delinquents Act are contemplated at this Session of Parliament, I would suggest that the words "Save in the Province of Alberta", in section 32 should be eliminated.

The Criminal Code has not kept pace with The Juvenile Delinquents' Act, "

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I am therefore sending you two new memoranda, one of proposed amendments to Section 215 of the Code and the other of proposed amendments to The Juvenile Delinquents Act, and am also forwarding copies of these to Hon. Mr. Guthrie in case that he is now well enough to consider them.

Yours truly,

H. Scott.

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Ottawa.
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House of Commons
Canada

Hon Arthur Meighen
The Senate

Dear Sir.

When you speak of Fan-
flares, I cannot remind you of the biggest
I ever saw. A young man of very serviceable
age had the gall to come to the front line
in France and tell me how enjoyable French
life was that he knew they objected to being
detained in rest.

That young man whose services
could easily have been dispensed with
in Canada was a Fanflare whose equal
I have never seen.

When you pose against a Fan-
flare like W.F. Nickle you are taking
something on yourself and passing
yourself higher in the opinion of the
people than they have ever placed
Hon. Mr Nickle and hold his

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House of Commons
Canada

seat as long as he wished but you have never been able to sit twice in the same place.

When you & your friends placed those untried inexperienced men in two of the biggest jobs in Canada you must take responsibility for situations requiring years to correct.

You must not forget that the Dorchester trouble came to your lack of leading influence & we could get your settlement.

When you speak outside & your entrenched position in the Senate. I propose to meet you with your fan flare experience in France.

Yours Truly,
A E Ross

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Ottawa, Ontario,
March 28, 1935.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I received your letter of 23rd. The subject matter of your previous letter was taken up by me with the Minister of Justice. I explained to him that at the time you mentioned it first he had been ill. Now, however, I feel that it would be much better to address him direct on the subject, as, until the suggested amendments are approved by the Justice Department they cannot, of course, be introduced in the form of a Government measure.

I am returning the suggested amendments as you may not have kept copies.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. L. Scott, K. C.,
Ewart, Scott, Kelley & Co.,
Blackburn Bldg.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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The Whig-Standard

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

March 28th, 1935.

Personal & Confidential.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I thought I would like to write you a line to congratulate you upon the excellent reply which you made to Senator John Lewis' ridiculous suggestion. Your straight-from-the-shoulder statement will do a tremendous lot of good, and I think I can safely say is in accord with the views of ninety-five per cent. of the people of Kingston. The Toronto Globe and certain individuals in this city are responsible for the propaganda which has been carried on against the Kingston Penitentiary. I have discussed the whole situation with Harry Anderson, and have asked him to come down and go through the Penitentiary. Of course, he will not do this for fear the Globe might have to change its views. The propaganda of people like Agnes Macphail, and the gentleman mentioned in John Lewis' resolution, can be most effectively answered by clear-cut forceful announcements such as you made in the Senate.

I will not continue, as I know you are a very busy man, and I must not make this letter too long. I would like to make one suggestion, however, and that is that, if there is any trial of the prisoners who started the recent trouble at the Penitentiary, it take place within the Penitentiary walls and is conducted by officials of the Department of Justice. The greatest mistake the Government has made in connection with Penitentiary affairs was in holding an open trial in the Kingston Court House, thus giving certain individuals a wonderful Field Day and certain newspapers opportunities for propaganda.

With warmest personal regards,
Yours very truly,

W. Rupert Davies.

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W. Rupert Davies.
PRESIDENT AND EDITOR.

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Montreal, March 30 [illegible]7532

Senator Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

In Ottawa, yesterday, I read the enclosed paragraph from the Journal, and for some time have been reading about the different discussions concerning conditions in our prisons and penitentiaries and, notably, the attitude of Miss McPhail, who seems to have missed the implications of recent events in United States prisons and penitentiaries.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing copies of some letters written by a Mr. Benedict of Montreal to the Gazette, (but not accepted ~~by them~~), and I think that parts of these letters will interest and amuse you; and may I ask that you would pass on the correspondence to Miss McPhail.

Yours truly,

E. W. Jameson

4164 Dorchester St
Westmount

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CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SOLICITOR FOR THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

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Barristers, Solicitors, &c.
93 CLARENCE ST.

Kingston, Ont., 30th. Mar. 19 35

Dear Senator Meighen,

Our local paper contained the enclosed item which I thought I would forward to you and at the same time thank you for the stand you took with regard to the proposed enquiry into matters at the Kingston Penitentiary. Nobody here knows more about the Penitentiary than I do, I have been sixty years in practice in Kingston, and have been many times in the Penitentiary for business and I know exactly what goes on as for many years I lived alongside the penitentiary property at Calderwood.

I think I can read between the lines and see who is moving in this matter. A letter of mine which appeared a short time ago to the effect that I thought the Warden should not admit any person to the Penitentiary and no person should be allowed in the institution unless they had actual business with the Government or the institution and so long as the Minister of Justice or the Warden allows Tom Dick and Harry to go in and interview prisoners so long will there be trouble.

The names mentioned for the enquiry are all names familiar to me and I know the character of each one and they would not suit at all, they are biased including the Archdeacon and Senator Lewis for I blame the Globe for starting the trouble.

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Kingston, Ont., 30th. Mar. *1935*

I do not know you personally though I met you once but I happen to be President of the Bar here, a Bencher of the Law Society, Local Master of the SUpreme Court of Ontario, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Ontario and I do not think I would hold these positions if I was not in some way worthy of them. I am only giving you this as a kind of certificate of character.

If you see Senator Aylesworth you might ask him if he knows me and gove him my kind regards as I have not seen him at a Benchers' meeting for a long time. I would like to hear from you as to what you think of my proposal and who suggested the enquiry if you don't object. It will be treated confidentially by me.

Yours truly,

J. H. Walkem

Hon. Senator Meighen
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ont.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1935.

Will Not Ask Kingston Men for Advice on How To Run Penitentiaries

Proposal Made by Senator John Lewis But Rejected by Government and Opposition.

A proposal that the Department of Justice should call General A. E. Ross, M.P., W. F. Nickle, K.C., W. M. Nickle, K.C., (all of Kingston), and Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., and Archdeacon F. G. Scott of Quebec into consultation of the penitentiary situation in Canada was made in the Canadian Senate yesterday by Senator John Lewis (Lib., Toronto), and turned down both by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, senate leader for the Government, and by Senator Raoul Dandurand, Opposition leader. Senator Lewis was formerly chief editorial writer for the Toronto Globe.

A recent disturbance at Kingston penitentiary was the third in three years, Senator Lewis said. Attempts had been made to improve the situation, officials had been changed and regulations had been altered, and there had been failure to cope with the matter which was admitted by the Government in its promise in the Speech from the Throne an inquiry would be made into the borstal system in Great Britain.

The Government has refused to appoint a royal commission which would be a means of obtaining outside advice, Senator Lewis said. This was possibly on the assumption a public investigation might further inflame the prisoners. To overcome the objection made and without publicity and delay, he suggested citizens interested in the question should be called into counsel with the justice department.

Senator Meighen replied he was not in accord with the proposal. "I call attention, first," he said, "to the fact that these outbreaks have been confined to Kingston Penitentiary, and to the coincident fact that all this fanfare by way of sympathetic acclaim of prisoners, all this appeal to public sentiment to be good to them, all this denunciation of their treatment as affected by all manner of human infirmities, severity, callousness, and the like, is also well within the neighborhood of Kingston Penitentiary, or is confined to Ontario." He could not help but infer there was a very direct relationship between the trouble and the fanfare.

"The inmates of that penitentiary are in some way infected, Senator Meighen declared, "with the belief that public sympathy is with them; that those who are behind the authorities are but a small minority in this province, and that if these disturbances burst forth often enough, and violently enough, the best classes of society will be intimidated and the prisoners will get the upper hand."

Because the Government promised to investigate an idea that was new to it and had nothing to do with troubles at Kingston — the Borstal system—was no evidence of incapacity to deal with the penitentiary situation. "It seems to me we have reached the stage when lawbreakers in this country have to be taught their place," he added.

Senator Dandurand said he had noticed from several newspaper clippings sent to him many of the criminals arrested for burglary had been on ticket of leave. In these times of stress, with outcroppings of burglaries and hold-ups, he wondered if the Government officers should not be somewhat hesitant about granting tickets of leave to men who had been found guilty of committing a certain number of crimes.

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THE OTTAWA JOURNAL
The Journal Publishing Company of Ottawa, Limited.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1935.

A FEW SANE WORDS.

A short debate in the Senate on the state of affairs in Kingston penitentiary was notable for the extraordinary suggestion of Senator LEWIS that the Department of Justice should admit its inability to control the situation, call for help upon Miss MACPHAIL and others prominently identified with her in a critical capacity; and by the sane and coldly practical observations of Senator MEIGHEN.

"It seems to me," said Mr. MEIGHEN, "we have reached the stage when law-breakers in this country have to be taught their place." He noted that outbreaks for the most part had been confined to Kingston penitentiary, and he believed there was "a very direct relationship" between this trouble and "all this fanfare by way of sympathetic acclaim of prisoners, all this appeal to public sentiment to be good to them, all this denunciation of their treatment." And he added:

> "The inmates of that penitentiary are in some way infected with the belief that public sympathy is with them; that those who are behind the authorities are but a small minority in this province, and that if these disturbances burst forth often enough, and violently enough, the best classes of society will be intimidated and the prisoners will get the upper hand."

There can be little doubt, if any, that this is an accurate picture. These planned and deliberate bursts of disorder, it is quite apparent, are not intended as efforts at breaking out of prison. If the convicts have any real grievances about their food, their living conditions, the discipline to which they are subject, we should have heard all about them long ago. But the seizure of guards, the destruction of property, the starting of fires the convicts know very well will be extinguished before their lives are endangered—such incidents are dramatic, front-page news. No doubt it is assumed that unthinking persons will conclude these poor convicts are being outrageously abused, that they are protesting against inhuman treatment, and the results may be beneficial to the rioters and their associates. They must believe they can frighten the Government into acquiescence with the demands of those who look upon prisons with the eye of sentiment rather than of reason.

The main body of public opinion in this country, we are convinced, is represented by the viewpoint of Senator MEIGHEN. The convicts serving their terms in Kingston penitentiary are veterans in crime, or amateurs whose initial efforts were of so grave a nature that the reformatories were denied them. If they were not law-breakers they would not be where they are: because they are law-breakers the vast majority, who observe the laws, are entitled to protection against them. They are imprisoned that they may learn something of the way of the transgressor. They are not ill-treated, but they must work, must obey the rules laid down for them, must observe the discipline of the establishment.

It is a routine that has reformed many criminals, but first there must be the will to reform. The confirmed crooks, who stir up most of the trouble, have not the slightest intention of changing their ways, but if a well-timed riot might force the Government into a display of weakness and the making of concessions there are always ways in which lawless spirits can express themselves.

Mr. MEIGHEN's words should be studied very carefully by those inclined to the view that the convict always is right, officials always wrong. Fortunately the Government has held out stoutly against a powerful propaganda carried on over many months, and there is not the least probability that it will weaken at this point. If the prisoners at Kingston were permitted to realize this fact it is likely there would be a marked recession in the fondness of a small minority among them for making trouble.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 1, 1935.

Dear Mr. Davies:

I have your letter of 28th which I appreciate very much.

We are living in a very strange period. Most things considered wise, right and necessary by minds usually sane are under attack, and substitutes of incredible eccentricity are pressed forward in their places.

It is hard to escape the conviction that very, very critical years are ahead for organized society.

Twenty years ago such conduct as the Globe is now following and as Senator Lewis now champions would have had no countenance at all. For what I said in the Senate I received a most amazing letter from the Member for Kingston, Dr. A. E. Ross. However, I appreciate very highly indeed the attitude of yourself and of your paper.

Please give my very best regards to my good friend your distinguished predecessor.

Yours very truly,

W. Rupert Davies, Esq.,
President and Editor,
The Whig-Standard,
Kingston, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 1, 1935.

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When I spoke in the Senate I had in mind Senator Lewis himself and the Toronto Globe. I had known that you had made an attack in the House of Commons on General Ormond, but frankly, I did not know that you associated yourself at all with the Globe and Senator Lewis in a general assault on penitentiary administration.

I was also aware that Mr. Nickle's son had represented certain prisoners in a legal way at an investigation, as, of course he had a right to do, but I had not read of any announcement by Mr. W. F. Nickle himself, nor was I aware that he agreed with either the Globe or Senator Lewis.

For Mr. Nickle and yourself I have always had the very highest regard. Nevertheless I am surely entitled to my own opinion and I stand by every sentence spoken on this subject in the Senate.

I want to point out to you also that I made no such statement as you attribute to me in France or anywhere else in the world, nor did I say there or anywhere anything of the nature of what you attribute to me--not in the remotest imaginable way. If you really believed that I had said such a fool thing in France, I would be surprised that you would ever afterwards be a candidate under my leadership at an election.

You state: "You have never been able to sit twice in the same place." I was elected four times successively

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for the Constituency of Portage la Prairie and only once contested a seat outside Portage la Prairie.

You make mention of something at Dorchester but I have not the least idea of what you are referring to. Probably you refer to something related to my brother. I can say to you most definitely that I have never asked anything for my brother in my life. He is quite capable of taking care of himself and has always done so.

Yours truly,

Dr. A. L. Ross, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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347 Bay St., Toronto.
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Dr. A. E. Ross, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 2, 1925.

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Personal

Dear Mr. Walkem:

I have your very welcome letter of 30th March. Needless to say I am entirely in line with your view. I may say to you also more or less confidentially that Senator Aylesworth is of the same mind as he has been good enough to tell me personally.

I do not know who suggested the enquiry.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Jos. B. Walkem, K.C.,
Walkem & Walkem,
93 Clarence St.,
Kingston, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 2, 1925.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I thank you for your letter of 30th and especially appreciate your view on the subject of the present discussion regarding Penitentiaries. I don't see why the letters you wrote were not published; they are to me most interesting. I would not care to send them on as I think it would be better for you to send them direct. Miss Macphail would misunderstand their going from me.

I am returning them herewith.

Yours very truly.

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Geo. Jackson,
4164 Dorchester St. W
Westmount, P. Q.

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Ottawa.
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House of Commons
Canada

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Dear Mr Meighen

— In answer to your letter I wish to remind you that I took you to the field where the Brigade was formed up upon which you made the statement in my hearing at which you shouted "Lure head" Boos". I stand by every word of this.

Yours truly,

A E Ross.

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545 Jarvis Street,
Toronto Ontario,
April 4th., 1935.

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Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
Leader of the Senate,
Ottawa .

Dear Senator Meighen:

Attention is drawn to your statement reported on page 208-7 The Debates of the Senate, Unrevised edition, which reports you as follows ...." I call attention, first, to the fact that these outbreaks have been confined to Kingston Penitentiary"....." We have not had difficulties in other parts of the country".

Attention is futher drawn to the follwwing record taken from various portions of the Penitentiary reports for the years 1932-33-34,

Stoney Mountain
April 15th 1932.....emuté, one convict killed.
Sept. 9th 1932.....emuté, for which several convicts were tried and convicted.

St. Vincent de Paul
Nov 4th. 1932.....Fire and riot, total dammage $73,000.00
Nov 9th 1932..... Futher riot, several convicts injured and a large number convicted therefor.

Kingston
Oct 17th 1932.....Riot and sabotage, troops called.
Oct 20th 1932.....Riot and cell break, troops called, heavy damage and several convicts tried and convicted

Dorchester
Jan 7th 1932.....Riot, damage $3,300.00 5 convicts injured and several convicted therefor.

Prince Albert .....Reported ~~xxxxxx~~ in 1933 report..." a continual spirit of unrest"

British Columbia.....Reported on page 31-32, 1933 report...." Spirit of unrest, the convicts on several occasions attempted to revolt,".

Collins Bay .....Reported in 1932-33 riots as a result of which ringleaders were returned to Kingston.

It is unnecessary to point out that these are in addition to the disturbances of last year which were felt to a certain degree in every penitentiary in the Dominion, and which have cost the taxpayers a considerable sum in loss by fire and sabotage, in addition to the ordinary loss through time consumed in replacement.

This matter is respectfully brought to your attention in the hope that you will see your way clear to correct a false impression which has unfortunately gone out, as a result of your widely reported speech, above refered to. May I say that I have no doubt that it was made unintentionaly on your part, which is easily understandable as so many public men do not have the time to consider the reports of the several minor branches of government.

Very truly yours,

Alfred George Hall

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April 6,
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The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Since I noted certain comments of yours on the penitentiary question the other day in the Senate, I feel that I should send you a copy of a personal letter which I recently addressed to Mr. Church, and in which I endeavoured to set forth the present attitude of the Social Service Council of Canada in regard to the whole penitentiary situation. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

I can only add that, in our judgment, the time is more than ripe for a royal investigation into the whole question of the treatment of prisoners in Canada and the fundamental principles which determine the present treatment. Such a commission should include in its membership not only judges and lawyers, but educators, psychiatrists, physicians and persons who have some knowledge of and experience in sociology and group behaviour.

I am also enclosing a copy of the resolution on this matter passed by the General Council of the United Church of Canada, one of the constituent units of the Social Service Council of Canada, at its meeting in Kingston last fall. The attitude of the Church of England in Canada in respect to the desirability of introducing the Borstal System is well known.

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. Silcox,
General Secretary.

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April 2, 1935.

PERSONAL

Mr. T. L. Church, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Church:

I have learned that the Penitentiary question is to be discussed in the immediate future at Ottawa, and inasmuch as the Social Service Council of Canada has already issued one report on the penitentiary situation and has also urged the consideration of the Borstal System upon the members of the House of Commons, I feel that I ought to let some one at Ottawa connected with the Government know exactly how our Council feels now about the question.

Let me say at the outset that we wish to do nothing just now which would at all embarrass the government or delay the constructive social legislation so necessary to national recovery and for the relief of hundreds of thousands of our deserving citizens who are suffering through little fault of their own. If the penitentiary situation can be cleared up without delaying that necessary social legislation, we should be happy; if, on the other hand, the raising of the penitentiary issue as a party measure were to delay the necessary social legislation, we should prefer to wee penitentiary reform held over until after the election: Provided, that we had assurances from all parties that whatever government was returned to power, it would straightway appoint a Royal Commission to investigate a situation in sore need of investigation. After all, we feel that the well-being of ten millions of our desperate countrymen must have priority over the improvement in the lot of a few thousand convicts who suffer from an utterly obsolete theory of imprisonment.

Nevertheless, while our Council does not propose to make any public statement at the present time unless it is absolutely necessary, we are thoroughly dissatisfied with the hopeless administration of our penitentiaries, and believe that drastic and thorough reform is long overdue. We also sincerely hope that the rumor that General Ormond may be sent to England to investigate the Borstal System is unfounded. We feel, moreover, that however unsavoury the facts, they must be brought out; and if the Government does not take the initiative to bring them out under proper auspices, it will beimpossible to prevent them from being brought out under less desirable auspices.

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When, a year or so ago, our Council issued its report on the subject, many of our officers felt that we were altogether too mild and lenient, and that we went out of our way to do nothing which would embarrass the Government. Writing now in this personal way, may I express the wish to you and through you that the present Government may anticipate any popular demand and grant a Royal Commission while it can still do so with good grace.

I trust that you will not misread the sympathetic tenor of this letter. While it is addressed to you and is marked "Personal", I have no objection if you care to show it to any responsible member of the present administration.

Very sincerely yours,

C. B. Silcox,
General Secretary.

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PENAL REFORM:

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In view of the fact that Government-appointed Committees and Commissions, as well as careful investigations by social agencies and competent individuals, have revealed grave defects in our whole system of dealing with those convicted of violating our laws;

In view of the very great increase in crime among our youth in recent years, and in view of the large proportion of our prison population who are recidivists, showing that our methods of dealing with crime are adequate neither as deterrent nor reformative forces, and-

In view of the light which modern science throws upon human behaviour, and which has so far penetrated but a short way into our penal system:

This General Council believes that the time has come for a most thorough-going, scientific survey;

(a) Of the causes of increase in crime, especially among young people;

(b) Of the whole system of dealing with the prisoner from the time of his arrest, especially such matters as the proper classification of prisoners; the adoption of suitable methods in each case, based on thorough psychological study; the making of our prisons and penitentaries more effective for the redemption of the prisoner, and his better equipment on release to take a worthy place in society; and-

(c) The problem of re-establishment of the released prisoner.

The General Council, therefore, urges the Dominion Government to appoint a Royal Commission, consisting of persons skilled in law, penology, psychiatry, education and religion, to make this survey and report their findings and recommendations to the Government.

(See Rec.of G.C. Proceedings, 1934, p. 66.)

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Apr. 8th, 1935.

My dear Meighen:-

When your note of the 2nd. instant came to hand, my first impulse was to dictate a detailed reply, but I slept over the matter and decided otherwise, for fear I would be wasting your time and unnecessarily using mine.

And yet I want you to know why I was going to write you in detail. The reason was, that fundamentally we are so far apart. You state "In this most critical period in the history of civilization those who in my judgment have the last right of all to complain are the inmates of our penitentiaries." That seems to leave the implication that because outside the walls circumstances do great injustice, those within, who cannot make themselves heard, should similarly, or to a great degree, unnecessarily suffer. The conception, as I see it, is all wrong. Absolute justice may be unattainable, but the attempt to have it is meritorious. Two wrongs don't make a right. And if our penal institutions are, as I believe, being inequitably and unjustly administered, harsh economic conditions without the walls, or undeserved suffering stoutly borne, is no justification for oppression and cruelty within.

You are right in part. My son acted as counsel for some of those charged in the alleged riots of 1932, but he was associated with me, or I was associated with him. Put it as you will. We three are at one in the recognition of the principle that we had the right to act as counsel for an accused, because even yet, at least in extra-mural penal trials, a man charged with a crimeis presumed to be innocent until he is proved to be guilty. Within the walls the convict may be, as Mr. Ormond states, practically without rights, but without the walls, British institutions in some respects, despite modern despotisms, still flourish; the flame of truth may flutter but it still burns, although at times fitfully.

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I am sorry you "sincerely hope that I have not associated myself with what you call the Globe campaign"; I must admit that I am ignorant of what you regard as the awful contention of Senator Lewis. If I were an egotist - I may be an individualist - you would have jarred my conceit when you stated that you did not know of anything I had said on the subject. Verily, as far as your ears go, mine has been "the voice of one crying in the wilderness", and yet, the Gazette, the Star of Montreal, the Mail and Empire, the Whig-Standard, and other journals, have lauded, praised with faint damns, damned with faint praise, or even abused me, as their judgment dictated. But you, my friend of years, plunge me into oblivion, declaring that what I have said has not even come to your notice, much less impressed your judgment. In some respects this reminds me of former days.

What I am trying to say is, I hope the reading public of this country know my views, and realize that to a certain extent my expressed opinions are responsible in part for what the Globe has said, and for what it stands. More than once I have jeopardized the present by faith in the future. Those of you who do not know the facts fail to realize that ignorance may be "lucid, livid lunacy". You see, I recoz-nize the smoothness of your alliteration more than you do the soundness of my views, but jingling words are more attractive than jarring judgments.

None of this is to be construed as being written in bitterness, not without the acceptance of your explanation that the word "fanfare" did not refer to me or mine.

I have kept away from the re-iteration of facts and the exposure of conditions that would shock one who was abreadt of modern penology. You are too busy for me to ask you to read a long letter dealing with the condition of peni-tentiary administration, the blunders of a militaristic regimen, and as a result more than fifty per cent recidivists, a pleasant

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sounding word which to those who know means your system has failed to reform the prisoner or protect society. If you had time, and the wish to know, I might write at length. But what would be the use if you have pre-judged the situation?

Some day, somewhere, a man of the intellectual stature, and the broad understanding of the Honourable C. J. Doherty, - who had the courage to try to implement by legislation the recommendations of the Biggar Report, but an election destroyed his effort,- will fill the chair of the Minister of Justice, and when he does, future generations will call him great, and wonder at the supineness of his predecessors. They say it is not true that the ostrich in blissful ignorance sticks his head in a hole in the sand, and knows nothing of his impending fate. If it were true, I would say some men are like ostriches. But why slander the bird?

When I began I did not intend to write so much, but at least you now know what I think, and that is, "Vengeance is Mine" saith the Lord, but we are not God, and we should not accentuate vengeance so that reformation and justice are forgotten.

What I have written is from the point of view that the State owes a duty to the convicted prisoner, and that duty is not discharged merely by condemning him for a time to inarticulate oblivion, stagnation, and unnecessary suffering. Would that I had your chance, or Mr. Guthrie's, to do great work for the unfortunates we call convicts.

Regretting the necessity of adding another to the multitude of problems you have to face,-but it <u>was necessary</u> that <u>you</u> should have no misunderstanding of <u>my</u> position,

Yours very sincerely,

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1925.

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Dear Mr. Nickle:

I have yours of 8th. It is a pleasure to read any argument prepared by yourself, just because it is always a pleasure to see anything well done.

In the first place don't think that because I had not read of your views in the press on penitentiaries that others had not, or that I had the least thought of an intimation that they were not worth my perusal. The fact is I do not read the papers very much and this has applied especially to recent years because of my mind being absorbed, and I must admit worried, by very heavy responsibilities at Toronto--responsibilities which were to me at least of a most anxious character.

I would not for a moment contend that because economic conditions which have descended on us in late years have created tremendously difficult problems for public men, such is justification for oppression and cruelty within penitentiaries. Certainly if there is oppression and cruelty it ought to be corrected, but I do not think I can be dislodged from the belief, first, that there is not substantial oppression or cruelty in our penitentiaries; and, second, that we have other classes infinitely more deserving and being done at the present time vastly more injustice, whose appeal should have far more force with us than that of our penitentiary inmates. This is what I intended

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to express in my previous letter and what I most respectfully urge I did express.

I had to do for many years with, and was the Minister chiefly responsible for, the whole disposition of parole in Canada. In that capacity I visited all our penitentiaries many times. I conferred with the inmates one by one. Those, of course, were the days when penitentiaries and convicts did not occupy the same pedestal in the public press which they have occupied of late, but, for whatever reason, in those days complaint was virtually non-existent. I certainly would have heard of it if there had been ground for serious complaint, and I did not hear of it.

Further, my brother has been in the penitentiary service for nearly a quarter of a century. He went in at the bottom and worked up. Incidentally I may say he has never at any time received the slightest assistance or aid to advancement from me. He has discussed with me many times penitentiary managment and the treatment of prisoners. I am absolutely certain that in penitentiaries under him there has been no oppression and no cruelty, and I would indeed be surprised if in other institutions under other Wardens there has been serious departure from proper standards.

This does not mean that improvement should not be made where it can be made; but, at a time when thousands of earnest, law-abiding people are struggling for a chance to earn an honest living, when great economic forces have pressed social conditions out of balance, when even those who because of extraordinary ability and industry are able to accomplish much more than their share are being taxed and thwarted in their efforts on account of necessities bearing on them at the present time, it does seem to me that just about the least pressing of all our problems is this penitentiary problem. I know Hugh Guthrie and you know him. He is not going to tolerate either oppression or cruelty, but what may seem oppression or cruelty to one on the outside may prove to be quite essential when one has all the facts before him such as the Minister of Justice doubtless has.

Yours very truly,

W. F. Nickle, Esq., K. C.,
Kingston, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
April 9, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 6th.

As one in constant and very close contact with the difficulties of these times, I have not the appreciation you have at all of the present penitentiary situation. Those who deserve our earnest co-operation and help at this time and are entitled to our first attention are the hard-driven taxpayers and home owners, the honest struggling people who are trying to keep up a vast mass of social services and to take care of lawbreakers. I know something about our penitentiaries and have had reason to know something about them for many years. I entirely disagree with your assertion about their "hopeless administration". There is nothing in the file you have sent me which adduces the least support for such an allegation. Nor is there anything which furnishes a reason or even attempts to furnish a reason for assessing on our taxpayers the heavy charges of a Royal Commission investigation such as you urge.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Many thanks for your interesting letter in reply to mine, outlining your ideas in relation to penal conditions in Canada.

Please do not think that I am going to embarrass you by pursuing you with further argument, but may I state that you always were apt in the choice of expressions, and I am impressed by your use of the words, "I do not think I can be dislodged". They suggest a sparkling snow-capped mountain spire piercing the sky, rather than a turbulent stream rushing down its side, which, guided and restrained, gives light and warmth and power, and fructifies the lands lying below. However, you have had my views - I have had yours, from each, frankly and without reservation.

Regretfully, you force me to look to the future, and yet I do so with confidence and undismayed, relieved in knowing that it is better to have tried and lost, than never to have tried at all. We end as we began - friends.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

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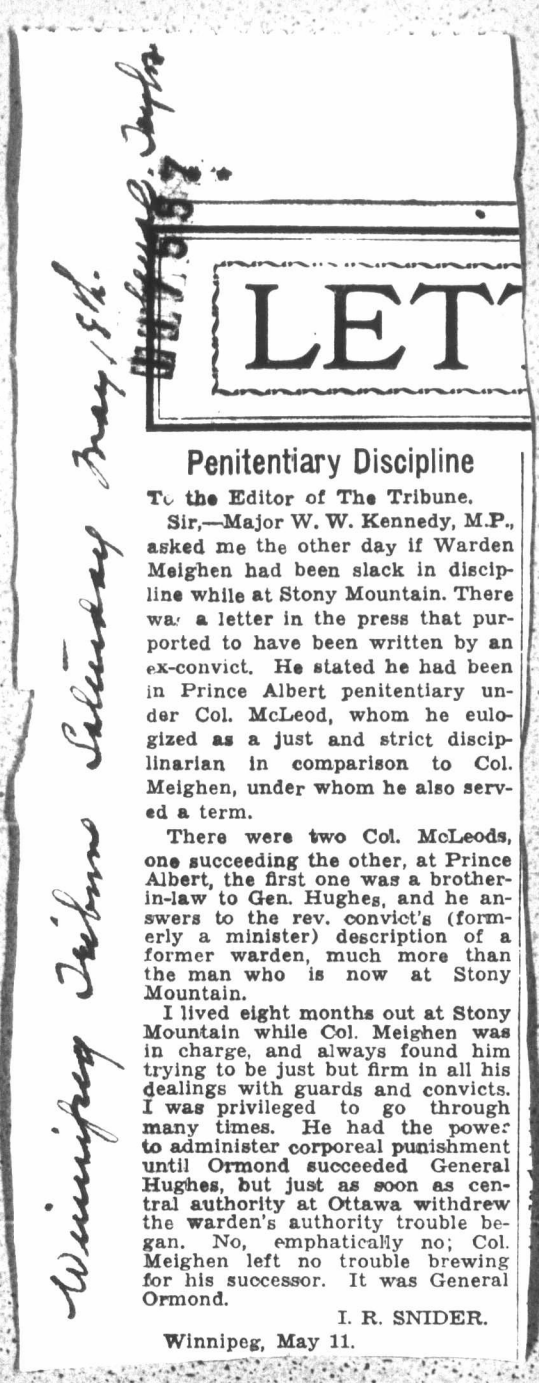

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Penitentiary Discipline

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir,—Major W. W. Kennedy, M.P., asked me the other day if Warden Meighen had been slack in discipline while at Stony Mountain. There was a letter in the press that purported to have been written by an ex-convict. He stated he had been in Prince Albert penitentiary under Col. McLeod, whom he eulogized as a just and strict disciplinarian in comparison to Col. Meighen, under whom he also served a term.

There were two Col. McLeods, one succeeding the other, at Prince Albert, the first one was a brother-in-law to Gen. Hughes, and he answers to the rev. convict's (formerly a minister) description of a former warden, much more than the man who is now at Stony Mountain.

I lived eight months out at Stony Mountain while Col. Meighen was in charge, and always found him trying to be just but firm in all his dealings with guards and convicts. I was privileged to go through many times. He had the power to administer corporeal punishment until Ormond succeeded General Hughes, but just as soon as central authority at Ottawa withdrew the warden's authority trouble began. No, emphatically no; Col. Meighen left no trouble brewing for his successor. It was General Ormond.

I. R. SNIDER.

Winnipeg, May 11.

Winnipeg Tribune Saturday

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THREE NAIVE GENTLEMEN REFORM OUR PENITENTIARIES.

Miss AGNES MACPHAIL, M.P., is delighted with the report of the penitentiaries commission, calls it "magnificent". And why shouldn't Miss MACPHAIL be delighted with it? She might have written it.

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Three naive gentlemen, armed with His Majesty's commissions, in behalf of the Government of Canada and at the Government's expense have been going about the Dominion and the world for a year and a half looking into our own and other prisons. They visited 113 institutions in nine countries, spent 108 days in the seven Canadian penitentiaries where they took the evidence of 1,840 convicts and 200 officers. In other Canadian institutions a large number of prisoners were interviewed, and on their travels they collected 1,200 letters, books and documents.

And when all this had been done, when the Commissioners were loaded with the grievances and hard-luck stories of an army of convicts, when these estimable gentlemen were thoroughly convinced that the penitentiaries were desperately in need of reform, they came to Ottawa to hear the Superintendent, his inspectors, the Deputy Minister of Justice. Superintendent ORMOND was put on his defence. He was questioned sharply about letters written years earlier, about details of administration. And of course he was found guilty. He had been convicted much earlier on the evidence of prisoners, it would seem, and the defence was but a formality.

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So the Commissioners recommend the immediate dismissal of General ORMOND, calling him arrogant, a red-tape addict, charging him with harshness, comparing the number of prison riots in his six years of office with the number in the five years previous altogether without regard to changed world conditions. The things they have found out about him are simply terrible. But here is a curious thing: General ORMOND, a distinguished soldier during the war, was appointed Superintendent in 1932 when Mr. HUGH GUTHRIE was Minister of Justice and his immediate chief. When the Liberals succeeded the Conservatives in 1935 General ORMOND was retained under Mr. LAPOINTE, the present Minister of Justice. He has served three years under each of them. It must be assumed they found him competent—or he would have been dismissed long ago. They did not discover his arrogance, his wasteful methods, his inability to co-operate with wardens, despite their intimate official relationship. It was left for Judge ARCHAMBAULT, Mr. CRAIG of Winnipeg and Mr. MCRUER of Toronto to find out that all this time the Superintendent had been fooling his superiors. Or is that credible?

The alternative is that the Commissioners set out with all the preconceived notions of the little band of devoted sentimentalists—led by the old Toronto *Globe* and a newspaper nearer home—who thrust this inquiry upon a government which never seemed very eager in the matter. And that, we think after some study of this 400-page book that contains their official findings, is closer to the truth. It is the very report the sob-sisters wanted.

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Having disposed of General ORMOND by demanding that his head come off forthwith, the Commissioners proceed to their major recommendation—which is that the penitentiaries be placed under a permanent board of three, "free from politics", removable only for cause, which would have "full authority" over the management of the institutions, and over the staff, and would report to the Minister of Justice and to Parliament. That is precisely the responsibility that now is imposed upon the Superintendent. He is the active executive head of the penitentiaries branch, and reports to the Minister of Justice and to Parliament. Therefore we should have three high-salaried men doing the work one has done since Confederation.

These three are supposed to remove the necessity for the three inspectors required under the present system. Actually such officials would be required, no matter what title they were given. The commission also would act as a parole board, thus abolishing the present Remissions Branch. And for each penitentiary there should be an official board of visitors—a judge, a doctor, and a member of a recognized social agency—who would collect complaints, invite stories of grievances, reporting to the commission. Thus there would be an "outlet" for the convict who wanted an extra blanket, or curtains for his window, or cream with his porridge.

Incidentally the new board is to "have power to appoint staff" presumably independent of the Civil Service Commission.

That would be the set-up. Those who know anything about administrative problems know the difficulties inherent in a three-man governing body—in Canada particularly. It is packed with troubles. Probably it will be dominated from time to time by two, who may be the least competent, over-ruling the third. The commission will proceed to build up a large and expensive establishment. And nobody except the gentlemen who drew up the report would suggest that a board of three is less amenable to political influence than a single superintendent. What fun JEAN FRANCOIS POULIOT would have as chairman of a Parliamentary Committee investigating such a commission!

The case of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is comparable. No sensible person would propose that its administration should be taken over by a board, because it is clear that efficiency would suffer.

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These well-meaning gentlemen of the Royal Commission profess great admiration for the British prison system, want it made the basis of a reformed Canadian system. We do not admit that it is better—THE JOURNAL is informed that it is not—but if it is so superior why was not a high official of that system brought to Canada to make this investigation and report? That would seem to have been the obvious step. But the recommendation is that such an official be secured to advise the proposed governors. The Royal Commissioners, having spent $88,000 of the public money in learning about prisons, surely should be able themselves to give that advice.

And it is a fact worthy of comment that there is nothing in the report to indicate that the Commissioners talked with even one British convict. They were received hospitably in the United Kingdom, saw eminent "penological authorities", held conferences with the governor and staffs of nineteen institutions, and that is all. In other words, they formed their opinion of Canadian penitentiaries largely from the evidence of 1,840 convicts—invariably accepted a convict's evidence over that of an officer, apparently on the principle that the hotel guest always must be right—but formed their opinion of British prisons from conferences with prison officials. If they had reversed the process, had talked solely with officers in Canada, and mainly with convicts in Britain, would they have come to the same conclusion?

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There is so much in this large book, and so many points were touched upon, that comment cannot extend to all its conclusions and observations. Some others, however, cannot be overlooked.

The Commissioners agree that they had no authority to investigate or report upon provincial institutions, but that didn't deter them from doing so, and they recommend a conference of the Dominion with the provinces to arrange a "centralization" of the penal system. They want more authority for the Dominion and less for the provinces—admit that recommended reforms cannot be made effective otherwise—and recent developments have shown how little inclined are the provinces to surrender the least bit of their authority. The Commissioners devote a considerable portion of their report to matters quite outside present federal jurisdiction, thus, like the misguided agitators who brought them into being, confusing the public with a lot of stuff about short-term offenders, and the Borstal system.

The Commissioners investigated the Kingston riots, seemed to find the evidence of convicts much to their liking, and acquit TIM BUCK of everything, find General ORMOND guilty on all counts. They deplore the "idle indifference in the prison workshops", want an "outlet for grievances", don't like the straps (because they have holes in them) used on such offenders as that Aylmer man who was convicted the other day of beating his 77-year-old mother, and want Canadian universities to institute one more frill—the teaching of penology to train officers for the penitentiaries. They recommend changes in the Criminal Code, in the constitution and operation of Family Courts (purely provincial), and deal with so many things that the wonder is they did not cover also the questions submitted to the Rowell Commission. Not much else was missed by these over-sympathetic humanitarians.

But the red thread through the book is the dislike of General ORMOND and the determination that his head must come off. Everything is a weapon for attacking him, and consistency isn't too important. Thus on page after page his "militaristic methods" are denounced, but such passages must be read with the complaint that at Kingston penitentiary guards actually were seen with unbuttoned tunics, "occasionally waving a hand, or passing colloquial greetings with fellow officers". The Commissioners want it both ways.

And the three gentlemen, not content with the major attack on the Superintendent, go down the list of wardens and deputy wardens, approving of a few, condemning many. One is damned because he went on holidays when the commission was sitting at his prison, another because he failed to prepare a full report for them, another because he is not popular, another because he is too severe though his prison is admittedly well run. It is quite impossible to believe, of course, that in their brief visits they were able to secure the necessary information for intelligently passing upon the competence of such officers—but here again, no doubt, the evidence of those 1,840 convicts (all of them in penitentiary for serious crimes) was an important factor.

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Briefly, we see nothing in the report to justify either the heavy expense of this investigation or the expensive changes it proposes—or its vindictive attack on General ORMOND. And we should imagine that the wise and experienced Mr. LAPOINTE will go slow about accepting many of the Commission's recommendations. But perhaps he will find the political pressure under such vigorous leadership as that of Miss MACPHAIL too great to be withstood.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

"The Conservative convention committee has been in session, and enthusiasm is said to have been at a high pitch; not stimulated, however, by the news from Saskatchewan."—Toronto Star.

Why not? Defeat of debt repudiation and of inflation is hardly bad news for Conservatives.

John L. Lewis moved into the office of the Speaker of the Washington House of Representatives the other day and summoned Congressmen to tell them they must pass a bill he wanted. Next day Congress overwhelmingly rejected the bill. On this continent, with all its faults, there is a deep-rooted antagonism to dictatorship.

A Montreal paper features a special despatch from Quebec City alleging that Premier Duplessis and his followers will have nothing to do with the National Conservative convention. It is not much of a discovery. No one that we know of has ever said or thought that Mr. Duplessis was coming to the convention, nor is there any particular reason why he should come to it. He has his own business to attend to. Meanwhile, and worth noting, Quebec promises to send a complete representation of all its ridings to the convention.

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HART HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Toronto 5, Ontario,
8th February, 1939.

Dear Mr. Meighen

You asked me to send you a copy of this memorandum on the Borstal system and I therefore do so. I need hardly say that I am far from satisfied with the memorandum, but at any rate it will serve to give some idea of Borstal in England and possible adaptations of it in this country.

Yours very sincerely
J. Burgon Bickersteth.
Warden.

Enc.

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SUGGESTIONS RE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BORSTAL SYSTEM IN ONTARIO

"The difficulties to be overcome in adapting the English system to Canadian conditions are largely geographical, including the distribution of population, but your Commissioners see no reason why these difficulties should prove insurmountable. It would seem that the essential features of the Borstal system might well be applied to young offenders in Canada, with variations of methods to adapt the treatment to Canadian conditions and to Canadian personality". This quotation from the report of the Royal Commission to investigate the penal system of Canada is fundamentally sound.

Two doctrines which have long guided the English prison system are (1) that no one under the age of 21 should know what the inside of a prison is like and (2) that the treatment of young prisoners of this age should be essentially reformative and only as a secondary consideration punitive and deterrent.

1. Conviction.

England.

The Prevention of Crime Act of 1908 effected an epoch making change in England. By that act a person convicted of an offence for which he would be liable to penal servitude may, if he is not less than 16 or more than 21 years of age and if by reason of his habits, tendencies or associations a period of detention seems more desirable for him than penal servitude, be sentenced to detention in a Borstal institution. In 1926 the age limit was raised to 23. The Criminal Justice Bill (now before the House of Commons in Westminster) purposes to give courts of summary jurisdiction the power (at present reserved to Quarter sessions) to pass sentences of Borstal training on persons between 16 and 21.

No first offenders are sent to Borstal institutions. First offenders are usually handed over to probation officers. Where probation has been attempted and failed, Borstal is tried. The maximum sentence is for three years and the minimum was for two years until the newest of the Borstal institutions, namely North Sea Camp, was founded. Boys are committed to this camp for one year although it is too early to say whether this period is too short to enable any permanent results to be achieved.

Canada.

Courts of summary jurisdiction, i.e. magistrates or judges sitting without juries, should have the power to sentence a boy to a Borstal institution. The importance of reports on the prisoner after conviction and before sentence should be remembered. The conditions for such detention should be fundamentally the same as in England. The age during the experimental years should be 16 to 21. No first offenders should be sent to a Borstal. The control of Borstal institutions should be not under provincial but under federal control and be administered by the Penitentiaries branch at Ottawa. The Governor of each Borstal institution should be directly responsible to

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the Commission it is proposed to form. At the present time all lads receiving sentences of more than two years less one day are automatically committed to federal institutions. Therefore the maximum sentence for Borstal should be three years and the minimum must be two years.

2. Borstal System.

England.

The Borstal system in England is a method of dealing with young delinquents more like a school than a prison and so called after the village of Borstal near Rochester in Kent where the first experiment was tried.

There are now seven Borstals for boys and one for girls.

Nottingham	toughest type (older).
Portland	toughest type (younger).
Camp Hill	less hardened.
Borstal	intermediates.
Feltham	more hopeful (sub-normals also).
Lowdham	most hopeful.
North Sea Camp	most hopeful of all.
Aylesbury	for girls.

Collecting Station.

There is a collecting station at Wormwood Scrubs where the boys are sent immediately they are sentenced and where they wait for a short period while every possible item of useful information about their cases is collected. They are then interviewed by a committee and allotted to that Borstal which is best suited for them.

Canada Ontario.

For practical purposes this report deals only with Ontario. The Royal Commission suggest in the report (page 210) the establishment of one Borstal unit with three grades, the three grades to be "separately located and not contiguous to one another".

The three grades in Ontario should be as follows:

(1) The most promising boys should be sent to Borstal A.
(2) The average boys should be sent to Borstal B.
(3) Boys with the worst records and the oldest in age should be sent to Borstal C.

The three institutions should be placed in different parts of the province --perhaps one in Western Ontario, a second in central or north central Ontario and a third in eastern Ontario. They should be in the country, though two considerations should be borne in mind: (1) they should be far enough from a large town to allow free development, space for hikes and freedom for movement round the Borstal and also far enough to prevent the town being a temptation for illicit visits or of easy access for running away; (2) they should be near enough a good sized town for the staff of the institution to obtain recreation and contact with ordinary life as otherwise the staff

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become narrow in their ideas and out of touch with industrial conditions. They should also be near enough to the town to provide educational facilities for the children of the married members of the staff and also to make possible outside educational help in the lads' training.

Distances will be too great, the population will not be sufficiently concentrated and probably the funds available will not be sufficient to make possible a pair of Borstals (one concentrating on trade training and the other on labouring) for each of the three grades. In Ontario therefore Borstal A, Borstal B and Borstal C must each provide opportunity for the trades and for labouring. But at all costs the classification (as suggested above) of promising, average and bad lads should be maintained. In England the fact that the population is highly concentrated makes possible a Borstal (i.e. at Sherwood Nottingham) for older boys alone. But this is not essential. Naturally the average of Grade A will be a little lower than B and that of Grade B slightly less than Grade C. At North Sea Camp there is a mixture of 16 or 17 year old boys and this is no harm to either as long as they are of the A type.

Criticism of the name "Borstal" is not without justification. There can be no question that it is a serious handicap to a young man to go through life as an "ex-Borstal boy". Reformatories are now called Approved Schools in England. Borstal institutions might perhaps be called Approved Training Centres.

Collecting Station.
Toronto is suggested as the most convenient locality for this purpose. A body of voluntary workers should be connected with this centre whose duty it would be to prepare careful reports on the character and general history of the boy while waiting to be assigned to one of the three Borstal institutions.

3. Administration of Borstal Institutions.
England.
There are two quite different methods of administering Borstal institutions--(1) the House System and (2) the Grade System--though both are based on the idea of eight hours of work, either at a trade or labouring, with the evenings given over to educational classes or hobbies.

1. The House System.
The House System is based on a maximum sentence of three years and a minimum sentence of two years and is that which is in force at most Borstals. The entire institution is divided into four or six houses, each house consisting of approximately 30 or 40 boys. The house operates as a unit under direct control of a house master, assistant house master and one or two other assistants including a house matron. Each house is located in its own wing. The boys in a house are subdivided into groups of twelve with one of the boys chosen for his character and good record as house leader. The boys sleep in dormi-

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tories preferably by groups with a member of the staff sleeping in each dormitory. The whole house has a common dining-room and the staff have meals with the boys, eating the same food. There are inter-house sports, each house having its own "colours", and everything should be done to stimulate healthy rivalry between the houses. A house of reasonable size gives opportunity for personal contact between the house staff and individual boys and the success of the house system depends on this intimate relationship.

2. The Grade System.
The Grade System is based on a sentence of one year. It is in force at North Sea Camp. The entire institution is divided into three grades--(1) the Beginners Grade, (2) the Training Grade and (3) the Leavers Grade. Each grade acts as a unit for administrative purposes. Every boy starts in the Beginners Grade and remains there for a minimum of three months and longer if he does not progress. At this stage he does the cleaning of the camp and other hard work. The evening classes are simple, dealing with the fundamental differences between right and wrong and scholastically with elementary English and arithmetic. When considered ready the boy is promoted to the Training Grade and it is then his real training begins. He is left far more to his own devices, e.g. getting up in the morning, keeping his kit, etc., tidy without inspection and so on. The classes deal with simple economics, talks on citizenship and current affairs. Trades and recreation are more advanced, e.g. baking, electrical and engineering classes (in the neighbouring town), cabinet making, etc., and (for recreation) wood carving, pottery, metal work and music. The next stage is the Leavers Grade (generally for the last three months). He has more time to himself, the classes are designed to encourage him to work out his own principles of life and to consider problems which will confront him on going out.

Canada.
The House System is probably better adapted for Canadian conditions.

4. Typical Day.
The day in general should be divided in the following way:

1. Physical training for half an hour under a qualified instructor.

2. Eight hours in a work shop with a trade party or out of doors. Trades would include carpentry, smith and metal work, tailoring and cooking, though a difficulty which must be faced here is the fact that the numbers in the trade shops in each of the A, B and C Borstals will be so small that they will not be workable economically. Out of doors work would include gardening, farming and forestry or reclamation work. The latter is perhaps preferable to farming which is apt to degenerate into doing work on the land by hand which ought to be done by machinery and this has a bad effect on the boys who soon see that work is being made for them. Genuine reclamation work where the boys can see the real value of

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their labour is therefore a great advantage. English Borstals are sometimes criticised in Canada because they are not altogether successful in turning out boys properly qualified to take their place in industrial life. It is obviously impossible to compress an apprenticeship of 5 or 6 years into one or two years, but I am informed that a remarkable number of bricklayers trained at Lowdham Grange have become skilled bricklayers. This, no doubt, is due to the recent boom in building, but at its worst trade training keeps the mind interested and the bright boy alive and helps with his general training.

It has also been suggested that the bright boy might have special privileges by which he would spend more time during the day with educational rather than merely manual work, but in England it has been found so difficult to obtain suitable clerical or other jobs involving trust for ex-Borstal boys that it is cruel to encourage a bright lad to think he will find a job of this type. It is better to try to fit him for skilled manual work.

3. Training after supper by evening classes "designed, first, to strengthen the lad's grasp of the principles of right living; secondly, to teach him the facts of life necessary for a useful citizen to know; and, thirdly, to show him something of the creative arts and crafts in order that he may discover his own capabilities and may later use his leisure time to good effect". They might be technical classes supplementing the day's practical work in the trade group. Occasional talks by outside lecturers and musical performances should be encouraged.

4. Recreation also after supper for part of the time. Hobbies indoor and outdoor, radio work, fretwork, carpentry for personal gifts, allotment gardens from which the vegetables would be eaten or sold, keeping of rabbits, pigeons, etc., should be encouraged. There should be a generous allowance of time for letter writing by the lads to approved persons outside. Visits from friends should be allowed at regular intervals. A Sports Day might be held.

Food should be plain but plentiful and decently cooked.

A reading-room and daily papers should be permitted, the boys contributing a few cents each per week towards the cost of these.

A possible schedule of hours is as follows:

6 a.m.	Rise.
6.15 a.m.	Physical Training.
6.45 a.m.	Breakfast.

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7.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. with one hour off for lunch	Work with a trade party or out of doors
5 p.m.	Dinner.
5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	Spare time.
6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m.	Evening classes and recreation.
8.30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Spare time and cocoa.
9 p.m.	Prayers.
10 p.m.	Lights out.

5. Payment and Discipline.

Payment.

In Canada payment for work performed should vary from 5¢ to 25¢ a week for each lad and from this he should pay 2¢ or 3¢ a week towards his club room with its periodicals and other amenities, purchase cigarettes, etc., from the canteen and be encouraged to save. Payment for boys in trade parties and in labouring parties should be the same.

Discipline.

If the boys intend to run away they will unless they are surrounded by walls suitable to guard desperate gunmen. Obviously Borstal C would have a larger staff and more supervision than Borstal A and until they are settled in their new surroundings the lads should be under close supervision.

The more important point to remember is that external and not internal sanctions are the most effective. External prohibitions such as walls often incite a boy to overcome them whereas, if the boy feels he is getting benefit from his training and will let down the staff, who trust him, and the other lads, who depend for their privileges on his good conduct, by running away he will be less likely to try to do so. There was no case of absconding during the first sixteen months of North Sea Camp. Just recently one boy, who had a perverted idea of looking big and thought this was the only way he could do so, ran away.

Very little notice should be taken of absconding and the Borstal system should not be judged by its record in this respect. Public opinion must be educated and this will not be easy because the majority of people consider safe custody is the first purpose of a prison and will tend to look upon a Borstal as a juvenile prison whereas it is an adolescent training school.

The general methods of imposing punishment should be:

1. Loss of standing and privileges.

2. Loss of pay, involving loss of membership in the club room where daily papers, gramophone, etc., are.

3. As a final resort removal to a penitentiary.

There should be no corporal punishment.

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6. Personnel of Staff.

England.

Governors, house masters and assistant house masters of Borstal institutions are appointed by the Prison Commission in the same way as the superior officers in the ordinary prisons. As for the subordinate positions all officers must go through the most careful period of training before being confirmed in their appointments.

Canada.

Governors, house masters and assistant house masters should make written application for these positions and then be interviewed by a special committee, all appointments to rest with the Commissioners. The Big Brotherhood Movement and similar associations and University graduates should provide recruits for this purpose. In the first instance the governors would have to be appointed from outside, but after the Borstal system had been in progress for ten years governors should be appointed from the ranks of the house masters and not taken from outside the service.

Subordinate posts, i.e. chief officers, physical training instructors and officers, should be filled in the following way--only under the most exceptional circumstances should present employés of the reformatories or penitentiaries be transferred to the new Borstal institutions: (1) written application, (2) education test and medical inspection, (3) interview with Assistant Commissioners, (4) six months' training in England (until Canada has its own training college), (5) twelve months' probation at an Ontario Borstal and (6) appointment confirmed.

One criticism sometimes heard of Borstal in England is that the staff have had no regular training in psychology and the social sciences. There may be some truth in this, but in England rightly or wrongly people with high theoretical qualifications have been looked upon with suspicion. Probably in Canada there would be a demand and need for trained psychiatrists though it would be disastrous if these boys were in any way looked upon as cases.

The chief merit of the House System is that the house master lives among his boys and looks upon them all as his friends who need his help and advice. If house masters possess such necessary qualifications as common sense, devotion to their task and the power to call out all that is best in their boys and if in addition to these qualifications have received a training in psychology then no doubt they will be better than if they have not got a scientific training. The point is that scientifically trained men without the other qualifications are useless.

7. Pay.

A suggested scale of salaries for Canada is as follows:

Governor of each of the three grades	$5500 to $4500
House master	2500 to 3200
Assistant house master	2100 to 2400
chief officer	1800 to 2400
Officer	1500 to 1800
Chaplain	2100 to 2600

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8. Religion.

England.

There are three Chaplains in every Borstal--whole or part time--Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist. Other ministers have access to their lads at any time. It has sometimes been said that definite religious training in English Borstals is reduced to a minimum. This is strongly denied by those who know them best. W. W. Llewellin, until recently head of North Sea Camp, writes "Every Borstal I have had or will have anything to do with will be founded on Christian principles. As I repeatedly tell all the Chaplains here the spiritual side comes first. That a lad is wanted by a Chaplain is the only thing that is allowed to interfere with his work. Most of the house masters are attracted to the service because of their desire to do Christian work and therefore help the Chaplains considerably".

Canada.

A similar arrangement in general should obtain in Ontario Borstals. There should be at least one full time Chaplain, either Church of England or United Church, other Protestant bodies and the Roman Catholic church sending in their representatives when necessary. Visiting clergy should be encouraged.

There should be a chapel which should have an aesthetic appeal.

9. Borstal Association.

England.

The success of the Borstal system largely depends on the efficiency of the Borstal Association. On being discharged from Borstal a boy is on license for the unexpired portion of his sentence, if any, and for a period of one year beyond. Having been visited by an official of the Association at regular intervals during his career in Borstal and his aptitudes and needs being therefore known before he is discharged the boy almost invariably walks right into a position which he cannot leave or change without permission from the official who is in charge of him.

The Borstal Association, with head offices in London and a branch office in Liverpool, is now entirely financed by the government except for actual gifts to the boys. These are provided by contributions from private individuals, the government granting two pounds for every one pound so subscribed. The work of the association is done by (a) its own paid officials, (b) probation officers and (c) private helpers. In practice the official side of the Borstal Association's work is, except in London and Liverpool, done largely by the probation officers. There is also a Borstal voluntary committee in most large towns and an attempt is being made to provide an unofficial friend for each lad.

Canada.

The head office of the Borstal Association should be in Toronto under the control of a Director with a small permanent paid staff and a body of

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voluntary helpers must be built up throughout the province. With the development of the probation system it is to be hoped that probation officers will give valuable assistance to the Borstal Association.

Borstal Voluntary Committees might well be set up in each large town with smaller groups working in the rural areas. The Churches, Toc H, Scouts and Service Clubs would have representatives on these voluntary committees. Members of the committees would keep in touch with a certain number of boys each, their positions requiring great tact inasmuch as they would try to fulfil two roles, i.e. friend and policeman.

The Federal Government should take over the entire expense of the Borstal Association, though voluntary subscriptions might be appealed for (as in England) to make judicious gifts to the youths on discharge.

10. Advisability of Slow Development.
Under no circumstances should the establishment of the Borstal system in Canada be hurried. One unfortunate experiment having been tried at Kingston a second false start would be lamentable. The training of personnel must be done slowly and completed before any boys are received at a Borstal institution. The boys might live in huts to start with and themselves construct their own permanent buildings which must be specially designed for the purpose. In being their own builders the boys would feel they were constructing something which would live and the spirit would grow with the buildings. Even when all is ready the new Borstal should not be swamped by an inrush of lads while it is still without fixed standards and traditions. It is better that a few lads should be sacrificed by being kept in prison than that the whole of this new and promising scheme should be ruined by too hasty development. Experienced Borstal officials in England state that the second year and the first half of the third year are the most difficult periods in the growth of a Borstal. Set backs and disappointments at this period must not be allowed to lead to despair. Time will also be necessary to build up the Borstal Association. Indeed it might well be a year and a half or two years after the necessary legislation establishing the Borstal system has been passed before the first boys set foot in a temporary Borstal hut and probably two or three years more before the first permanent Borstal building is established and fully occupied.

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320 Bay Street, Toronto,
February 9, 1939.

Mr. J. B. Bickersteth,
Hart House,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Bickersteth:

I have yours of 8th February and thank you for sending me the memorandum. This I have read carefully and with much interest. My first impression is that the cost of this system in Canada will be very high and that we would not be able to do as well for those who behave themselves as for those who would not.

Also, I would need to be convinced that the training and discipline given our younger prisoners now at the institutions built up largely by the late Mr. Hanna are not reasonably adequate.

Yours very truly,

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CHAPTER 156.

An Act respecting Old Age Pensions.

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as the Old Age Pensions Act. 1927, c. 35, s. 1. Short title.

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act the expression Definitions.

(a) "pension authority" means the officer or body charged by law with the consideration of applications for pension or with the payment of pensions; "Pension authority."

(b) "pension" means an old age pension payable in accordance with this Act and the regulations hereunder; "Pension."

(c) "pensioner" includes an applicant for a pension; "Pensioner."

(d) "province" includes the Yukon Territory, in respect to which "Gold Commissioner" shall be read for "Lieutenant-Governor in Council"; "Province."

(e) "statute" includes ordinance or order having the force of law. 1927, c. 35, s. 2. "Statute."

AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES.

3. The Governor in Council may make an agreement with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of any province for the payment to such province quarterly of an amount equal to one-half of the net sum paid out during the preceding quarter by such province for pensions pursuant to a provincial statute authorizing and providing for the payment of such pensions to the persons and under the conditions specified in this Act and the regulations made hereunder. 1927, c. 35, s. 3. Agreements with Provinces.

4. Every agreement made pursuant to this Act shall continue in force so long as the provincial statute remains in operation or until after the expiration of ten years from the date upon which notice of an intention to determine the agreement is given by the Governor General to the Lieutenant-Governor of the province with which the same was made. 1927, c. 35, s. 4. Term of Agreements.

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Approval of administration scheme necessary.

5. Before any agreement made pursuant to this Act comes into operation the Governor in Council shall approve the scheme for the administration of pensions proposed to be adopted by the province, and no change in such scheme shall be made by the province without the consent of the Governor in Council. 1927, c. 35, s. 5.

Application of Act in N.W.T.

6. As soon as agreements under this Act have been made with two of the provinces adjoining the Northwest Territories, the Commissioner of the said territories may submit to the Governor in Council for approval a scheme for the administration and payment of pensions therein, and upon the approval of such scheme, the same shall stand, in all respects other than its duration, in the same position as an agreement with a province. 1927, c. 35, s. 6.

When payments to provinces to be made.

7. All sums payable to any province in pursuance of any agreement made under this Act shall be payable from time to time on the certificate of the Minister of Finance out of any moneys belonging to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada not otherwise appropriated. 1927, c. 35, s. 7.

What persons are pensionable.

8. Provision shall be made for the payment of a pension to every person who, at the date of the proposed commencement of the pension

(a) is a British subject, or, being a widow, who is not a British subject, was such before her marriage;

(b) has attained the age of seventy years;

(c) has resided in Canada for the twenty years immediately preceding the date aforesaid;

(d) has resided in the province in which the application for pension is made for the five years immediately preceding the said date;

(e) is not an Indian as defined by the Indian Act;

(f) is not in receipt of an income of as much as three hundred and sixty-five dollars ($365) a year, and

(g) has not made any voluntary assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of qualifying for a pension.

Pensioners not to be disqualified from voting.

2. The receipt of a pension shall not by itself constitute a disqualification from voting at any provincial or municipal election. 1927, c. 35, s. 8.

Maximum pension $240.

9. The maximum pension payable shall be two hundred and forty dollars yearly, which shall be subject to reduction by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year.

When annual value of pensioner's residence not to affect pension.

2. Where a pensioner is the owner of an interest in a dwelling house in which he resides and the pension authority accepts a transfer to it of such interest, the pension payable to the pensioner shall not be subject to any reduction in respect of the annual value of such interest, but the pension authority shall, on the death of the pensioner or upon his ceasing to use such dwelling house as his place of residence, be entitled to sell the pensioner's interest therein and to retain out of the proceeds of such sale the amount of all payments made to the pensioner by way of pension in excess of the amount he would have received if such interest had not been transferred to the pension authority, together with interest on the said payments at the rate of five per cent per annum, compounded annually.

Recovery of pension payments out of deceased pensioner's estate.

3. A pension authority shall be entitled to recover out of the estate of any deceased pensioner, as a debt due by the pensioner to such authority, the sum of the pension payments made to such pensioner from time to time, together with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum compounded annually, but no claim shall be made by a pension authority for the recovery of such debt directly or indirectly out of any part of the pensioner's estate which passes by will or on an intestacy to any other pensioner or to any person who has, since the grant of such pension or for the last three years during which such pension has continued to be paid, regularly contributed to the support of the pensioner by the payment of money or otherwise to an extent which, having regard to the means of the person so having contributed, is considered by the pension authority to be reasonable. 1927, c. 35, s. 9.

Distribution of pension burden among provinces.

10. Where a pensioner has during part of the twenty years immediately preceding the date of the proposed commencement of pension resided in more than one province in which he would have become pensionable if he had continued to reside therein, the province in which the pension is granted shall be entitled to be reimbursed, by the other province or provinces in which the pensioner has resided as aforesaid, a proportion of the pension equal to the proportion which the duration of the pensioner's residence in such other province bears to twenty years. 1927, c. 35, s. 10.

Reduction of pension in certain cases.

11. Where a pensioner has during part of the twenty years immediately preceding the date of the proposed commencement of pension resided in a province in which he would not have become pensionable even if he had continued to reside therein, the amount of the pension which would otherwise be payable to such pensioner shall be reduced

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duced by the same proportion as the duration of the pensioner's residence in such other province bears to twenty years. 1927, c. 35, s. 11.

Rules governing distribution and reduction of pension.

12. In any case in which, pursuant to either of the two last preceding sections, a pension is to be proportionately reimbursed or proportionately reduced, the following provisions shall have effect:—

(a) The proportionate reimbursement or proportionate reduction shall be calculated by reference to the nearest number, whether greater or less, of complete years during which the pensioner has been resident in any of the provinces in question;

(b) Mere lapse of time shall not affect any such proportionate reimbursement or proportionate reduction;

(c) If, after any reduced pension has been granted, an agreement under this Act is made with a province by reference to the pensioner's residence within which such reduction or any part thereof has been calculated, the pension may thereafter be proportionately increased and the amount of such increase shall be reimbursed in accordance with this Act, to the province by which such pension is paid. 1927, c. 35, s. 12.

Effect of change of pensioner's residence in Canada in certain cases.

13. When, after the grant of a pension in any province, the pensioner transfers his permanent residence to another province with which an agreement under this Act is in force, the pension shall thereafter be paid by the province to which the pensioner has removed, but such province shall be entitled to be reimbursed an amount equal to one-half of such pension by the province in which the pension was originally granted. 1927, c. 35, s. 13.

And in other cases.

14. Where the pensioner, after the grant of a pension, transfers his permanent residence to another province with which no agreement under this Act is in force, the pension shall continue to be paid by the province in which the pension was granted. 1927, c. 35, s. 14.

Effect of pensioner's leaving Canada.

15. Where a pensioner, after the grant of a pension, transfers his residence to some place out of Canada, his pension shall cease, but his right thereto shall revive upon his again becoming resident in Canada. 1927, c. 35, s. 15.

Pension not to be alienated or charged.

16. No pension shall be subject to alienation or transfer by the pensioner, or to seizure in satisfaction of any claim against him. 1927, c. 35, s. 16.

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Report to Parliament.

17. On or before the thirtieth day of April in each year the Minister of Finance shall make a full report to Parliament of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to this Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements entered into pursuant hereto. 1927, c. 35, s. 17.

EVIDENCE.

Obtaining evidence as to age of pensioner

18. Any pension authority shall have the right for the purpose of ascertaining the age of any pensioner to obtain without charge,

(a) from the registrar of vital statistics or other like officer of any province with which an agreement under this Act is in force a certificate of the date of the birth of such pensioner, or

(b) subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations made under this Act, from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, any information on the subject of the age of such pensioner which may be contained in the returns of any census taken more than thirty years before the date of the application for such information. 1927, c. 35, s. 18.

REGULATIONS.

Power to make regulations.

19. The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour and with the approval of the Treasury Board, make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, with regard to the pensions herein provided for, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing provision may provide by regulation for

(a) the time preceding the attainment of pensionable age at which applications for pension may be made;

(b) the time at which, after application therefor, the payment of pension shall commence;

(c) the definition of residence and of the intervals of absence from Canada or a province by which residence therein shall not be deemed to have been interrupted;

(d) the evidence to be required or accepted by a pension authority in support of an application for pension;

(e) the manner in which the income of a pensioner is to be determined for the purpose of this Act and in particular the mode of reckoning the income of either one or two spouses who live together;

(f) the evidence from which the making of transfers of property for the purpose of qualifying for pension is to be inferred;

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(g) the circumstances in which pensions may be paid for the benefit of persons supported or under treatment in public institutions;
(h) the mode in which pensions are to be payable;
(i) the time within which a pension voucher may be cashed;
(j) the persons by whom pension vouchers may be presented for payment;
(k) the circumstances justifying or requiring the suspension of the payment of a pension and the recommencement of its payment;
(l) the reports to be made by pensioners and others of events affecting the right to or the amount of a pension;
(m) the administration of a pensioner's property by a pension authority;
(n) the recovery with or without interest of pension payments made by reason of the non-disclosure of facts or by reason of innocent or of false representations;
(o) the time within which and the circumstances under which applications or proposals may be entertained for the increase or reduction of a pension which has been granted;
(p) the method of accounting and of the settlement of balances due by Canada to any province or by one province to another;
(q) the penalties to be imposed for breaches of the regulations, such penalties not to exceed a fine of fifty dollars or imprisonment for three months, or both fine and imprisonment;
(r) the constitution and powers of an interprovincial board to interpret and recommend alterations in the regulations.

Alteration by regulations.

2. No regulation by reference to which any agreement with a province has been made shall be altered except with the consent of such province or in accordance with the provisions of the regulations to which it has agreed. 1927, c. 35, s. 19.

When regulations come into effect.

20. All regulations made under this Act shall, from the date of their publication in the *Canada Gazette,* have the same force and effect as if they had been included herein.

2. Such regulations shall be presented to Parliament forthwith after their publication if Parliament is then sitting or, if not, within fifteen days from the commencement of the session beginning next after such publication. 1927, c. 35, s. 20.

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CHAP. 42.

An Act to amend the Old Age Pensions Act.

[*Assented to 3rd August, 1931.*]

Preamble. R.S., c. 156.

WHEREAS by section three of the *Old Age Pensions Act* it is amongst other things provided that an agreement may be made with any province for the payment to such province quarterly of an amount equal to one-half of the net sum paid out during the preceding quarter by such province for pensions pursuant to a provincial statute in that behalf; And whereas it is desirable and would be of advantage to the Dominion to augment the national contributions: Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Amount of payment to provinces increased.

1. Section three of the *Old Age Pensions Act*, chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"**3.** (1) The Governor in Council may make an agreement with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of any province for the payment to such province quarterly of an amount equal to seventy-five per centum of the net sum paid out during the preceding quarter by such province for pensions pursuant to a provincial statute authorizing and providing for the payment of such pensions to the persons and under the conditions specified in this Act and the regulations made hereunder.

Examination and audit of accounts.

(2) The acceptance by any province of the moneys granted by Parliament for the payment of old age pensions shall be subject to the conditions that the Governor in Council shall have authority to order an examination, inspection and audit of all expenditures of such moneys in the province and the accounts with respect thereto, and that the province shall permit the inspection in such examination of all papers and documents relating to such payments.

When section comes into force.

(3) This section shall come into force on the thirty-first day of July, 1931."

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THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Regulations made pursuant to the provisions of the Dominion Old Age Pensions Act (R. S. C. 1927, chap. 156, as amended by 21-22 Geo. V, chap. 42) and approved by Order in Council of February 1, 1932 (P. C. 217).

Short Title

1. These regulations may be cited as The Old Age Pensions Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) "applicant" means any person who makes application for a pension under the Act;

(b) "lodge" means to be present in person in circumstances consistent with an intention to reside;

(c) "pension authority", "pension", "pensioner", "province" and "statute" shall have the same meaning as in the Act;

(d) "the Act" means The Old Age Pensions Act and any amendments thereof.

Provision as to Notices

3. (a) Any notice or other document required or authorized to be sent or delivered for the purpose of these Regulations shall be in writing.

(b) Any notice or other document required or authorized to be sent or delivered to any person by the pension authority for the purpose of these Regulations shall be deemed to be duly sent or delivered at the time at which the notice or document is posted to that person at his ordinary address.

When Application May be Made

4. An application for a pension may be made at any time after the proposed pensioner has reached the age of sixty-nine years and nine months.

Method of Making Application

5. (a) Every person who desires to make application for pension under the Act shall complete the form of application prescribed by the pension authority.

(b) This application shall contain, inter alia, the full name of the applicant, his address, occupation, sex, conjugal state, age, date of birth, place of birth, nationality, date of naturalization, place of residence during the past twenty years, income (including income of spouse), other means of subsistence and description of any of his property transferred to any person within the past five years with name of the transferee and the date of the transfer.

(c) Copies of all applications for pensions which are granted by the pension authority shall be furnished to the Minister charged with the administration of the Act.

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(d) Every pension authority shall supply without charge, a form of application to any person who desires to make an application and, if so requested, shall give all necessary information and assistance in completing the said form.

Investigation of Claims

6. As soon as may be after receiving any application the pension authority shall take all necessary steps to ascertain whether the applicant is entitled to a pension and if he is so entitled, what rate of pension should be paid.

Age

7. For the purpose of determining the age of any applicant, regard may be had by the pension authority to any of the following documents:-

(a) certificate of birth:
(b) certificate of baptism;
(c) entries in a family Bible or other genealogical record or memorandum of the family of the pensioner;
(d) the returns of any census taken more than 30 years before the date of application for such pension, provided:

(i) that any request for census information by a pension authority be made with the consent in writing of the person regarding whom the information is required;

(ii) that the specific locality (city, town, village, township or rural municipality) in which the applicant resided at the date of the census aforesaid be stated;

(iii) that any information supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purpose than that of the administration of the Act;

(iv) that a request for census information be made only in the event of failure to obtain information under the immediately preceding subsection; and,

(e) when better evidence cannot be obtained, a statutory declaration setting forth that none of the certificates above referred to in this Regulation is obtainable, and a further statutory declaration as to the age of the pensioner by any person who has knowledge of the fact.

2. The pension authority shall not be bound to accept any of the certificates or other documents mentioned in subsection 1 of this section as satisfactory proof of the age of any applicant and may accept other evidence which it considers to be satisfactory as proof of age.

Nationality

8. For the purpose of determining the nationality of any applicant regard may be had by the pension authority to any of the following documents:-

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(a) certificate of birth;
(b) certificate of baptism;
(c) certificate of service in any of His Majesty's forces;
(d) certificate of naturalization; and,
(e) when better evidence cannot be obtained, a statutory declaration or evidence under oath by any person who has knowledge of the fact.

2. The pension authority shall not be bound to accept any of the certificates or other documents mentioned in subsection 1 of this section as satisfactory proof of the nationality of any applicant and may accept other evidence which it considers to be satisfactory as proof of nationality.

9. Every pension authority shall be entitled to obtain, without charge, from the Department of the Secretary of State or any other Department any information available in such Department as to the nationality of any applicant or pensioner,

Residence

10. An applicant may be presumed to have been resident in Canada for the twenty years immediately preceding the date of the proposed commencement of the pension if he

(a) has actually lodged within Canada on at least 4,384 days within the said twenty years, and

(b) has not within the said twenty years been absent from Canada for more than 731 consecutive days, but in no case shall an applicant be deemed to have been a resident of Canada for twenty years unless he has lodged within Canada some time at least twenty years prior to making application.

11. An applicant may be presumed to have resided in the province in which the application for pension is made for the five years immediately preceding the date of the proposed commencement of pension if he is then residing in the province, (save as provided in the next succeeding section) and if he has lodged therein on at least 1,095 days in the said five years, but in no case shall an applicant be presumed to have been a resident of such province for five years unless he has lodged within the province some time at least five years prior to making application.

12. An applicant shall be presumed to be residing, at the time his application is made, in any province in which he has lodged on at least 1,095 days within the period of five years mentioned in the next preceding section, notwithstanding that he is in fact residing, either permanently or temporarily, in another province at the time aforementioned.

13. For the purpose of determining the province in which an applicant has resided, and subject to the provisions of sections 10 and 11, if an applicant had left Canada and subsequently returned to Canada he shall, in the absence of evidence to rebut such presumption, be presumed to have continued to reside in the province which he left until the date of his return.

14. Absence from Canada for a period of less than one month shall not be deemed to have interrupted residence therein.

15. If an applicant was employed and paid by the Dominion of Canada, the British Government with the concurrence of the

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Dominion of Canada, or by any province, for services performed outside of Canada, or if his travelling expenses out of Canada were paid by Canada, the British Government or by any province or municipality, or if the pension authority shall be satisfied that he was engaged in war work outside of Canada, carried on in connection with the Great War, he shall, while he was so employed or while his travelling expenses were so paid, be presumed to have continued to lodge in that province of Canada in which he was resident immediately before entering such employment or proceeding on the journey in respect of which his travelling expenses were so paid.

16. An applicant who has been employed on a ship registered at or sailing regularly from any Canadian port shall be presumed to have lodged in Canada during the whole time he was employed on such ship, and in such province where he last resided previous to such employment.

17. An applicant who was employed by any railway company having its head office in Canada, on trains running out of Canada, or the wife of such pensioner, shall be presumed to have lodged in the province in which was situate the Canadian terminus to and from which such trains were operated during the whole time he was employed on such trains.

Income

18. For the purpose of determining the income of any applicant, the pension authority shall take into account any of the following sources of income:-

(a) annuity at the amount thereof;

(b) real property at the rate of five per centum of the assessed or market value thereof (whichever be considered the more equitable standard), exclusive of encumbrances;

(c) the amount of the Canadian Government annuity purchasable by the personal property of the pensioner after making due allowance for reasonable clothing and household furniture;

(d) salary, wages or other means of livelihood, whether in money or in kind, which the pensioner may reasonably be expected to receive; and

(e) net profit or gain or gratuity from any other source.

19. Where an applicant is one of two spouses living together, his or her income shall be taken to be equal to one-half of the sum of the incomes, calculated as in the Act and these Regulations provided, receivable by each of them separately.

Transfer of Property

20. A transfer of property made more than five years before the date of application for pension shall be deemed not to have been made for the purpose of qualifying for a pension.

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When Pension Shall Commence

21. Every pension granted shall commence on the day after the application is received by the pension authority, or on the day when the pensioner first becomes entitled, whichever is the later.

Manner Pension Payable

22. Pensions shall be payable monthly in such manner as may be provided by provincial regulation.

Incapacity of Pensioner

23. (a) In the event of the incapacity of any pensioner or if the pension authority considers that the pensioner is using, or is likely to use, his pension otherwise than for his own benefit, the pension authority may pay the pension of such pensioner to a trustee or trustees approved by such pension authority to be expended for the benefit of the pensioner.

(b) No pension shall be granted or paid to, or for the benefit of, any person while such person is detained or under treatment, as a public charge, in any public mental institution.

Suspension of Pension

24. The payment of a pension shall be suspended during the lawful imprisonment of the pensioner for an offence.

Increase or Reduction of Pension

25. Every pensioner shall forthwith report to the pension authority any increase in his real or personal property of a total value of $100 or more, occurring by devolution, bequest or gift or any other change in his financial condition.

26. Any pensioner who desires to make a claim for an increase of pension to which he may be entitled under the Act shall complete the form of claim provided, and deliver the form when completed to the proper pension authority, who shall investigate the claim as provided herein.

Management of Pensioner's Property

27. Any pension authority may, if so authorized by the law of the province, and with the consent of the pensioner, assume the management of any property belonging to the pensioner.

28. Every pension authority shall be entitled to recover from a pensioner any sum improperly paid by way of pension whether as the result of the non-disclosure of facts, innocent or false representations or any other cause.

Accounting

29. Any sums due by Canada to any province in settlement of Canada's share of the net amount expended by any province in the payment of pensions shall be ascertained as of the last day of March, June, September and December, and shall be paid as soon thereafter as possible.

30. In calculating the amount due by Canada to any province no account shall be taken of any sums which, under the provisions of the Act, such province is liable to reimburse another province

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or to be reimbursed by another province in respect of a pension granted therein or in such other province, nor shall any account be taken of the cost of administering or paying pensions.

31. In calculating the amount in respect of which any province is entitled to be reimbursed by another province under the provisions of Section 10 of the Act, regard shall be had only to the net amount of the pension paid by the province to be reimbursed after deducting therefrom the amount payable by Canada on account of such pension.

32. Balances due by one province to another province under the provisions of the Act shall be settled quarterly as of the same date as the sums due by Canada are payable from time to time.

33. The Minister charged with the administration of the Act may at any time require the province to furnish information, detailed or otherwise, in connection with statements of account rendered by the province, and shall have authority to order an examination, inspection and audit of all expenditures under the Act in any province, and the accounts with respect thereto, and the province shall permit the inspection in such examination of all papers and documents relating to pensions payments.

34. An Interprovincial Board is authorized to be established with powers to interpret and recommend alterations in the Regulations, such board to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

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February 4, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER.

The legislative and other proposals affecting ex-service men and women in Canada, submitted to yourself and other Members of the Government jointly by the Army and Navy Veterans, the Canadian Legion, the Amputations' Association, the Canadian Pensioners' Association and the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, has, in accordance with your instructions, received the very careful consideration of Officers of this Department.

There are twenty proposals contained in the brief submitted by the Associated Veterans, eighteen of which concern this Department, Board of Pension Commissioners, or the War Veterans' Allowance Committee. A large portion of the brief is devoted to a review of the situation respecting the award of pension and appeal procedure. It is claimed that the results anticipated from the Amendments to The Pension Act in 1930 have not materialized, and it is proposed that there should be a radical change in the procedure involving an important Amendment to The Pension Act. After making the propcsal, the Associated Veterans added the following: - "The solution which we submit may not be the best solution. We are presenting to the Government a problem which exists and a problem which must be solved, and if the result which we desire can be obtained in any other way, then we are satisfied".

For the past eighteen months, Officers of the Department have made a careful study of the new pensions' machinery and have, in discussion with the Board of Pension Commissioners and others interested, evolved an alternative scheme to that propounded by the Associated Veterans. This is set forth in the attached memorandum. The adoption of this proposal would meet the entire claim of the Associated Veterans insofar as pension matters are concerned, would definitely dispose of their recommendations numbers 1,2,4,5,6 and 7, and would effect a saving in the cost of administration estimated at a minimum figure of $232,000 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

J.A. AMYOT,
Deputy Minister.

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PROPOSED NEW PENSION PROCEDURE

The principal matter covered by the brief submitted by the Associated Veterans is a representation that the Pension legislation passed in 1930 has not achieved the object which was anticipated. The main reasons assigned are, firstly, that there are too many appeals by the Board of Pension Commissioners from the decisions of the Pension Tribunal; secondly, that too many of these appeals are sustained by the Pension Appeal Court and, thirdly, that neither the Tribunal nor the Court appear to have given due weight to the Benefit of the Doubt clause, Section 73, of the Act.

In the brief it is stated that:

> "The greatest source of irritation and dissatisfaction lies in the operation of the Appeal procedure."

In dealing with this matter the following appears:

> "It is our considered opinion, therefore, that, if ways and means can be devised to limit the number of appeals, ... much of the irritation caused thereby would be removed and it is also our considered opinion that ways and means must be devised to reduce the percentage of successes of appeals taken by Commission Counsel."

> "The remedy is not in granting pensions to which there is no entitlement, but in reducing the ratio of successes on appeal by Commission Counsel."

> "We are afraid that no remedy can be secured unless the number of appeals be greatly reduced and, particularly, that the ratio of successful appeals as against the applicant be very materially reduced."

> "If ways and means can be devised to limit the number of appeals..."

The foregoing excerpts practically demand that the Board of Pension Commissioners should refrain from entering appeals even in cases where it is clear to the Board that the award of the Tribunal is not in accordance with the facts or evidence, and that the Pension Appeal Court should not give judgment in accordance with the facts and evidence.

In one part of their brief the Associated Veterans state:

> "What we desire and what we feel we must have is the elimination of unnecessary delay and the removal of that feeling of distrust and suspicion which we know exists".

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The foregoing statement might have been written by any of the officials of the Department or of the Pension Bodies. The Associated Veterans, however, make a definite suggestion in recommendation No. 4 as to how the situation can be met. Their view appears to be that the amalgamation of the Pension Tribunal with the Pension Appeal Court would be the means of overcoming the difficulties. It is submitted that the change suggested would not have that result as it would still be the duty of the Board of Pension Commissioners to enter appeals against decisions of the Tribunal when, in the opinion of the Commission, such action was warranted. There is, however, another plan which would entirely abolish appeals by the Board of Pension Commissioners, would expedite the hearing of claims and would give to the applicants for pension all the advantages they at present enjoy under the 1930 and 1931 Amendments of the Act. The Chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners when he appeared before the Parliamentary Committee in 1930 submitted the following scheme:

> 1. "A Board sitting at Ottawa to give a decision on cases in which entitlement clearly should be admitted, this Board to be provided as at present with the necessary medical staff and also the medical and clerical staff in each of the centres as presently constituted in order that there may be a direct line of communication between the applicant for pension and the Pension Board. This is essential and reference is made in the Scott report to this effect.
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> 2. "Where there is no evidence or quite evidently insufficient evidence on which the Travelling Board could make a finding the Board's Medical Advisers to automatically refer the evidence, such as it is, to the appropriate soldier's friend and so advise the applicant, the soldier's friend to also notify the applicant that he will prepare the case for the applicant free of charge. This will relieve the Board at Ottawa of a large amount of work which occupies a considerable portion of its time without advantage to the applicants for pension.
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> 3. "There to be three Travelling Boards all members of the Board at Ottawa, consisting of three members each - two members to be a quorum. This will allow for casualties and will permit one member of each Travelling Board to remain in Ottawa after each tour to review and prepare the cases which had been heard on the previous tour where judgment had been reserved.
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> 4. "Continuous travelling is onerous work and the arrangement suggested in paragraph 3 will give relief in this respect to the members of the Travelling Boards. It will also give the member of each Board remaining in Ottawa an opportunity of preparing for judgment such cases as had been reserved. The advantage of this arrangement is that the Boards will not be kept at Ottawa considering their cases but will be enabled to travel continuously and thus avoid delay in hearing appeals.

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5. "There will be the further advantage that the members of the various Boards remaining at Ottawa will be able to confer at Ottawa regarding the cases and types of cases heard and thus keep the decisions uniform.

6. "The personnel of the Travelling Boards to be changed from time to time so that such Boards will be differently constituted, but not necessarily after each tour.

7. "A full precis of the file and, if necessary, a copy of the key documents, if any, to accompany the precis to be furnished the members of the Travelling Boards.

8. "It will further enable the members of the Board remaining at Ottawa to take their tour of duty in respect of the work done at Ottawa, as set out in Paragraph 1.

9. "The decision of the Travelling Board, if favourable to the applicant, to be given effect to forthwith.

10. "If the decision is unfavourable the applicant to have the right of appealing to a Board of three members of such Travelling Boards - no member of the Travelling Board who heard the case to be a member of such Appeal Board.

11. "It is suggested as an alternative to the above Appellant Board that a separate Court be constituted at Ottawa composed of either two judges and a doctor, or three judges with two Medical Advisers to advise the Appeal Court on medical matters".

The foregoing scheme, with some modification, is the one which is now suggested, i.e.,

(1) Enlargement of the Board of Pension Commissioners so that there may be three or four quorums of the Board travelling in various parts of Canada.

(2) Each travelling Board to include one lawyer and at least one medical man who should have had previous training and experience in the interpretation of the Table of Disabilities.

(3) Cases should be prepared and presented as at present by the Pensions Advocates.

(4) Instead of the paraphernalia of court procedure, which at present exists, the members of the Pension Board, together with the applicant, his witnesses, the Pension Medical Examiner, the Pensions Advocate and any other interested parties would sit around a table and discuss the application.

(5) If the Travelling Board considered that the applicant had not made out a sufficient claim he would be so informed and asked to secure further evidence, if such were possible. On the other hand, if the Travelling Board felt that a pension should be awarded it would refer its recommendation to a quorum of the Board, sitting in Ottawa, for confirmation or remarks and would inform the applicant that he will be advised at an early date the result of his application. If confirmed, pension would immediately be payable. If, after examination of the records by the Pension Medical Advisers, it was considered that pension should not be awarded, the reasons for such finding would be communicated to the Travelling Board, which would have an opportunity either of concurring or, in the event of disagreement, of presenting further argument in favour of its view. In the event of final disagreement, details of further procedure to be a matter of discussion.

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(6) The head office of the Pension Board to continue to deal with applications as at present and if pension is not granted the Pension Board to inform the applicant that the claim has not been granted, giving the grounds therefor. The applicant then to have the right to renew his claim before a Travelling Board with or without further evidence.

(7) Any cases decided by the Board of Pension Commissioners which have not been before the Pension Tribunal could be reviewed by a Travelling Board.

(8) No Commission Counsel, no Court stenographers and no Registrars or their staff would be necessary under this plan, except that a Chief Commission Counsel, with an assistant, would be required to represent the Board in connection with the presentation of appeals by applicants to the Pension Appeal Court.

(9) Under this proposed amendment the cases now submitted to the Pension Tribunal would be dealt with by the Travelling Boards and the only appeals to the Pension Appeal Court would be those submitted by applicants.

(10) As stated above, by this arrangement all the benefits at present contained in the Act would be concerved, i.e., proper preparation and presentation of cases, appearance of the applicant before the primary adjudicating body, the granting of the Benefit of the Doubt, under Section 73, the right of appeal against adverse decision.

It may be considered that the change recommended is a drastic one. It is not more drastic than the proposals of the Associated Veterans. In regard to those proposals the Brief submitted says:

> "The solution which we submit may not be the best solution. We are presenting to the Government a problem which exists and a problem which must be solved and if the result which we desire can be obtained in any other way, then we are satisfied."

It is respectfully submitted that the plan outlined above is the only practical way in which the desired result can be secured.

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BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT (See under Section 9. "General Review")

A strong argument is set forth as to why Section 73 of the Act should be interpreted more liberally than at the present time. It is stated that, in the belief of the Associated Veterans, "it was intended to go farther than it does as at present interpreted".

The Chairman of the Pension Tribunal has stated, in regard to this matter, as follows:

> "Insofar as the Pension Tribunal is concerned, I can assure you that no decision is reached in respect to any application which comes before it without giving consideration to Section 73, and, the principle of "Benefit of the Doubt" which it enunciates is fully recognized. In this regard, however, it should I think be pointed out that the use of this Section is not left entirely to the discretion of the Tribunal inasmuch as the Pension Appeal Court - with whom such jurisdiction lies - has given its interpretation of this Section of the Act, and the meaning of "reasonable doubt", and, it would be inconsistent with the Statute if such interpretation were disregarded by the Tribunal."

The President of the Pension Appeal Court has stated:

> "I have no particular comment to make on this except to say we have, to the best of our ability and judgment, in all cases, given the full benefit of all reasonable doubt to the applicant, and have always drawn every possible inference in his favour. At the very opening session of the Court last February, we stated what we believed to be the proper interpretation of the Act, and with special reference to Section 73, in the following language:
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> > "I think that every member of the Court appreciates that Parliament, by the legislation of 1930, intended that full justice must be done each and every applicant if proper proof is adduced that his claim falls within any of the classes or categories specified in the statute for which pensions are provided.
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> > "It is also clear that neither this, nor any other body, has authority, or jurisdiction, to award pension in respect of an applicant should the necessary qualifications for same under the law be lacking, no matter what his past record may have been or how deserving he otherwise may be, or how distressing his situation. Unless it is established satisfactorily that it falls within one of the classes which alone will entitle him to pension we cannot assist him.
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> > "Although this Court is one of the last resorts in matters falling within its jurisdiction, nevertheless we must be guided by certain well settled fundamental rules of law, evidence and justice.
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> > "Whilst we may not be bound by any purely technical rules of evidence or procedure in the way or to the extent perhaps that ordinary Courts of Law are bound, yet we must observe, as stated above, certain well-known and settled principles. What I should particularly refer to is the question of adequacy of proof of any material allegation, for example, that a certain disability, or death, was attributable to or was incurred during military service.

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"In my opinion, proof or evidence of that fact must be of the same general nature as is required in a Court of Law as, for instance, in a damage action, for injuries or death. The method of proof might justifiably be more elastic, but the proof must be positive and not left to mere conjecture or suspicion or surmise. It may happen that on a consideration of the whole case the evidence may preponderate as against the applicant, but whilst he would, in that case, probably fail in a Court of Law, it was intended by Parliament (See Section 73, Chapter 35, Statute, 1930) that notwithstanding the weight of evidence is against him, the applicant should succeed, but always provided a prima facie case at least is established or made in the first place and on the balance of the two a real and substantial, but not a mere fantastic doubt, in his favour, is left on the minds of the Tribunal or Court.

"In establishing the existence of disease or its origin, or cause of death where it is a matter of opinionative evidence, testimony of the same character should be given as is to be expected in a Court of Law, that is, it should be upon the testimony of duly qualified men, adduced under circumstances which insure reliability and credibility. The method of securing the testimony should be the best under all the circumstances of the case and under the sanction of an oath wherever possible, and where the witness can be subject to cross examination, but in any event should be of such a nature that the Tribunal or Court is convinced of its honesty and reliability.

"The opinion of a non-medical man on a medical question obviously cannot be considered as evidence. If the applicant has a good claim there should be no difficulty in adducing the opinion of properly qualified medical men. Failure to do so must strike the ordinary fair-minded man as being inexcusable.

"In the case of the evidence of experts (in the legal sense not specialists as pointed out above) I think it must also be conceded that their testimony should be positive, and opinions founded on proven reasonable facts and circumstances, and not mere surmises, guesses, or bare possibilities. By this I do not mean that it must be conclusive or overwhelming - but a reasonably clear, convincing case should be made out, or a reasonable doubt established, which brings the applicant's claim within the provision of the law."

From a reading of the statement of the Associated Veterans, it may be concluded that they are of the opinion that any doubt should be taken as presumptive evidence in favour of an applicant, overlooking the fact that there is a definite interpretation of the meaning of the term "benefit of a doubt" in Section 73 of the Act. The meaning of the Section is clearly outlined in the statement by the President of the Pension Appeal Court. Notwithstanding the wide circulation of this statement, it would appear that the members of the Pension Tribunal have considered in many instances a possibility to be a probability. Of the decisions rendered by the Tribunal in favour of the applicant to the 31st December, 1931, 447 were based on Section 73. Of

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this number 92 were allowed by the Board of Pension Commissioners and 355 appealed to the Pension Appeal Court. Of the latter, the decision of the Pension Tribunal has been upheld in 65 cases and has been reversed in 107 cases. 13 cases have been dismissed owing to the Tribunal having had no jurisdiction to rule on the same and 30 have been remitted for rehearing by the Tribunal owing to incomplete evidence. In 137 cases, no decision had been rendered on the 31st December, 1931.

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SECTION 7 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 1.

"The the members of the Tribunals should, by Departmental regulation or by rule of court, be charged with the responsibility of reporting periodically and confidentially to the Minister; firstly, as to the efficiency of the Advocates appearing before them; and, secondly, as to whether the Advocate is overworked.

"To avoid the possibility of personal feeling, which might arise as between a member of the Tribunal and an Advocate, the Minister should not act upon such report unless it is concurred in by at least two members of the Tribunal."

It is highly improper for anyone in a judicial position secretly to report on any person conducting a case before him. The Chief Pensions Advocate is responsible for the District Advocates. He has a better opportunity of judging their efficiency and the amount of work done than have the members of the Pension Tribunal.

NOTE -
The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this recommendation.

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SECTION 7 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 2.

"That members of the Tribunal be charged with the responsibility of reporting to the Minister, cases in which Commission Counsel are inefficient, or cases in which they appear to be over zealous in endeavouring to defeat the claim of the applicant."

It is highly improper for anyone in a judicial position secretly to report on any person conducting a case before him. The Commission Counsel are appointed by and are responsible to the Board of Pension Commissioners through the Chief Commission Counsel, who has a better opportunity of judging their efficiency or zeal than have the members of the Pension Tribunal.

NOTE -
The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this recommendation.

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SECTION 7 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 3.

"That, when any further appointments of Pension Advocates are made, applicants should conform to a standard to be fixed, and that before the appointment is confirmed, Headquarters of Veterans' Organizations should be advised of the appointment which is proposed to be made and their observations asked for".

It is the policy of the Government to secure legal men or those who have had exceptional experience in Veterans' affairs as Pensions Advocates.

It has been the practice to consult the Veterans' organizations before appointments have been made.

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SECTION 7 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 4.

"That the Pension Act be amended so as to provide that the existing Pension Appeal Court and the Pension Tribunals be combined into one Court, the present Chairman to be the head of the Court, and to permanently reside in Ottawa, and have the direction of the whole Court, and to provide for an Appellate Division consisting of the Chairman and two members of the Court, such two members to be changed every three months; the balance of the Court to be divided into Trial Tribunals and to sit at such times and places as may be ordered. In the event of the number of appeals being very large, the Chairman to have the power to set up a second court, to be constituted of any two members of the Court, with a Judge as Chairman, such Judge to be co-opted as provided by existing legislation in case of sickness or absence of any member of the Pension Appeal Court."

While it would be possible to carry out the foregoing recommendation by an Amendment to The Pension Act, it is not considered that it would be a desirable course. It would perpetuate the present system under which appeals are submitted by the Crown, a system which is considered objectionable by the Associated Veterans. Furthermore three members of an Appeal Court, sitting constantly together establish precedents in regard to which they are all familiar, on which precedents judgments in further cases will be decided. This would not be possible with an interchange of personnel, especially laymen.

NOTE -

The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this recommendation.

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SECTION 8 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 5.

"That the time for appeal by Commission Counsel be extended to thirty days, with the proviso that with notice of appeal the Chief Commission Counsel shall give his reasons for same. Distinct provision should be made that such reasons shall not be in a stereotyped form, but shall be distinctly relevant to the case in question, and make specific reference to the record.

"That, where it is not intended to appeal, notice to this effect should at once be given by the Chief Commission Counsel to all necessary parties, so that the award may be immediately effective."

The foregoing embraces three recommendations. With respect to No. 1 it is considered that it would be a distinct advantage to extend the time during which an appeal may be lodged by the Crown to thirty days, in view of the time taken in the transmission of the decisions of the Tribunal to the Board of Pension Commissioners.

With respect to Nos. 2 and 3, these are matters for which provision is already made by statute, namely the provision as to procedure. These could be made effective in the rules of procedure.

NOTE -
The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this Recommendation.

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SECTION 8 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 6.

"In view of the length of time which often elapses between date of trial hearing and the hearing of the appeal, during which period men, in urgent need of medical treatment, which they cannot secure, may die, authority should be given to the Tribunal, if it makes a favourable award, and the need of immediate medical treatment is apparent, to authorize such treatment pending appeal."

The question as to whether an applicant before the Tribunal needs hospital or medical treatment or does not need hospital or medical treatment, is one which would be very difficult for the Tribunal members to decide; only a Medical man can make such a decision. It is therefore not considered advisable that broad powers in respect to committal for treatment should be given to the Tribunal.

The present arrangements for such cases seem adequate, namely: if hospital or medical treatment is needed by the applicant, he is advised to obtain the same under ordinary civilian auspices, and if at a subsequent date he becomes a pensioner, a retroactive adjustment of his expenses incurred is made by the Department.

NOTE: The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this recommendation.

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SECTION 8 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 7.

"The necessity of two Commission Counsel attending each sitting of the Tribunal is not apparent. If one Pension Advocate can both prepare and present the case, one Commission Counsel should be able to adequately defend the interests of the Crown. It may be pointed out that the presence of two Commission Counsel has a bad effect on Veterans and indeed public opinion. When they see one Pension Advocate striving to present the man's case, and also charged with the responsibility of interviewing witnesses and generally preparing the case, while two Crown Counsel, having seemingly nothing to do, are opposed to him, they naturally feel that the Crown is striving unduly to defeat the claim of the applicant. The resulting effect is bad. This matter is presented for consideration."

This recommendation appears to have been prepared from incorrect information. There are twenty-nine Pensions Advocates in the various districts and six at Head Office, while there are only eight Commission Counsel in the districts and two at Head. Office. At the present time six sections of the Tribunal are sitting. Attached to four of these, there is for each only one Commission Counsel. Attached to each of the other two, there are two Commission Counsel. There should, in fact, be two Commission Counsel attached to each section of the Tribunal in accordance with the statute as the only opportunity the Commission Counsel has to study the cases is when he is not required in Court or during the evening. While the PensionsAdvocate is familiar with the cases through preparation in no instance do <u>two</u> Counsel appear in the same case.

NOTE: The adoption of the proposed new procedure would dispose of this recommendation.

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SECTION 8 - RECOMMENDATION NO.8.

"The Suggestion has been made that the Crown, on occasion, relies upon unsworn opinion, unsworn investigators' reports, and even anonymous letters, for facts to repel the claim of the applicant. We are not prepared to vouch for this, but, if such a condition does exist, we suggest a rule to prevent the use of any such inadmissible evidence."

It is quite true that the Tribunal accepts on occasion, unsworn opinion by medical men and others; also unsworn investigators' reports for the elucidation of facts. No case is known where anonymous letters have been admitted as evidence. Wherever possible, a doctor who has submitted a certificate bearing upon a man's claim is available, he is called and sworn, but there are many instances in which he is dead or has moved from the locality. If the Tribunal desired to have a sworn statement attached to an investigator's report, or to have the investigator himself present, this could in many cases be arranged for, but if these unsworn statements are to be excluded, such action would militate greatly against an applicant, as it is far easier in most instances for the Crown to submit sworn testimony than it is for an applicant to do so. The same rule must prevail in all cases, whether for or against the applicant. If no unsworn certificates are allowed to be submitted by the Crown, then all such certificates tendered by applicants must be excluded.

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SECTION 9 - RECOMMENDATION NO. 9.

"That in cases of Tuberculosis where attributable to service is not obvious, the Board of Pension Commissioners shall, before disposing of the claim, send the applicant with all his documents and evidence to a duly recognized Sanatorium, requesting, after complete examination and study of his condition, a report as to whether the existing disease is probably attributable to service."

There are many objections to this and Parliament has in the past rejected such suggestions. It would mean placing entitlement in the hands of the Superintendents who generally express their opinion from the history given them by the applicant.

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PENSION JURISPRUDENCE. - (See Section 7, Recommendation No.3,(b) Tribunals)

It is pointed out by the Associated Veterans that while The Pension Act contains direction that members of the Tribunal shall give full and sufficient reasons for its judgments, no such provision is made applicable to the Court of Appeal. It is considered by the Associated Veterans that this is a defect "and is one of the fundamental causes of the very large number of revisions."

Arrangements have been made with the Pension Appeal Court whereby all judgments in detail are now passed to the chairman of the Pension Tribunal.

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STAFF OF BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS (See under Recommendation No.8.)

"While we desire to express nothing but the highest satisfaction with the Amendment to the Pension Act passed in 1931, doing away with the "automatic reference" nevertheless it appears to us that one of the effects of this Amendment has been to strain to the utmost the resources of the Board of Pension Commissioners in dealing with the large number of cases referred back to them. We respectfully suggest that this condition be examined and that such steps be taken as may be found necessary to enable the Medical and other staffs of the Board of Pension Commissioners to cope successfully and efficiently with the volume of work. This requires no further elaboration other than to point out that undue haste necessitated by overwork will enure neither to the benefit of the man or to the State. It may be found necessary to augment both the Medical and other staffs."

Additional staff is not required: The Medical and Clerical Staff already have prepared for the consideration of the Commission several thousand cases which the Commission have been unable to consider.

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MEDICAL TREATMENT (SEE SECTION 10 (c))

"A difficulty has arisen in regard to Class 1 pensioners who are undertaking treatment in respect to a pensionable disability inasmuch as it has been ruled that if, while undergoing such treatment another condition not attributable to military service develops which requires treatment, allowances in respect to the pensionable disability shall be suspended and that the pensioner virtually becomes a Class 2 pensioner. This it is urged, is unfair. If the man is under treatment for a pensionable disability he is entitled to his allowance and these allowances should be continued during the period for which he requires treatment for his pensionable disability. If at the expiration of that period he still requires treatment in respect to his non-pensionable condition, then he should be treated as a Class 2 pensioner but not before."

It is submitted that there has been some misunderstanding on the part of the associated veteran respecting the regulation of the Department referred to above. It reads as follows and would not appear to require any modification.

> "(c) A reasonable period of treatment as a Class 1 case, with compensation, will be afforded every patient admitted to hospital for the treatment of his pensioned disease or disabling condition, or for observation. If, after the expiry of such reasonable period, it is found that the maximum benefit of treatment or observation has been attained, or if it is found that intercurrent disease, non-pensionable, becomes the major indication for retention in hospital, the patient shall be eligible for discharge or transfer to some other Class not carrying compensation".

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WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCES
(See Section 10(b))

The following comments on the proposed amendments are submitted by the War Veterans' Allowance Committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. (1)

That the War Veterans' Allowance Act be so amended that it shall be made clear that the widow of the recipient of the Allowance shall be entitled to payment of the Allowance after his death as provided in the Act, notwithstanding that the Veteran may have died while an inmate of an Institution, where he was maintained at the expense of the Department.

The Act provides that the Committee may pay to the widow a sum not exceeding the sum of twelve monthly instalments of the Allowance which the recipient was receiving at the time of his death.

When a recipient is admitted to a Departmental Institution, his Allowance is automatically suspended under Sec. 13(c) of the Act. If he dies in such an Institution, no Allowance is therefore being paid at the time of his death, and the Committee has therefore been unable to grant a continuance to the widow in such cases.

The Committee is of opinion that the proposed amendment does not conflict with the spirit of the Act and would therefore recommend the enactment of legislation accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION NO. (2)

That Section 13 of the War Veterans' Allowance Act be amended to authorize the Board to allot a portion of the Allowance to dependents of the Veteran while he is confined in an Institution at the expense of the Government, on the ground that we consider that a portion of the Allowance should be utilized to preserve the recipient's home until such time as he is convalescent.

As has been stated, the Act requires that the Allowance of any recipient must be suspended while he is maintained at the expense of the Department in an Institution.

The above proposed amendment contemplates continuance of a portion of the Allowance to the family in such cases. The Committee are mindful of the fact that many men have left Departmental Institutions in order to become eligible for the Allowance and they are apprehensive that if Allowance can be paid to the family while a recipient is in an Institution, such action would tend to disintegrate instead of re-habilitate the home, as the Act intended.

The Veterans' Allowance Act was based on the supposition that the best way to provide for the aged Veteran was to give him an Allowance enabling him to live with his relatives on a self-supporting basis rather than to make provision for his care in an Institution.

As this resolution is contrary to the spirit of the Act as it reads at present, the Committee considers the question of this amendment to be a matter of government policy.

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RECOMMENDATION NO. (3)

That Section 9 of the War Veterans' Allowance Act be amended so that the payments provided for a widow of a recipient shall be made payable to a widow of an applicant who dies before a decision is rendered and provided entitlement would have been conceded.

During the first few months of operation of the Veterans' Allowance Act, because of the unavoidable congestion owing to the deluge of applications, a number of applicants died after their application had been made and before the case had been dealt with by the Committee.

In view of the fact that the Committee had not approved an Allowance at the time of death, they were not able to avail themselves of the authority contained in the Act to continue the Allowance "which the Veteran was receiving at the time of his death" to the widow.

The Committee then issued instructions that applications of all men who were seriously ill or suffering from terminal conditions, should be rushed through in such cases and are dealt with by the Committee on the same day they are received in Ottawa.

This has, to a large extent, overcome the difficulty although there are still occasional cases where the recipient dies between the time of making his application and the time the Committee deal with the case.

The Committee does not consider that it would conflict in any way with the spirit of the legislation if the amendment suggested were approved, and as it is in conformity with the spirit of the legislation, recommends the same accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION NO. (4)

Married men living with their children whom the mother has abandoned should be entitled to be treated the same as a widower with children provided they are legally separated or divorced.

Since the father who is taking care of children whom the mother has abandoned, is in largely the same position as a widower with children who is given Allowance at married rates under the authority of the Act, the Committee feels that a married man with dependent children whom he is supporting, should be placed in the same position and therefore recommends the foregoing proposed amendment.

RECOMMENDATION NO. (5)

That a recipient of the War Veterans' Allowance who is a widower and has infant dependent children, and who by reason of his financial circumstances is unable to maintain a home for the care of his children, should be treated as a married man and entitled to receive the Allowance as such.

As there are a number of recipients of the Allowance who for many reasons are unable to live under the same roof with their children, but who are maintaining them to the best of their ability, the Committee feels that the granting of Allowance at married rates in such cases would not conflict with the spirit of the Act and wish to recommend the proposed amendment accordingly.

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SUMMARY

GENERAL COMMENTS.

Should the Government decide to introduce amendments to the Veterans' Allowance Act at the coming Session of Parliament, the Committee considers that legislation covering 1, 3, 4 & 5 would not conflict with the spirit of the Act and would in fact round out its purpose and intention.

It is difficult to state with any degree of accuracy what additional expenditure these proposed amendments would entail, but we do not anticipate that the expenditure would be increased at the present time by more than $10,000 per annum.

The Committee is gratified to note from the statement submitted that the Associated Veterans' Organizations express satisfaction in regard to the administration and operation of this legislation and believe that the matter of the necessity of introducing the proposed amendments at this time is one of government policy concerning which it would be inappropriate on their part to express an opinion.

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IMPERIAL PENSIONS - (SEE SECTION 10(a).)

The substance of this request is that the Government of Canada should act as an intermediary in the presentation of suggestions to the Imperial authorities on behalf of Imperial pensioners.

The British Government maintains an office in Ottawa through which any representations of Veteran organizations can be presented to the Imperial authorities.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AND CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE. - (SEE SECTION 10 (d) and (e).)

These recommendations refer to matters of public policy and not to any regulations of the Department.

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J. H. Beach

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Toronto Pensioners Protective Assoc.

Returned Soldiers.

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March 23rd, 1922.

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

This is to inform you that the Toronto Pensioners Protective Association have preferred charges against certain officers and the administration in general of Christie Street Hospital, statement having been submitted to each and every member of the Special Committee investigating civil service. These statements are over my signature.

This is for your information that I have temporarily resigned the position of Secretary of this organization, and the executive do not feel justified in following this issue by making personal representation before the said committee owing to the financial expenditures it would incur.

I trust that any future dealings between you and myself will not reflect back on this unfortunate incident, being quite evident that some people find that the sand is too hot for personal comfort in their travels.

Yours fraternally,

Jas. Beach.

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OTTAWA, 26 March, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 22rd instant, and will keep carefully and sympathetically in mind what you have stated.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Jas. Beech, Esq.,
Toronto Pensioners Protective Assn.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, 7 April, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Right Honourable Senator Meighen I am forwarding your letter of the 6th instant to the Deputy Reparations Commissioner for reply.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary.

J.H.Beach, Esq.,
Room 220, 81 Victoria Street,
Toronto.

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OTTAWA, 7 April, 1932.

Dear Major Relph,

Would you be good enough to forward a reply to the enclosed letter directed to the Right Honourable Senator Meighen by Mr. J.H. Beach, of 81 Victoria Street, Toronto.

Yours faithfully,

A.H.Hinds,
Private Secretary.

Major H.S.Relph,
Deputy Reparations Commissioner,
Ottawa.

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59. Isabella St.
Toronto. Ont.
April 18/32.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. K.C.
The Senate!
Ottawa

MC 7612

Honorable Sir:— Having read with interest that the present parliament are in favor of settling the Veteran Problems in One Year, and having been a close observer of the activities of the various branches working on these problems for the past years, I humbly submit the following suggestions which you may see fit to advance to your Colleagues. Would suggest the immediate elimination of Veterans Bureau — Pensions Tribunal, — and Appeal Court. Reason— No matter what decision arrived at, with any of the above Bureaus the final Decision rests with the Board of Pension Commissioners. D. of P. Commissioners can handle the entire procedure with little or no extra effort, but it would be essential that the now prevailing "One Man Factor" be eliminated, and legislation past to enforce the present "Pension Act" which requires little or no changing, but at present does not function in its entirety.

By adding to the amount of monies actually paid to Pensioners the amount of cost of the three aforementioned Bureaus, plus the amount paid out in Relief - and the expense of monies expended on National Health, which does not have any bearing on Pensions —

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By reducing the cost of administration, the balance equally devided with Parl[illegible] would practically eliminate the necessity of Relief, and would not cost the People of Canada any more than at present - but the people would gain as the money would be given to app.. 85.000 to. 90.000 to circulate, instead of a few drawing the big end of the amount -

Had hoped to be able to be in Ottawa very soons, as I have several cases I have been working on, and I may have evidence to take them before the Exchequer Court.

Never was the time as urgently pressing for a thorough "House Cleaning"; but the Legion and others seem to falter.

Hoping to hear from you and will certainly try to see you should I arrive in Ottawa before this session closes -

Yours fraternally.

J. T. Bench

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OTTAWA, 19 April, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 18th instant.

Pensions being a money matter the question of any change in the method of administration, etc., is one for introduction in the House of Commons.

While I am very much interested in the matter I cannot, as a Member of the Senate, take the leading part.

Your very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J.H.Beach, Esq.,
59 Isabella Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Middlechurch, Man.,
April 28, 1932.

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen,
Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You will probably remember the undersigned, Thomas A. Montgomery, formerly of Portage la Prairie. I was in real estate there at one time and you have done business for me at different times. I am now at the Old Folks' Home, Middlechurch, Man.

I have filed an application for old age pension in Winnipeg. As you know, I was born in Canada and lived here all my life until the 3rd day of September 1925 when I left Winnipeg to reside with my son-in-law at Beunos Aires for a short time on account of my health, and I have never earned a dollar outside of Canada. I stayed in Beunos Aires until the 10th of September 1928 when I left there and returned at once to Winnipeg, where I have resided ever since. As I was born on the 24th day of January 1856 I would be seventy years of age on the 24th day of January 1926 and would have then been eligible for the old age pension.

I am now confronted with regulation No. 10 under the Old Age Pension Act concerning residence, in which it is pointed out to me that because I have been absent from Canada more than 731 consecutive days during the twenty years I am not qualified as a resident for the old age pension. It seems to me that it is unfair that I should have been a resident of Canada all my life and absent only on the one occasion mentioned and that for my health, that I should not be able to receive the pension when there are many persons receiving the pension who are not Canadian or British born.

If you would be good enough to look into this matter and see if anything can be done for me, I will greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly,

Thos. A. Montgomery

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UL7616

Ottawa, May 3rd, 1932.

Dear Mr. Montgomery,-

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo. Needless to say I remember you quite well. I am sorry that hard luck came to you late in your life.

I am having the subject matter of your letter looked into and will advise you.

Yours very truly,

Thomas A. Montgomery, Esq.,
Middlechurch, Man.

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OTTAWA, 6 May, 1932.

My dear Colleague,

I enclose a letter I have received from Mr. J.H.Beach, of Toronto, who makes inquiry with respect to veterans' relief.

Yours very truly,

The Hon. Murray MacLaren, P.C., M.D., M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
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Pensions

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OTTAWA, 6 May, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I am unaware of any Order such as that referred to in your letter of the 3rd. instant, having been passed by Privy Council.

Your letter is being referred to the Minister of Pensions for his attention.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

J.H.Beach, Esq.,
59 Isabella Street,
Toronto.

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Pensions

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OTTAWA, 11 May, 1932.

Dear Mr. Montgomery,

Since writing you on the 3rd. instant I have looked into the Old Age Pension regulations, particularly with respect to residence requirements.

The regulation regarding absence from Canada for more than 731 days is a hard and fast one and is enforced by all Provincial Governments. No exception could be made without affecting all parts of Canada wherein old age pensions are paid, and my information is the Government has no intention of making any change in this regulation.

I regret very much that I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Thomas A.Montgomery, Esq.,
Middlechurch, Manitoba.

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MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

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Ottawa, January 16, 1933.

My dear Colleague,

I forward herewith for your information two statements respecting expenditures under the Old Age Pensions Act in the hope that they may be of service to you during the forthcoming Dominion-Provincial Conference.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Gordon

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OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Statement

of

Expenditure

by fiscal years from inception of Act
to September 30, 1932,

showing provincial disbursements
and Dominion Government's share

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OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Statement of expenditure by fiscal years to September 30, 1932.

		Alberta Act effective Aug.1/29	British Columbia Act effective Sept.1/27	Manitoba Act effective Sept.1/28	Ontario Act effective Nov.1/29	Saskatchewan Act effective May 1/28	Northwest Territories Order in C. effective Jan.25/29	Totals
1927-28	Prov. disbursements	--	262,904.04	--	--	--	--	262,904.04
	Dom. Govt's. share	--	131,452.01	--	--	--	--	131,452.01
1928-29	Prov. disbursements	--	798,681.90	484,607.70	--	382,083.94	--	1,665,373.54
	Dom. Govt's share	--	399,340.95	242,303.86	--	191,041.97	--	832,686.78
1929-30	Prov. disbursements	267,420.04	988,051.10	1,164,687.97	2,255,688.32	937,858.89	557.74	5,614,264.06
	Dom. Govt's share	133,710.01	494,025.55	582,343.99	1,127,844.16	468,929.43	557.74	2,807,410.88
1930-31	Prov. disbursements	683,640.90	1,213,926.60	1,340,551.32	7,068,422.25	1,252,189.01	1,562.74	11,560,292.82
	Dom. Govt's share	341,820.44	606,963.30	670,275.67	3,534,211.11	626,094.51	1,562.74	5,780,927.77
1931-32	Prov. disbursements	902,923.25	1,428,664.21	1,569,926.49	8,969,465.37	1,654,385.97	1,543.07	14,526,908.36
	Dom. Govt's share	552,554.38	870,444.40	955,549.92	5,250,551.47	1,008,744.05	1,543.07	8,639,387.29
1932-33 to Sept. 30,1932.	Prov. disbursements	530,541.05	770,425.78	878,501.96	4,497,283.09	901,620.03	719.43	7,579,091.34
	Dom. Govt's share	398,018.80	578,631.69	658,876.47	3,365,653.52	676,145.58	719.43	5,678,043.49
Totals	Provincial disbursements.....	$2,384,525.24	$5,462,653.63	$5,438,275.44	$22,790,859.03	$5,128,137.84	$4,382.98	$41,208,834.16
	Dominion Government's share	$1,426,103.63	$3,080,857.90	$3,109,349.91	$13,278,260.26	$2,970,955.54	$4,382.98	$23,869,910.22

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OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT

Estimated Annual Cost of Old Age Pensions
on
Dominion-Wide Basis
for
fiscal year 1933-34,

based on actual figures for the five provinces
already participating under the scheme and estimates
in the case of the Maritime Provinces and Quebec

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ESTIMATED COST OF OLD AGE PENSIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1933 - 34

PROVINCE	Estimated number of pensioners	Estimated total yearly cost for old age pensions	Federal Gov't share based on 75% subvention
ALBERTA	5,700	$1,293,900.	$970,425.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	7,300	1,687,200.	1,265,400.
MANITOBA	8,800	2,024,000.	1,518,000.
ONTARIO	43,000	9,460,000.	7,095,000.
SASKATCHEWAN	8,800	2,006,400.	1,504,800.
	73,600	$16,471,500.	$12,353,625.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	2,300	529,000.	396,750.
NOVA SCOTIA	11,800	2,714,000.	2,035,500.
NEW BRUNSWICK	7,700	1,771,000.	1,328,250.
	21,800	$5,014,000.	$3,760,500.
QUEBEC	32,000	$7,360,000.	$5,520,000.

RECAPITULATION

	Provinces where Act is in force	Maritime Provinces with enacted legislation but not yet under agreement with Federal Government	Province of Quebec	Totals for all provinces
Estimated number of pensioners	73,600	21,800	32,000	127,400
Estimated yearly cost for old age pensions	$16,471,500.	$5,014,000.	$7,360,000.	$28,845,500.
Federal Government share based on 75% subvention	$12,353,625.	$3,760,500.	$5,520,000.	$21,634,125.

January 16, 1933.

REJECT RESOLUTION

OTTAWA, Feb. 8—(C. P.)—Rejection of a resolution which would [illegible]$5,000 a year as the maximum pension for a retired employe of either the government or the Canadian National Railways was voted yesterday by Senate. The proposal was pressed by Senator James Murdock who argued that owing to the pressing need for economies a limit should be set to the pensions of high-salaried officials.

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February 9th, 1933.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighan: Re: Enclosed clipping

One of the soundest and best resolutions of its kind ever placed before a legislative body, based on equity and common sense and economy. Why should any man enjoying a salary of $15,000, $20,000, $30,000 or $40,000 be given a pension for three-fourths of this large amount?

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I have had some correspondence with the Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Bennett and unless I am mistaken, he agreed with me. This would be of great benefit to the smaller salaried men.

I am surprised that the Senate, supposed to be keeping check on so many things that interest us, should reject a resolution of this kind.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Masters

JEM/S.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 14, 1933.

Dear Mr. Masters:

I have your letter of 9th.

Am having the Senate Hansard sent you in order that you may see why Mr. Murdock's motion was rejected. It had not a supporter on either side except Mr. Murdock himself, and he supported it only in the belief that it did not mean what it said. If the Resolution were given effect to, definite contracts made with Judges as well as with Railway officers would have to be repudiated. The repudiation of contracts by the State is pretty close to the end of organized society. Even Mr. Murdock admitted that he would not give effect to the resolution as worded.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. E. Masters,
Masters & Wheeler Limited,
Moncton, N. B.

Mailed Hansard
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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

March 24, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Your letter of March 23rd has reached me. As far as can be seen at present, next Tuesday evening will be kept free and definite plans can be laid when you arrive in Ottawa.

The Pension situation came as quite a shock and it is very doubtful, in my mind, if the result will justify the inconvenience caused. I am looking forward to having a chat with you about it when you come to Ottawa.

Kindest regards from all in the house.

Yours sincerely,

Clyde Scott

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,P.C.,LL.D.,
National Building,
Bay Street,
Toronto.

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OTTAWA, March 28, 1933.

Dear Mr. Leith:

I have your telegram of 25th.

As doubtless you know, the Senate has nothing to do with matters affecting taxation--at least the practice has always been to leave these matters to the initiation of the House of Commons and not to attempt amendment. The subject matter of your telegram is a matter of finance and taxation.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. H. Leith,
President,
Orillia Branch Canadian Legion,
Orillia, Ontario.

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PRIVY COUNCIL
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of a minute of a meeting of the Honourable the Treasury Board, approved by the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 11th August, 1933.

F I N A N C E:

The Board recommend that paragraph 4 of Order in Council of July 31, 1933 - P.C.1/1561 - be amended to read as follows:

4. That such permanent employees, not being contributors under either of the above statutes, or being contributors only under Part II of the Civil Service Superannuation and Retirement Act, and such temporary employees, with continuous service of five years or more immediately prior to September 1, 1933, be granted gratuities, payable in one sum, from the relevant vote or account, equal to one month's salary for each completed period of two years of continuous service, to amaximum of six months' salary - provided that for the purposes of this paragraph the service of seasonal employees shall be the actual periods of employment.

G. L. Kazon
Asst. Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Maritime Pensioners Protective Association Reg'd

(Quebec Command)

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C. D. ROBBINS, M.D.

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April 6th 1934

Sir:

The enclosed is being forwarded you in the hope that you will become better acquainted with the problems of War Veterans generally in this time of stress and need.

Naturally we look to the members of the legislative bodies for any assistance or co-operation which would tend to better the conditions as they affect us.

These problems we are sure affect Veterans in your [redacted] constituency as well as in this City, so that you can feel quite justified in taking whatever action you see fit in bringing these matters up for discussion in the Senate or House of Commons, in order that legislation might be enacted where necessary that may prove beneficial to War Veterans and their dependents.

We would respectfully ask that you study these resolutions, and acknowledge receipt of same, at the same time commenting on them, so that we might know whether or not we can count on your co-operation in this regard.

Thanking you in the anticipation of your giving Veterans generally your whole-hearted support, we remain,

Yours very truly,

MARITIME PENSIONERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION REG'D

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT A GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
MARITIME PENSIONERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
(Quebec Command)
held in the City and District of Montreal
Thursday, March 15th 1934, 8.00 PM

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1. RESOLVED:
That the plight in which a large number of war veterans and their dependents now find themselves is a deplorable one, when consideration is given to the readiness of the said veterans to offer their services and lives to the common cause, when such services were required., to the hardships endured by the said veterans whilst on active service., to the hardships endured by the families of the said veterans during the same period.

2. RESOLVED:
That the Canadian Government, through the Department of Pensions and National Health, should be as anxious to serve the said veterans and their dependents now, as the said veterans were to serve their country then.

3. RESOLVED:
That the present system of compensating veterans for their post-war suffering and shrinkage of earning-power due to disabilities incurred through wounds, shock, sickness or disease contracted whilst on active service, is not satisfactory.

4. RESOLVED:
That a fair compensation for such disabilities would be double the amounts now paid for each respective disability.

5. RESOLVED:
That inasmuch as it is not known to us, what instructions the members of the present Board of Pension Commissioners received prior to their taking office, we cannot say whether or not they are following their instructions, but we do believe this; The present Board of Pension Commissioners are not acting as if they have anything else to consider than the reduction of amounts to be paid to veterans and their dependents, and the retention of their own positions as Commissioners.

6. RESOLVED:
That all veterans whose pensions have been discontinued by the Boards of Pension Commissioners, past or present, should be invited to submit to further examinations to determine accurately whether or not the specific disability for which they previously received pension, still exists., and in cases where doubt exists, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the veteran and if the disability does still exist, that pension should be awarded retroactive to the date of discontinuance.

7. RESOLVED:
That all pensioners whose pensions have been reduced by the Boards of Pension Commissioners, past or present, should be invited to submit to further examinations to determine accurately whether said reduction was justified or not, and in cases where doubt exists, the benefit of doubt should be given to the pensioner, and if the said reduction was not justified or where the pensioner's disability is greater than that for which he is drawing pension, the difference between the two grades of pension should be paid retroactive to the date of reduction.

8. RESOLVED:
That the present staffs of district offices of the Department of Pensions & National Health should be relieved by pensioners now in receipt of unemployment relief from the said Department. The members of these staffs have, for the most part, enjoyed these positions for a number of years at very reasonable salaries considering their respective abilities, whereas there are at present among those pensioners receiving unemployment relief, men who have the required ability, and in some cases, are more fitted for the positions than the persons now holding them.

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9. RESOLVED:
That the present scale of unemployment relief awarded to pensioners is insufficient as it is impossible to provide adequately for the pensioner and his family with present allowances.

10. RESOLVED:
That the young children of pensioners now in receipt of unemployment relief are suffering through insufficient nutritive food, as it is impossible to obtain nutritious body and bone-building food such as is required for growing children, due to the insufficiency of allowance.

11. RESOLVED:
That these children, unless nutritive food is made available to them, will grow up to be anaemic, weak in body and in mind and of little use to themselves or to others.

12. RESOLVED:
That the present government in it's wisdom, should be able to see this and to take steps to rectify the situation, before it is too late.

13. RESOLVED:
That with the exception of vouchers for rent, the unemployment relief allowed pensioners and their dependents,should be made by cheque, made payable to both the pensioner and his wife., or made payable to the pensioner only, and in cases where it is found that the pensioner is diverting the funds and using them for other purposes than those for which they were intended, the pensioner's wife, on laying a complaint to the relief administrator, could have the cheques made payable to them jointly.

14. RESOLVED:
That if relief were paid by cheque, it would be possible to purchase requirements more economically than is at present possible. Inasmuch as it is in the pensioner's interest to obtain as much merchandise as possible with the funds at his disposal, means should be provided whereby he could purchase where he wished.

15. RESOLVED:
That the scale of relief allowed to pensioners and their dependents should, in consideration of the recent increase in the cost of living, be increased without further delay to the 1931 level, without reservation.

16. RESOLVED:
That the present system in force at the district offices of the Department of Pensions and National Health, whereby pensioners on relief are required to call in person to obtain their vouchers and call again on another day in the week to apply for employment, is not reasonable as it involves double the walking of pensioners to and from the office, and the percentage of pensioners who have obtained employment by applying at the Department is practically negligible, this should be changed without any delay to the same system as that used by the Montreal Unemployment Commission, whereby a person calls at the office once a week at a specified time to receive his cheque .

17. RESOLVED:
That during spring weather there is always an epidemic of sicknesses, such as measles, chicken-pox,scarlet and typhoid fevers, and other ailments prevalent in most communities, it is desirable to reduce the number of occasions where people must congregate in congested areas, and inasmuch as there is a possibility of those pensioners whose families are visited with these afflictions,visiting the office in order to obtain their relief, and thus expose all others there, to the chance of transmission of germs to their homes, it is therefore expedient that relief vouchers or cheques be prepared in advance, so as to eliminate the necessity of pensioners having to wait as long as four hours in these congested areas, for their relief allowance.

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18. RESOLVED:

That pensioners who require hospitalization, and are passed upon by the Doctors of the Department, who recommend their admission, should not be required to pay their own transportation to said hospital, where a train or automobile journey is involved. This is particularly applicable in the cases of pensioners who are admitted on a C-2 basis(No pay or allowances), and pensioners in receipt of unemployment relief.

19. RESOLVED:

That in cases where veterans are refused hospitalization by the Doctors of the Department, and such treatment is subsequently found necessary by independent doctors, and finally acknowledged by the Doctors of the Department, said independent doctors should be remunerated for the services they have rendered to the veteran, by the Department.

20. RESOLVED:

That inasmuch as children of pensioners automatically cease to draw pension when they attain sixteen years of age,they also lose their allowances for relief, which means that a pensioner on relief must provide for such children out of the allowance he draws for the remainder of his family, and inasmuch as this sixteen-year old person cannot obtain relief from the municipal authorities because the family is on "Pension Relief", such children should be maintained as far as relief is concerned, even if the pension allowance is discontinued.

21. RESOLVED:

That the Department of Pensions & National Health should appropriate an amount of money annually to be contributed to the Victorian Order of Nurses, equivalent to Ten Dollars ($ 10.00) per family in receipt of unemployment relief from the Department, in order that this unit might be able to attend to all cases of sickness among pensioners or their dependents, requiring their services. This appropriation to be in addition to any grant at present made by the Government to this unit for other purposes.

22. RESOLVED:

That the Directors of this Association forward copies of these resolutions to all Members of Parliament and all Senators and all other individuals or bodies,public or otherwise as they may deem fit, and to give these resolutions such publicity as may appear to them to be in the interest of veterans generally

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P. O. Box 83, Brandon, Man.

8th. June 1934

Sir :-

Re. Old Age Pensions.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Hon., The Minister of Justice, with a view to having Sections 8 and 9 of Chapter 156 of The Revised Statutes of Canada amended . I also enclose a copy of the amendments which I have suggested to the Minister.

Inasmuch as the passing by Parliament of the amendments which I have suggested would not in any way involve controversial party questions , I have considered it would be well to let you know of my letter to the Minister.

Might I take the liberty of suggesting that you, perhaps, would use your powerful influence in Parliament to assist in passing some such amendments as I have suggested to the Minister , so that some measure of justice be done to many worthy Citizens ?

Will you please honor me with a reply to this letter ?

I have the honor to be,

Sir ,

Your obedient servant,

W. L. D. Kennedy

The Right Honorable

Arthur Meighen P. C. ; K. C.;M. P

Leader of the Senate,

House of Commons,

Ottawa, Ont.

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Copy for the information of Rt Hon Wm Meighen

P. O. Box 83, Brandon, Man.

8th. June 1934

Sir :-

Re. Old Age Pensions .

I have the honor to enclose herewith an extract from Sections 8 and 9 of Chapter 156 of the Revised Statutes of Canada.

The Sections referred to are manifestly unfair and inequitable. I submit, therefore, that they should be amended.

As they read, their effect is to pauperize a person who is entitled to an Old Age Pension. In this way, that the income of such a person is limited to to $1.00 per day, inclusive of the pension. Now, noone can possibly live on such a small income, especially if the Pensioner be a wwoman.

The reason for any provision being made for an old-age pension is the fact that the Pensioner is presumed to have worked for the State in past years, so as to have become justly entitled to a pension , quite independently of any other source of income. So, in strictness, whether or no such person has an income of any amount, he, or she ought to be paid a pension from and after the age limit of (say) 70 years has been attained. However, if such person has an independent income, at the time of applying for a pension, sufficient to enable him, or her to live without such pension, there would, of course, be no occasion for a pension being paid out by the State. The question, therefore, resolves itself into this :- What is such an independent income ?

To put the matter concretely, Suppose a person, at the time of applying for a pension, has an independent income of $360.00 per annum. Should such a person be entitled to receive from the

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State an additional sum of $240.00 per annum as a pension ?

Or, should he, or she receive only an additional sum, ~~XXXXXX~~ from the State , of $5.00 per annum , as contemplated by the above quoted Sections of said Chapter 156, as they now read ?

What is equitable and fair ?

If the latter question be answered in the affirmative, then the total income of the Pensioner would be $365.00 per annum , a sum quite insufficient to support one in any degree of comfort.

Whereas, if the first question be answered in the affirmative, the Pensioner's total income would be $600.00 per annum, - a sum just about sufficient to support one in a very moderate degree of comfort.

In the one case, the Pensioner would be pauperised ; in the other, he, or she would be able to barely exist with only a little bit of respectability.

Now, in view of the Pensioner's past services to the State, should not the State , in all fairness, permit him, or her to live in ~~XX~~ the declining years of him, or her in some degree of comfort and respectability ? Should not , therefore , the State permit the Pensioner to possess an income (inclusive of the $240.00 per annum pension) of, at least, $600.00 per annum ? In other words, should not the State be willing to pay the Pensioner $240.00 , notwithstanding the fact that he, or she may have an independent income of $360.00 per annum ?

My contention is that the State should do this.

Hence, it seems to me that the above mentioned Act should be amended.

Subjoined to the enclosed extract from the said Chapter, are my suggestions as to how the said Sections 8 and 9 should be amended.

Will you be so good as to bring my letter to the attention of

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Parliament, and have such steps taken in the premises as to secure Pensioners substantial justice ??

I trust you will not think me presumptuous in thus addressing you. I am simply making an appeal on behalf of many very deserving and worthy individuals, who should, in all justice, be permitted to enjoy an income (inclusive of a pension) sufficient to enable them to live somewhat decently in their old age .

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant .

W. T. B. Kennedy

The Hon. Hugh Guthrie , K. C. ; M. P.

Minister of Justice,

Parliament Buildings,

Ottawa, Ont.

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Extract from Chapter 156 of The Revised Statutes of Canada.

Section 8 of the said Chapter reads as follows :-

" Provision shall be made for the payment of a pension to every person who at the date of the proposed commencement of the pension

(f) is not in receipt of as much as Three hundred and sixty-five Dollars (365.) a year. "

Section 9 of the said Chapter 156 reads as follows :-

" The maximum amount payable shall be Two hundred and forty Dollars yearly , which shall be subject to reduction by the amount of the income of the Pensioner in excess of One hundred and twenty-five Dollars a year. "

It is submitted that, in all justice equity and fairness that :-

First . Sub-section (f) of Section 8 , above quoted, should be amended by substituting for the words " Three hundred and sixty-five Dollars ($365.) a year " the words " Six hundred Dollars $600.) a year. "

Second. Section 9 ~~of~~, above quoted, should be amended by substituting for the words "One hundred and twenty-five Dollars a year " , the words :- " Three hundred and Sixty Dollars a year. "

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June 14, 1934.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have your letter of 8th June. Any amendments such as you have suggested would if introduced by the Government have to be in the hands of the Minister in charge of the Department. I am not in charge of any Department but Senate Leader, and can only deal with the measure when it comes before that body.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Mr.W. L. B. Kennedy,
P. O. Box 83,
Brandon, Man.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF THE BLIND, BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION.
NIL DESPERANDUM CLUB.
CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, WESTERN DIVISION.

1101 W. Broadway,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 16th, 1935.

Dear Sir:

You will note by the enclosed Resolutions, the one of April 29th, passed by a mass meeting of blind people and their friends, numbering 350, the other of May 10th, adopted by a conference of delegates representing a number of organizations, both held in Vancouver, that the question of pensions for the blind is being carefully studied by the citizens of British Columbia, who expect that the Dominion Government will enact pensions for the blind during this session. We would respectfully and particularly draw your attention to those parts of the resolutions where mention is made of members of parliament.

Up to date, you have supported this matter, and we are confident that you will do whatever is best in order that legislation granting pensions for the blind will be enacted during the present session. Delay in granting the request of the blind and the desire of the public for pensions for the needy sightless people of Canada will mean that blind people will have to endure increased hardship, as it is becoming more difficult for organizations, relatives and friends to assist them.

Anticipating your full support in obtaining legislation enacting pensions for the blind this session, and thanking you for past interest,

Yours truly,
W. C. Robinson
Superintendent
Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Western Division.

E. Scott.
Secretary,
Canadian Federation of the Blind, British Columbia Division.

Eileen English
Secretary,
Nil Desperandum Club.

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RESOLUTION.

Passed by Mass Meeting of Blind People

Whereas this mass meeting of blind people and their friends assembled in the Auditorium, 1101 Broadway West, Vancouver, B. C., convened through 500 invitations issued by the United Pensions Committee representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Federation of the Blind and the Nil Desperandum Club, has heard a report from the said committee upon the progress and the present position of the movement for a national system of pensions for the blind.

And realizing how any further delay at Ottawa on the part of the parliamentary committee of the House of Commons to bring in a final report with suitable and definite recommendations for pensions for the blind may seriously jeopardise the enactment of such legislation during the present session:

And knowing that grievous disappointment would result to thousands of blind people throughout Canada if the House of Commons does not enact legislation during this session to provide an adequate pension for the needy blind:

DOES HEREWITH RESOLVE THAT:

(1) This meeting thanks the committee and their organizations, the members of parliament, the newspapers and the public generally for the encouraging sympathy and support given to this national movement for pensions for the blind:

(2) This meeting urges the immediate prosecution of a fresh campaign for co-operative effort in the direction of education, publicity, consultation with Federal members of Parliament, service clubs and other public bodies and submission of our views and needs to the proper authorities with a view to impressing upon the Federal government at Ottawa the urgent necessity for legislative action during the current session:

(3) This meeting endorses and gives approval herewith to the plans outlined by the United Pensions Committee for the carrying out of the foregoing objective, and requests that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. R.B. Bennett, the other members of the Federal Cabinet, the members of the Committee on Industrial and International Relations, the Federal members of Parliament for British Columbia and all public bodies and individuals interested in this work

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Resolution re Pensions for the Blind
put to Conference of representatives of Public Bodies
May 10th, 1935.

Whereas, the situation in respect to pensions for the blind has been reviewed and studied by this meeting, and

Whereas, it is felt that the matter may be delayed to an extent which would endanger legislation from being enacted during the present session, and,

In order to avoid grievous disappointment, amounting in some instances, to tragedy, among the necessitous blind people of Canada, who have been encouraged to hope that speedy relief in the form of pensions for the blind would be enacted during the present session:

NOW, IT IS HEREWITH RESOLVED THAT,

Members of Parliament be earnestly and urgently requested to support without unnecessary or prolonged debate the next recommendation brought in by the committee on Industrial and International Relations, and further to assist speedy enactment of subsequent legislation in respect to pensions for the blind in Canada, thus not necessarily endorsing such form of legislation as a permanent measure but merely establishing the principle of pensions for the blind at the present time.

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May 9th, 1935.

Memorandum reviewing developments in connection with pensions for the blind in Canada.

Read at Conference of Representatives of Public Bodies of Vancouver - May 10th, 1935.

The matter of pensions for the blind in the Dominion of Canada has been actively pursued for many years, particularly since 1926 when the Old Age Pensions Act became effective in several Provinces. Perhaps the most important development in this connection was made in 1931 when the two National organizations concerned with blind welfare, viz; the Canadian Federation of the Blind and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, set up a Joint Pensions Committee. As a result of this committee's work a Memorial was prepared and signed by every organization of and for the blind in Canada. This Memorial was presented to the Government at Ottawa by officials of the two National organizations in October, 1933. It was subsequently considered at the Provincial Premiers' Conference at Ottawa when, almost without exception, it was indicated that the Premiers and representatives from the various provinces were in favor of enabling legislation being enacted. At a later date Premier Bennett, when speaking in the House, stated that he would favor pensions for the blind whenever the country showed sufficient evidence of recovery to justify such legislation.

On January 31st, 1935, Dr. I. D. Cotnam, M. P. for North Renfrew, introduced a resolution which, in effect, requested that the Old Age Pensions Act be amended so as to apply to blind people, otherwise eligible, at the earlier age of 40. During the debate which followed, and as reported in Hansard, the principle of pensions for the blind met with phenomenal approval from all sides of the House. Following a motion of Mr. Gordon, Minister of Labour, the matter was referred to the Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations. This Committee first met on February 21st when representations were made by both National organizations of the blind.

Another meeting of the Committee was held on March 1st, when further information was given by the two national bodies, as well as by various individuals. It is obvious from the copies of Hansard of these dates that the members of the Committee were very sympathetic.

On April 3rd, the Committee brought in a recommendation endorsing Dr. Cotnam's resolution. Some discussion followed during which certain members expressed the opinion that a separate or special Act would be more satisfactory. Sir George Perley, Acting Prime Minister, asked that matter be held over and the subject was again introduced on April 11th and 12th and following some discussion Dr. Cotnam moved an amendment to his former resolution. The matter was again referred to the Committee on Industrial and International Relations and as the House

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adjourned on April 17th time did not permit the Committee to deal further with the matter.

The House does not re-convene until May 20th and, with a short session in prospect, there is grave concern on the part of those in touch with the situation that, unless a special effort is made in an endeavor to first, obtain unanimity of action and secondly, expeditious treatment of the matter by both the Standing Committee and the House in general, no legislation will be passed during the present session. This will mean tragic disappointment to our blind people who have been buoyed up and led to believe by current press reports that they could expect this much needed assistance during the present year.

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Ottawa,
May 22, 1935.

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Dear Sir:

I have pleasure indeed in acknowledging your letter of 16th with the resolutions referred to enclosed. You may depend upon it I will give the same sympathetic and earnest attention to any legislation along the line you suggest.

My duties as a member of the Government are confined to leading the Senate, but I will try to take special interest in any legislation contemplated on this subject.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. E.Scott,
Secretary,
Canadian Federation of the Blind,
1101 W. Broadway,
Vancouver, B. C.

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THE LIONS CLUB OF REGINA

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DAN A. SEAKER
1404 RETALLACK STREET
TELEPHONE 91081

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9th June 1935.

Dear Sir: Be it hereby resolved that the Regina Lions' Club unanimously endorse the efforts that are being made to grant to the blind over forty years of age, an allowance similar to that which applies to the Old Age Allowance Act, so as to make their lot a happier one.

You are well aware of what an affliction such as blindness would be to anyone, so there will be no call on our part to dwell upon what we belive to be a real necessity in making a Pension applicable to the blind throughout the whole of the Dominion. We believe that public opinion is strongly in favour of a move in this direction, so that the laws for a pension for the blind may be enacted so that these pensions may begin this year. There is no body, such as the blind, more deserving of assistance in this regard as they are so placed that they must, of necessity, be limited in carrying on activities which would enable them to live an average life as far as the necessities go.

By unanimous decision at our meeting held on 3rd June at the Champlain Hotel, we urge you to bring before the House of Commons at Ottawa, a measure that will provide for the blind, pensions that would be commensurate with what is deserving to this group of our citizens.

Yours sincerely

Dan A. Seaker
Secretary-~~Treasurer~~
~~REGINA~~ LIONS' CLUB.

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Fredericton, N.B.,
March 26, 1936.

TO THE EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT,
OTTAWA,
ONT.

Ladies and Gentlemen:- SUGGESTIONS RE PENSIONS

Realizing to some degree the difficulties anticipated in efforts to economically, equitably, impartially, humanely and practically administer to the returned men and those injured in training, those bereaved, incident to either, and those whose physical forces have been and are being continuously lowered, because of the strain, both mentally and physically, and so many who have become prematurely old and whose capabilities have been so demoralized through war causation, it is thought that the suggestions which follow may be of some assistance -

1. Closure of Military Hospitals, because of the exhorbitant expenditure incidental to the methods of administration which now exists.

2. The employment of local hospitals in lieu thereof, or making special provision in such hospitals for the care of the ex-soldier.

3. Enabling the employment of their personal or family physician, who naturally knows more about their requirements than does any institutional physician, whose sole job seems to be, in many instances, predicated on his salary, and who often assumes the attitude of the dictator and more especially, as many men report, that, while in these Military Hospitals, they have received absolutely no attention of a strictly professional nature, and who state that all their treatment received was "Good morning." "How do you feel today?" "Type." And in many cases have been absolutely receiving but rest under full pay and for which reason? -- if a favorite "and plays the game a la militaire" spends his winter vacation at some so-called "Military Hospital.

This is a quotation from a returned man who was raised from a private to a captain and whose words shall be quoted verbatim - "It is not fair to compel a man to prove what disease he may have acquired in active service, which had not been diagnosed by military M.O's."

"A man proves, by lay evidence, that he acquired a disability in France but it was not recognized by the M.O's, which disability was subsequently properly diagnosed by several practicing physicians and yet the various pension tribunals and boards do not recognize such evidence in establishing entitlement to pension."

The author of this statement speaks from personal experience. He is an officer, having been raised from the ranks and, because of being compelled to provide such evidence, he expended years of effort and established such convincing proof that no court of law would think it was in the bounds of common honesty to disallow his claim. Yet these gentlemen refused to give him the benefit of the doubt, if there be any, and his case is turned down. He further states that, in his judgment, medical treatment should be provided for <u>any</u> returned man, whether pensioned or not, by his own family physician and that the Government should pay the doctor's fee. He further states "It was only by the generosity of the man who owns a Military Hospital (that is, the former Minister of Pensions) that I was able eventually to even enter the hospital. It is most unfair that we should be compelled to go to a doctor who does not know a thing about the man and who, apparently, is not greatly concerned and, speaking from my own experience, I have spent years of time and a great deal of money in running around to military men, none of whom ever made a complete, exhaustive examination of my case, which was overlooked and entirely misunderstood until the cause of my trouble was definitely established and intelligent treatment provided by my family physician."

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4. It is a recognized fact that in summer months the number of patients in some military hospitals is far outnumbered by the administering staff. Another returned man makes this statement:- "I got tired running to military doctors. I called in my own physician, paid him out of my own pocket and, because I did so, I have strong reason to believe that I antagonized the whole of the medical officers of a certain military hospital. The up-keep of the various military hospitals in the Maritime Provinces alone is so great and, we believe, quite unnecessary, that the money that could be saved in doing away with the high salaried, so-called "administrators", if equitably distributed, would go a long way towards alleviating the condition of the returned man and a large saving of public funds thus affected.

5. Many men who receive pension and control its use waste the same in liquor, gambling, etc., adding troubles to a broken home, with consequent suffering of his dependents.

6. Many refuse to pay their bills because of the "legalized" dishonesty which renders the pension cheque immune.

7. This sort of thing has been and is practiced by certain types of returned men whose sense of morality has, at least to some degree, (how much no one can say) been coextensive with their war experiences and such immunity only encourages fraud.

8. Therefore, the greatest caution should be exercised in selecting the administrator of this pensioned man's allowance, that is, his cheque.

9. In most instances the man's wife should have this authority - In other instances neither of them should be given absolute control but their cheques should be (where so abused rights are accordingly commited) dispensed by a bank or some such intermediary and payment made only by certified voucher under oath, or in some sure way, which shows the validity of their liability to those who are and have been systematically defrauded of their dues because of the present fraud-encouraging opportunities afforded such types of men, and more especially those constitutionally unreliable and dishonest, of which all nations are so possessed.

10. Instances are known where recipients of pension have become so obsessed with their importance that their wives and children get no consideration and the money is spent for rum and gambling and, unfortunately, in some instances, such practices are the chief attraction of certain G.W.V.A. clubs, and it is for this reason that no decemt man will now be identified with such assemblies, and the very constitutional and fundamental prerogative of that most laudable order is robbed of its usefulness. The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League stands for the highest type of aims and, whilst Section 17 of their Constitution makes for a broad and elastic program, it in no case makes provision for such as indicated. This, we think, should be welcomed by the chief executive and remedied.

11. The mentally unsound and tubercular cases, of course, are not included under any hospital scheme under discussion.

12. Great sums of money are being or have been expended on travelling tribunals, appeal boards, commissions, travelling expenses (hotel, railroad, etc.), and most unreasonable of all, <u>exact diagnosis</u>, which, in so many cases, is impossible of definiteness unless carefully studied over long periods by their home physician, who has given careful, prolonged and repeated attention before he or his associates definitely decide, or at least realize, the gravity of the case, and it has very often happened that, after such cases have been understood by his family doctor, (alone or in consultation) and accordingly reported, such cases are referred to men who draw large salaries in such mechanically run hospitals, only to have their conscientious, well checked-up conclusion reversed or nullified by these men

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possessed of executive authority, but have no actual knowledge of pathologic facts.

13. The war-worn, premature aged, depressed, discouraged, unappreciated, pauperized, side-stepped, decrepit, abandoned, incompetent, homeless, wounded, maimed, disappointed, hope-lost soldier, sick in spirit, body and estate, should not have to measure up to any standard of diagnostic "guesses," and, so far as he is concerned, he is not interested in the "name" of his handicap -- what he wants is a home, to be there, to bear his cross until the end, and not imprisoned in a hospital, lacking the comforts of a family physician, and worrying about those who naturally afford him his greatest concern -- that is, his family and their welfare.

14. The real fighters, gunners, ambulance, transport, ammunition, sailors, construction, providers (exposed or in trenches) should, in this stage of the world's events, be provided with a reasonable living allowance, whilst those officers on the general staff headquarters, in base hospitals, etc., remote from actual firing line, and whose pension allotments are based upon their rank, should now be willing to have their pension cut to the minimum. It is the privates, principally "non-coms" who deserve at this time, long after the war, to receive a living allowance for, after all, they are those who actually suffered most and shall so continue. To give you some idea how matters have been and are being administered here, I quote from another returned man who says:- "A certain person was in the Military Hospital while under the late Government, remaining there for a long while. When the Liberals came into power this man's and his wife's relatives, his brother's wife too, and his own wife, have all been given Government jobs. His pension is said to be almost total. This man was never beyond Partridge Island but surely knows how to "play the game" and "pull wires", whilst I, who went through the whole show, lost my health, fought for years for some consideration, have never been able to carry on and get a princely pension of about $8.00 per month and have a wife and family. I belong to the G.W.V.A. but never go near it now. I don't drink or gamble and it's no d----- good anyhow." "What right has a Government employee to get a pension anyhow?"

15. I've discussed these matters with returned men from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and the West, and they all tell me that, because of lack of attendance of big men, that their clubs have deteriorated about on the lines already mentioned and, except at election time, outstanding men are seldom seen in their quarters.

16. These matters should be investigated and remedied; otherwise these centres become potential crime-breeders.

17. The administration of pensions for widows is lamentably disappointing and, to my personal knowledge, is most inconsiderate, resulting in the most bitter dissatisfaction to these and they are not few here. My files will show utter disregard to military law, medical methods or common justice.

18. The administrative head of this department should be an outstanding medical man, whose "physician's attributes" are not calloused by war, political intrigue or avarice, but one who possesses the distinguishing characteristic of the real sympathetic, well-trained, cultured family physician -- such a man would not think of prostituting his professional status for a job. The poorest kind of administering head is a physician whose qualifying attributes are "good political timber." This, of course, does not mean that an eminent surgeon in a base hospital or men distinguished in professional attainment are disqualified, but it does indicate that men who have no such professional qualifications, if given positions of such an important nature,

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perhaps largely influenced by salary and position, are very apt to become partisan, dictatory, inefficient, unfair or careless, hence unfit for such outstandingly humanitarian and beneficent work, for we must remember that the human unit is the most valuable asset of any nation. May it be reiterated -- The administrative head should be a man well qualified, whose career and experience have been distinctively professional, unimpaired or negative by contamination in politics, wholesale slaughter, or tinged with avarice. Such men are found and are available in many of the medical centres of our Dominion, and the careful selection of such a man becomes the most essential duty of any Government and this cannot be too much emphasized.

Most of these thoughts have been well considered and are consequent to many years spent in behalf of such as have been especially considered and who continue to suffer under such stress of mind and body that they shall have a tendency towards parental transmitted deterioration of our future generation, and at no time in history of such national and individual importance. These things should be given the most profound consideration -- neglect or evasion of which remedial needs constitute repudiation of the whole science of eugenics.

W. H. IRVINE, M.D.

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February 15th, 1937.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

It is not likely you will remember me, I am Hazelton Moore who was born in the Star Inn in St. Marys near your home; I met you in Lethbridge several years ago.

I am enclosing herewith a file regarding the affairs of ex-prisoners of war which I am interested in for the Province and doing all I can to assisst in securing for ex-prisoners a portion of the monies paid to the Canadian Government by the German Government under the Treaty of Versailles. As the file is self-explanatory I will not say anything further except to ask that if the opportunity arises you would use your influence on our behalf.

Yours truly,

H.C. Moore

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MAL-TREATED EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION 007654

1323 Pape Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.
May 1936.

Dear Comrade:-

Replying to your enquiry we are pleased to give you the following outline of the P?O.W. situation.

Upon signing the Treaty of Versailles, Canada demanded that Germany compensate Canadian citizens for damage caused by acts of illegal warfare. Canada received twenty-six million dollars from Germany for this purpose. The Government appointed a Reparation Commission under the chairmanship of Mr. Friel to hear and award claims. Advertisements were published periodically in newspapers in every locality in Canada during about five years to the effect that claims would be entertained on the grounds of "DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY" through acts of illegal warfare. Mr. Friel died during the course of his commission and another commission was appointed under the chairmanship of Mr. Pugsley. Nearly all the claims heard by these two commissions were from civilians and civil corporations. About 17 military prisoners of war made claims. The awards of these two commissions totalled approximately $7,800,000 and individual awards, both civilians and P.O.W.'s averaged between four and five thousand dollars. Some received as high as $60,000. The highest award to a military P.O.W. was $15,000. Upon the completion of these two commissions the Government stated that as all claimants had been heard the balance in the Reparation fund belonged to Canada and then transferred the 18 million balance to Consolidated Revenue. But an error was discovered in the wording of the advertisement. It was found that for nearly five years they had advertised under the heading of "Destruction of Life, and Property", whereas it should have read "Damage to Health life and Property."

Prisoners of war had been given to understand by this incorrect wording that only those suffering loss of life or property could make claim for compensation. Upon this misunderstanding being rectified it became apparent that prisoners of war had the same right to a hearing as any other Canadian citizen or corporation.

Prisoners of war were organized in Toronto and also in Vancouver and petitioned for a third commission to hear their claims. A third commission was finally appointed under the chairmanship of Mr. Errol MacDougall and we were permitted to present our claims. Owing to the Government having previously absorbed the balance, we were first informed that

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there was no such fund as a Reparation fund, and finally that we had no legal status as claimants bu that the Government would entertain claims on "Compassionate Grounds Only" and that any money awarded was a direct charge on the taxpayer of the country. Naturally this third commission was limited in scope, and although in law, it had equal power to the first two it was, in fact, governed by the amount of money the Government was prepared to throw as a sop to the P.O.W. to keep them quiet. The result was a complete fiasco, 75% of the claims were refused and of the balance the average award was a mere $708.00 as compared to between four and five thousand awarded underthe previous two commissions. The commission terminated before all P.O.W. had the opportunity to present claims. We appealed against such action but could get no satisfactory results.

Our association has been working on this subject for the past four years. The new Government kindly granted us the opportunity to present our problems before The Special Committee on Soldiers Pensions and Problems. Our delegation appeared before the Special Committee and explained our problems. First against discrimination re Reparations awards. Secondly against P.O.W. being penalised by Pension Boards due to our lack of medical history during the period of captivity. The delegation returned greatly pleased with our prospects and high in praise of the wonderful manner in which they were received by the true gentlemen comprising the committee. Since the return of the delegation we have again been in touch with the Government and presented a proposal for settling these two questions.

Now let us impress upon you this one fact. The Government is extremely sympathetic to our problems and it is absolutely imperative that, pending settlement, no information be given to outsiders. Particular care must be taken, that the newspapers do not receive any news whatsoever respecting our progress. It is suggested that you run an advt. in the papers of your locality requesting names and addresses of any nearby Ex-Prisoners of War.That you call a meeting immediately and read this letter to them and promptly form a branch of "Maltreated Ex-Prisoners of War Association": that you write immediately to your Ottawa member of Parliament requesting him to forward to you "Copy of Hansard" dated May 6th or 7th containing the minutes of "The Soldiers Special Committee on Pension Problems", with particular reference to evidence of H.S.Stone, of the Ex-Prisoners of War Association and also request that your member furnish you with all possible information regarding Reparations for Ex-Prisoners. We will be pleased to forward full particulars but feel that you fellows should also do your bit and when you have formed your branch we suggest that you run an advt. in as many newspapers as possible in your community. We assess our members the sum of one dollar each, not regularly but just whenever we need funds. It is suggested that you do the same. Enclosed is a copy of the Veteran containing a complete picture of the situation. All the necessary spade work has been done; the

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Government is in full possession of the complete picture and of our proposals. All that is required now is that you work in conjunction with our Association which numbers 300 men. It will help considerably if you let your member of Parliament know that the Ex-Prisoners of War of your district are vitally interested in the question of Reparations and also Pension Problems. We have requested that the Government grant all remaining Ex-Prisoners of War a compensation grant, absolutely distinct from any pension; the grant to be $25.00 a month, retroactive to 1920 and to continue in force during the life of the claimant. We have also requested that Ex-P.O.W. be permitted to base pension claims on "Dr. Cathcart's Report" in view of our lacking medical history during our period of captivity.

We will be pleased to hear from you and all other P.O.W. Please bear in mind ALL this information is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and be on your guard against any of this appearing in the press. If a press campaign is deemed necessary later we will take counsel with your branch, but we have every good reason to believe that all that work is behind us now and it is essential that we do not prejudice our case.

Cordially yours,

President.

Mal-treated Ex-Prisoners -of War Association

Executive Committee.

H. Pickering	President	3rd Bn.
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EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION IN CANADA.

Toronto, Ont.,
September 23rd, 1936.

Dear Sir and Comrade:-

An important meeting of the Ex/Prisoners of War will be held at the Original Club, Yonge St. Arcade, 135 Yonge, St., at eight o'clock sharp Thursday October 1st.

As we expect to meet the Premier to discuss Reparations, we wish to go into the program thoroughly. In order that your delegation receive proper instructions it will be necessary that you attend.

It is proposed that a second delegation also meet the Pension Dept. therefore, it is requested that full pension information of each member be available. Your executive will go into details with respect to progress made during the summer, and we expect to have complete data respecting our rights as claimants for a reasonable share of the Reparation fund.

You will appreciate the fact that funds are necessary to pay expenses of delegations, operating and stationery. We feel that assessing each member the sum of One Dollar only whenever needed is the fairest way of financing our drive for compensation.

If you are employed, come prepared to kick in One Dollar. Those in needy circumstances are requested to attend the meeting anyway as we do not wish a contribution from any of our members who are unable to afford it, so be sure and come to the meeting.

Those not in a position to attend the meeting please send your donation direct to the Treasurer at the address given below, who will forward receipt.

Yours truly,

H.L. Stone,
Treasurer.

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Toronto, Ont.

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HAL-TREATED EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION.

1323 Pape Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Comrade:

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The Ex-Prisoners of War residing in your constituency beg to bring to your attention an apparent miscarriage of justice, in the awarding of Illegal Warfare Claims. We feel that the Ex-Prisoners of war have been sadly discriminated against in favor of civilians and civilian corporations.

Under Annex I to section I of Part VIII of the Treaty of Versailles, Canada demanded and Germany agreed to pay reparations for lossess due to illegal acts of Warfare. The above quoted section is listed in the Treaty under 10 sections, six of which dealt with civilians, three by the Government and Section 4, as follows: "Damage caused by any kind of maltreatment to Prisoners of War."

Germany paid the Canadian Government approximately 26 millions and to this was added German sequestrated property bringing the total to approximately forty millions of dollars.

The Government appointed the Pugsley Commission to hear and award claims. Upon Mr. Pugsley's death, Mr. Friel succeeded him. For a period of three years the Government advertised for claimants for the "Destruction of Life and Property". After three years of advertising in this manner it wad discovered that the wording of the advertisement was in error and that claims for disability should have been included. This error was corrected by P.C. 910, May 16th 1923. As a result of this error Ex-Prisoners of War were deceived into thinking they were not eligible as claimants. The true facts did not come to light until 1931 when Ex-Prisoners of War were advised that Section 4 gave them the right to make a claim.

Upon our petitioning the Government for a hearing of our claims in 1931 we were first advised that the question of Reparations was closed and that there was no longer a Reparation Fund. Also that we had no legal status as claimants. Finally we were permitted to present claims to the McDougall Commission. The Armenians also presented claims to the McDougall Commission. They had previously been ruled by the Paris Commission as ineligible. Mr. McDougall wrote a twelve page report stating that they were not eligible. vide "Reparations 1930-31. Special Report upon Armenians claims". In spite of this adverse ruling they received awards as below:

Civilians & Civilian Corporations awarded approximately	$7,500,000
Armenians- -	300,000
Ex-Prisoners of War- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	160,000
Civilian claimants averaged approximately per claim- - -	5,000
Ex-Prisoners of War " " " "	700

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Civilian claims refused, approximately - - - - - -10%
Ex-Prisoners of war claims refused, Approx 75%

The number of Prisoners of War claims were about half as may as civilian claims.

We are attaching extracts House of Commons, Canada, 1929, showing the opinion of various members when the cases for civilian corporations were being idscussed and would refer you to Hansard, dated June 23, 1931, when the question of Reparations for Ex-Prisoners of War was being discussed.

It is a general understanding throughout the country that all Ex-Prisoners of War are in receipt of a pension. A review of 739 Ex-Prisoners of War shows:

Receiving no pension - - - - - - - - - - -	-420
Receiving from 4 to 25%- - - - - - - - - -	-196
Receiving from 30 to 50% - - - - - - - - -	66
Receiving from 55 to 95% - - - - - - - - -	30
Receiving 100%- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	27
Total receiving pension - -	319

Reparation awards received - - - - - - - - 201
Reparation awards refused - - - - - - - - - 664

Amount awardee to 201 claims - - - - - $131,900 without interest.

Average award - - - - - - - - - - -$656.00

Reparation awards received:

$500	$600	$700	$800	$1000	$1200	$1500	$2000	$300
109	30	17	17	16	4	3	2	1

From the above you will readily perceived that the Ex-Prisoners of War have just cause to say the sacrifice troops in France are still being sacrificed in Canada.

Any information you may be able to give us on this subject will be gratefully received.

Yours truly,

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As proof that military ex-prisoners of war were discriminated against please compare the fabulous awards to civilian corporations with the awards made to ex-prisoners of war.

1. Premier Bennett's Government stated that military ex-prisoners of war were nt eligible as claimants as per "Debates, House of Commons, Vol.III - 1932, pages 2448-3453.

2. Compare Hon. Mr. Bennett's and other members of Parliament's interpretation of the moral right of Canadian corporations to compensation.

3. Compare actual awards paid to civilians with the awards to military ex-prisoners of war:

Average award to civilians was	$5,000.00
" " "ex-prisoners of war	686.00

4. Due to an error made by the government in their advertising throughout the contry for a period of three years for claimants under the heading "Loss of Life and Property" subsequently corrected by Order in Council, P.C. 910, March 13th, 1923, to cover disabilities caused by illegal acts of warfare. Prisoners of war were misled and deeming themselves ineligible did not present their claims. After discovering their error the government should have notified the prisoners of war but failed to do so, therefore, prisoners of war were not aware that they were eligible until 1931 when, as a body, they petitioned the government to hear their claims.

5. Article 232, Section 2, deals specifically with civilians interned. Section 4 deals with "Damage caused by any kind of maltreatment of prisoners of war. If sections 2 and 4 only were meant to deal with civilians why repeat the effects of Section 2? All commission recognized and awarded claims to military ex-prisoners of war under Section 4. Further, Mr. Cahan in "Reparations", pafte 3450, states:"In England no soldier or sailor was permitted to make application under the reparation clauses of the Treaty". This statement would appear to be in error. Great Britain awarded $25,000 each to 24 Imperial officers for Germany's reprisal imprionment of these officers. This payment would appear to have been made under the Reparations clause of the Treaty.

6. The word civilian in this case would appear to have been used to more clearly define the rights of the individual and the rights of the State as by the time the Treaty was signed almost all of the volunteer armies had reverted to civilian status-

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7. An analysis of 739 ex-prisoners of war shows:

Receiving no pension		420	
In receipt of pension - - -		319	
from 4% to 25%		196	
" 30% to 50%		66	
" 55% to 95%		30	
" 100%		27	319

As all claims, Civilian, corporation, Armenian and military ex-prisoners of war were defined by all governments as moral and not legal, why did the previous government stress the fact that ex-prisoners of war had no legal status. Nothing in the Treaty of Versailles stated that military ex-prisoners of war were to be discriminated against in favour of civilians or Armenians.

We respectfully petition for similar consideration in view of the foregoing facts.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION.

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PENSION PROBLEMS OF EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

Report of Dr. J.P.S.Cathcart - "Maltreatment of Prisoners of war" dated January 1933 - from "Extract" and from the "Report and Opinion of Commissioner Errol M. McDougall, K. C."

1st. Ex-Prisoners of War have been discriminated against and penalized by the Pension Board due to our lack of medical history during the period of captivity in some cases up to three and one half years of active service. Our disabilities are recognized but based as Post-War.

2nd. Dr. Cathcart, M.B. Chief Neuropsychiatrist, served as medical adviser to the McDougall Commission, examined over 500 Ex-Prisoners of war, submitted a five page report on disabilities common to Ex-Prisoners of war in contra-distinction to disabilites of the average returned man.

3rd. Permit Ex-Prisoners of war to base onus of proof on Dr. Cathcart's report in lieu of lack of usual medical history available to the average returned man.

4th. Medical Boards judge cases according to the line of regulated reasoing applicable to the conditions of life of the average returned man's active service. Unfortunately, medical boards are unable to visualize how entirely different were the conditions of life among Prisoners of War rented out to civilian contractors who were solely interested in how much work they could force out of theprisoners with the minimum cost of feeding, housing, clothing or medical attention. We maintain these men were driven too hard on too little food and were really all "Burnt out veterans" upon repatriation.

5th. Ex-Prisoners of War should be given the same consideration as that accorded to amputation cases.

6th We feel that steps should be taken immediately to rectify these injustices, that had the Government recognized these facts earlier that our high mortality rate since repatriation would have been greatly lessened. Our sources of information lead us to estimate that out of 3,500 prisoners of war repatriated approximately from 1000 to 1500 are still alive.

7th. Owing to the present regulations the Pension Department is forced to refuse Prisoners of War any hospitalization due to our lack of medical histories during our active service.

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DELEGATES' REPORT.

Your delegation to Ottawa presented certain facts before the Special Committee on Soldier's Problems and feel that their evidence proved conclusively that:-

1st, Reparations were received by Canada from Germany to the amount of $26,672,246.

2nd, That under Section 4, Articel 232 of the Treaty of Versailles, Prisoners of War were eligible to claim reparation consideration.

3rd, That three Commissions have sat to date, Pugsley, Friel and McDougall.

4th, That the first two dealt almost exclusively with civilian and corporation claimants, the ex-prisoners of war only numbering approximately 18.

5th, That the first two commissions were advertised in error entitling claimants to claim "Under Destruction of Life and Property". This naturally excluded Prisoners of War. This error was not corrected until 1925.

6th, That the first two commissions made awards on a generous basis, accepting the onus of proof and made total awards of over six millions.

7th, That the Government stated Reparations were closed and absorbed the balance of some 18 millions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

8th, That under pressure the Government permitted the third of McDougall Commission to hear Ex-Prisoners of War claims.

9th, Owing to the Reparation Fund being absorbed the McDougall Commission was limited in scope and, as a result, Prisoners of War did not receive similar awards to those made to civilians under the first two commissions.

9A, That since approx. 5,000 Canadians were captured and only 3,500 repatriated, this in itself is proof of group maltreatment else why the high mortality rate?

10th, That deserving claims of Prisoners of War were refused awards and no good reason advanced for refusal.

11th, That not all Prisoners of War claims have been heard.

12th, That civilians were permitted the right to appeal. Prisoners of War have been refused this privilege.

13th, That total awards amounted to aprox. eight millions of which Prisoners of War received less than 2%.

14th, That as all three commissions were founded on the same

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basis, Prisoners of War have the right to the same privilege and, consideration and rate of compensation as civilians under the first two commissions.

15th, That to attempt to place the Reparations Baby on the Pension doorstep would be unjust and unfair to the returned soldiers in general. The Reparation Baby has a tremendous legacy in her own right and the Pension Dept. should not be forced to accept her as a penniless foundling, even though it is deemed advisable to use pension machinery in administering this huge legacy. Any attempt to adjust this situation by pension would be bound to bring disatisfaction to the Government, The Pension Dept., the returned soldiers and particularly to the Ex-Prisoners of War.

We feel that we have proven conclusively our absolute right to the total balance of Reparation funds, which, with interest to date amounts to approximately 26 millions of dollars. Recognizing the present economic situation of our country - we are prepared to forfeit all future claims to Reparations in return for a grant of $25. a month, retroactive to 1930, this grant to be recognized as Reparation Grant and to die with each claimant, it being distinctly underwtood this Reparation Grant is in no way to be considered as a pension for war service disability.

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War Reparations Bill.

VOL. 1, The Address - Mr. Benneet,

At page 28, -

"There are some matters which are not dealt with but which we expected to see mentioned in the speech from the throne. For example there are the reparation claims. We expected that, at the very least, the speech from the throne would take notice of this matter. It does not; but on the order paper we have, immediately after the order for the consideration of the speech, the intimation that 2½ millions will be used for the purpose. I can only hope that in the distribution of these sums of money regard will be had to the purposes for which the money is paid and the adjudications of the tribunal that had to consider the claims of the applicants. That matter will of course be the subject of a subsequent debate and I will therefore say nothing further with relation to it."

NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - page 56

" " " " - page 145

At page 146, - Mr. Stevens,
(Column 2)

"My submission is that the full amount of the awards, with the possible exception of some reserved claims that the government may have good reason to reserve, should be included in this resolution. Because this money in the government's hads is not money that should be in the consolidated fund at all; it is money paid over out of reparations. I think this very year the Minister received two or three million dollars."

NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - Page 154
" " " " - " 319, (Column 1)

Mr. Bennett - "There are two divisions of the revenues of Canada. The Consolidated Fund is that fund into which all the ordinary taxes of this conntry are paid whether they be derived from customs and excise or from direct taxation. Into that fund is paid nearly all the moneys of this country, but when the Minister of Finance paid into it the reparations money paid by Germany to discharge the obligations of that country to our private citizens, in my judgment he did what was wholly erroneous and totally wrong. I make that remark in passing because it was a wrong act on his part to take the reparations money which under a treaty was available for the purpose of discharging the obligations to private citizens, put it in the consolidated fund and then go about the coun ry saying how much he had reduced the debt of Canada by depriving people of the money to which they were entitled."

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NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - Page 500,

Mr. Ernst - page 501 - "The first thing to which I wish to draw the attention of the house is that obviously the whole spirit of that section is the payment of civilian damage, whether it be damage to property or to life or tohealth. Added it is "in general all damage as defined in Annex 1" of the Article. Now Annex 1 contains some teh subsections, eight of them relating entirely to the individual and only two of them relating to the state. One of those two is of no consequence, and thesecond relates to the payment of pensions on the French scale.

"We have received money from Germany under that contract, and in no other way; and the whole spirit of the contract is that this money is paid as compensation for civilian losses during the war inflicted by Germany or her allies. We have received to day, as I pointed out in the beginning of my remarks, approximately $15,000,000. That is one side of the picture. We have received that money from Germany under a contract, and it is earmarked for a certain purpose."

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"Great Britain's course was what? Great Britain in 1920 set aside five million pounds, which was appliedtowards payment of necessitous cases in the first place, and on a slidingn scale towards payment of all other claims. But for two reasons the case of Great Britain is not parallel with ours. Firstly, when Great Britain set aside five million pounds she was setting aside her own money; she had not received any from Germany. In the second place, Great Britain requisitioned all her shipping during the war. It was under the control of the state; the state insured it, and if a ship was lost the insurance company paid the policy money, etc.,"

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At page 503 (Columnl) - "In both orders the German Government were given the right to have counsel appear before both Mr. Friel and Dr. Pugsley on the investigation of these claims. I ask the Secretary of State what interest has the German government in a charitable donation by this government to the citizens of this country? Why was the German government allowed to have counsel, indeed asked to have counsel before the Reparations Commissioner if it was not because the government felt bound by Articel 232 of the treaty of peace?

"It is not my intention to labour this question at great length, but I submit that we have in the United States an exact parallel to our own case. The treaty of peace between Germany and the United States contains a provision which is identical with our Article 232. The United States last year provided for the payment of its reparations claims in full, and to do so they required $191,000,000. They did not have enough German reparations money and so they took $50,000,000. of their own. They took a large sum from the enemy property fund and paid in full all claims up to $100,000. and provided, in respect to the larger claims, that payment would be made in full as the money was received from Germany. Their situation being precisely the same as ours, they present an exact parallel; and if the government are looking for a precedent in this instance I would ask them to look, as they so often do, to the south of the line and not across the water.

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AND AT PAGE 505 - Mr. Ladner

"Part of the work in Canada had been done before Commissioner Friel was appointed. I know of one case where Commissioner Pugsley brought down a judgment which was not officially reported, favouring the claimant, Mr. Friel inquired into the whole question again and came to the conclusion that the claim should not be allowed because of a technicality which is not recognized in any other country; in other words, equitably and legally he was entirely wrong. I understood that it was the intention of the government some time ago to provide for the right of appeal to the exchequer court; large sums of money and consequent far-reaching effects upon business make it right and just that something more than the authority of a commissioner of the government should be final in matters of this kind."

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"Now I put it to the government; On what ground of reason, fairness or justice to our own people whom we normally seek to protect can the government refuse to us this money for this purpose? In addition to that they have some $12,000,000 in the hands of the custodian of alien property which under certain conditions would be available to our nationls. It seems to me that instead of aiming to protect and reimburse our own people for whom they are trustees, the government are seeking to deprive Canadians of the money and rx rights to which they are justly entitled through the depradations and the inhuman conduct of the enemy during the war; they are depriving our people of these things and extending to Canadians a treatment which the citizens of no other country are obliged to receive. I do not put it stronger than that, because I do not think it is the intention of the Secret ary of State to throw deliberately upon the people of this country who were injured as a result of the wrongful acts of the enemy an injustice which cannot be defended in a court of law, in Parliament or before the bar of public opinion."

"There is just one other aspect of the case. I appeal to the government to carry out the understanding, whether official or unofficial, that the right of appeal to the exchequer court would be established. These, claims - involving l rge sums of money, should not be left to the judgment of one official of the government; there should be right of appeal to some c urt and I submit that the exchequer court is the proper place, etc.,"

NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - The Budget - pages 587 -8

Page 587 - Special receipts

"German Reparation Payments,	Actual 1927-28	Estimated 1928-29
Under Dawes Plan,	$3,002,048	$4,500,000."
Arrears - Pre-Dawes,	3,789,430	

Special Expenditures

"Adjustment of War claims,	$1,860,985	150,000"

NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - The Budget.

Mr. Clark, page 833 9Co.1) - - "And I would like to point out also that year after year some of the reported surplus has been

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swelled by moneys, which, Mr. Speaker, were paid to this country for the benefit of widows, orphans, and men who have been maimed or suffered loss and who should have received these moneys years ago. This country now has it its possession $14,000,000 to pay reparations provided for under a treaty, claims little in excess of $4,000,000, and yet the Finance Minister retains these moneys and annually permits his surplus to be swelled thereby. I would like to appeal to the sense of fairness of the Finance Minister and to the sense of fairness of this government, that they should no longer hold these moneys, that they should no longer permit the annual surplusses to be swelled by moneys that rightly belong to men who served their county during the war, or to their widows and their orphans, and their dependants generally.

NEXT REFERENCE TO SUBJECT - The Budget.

Page 1308 - Mr. Arthurs:

"Our friends opposite, in boasting about the reduction in debt, should remeber that they have received large payments by way or reparations, repayment and so forth, every dollar of which should have been applied directly to the reduction of the debt which was contracted in that regard.

Mr. Bennett, - "Or paying reparations"

Mr. Arthurs, - "These payments were as follows"

1922	
Reparations	$6,314.500
1923	
Imperial Government Exchange	8,199.333
1924	
Imperial Govt. Exchange	632,500
Redemption of bonds	8,305,760
1925	
German Reparations	659,311
Payment by Greece	479,526
Payment by Roumania	3,520,636
1926	
German Reparations	1,593,503
1927	
German Reparations	1,766,704
1928	
German Reparations	6,791,479
Housing	9,768,440
Repayment of loan by Belgiums	4,528,336
Repayment of loan by Greece	195,000

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Page 2589 - Hon. R.B.Bennett (Leader of the Opposition) "Before the resolution goes into Committee, I should like, in order to enable the Minister to deal with it properly in committee, to ask why we have been so long in using money that came to the treasury of Canada to pay the claims of people justly entitled to payment. The word "reparations" means just what it says, and the reparation that is sought is to have the money that the Minister of Finance

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(Mr. Robb) has been keeping in the treasury of this country for the purpose of swelling his surplusses, used for the object for which it was paid. Germany paid the money to make reparation for injuries done to the civil population. The money which has thus far been received amounts to $21,000,000 and it has gone into the consolidated revenue fund of Canada. There is therefore ample m money f to pay all the claims that have been made, assuming that they are just and proper. Without any consideration other than an order in council, the government appoint ed successive commissio ioners to deal with this matter, and they have determined that certain of the civil population making claims are entitled to receive the money. The Commissioner, namely, Commissioner Friel, has provided that 5% should be paid upon that money from a given date with respect to most of the claims. The date that he has fixed for the interest to run from is the date of the conclusion made as to the treaty of Versailles. That is with respect to personal losses only; property and other losses stand in a different category."

"There are some people who are actually suffering because they have not received this money. They have lost everything, and I have never yet been able to understand why thegovernment holds that money in the treasurer to swell, as I say, the surplusses of the country, using it for public purposes instead of paying it to the people for whom it was intended. It is idle to say that there is no trust. I know there was not a trust in the ordinary sense of the term, but the government received this money to be distributed among the people who were entitled to it. When the Minister amends his resolution, I hope he will not only provide for the claims that will exhaust the $2,500,000 but deal with people who have claims of any kind. Last year it was suggested that some claims would have to be referred to the courts. That may be so, but in the meantime that has not been done, and if they have just claims, all of us who have business experience know that it is desirable that such claims should be paid promptly, etc."

Mr. RINFRET, page 2590 - "But in Article 232 it is admitted by the allies that Germany cannot compensate the allies for the whole losses of the war, but Germany accepts the responsibility of compensating for the losses caused to the civilian population, as a basis for general compensation.

"That is the meaning of these two essential articles of the treaty of Versailles, and that is the interpretation that was placed upon them by the British Government itself when this matter was discussed in the British Parliament. That is very important."

"I wish first to dispel the impression that has gone abroad, an impression, in fact, that was evident in the remarks of the Hon. leader of the opposition a moment ago, that this reparation money is intended purely and solely to meet the losses of the civilian population. It is not so and we do not admit that. The treaty says very clearly that Germany admits responsibility for all the losses of the war, but that inasmuch as Germany cannot meet all these losses, Germany on the one part and the allies on the other part accept as a basis of settlement the civilian losses. That is the interpretation, that is to be placed upon the treaty of Versailles, as I tried to explain last year when we discussed this question in the house."

"But this interpretation, even if it were disputed, is not so material after all, because that basis set out in the treaty

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has been abandoned in further conferences between the allies and Germany and has been replaced by another basis altogether - It was represented that if civilian losses alone were taken into consideration some countries would receive a much larger amount than others which had suffered from another class of losses which were much greater than their proportion of civilian losses - And there it was agreed that instead of taking these articles as a practical basis for settlement a fixed amount was to be distributed. The allies reached an agreement upon one point. The reparation payment it was agreed should be distributed to them, not on the basis of the civilian losses, but on the following fixed basis:

British Empire - - - - - - -	22 per cent
France	52 " "
Italy	10 " "
Japan	.75 " "
Belgium	8 " "
Portugal	.75 " "

"As regards the balance it was agreed that: 6:5 per cent shall be reserved for Greece, Roumania, the Serb-Croat-Slovene State, and for the other powers entitled to reparations which are not signatories to this agreement."

"Canada by agreement with the representatives of the British Empire was to receive a proportion of the 22 per cent allotted to the British Empire on the following basis, along with the other Dominions:

Great Britian	86.85	per cent
Minor Colonies	.80	"
Canada	4.55	"
Australia	4.35	"
New Zealand	1.75	"
South Africa	.60	"
Newfoundland	.10	"
India	1.20	"

This is clearly acknowledged in the first place by Commissioner Friel himself, who says at page 16 of his report, paragraph 4:

"The first intention had been apparently to assist in arriving at Canada's share of the British claim to be presented to Germany under the treaty of Versailles. The claims were never used for this purpose because the amount to be paid by Germany to Great Britain in which Canada would share was fixed otherwise."

That is the very same interpretation that was given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Austin Chamberlain, speaking in the British House of Commons on May 4th, 1920. I desire to read what he says because it bears on the whole question and it give at least a very authoritative explanation of the whole matter, as my hon. friends will see. It will be found at page 1874 of the En glish Parliamentary debates of May 4th, 1920:

"His Majesty's Government are engaged in preparing for submission to the reparation commission, schedules of claims which they are entitled to put forward against the German Government under the various categories specified in Annex 1 to the reparation chapter of the treaty of peace. The reparation commission will in due course decide whether and to what extent the claims submitted are admissible. They are required to notify the German Government on or before May 1st, 1921, the amount of damage for which Germany

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is liable, and to draw up a schedule of payments prescribing the time and manner for securing and discharging the entire obligation within thirty years."

"The British government may not, therefore, know for some time the amount at which their claim in respect of damage done to individuals is admitted. In any case payment may be expected to be spread over a considerable period."

"His Majesty's government have given careful consideration to the position of individuals in respect of whose losses reparation will be claimed by His Majesty's government. It must be understood that the claims to be made are claims by the British government in respect ofa wrong done to the state, and not claims by individuals in respect of private wrongs, and that the government do not act as agents of any individual to put forward his personal claim. Any payments that may be received from Germany are therefore the property of the nation, and no individual will have any claim in law for any sum which the British Government may have received from Germany in respect of reparation."

"But his Majesty's government recognise that in particular cases, while there can be no legal claim a private individual may have a strong moral claim for compensation for sufferings and damage for which it will be the desire of parliament to make provision. They propose, therefore, to set aside a sum of L5,000,000 out of the first receipts on account of reparations which are allocated to the exchequer of the United Kingdom, as distinct from the British Empire - - - to be used as a fund out of which payments can be made to individuals as an act of grace on the part of His Majesty's Government."

"I think this document, Mr. Speaker, is very clear."

Mr. Ernst - page 2591,

"If the Minister will permit a question, is the course of action which has been followed by the government of this country subsequent to 1920 consistent, in his opinion, with adherence to the principles enunciated by Sir Austin Chamberlain?

Mr. RINFRET - "I shall come to that. I was trying in the first place to explain thecharacter of the payments made to Canada through Great Britain. Then I will come to the nature of the Canadian claims and the way in which they have been received and treated in this country. I am glad to see from the question of my hon. friend that he agrees with Sir Austin Chamberlain that the money - and he puts it very clearly - is intended to compensate the wrong done to the state, not to pay individual claims; that there is no legal claim, but there is a moral claim that might be recognized The British government did acknowledge and recognize that moral claim, and set aside a certain amount, - not to compensate the whole of the claims that had been made, but to pay them to a certain extent and on a certain scale. My hon. friend shakes his head. In the papers before me is very clearly indicated the way in which the British government has met these claims".

Mr. STEVENS, - "Will the Minister permit me? Did not this parliament three years ago formally and finally recognize the principle of compensating private parties? Why go into an academic argument as to whether it is an act of grace?

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Mr. RINFRET, - "I am delighted to hear it. We can start from that point and very likely reach the decision that we are all anxious to reach.

Mr. STEVENS, - "Let us pay the claims. That is all we are xfx after."

Mr. RINFRET, - "Let it be understood then that we are not disputing any further that this money is the property of the state, that we acknowldge only a moral claim on the part of the claimants. And perhaps we can go further and regard the action of the British parliament as an example of what should be done in Canada."

Mr. ERNST, "Oh, no".

AND FURTHER AT PAGES 2593 to 2600

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Page 2609. - Mr. BENNETT, - "Why should this country retain the money which belongs to these people and not pay interest on it? Would a private individual do so? It is true there was no legal trust set up but the very word "reparations" and the language that my hon. friend the Secretary of State this afternoon refxrred to, namely the injuries and the wrongs done to the civil population indicate that this money - as indeed it was - was paid by Germany for one purpose, to discharge at least in part the damages that were done to the civil population by reason of the war. There seems to be no doubt about itxthexpartxof on the part of all the members of this house. The hon. member for Cartier said three years ago the government recognized that principle; the opposition of that day said, you have not ample evidence before you to warrant your taking this step; the hon. member for Vancouver Centre pointed out very distinctly and clearly that fact; Sir Henry Drayton in his observations pointed out that it was late in the session and it should not be done. The right hon. leader of the opposition pointed out further that the money belonged to the state and they could do with it as they pleased. I say I am not discussing the legal rights I never have. I have conceded always, so far as the state is concerned, that the obligation of parliament is not an obligation that can be measured in terms of exact contract. But the money was reparations money to repair thewrongs done to a civil population - not injuries suffered in the field, notdefeats suffered on sea or land, but injuries done to the civil population through the war. T The men who lost their fishing smacks, the men who lost their nets, the men who lost their boats, the women whose husbands were lost at sea - all these are losses of the civil population for which Germany being responsible for the war, has paid a sum of money into the treasury of the country. These are losses which the civil population suffered and for which Germany, having been responsible for the war, has paid money into the treasury, and I think it ill becomes any Minister of Finance, whether it be the present incumbent of the office or some other, to state to this house that he will depart from the principle under which such moneys are paid. That principle is that such moneys shall be available to rectify the wrongs and injuries done the civil population of the country in consequence of the war - My hon. friend from Cartier and the Secretary of State take this attitude; they say that what this

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house thinks this house will do. That is a very fair attitude to take because, as has been pointed out, the wrongs were suffered not by one class of people alone; they were suffered not only by members who supported the administration althgugh one member is concerned in the net result - But not one member of parliament or two, not Liberals or Conservatives, are to be considered as such in dealing with the matter. That is not the point - Those who suffered these wrongs were citizens of Canada, and Germany has paid a sum of money to repair those wrongs, that sum of money being known as reparations."

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"These, however, are mere details; the principle is that the money having been paid by Germany to repair the wrongs suffered by the civil population, and that money being now available in the treasury of the country, should be paid for the purpose for which it was intended and was received. This was clearly recognized by the former government as well as by the present administration, and for that reason I submit that we should all unite and urge upon the Secretary of State that the claims be paid in full. It is not sufficient at this late date to say that mere expressions of acquiescence in the will of parliament should govern the matter. I urge that it is not satisfactory disposition of the question to pay the claims without interest. I wish to impress that upon the Minister."

"But in this case we have money provided by a third party and passing through this conduit pipe of parliament - money made available for Smith, Jones and other beneficiaries entitled to it, and which has earned interest in the banks and elsewhere. We have used that money and I submit that without question it should be used now to liquidate with interest these claims as found by the tribunal created by the government. I say that these claims should be paid with interest from the date fixed by the commissioner who investigated them."

Page 2613 - Mr. LADNER, - "I read these two paragraphs to point out to the Minister that by a treaty to which Canada's name is appended an obligation is placed upon this country with respect to the moneys which we received from Germany, and I submit that there is created not only a moral obligation on the part of Canada in relation to her nationals but also a legal obligation, because the very wording of the treaty makes the contributions of Germany payable to the nationals of this country.

"I rise to make this point, and to ask the Minister a question upon it. If ther is in any sense a legal claim on the part of a claimant, or if there are principles of law involved on the part of any claimant, and the commissioner, either through lack of judgment or lack of knowledge of the law, or for any other reason, has failed to give justice to the claimant, I consider that the claimant should have the right of appeal to a court which could properly determine the question just as the right of appeal prevails with respect to the administration of justice in all our courts. My question is this; As the Minister has had time to consider the matter following the previous discussion, is it his intention to provide for a right of appeal with respect to the xkxm claims which have been turned down, where good cause for appeal can be shown?"

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Mr. RINFRET ,- - - - - - --"I am not willing to admit the legal right which my hon. friend stresses; in fact, I was stopped this afternoon from making my point by the response of the other side of the house that the moral right was admitted. Even on moral grounds I think that we should act with as much equity as possible, and although the Bill does not contain any clause with reference to appeals, I am quite willing to discuss that feature when the Bill is in committee and possibly make a proposal which will cover the matter."

Mr. SPENCE - page 2614- - - -"I think the same because I believe the Government, after they have received this money from Germany are in honour bound to pay it out. There is no reason why theyshould put it into some other melting pot or spend it in some other way, etc."

Mr. CANTLEY, - page 2615 - "Germany paid that money on one account and one only; the Government took that money from Germany, and if they do not pay it over to the people who sustained the losses, either they are guilty of taking money from Germany on false pretenses or they are defrauding parties in this country who are entitled to those amounts - one or the other. I have scant respect for the idea that this money belongs to the state, come from what source it may. If the government cannot deal justly with money that comes into their hands for a specffic purpose, then woe betide the country."

Mr. RYCKMAN, - - page 2616, - "The Secretary of State says that it is an ex gratia payment. So it is in law. None of these private individuals would have a lawsuit against Germany; that is well understood, but that money has been paid in respect of a specific application, and I say it would be fraud on the part of ~~th~~ this country if these claims were not recognized."

Mr. MACLEAN (Prince) ,- "Another reason, and I think it is perhaps a stronger one, is this. We are now acknowledging these claims. If we acknowledge these claims I contend that we are admitting the principle that that money has been held by the government in trust for the different claimants, and if the money has been so held by the government, it is in duty bound to pay interest on the claims."

Mr. BLACK (Halifax) ,- page 2617, - "I did not intend to take any part in this discussion, but sitting here and listening to the debate I have been deeply impressed with the injustice of the attitude which the government takes towards these claimants, these unfortunate people who are suffering because of the non-payment of the debts that are due them fairly and honestly, and which the government holds the money to settle. I look upon it as nothing more nor less than misappropriation of funds. etc.,".

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Ottawa,
February 23, 1937.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I just received your letter of 15th on my return to Ottawa today. Needless to say, I remember you quite well and all your people. I also remember well seeing you at Lethbridge some years ago, and hearing from you some of your war experience.

I have noted from the enclosures what is the object of the organization with which you are identified, and may say I always approach any appeal of this kind sympathetically. The subject matter, however, is, as I understand it, not at present before Parliament and could only be brought before Parliament at the instance of the Government. Should it come before us, I certainly will give very careful attention to all that you say on behalf of the prisoners of war.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. C. Moore,
P. O. Box 104,
Pincher Creek, Alta.

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London, Ontario, 231 Base Line Road,
June 4th, 1941.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

You are quoted in this morning's Globe & Mail as saying: "I don't want to cover men who have made no sacrifice at all." Sir, as the mother of a"trainee" I take exception to the slur cast on our sons in training.

There are many of our boys who through circumstances beyond control, or in deference to their parents wishes waited to be called to training, who were as eager to serve their king as any man in the active forces. May I quote the case of our own son?

At the outbreak of the war he gave up his university course (he had completed two years) and was examined by a military doctor who advised him, because of his encephalitis history, to wait until his government called him before entering the army. He entered business and was very successful, unusually so, and made rapid advance. Last July his desire to serve his king led him to apply for naval service. His encephalitis history and youth (there were more applicants than openings at that time) made those in charge reject his application. He continued at his work and tried to get himself into physical condition through walking etc. He had arranged for private flying instruction, having meanwhile been advised by the airforce recruiting officer to wait a little longer before signing up,(again his encephalitis history being the cause) when he heard his age class was to be called, and requested that he be called in the first class, March 20th.

He was glad to be doing his bit at last, and though 16 days of his first six weeks were spent in the hospital, although every form of life is in radical contrast to his home life he is eagerly looking for the day when he can serve his king to the best of his ability. He has gladly given up prospects, comforts, companionship to do his bit. Is it fair to brand such men as "men who have made no sacrifice at all?"

On his last leave he went to an airforce recruiting office in Toronto to enlist for active service and was told; "Trainee, eh? Go on back to your camp. You may be good enough for the army, but the airforce doesn't want trainees."
Such an insult might be excusable when one considers the type of man who gave it, but we look to you, sir, one of the leaders of our country, to encourage our youth who have been eager to sacrifice all, but through circumstances beyond their control have been forced to enter the armed forces as "trainees."

Very Sincerely E. Stilkens Hill
Mrs. R. Hill Jr.

This is no plea for pensions for trainees.

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O t t a w a,
June 5, 1941.

Mr. E. Wilkins Hill,
231 Base Line Road,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 4th June. I presume the impression you got must have arisen from a sketchy newspaper report of what I said. The subject was covered fully in what I said to the House yesterday and I am sending you herewith a copy.

Far be it from me to make any reflection on anyone who has done, or tried to do, what your son has done. He is entitled to the greatest credit. All I was arguing against was that the <u>exceptional</u> extension of pension rights (which extension granted to those who, having been front-line soldiers, suffered disability or death <u>due in no way to military service</u>) should not be further extended to "trainees" while only "trainees." This means only that a "trainee", while generally entitled to pension and always entitled if receiving any injury whatever as a result of training, should not be entitled merely on the grounds of poverty, if his injury or sickness or whatever it may be <u>does not arise from service</u> in any way.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa,
June 5, 1941.

Mr. E. W. Crowe,
156 Ballantyne Ave., So.
Montreal West, Que.

Dear Sir:

I received yesterday your telegram of same date. Unfortunately it reached me after the Bill, against a feature of which it protested, had gone through the Committee on Banking and Commerce. Had it been received earlier I could have taken up a detail like this in the Committee. When it did reach the House, the report of the Committee, however, was quite ignored by the Leader of the Government, and the House was called upon to vote down the only two amendments of any significance made by the Committee.

I, therefore, do not think that even had your telegram arrived in time and received attention and action in the Committee, it would have had any final result.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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156 Ballantyne Avenue S.,
Montreal West, P. Q.

June 7th, 1941.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 5th and wish to thank you very much indeed for your advice concerning my telegram of June 4th on the subject of the Pension Act Amendments and the effect of Order-in-Council dated May 21, 1940.

When I received copies of Hansard giving the House debate on the Bill I was surprised indeed to find that the question of the "dead spot" between May 21st and June 29th had not even been mentioned in the House debate. Possibly this is understandable because the Government would not, I presume, be overanxious to have the full significance of that action by Order-in-Council known to the public. Under the circumstances, you were the only one to whom I could appeal and notwithstanding the fact that you were unable to do anything, I wish to thank you very much indeed for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

EWC:KD

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FOR ATTENTION J. Edward Bird,

12th May, 1934.

Senator A. E. Planta,
The Senate,
OTTAWA,
CANADA.

My dear Senator,-

Certain things have occurred to me that indicate considerable threat to you and your standing in the community.

First, it is the general report that Mr. Leighton is actuated by political venom of long standing, it goes back to a time during the life time of the late Mr. Sloan, formerly Minister of Mines of B.C., for whom, I understand, the Senatorship on Vancouver Island, which you now hold, was created. It is reported that Sloan was disappointed by your being nominated and appointed by the Borden Government to that post. Be that as it may, you, apparently, later were called upon to give certain evidence and Clive, too, made certain statements as to seeing the Honourable M. A. Macdonald (now one of our Court of Appeal Judges) under certain circumstances that lent strength to a suggestion that M. A. Macdonald had made a false statement in connection with Gosden. This was a side issue, but, it had, apparently, political significance at the time and was very much resented by the Liberals.

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Evidently, Mr. Leighton and you have been at cross purposes for a long time. Leighton thinks you have been interfering with his practice, and, no doubt, Leighton has shown in a number of ways very great antagonism to you which you have resented. Now, be that as it may, your financial position today is such that further such attacks as recently have been made against you may bring all your creditors and the creditors of your business down upon you and swamp you. I have been advising the manager of your business, your son, Murray Planta, in this connection and hope to be able to arrive at some conclusion.

As to the only one case which I know and which I defended you in recently, I am thoroughly of the opinion, as the newspapers quoted me as saying "that it was a monstrous case of persecution." Your actions in that case were absolutely beyond question and had either the counsel for the prosecution or the Magistrate had any knowledge of accountancy whatever, they would have seen that your accounts were not only regular, but, thoroughly reasonable and satisfactory and that there was no false statement of amount nor had you done anything that came within section 355 of the Code to warrant you being sent up for trial or your conduct animadverted upon in the slightest degree. Now, my opinion is that the Magistrate, probably by reason of long association with Mr. Leighton, was considerably under the dominance of Mr. Leighton, and determined to send you to trial. He didn't succeed in doing this, but, did something that I think was

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equally unjustified,-- he bound you over to appear if called upon to appear by the Attorney General. I am confident there will never be any call, and, I am confident too that a copy of the depositions, which you might reasonably procure, would, if shown to any impartial man, with the exhibits, demonstrate your absolute innocence of the offence charged.

I do not pretend to know anything about your business, but, I believe that for a long time you have been taking care of your clients at your own cost and expense to a degree that was not good business and thus you have gradually, for 5 or 6 years, got into a position where, to meet all the obligations as they are ~~occurring~~ becoming, it is very difficult, in fact, impossible at this time.

I want you to understand that I will do, during your absence, everything in my power to assist your sons, who are now stepping in voluntarily and assuming the load of all your company's indebtedness in order to maintain the honour and integrity of yourself and family in this connection.

I thought, at one time, of claiming the privilege of Parliament, but, I did not even mention this to you because I was doubtful of its assistance now, but, while you are in Ottawa, I would be glad if you would see if this privilege has ever been claimed of late years.

Yours sincerely,

JEB.LM.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, May 17, 1934.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am enclosing a telegram concerning Senator Planta, with the thought that Party interest might suggest such action as would clear up an unpleasant situation.

I have assurance from one of Senator Planta's colleagues that his unhappy position today is merely political persecution resulting from his attitude towards old-time Liberals in British Columbia. This view is borne out by the enclosed personal letter from J. E. Bird, Barrister of Vancouver.

My hope is that Senator Planta's early and earnest political activities may justify such action as will prevent a petition in bankruptcy. This, evidently, is the purpose sought to be achieved in order to jeopardize his seat in the Senate.

Sincerely,
W. K. Esling.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Canadian National Building,
TORONTO, Ont.

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
May 18, 1934.

Dear Billy:

I received this morning the attached correspondence, which, in the historic words of the Honourable Bob. "speaks for itself". Senator Plante tried to see me Tuesday and Wednesday when I was down, but I was crowded and did not get to him.

The letter dated May 12th reads to me as if arranged to be written in advance. Anyway I Cannot possibly be in Ottawa until next Tuesday, and I don't see what can be done even when I am there, but I thought you would be good enough to go into this matter and perhaps first you should discuss it with Mr. Ealing. Ealing you know is a very dependable, intelligent and loyal fellow and won't give any bad advice, if he knows it, but he may give advice that it is impossible to carry out. After you have seen him, thrash the matter out with the Senator and if you like you can get your next-door neighbour's advice on the circumstances too.

I will be here until Monday night.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Senator W. H. Sharpe,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

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THE SENATE
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Senator 47688 Planta

Ottawa, May 19th, 1934.

The Right Honourable A. Meighen, P.C.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Arthur;-

Your letter of the 18th, with enclosures, received. I have seen Mr. Esling and he is wiring west asking to have things held up for a few days. What he wants is for you to see the Prime Minister, and see if anything can be done to help Planta.

I proposed to Mr. Esling that he should go to the Prime Minister himself, but he refused to do so, and said he would not ask R.B. for anything. Apparently, he is not very friendly to him.

General McRae's mother-in-law died the other day in Vancouver, and they are taking the remains to Minneapolis. He will not be back here until the 26th, so I could not discuss the matter with him.

I have just had Senator Planta in to see me - he has just left - and I am afraid his business affairs are in very bad shape. However, he claims he has all the documents from the office here.

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Ottawa, May 19th, 1934.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C -

He is making out a statement of what he will need to save the situation, and I will have it by the time you come down.

I would gather from what he told me it would mean from five to ten thousand dollars to save the matter off, but other things may turn up later on. He has been doing quite a business out there, handling trust funds, but never kept separate trust accounts at all. Apparently, this son if his has been over-drawing to a very large extent.

I really do not see there is much you can do, except to see R. B. for him. However, I will see you on Tuesday morning when you arrive.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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THE SENATE
CANADA

OTTAWA, May 24th, 1934.

The Honourable W. H. Sharpe,
The Senate,
O T T A W A.

Dear Senator Sharpe:-

I am enclosing the Statements which you requested me to let you have, showing the Assets and Liabilities of A. E. Planta, Limited. I also enclose a memo of sums taken from the Statement, for which claims could be pressed against me personally, these total $10198.00 divided into two parts; the first column shows sums amounting to $6,000.00 which should be paid at once to avoid actions being brought against me personally; the second column is not likely to cause any trouble.

Knowing how very busy Mr. Meighen is, I hesitate to take up any of his time, but I feel that it is necessary that I should do so in order that he may understand my position, and the vicious attacks which I have been subjected to off and on for the past nine years. I shall be extremely grateful therefor if you can arrange a short interview for me.

Thanking you for the interest you are taking in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Planta

Enclosure.

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Lot 13,Blk.6,Nanaimo,B.C(Irwin St.)	800.00	500.00	
Lot 10 Plan 3243 Nanaimo,B.C.	750.00		
Lot 2 Block "C" " "	1,500.00	1,000.00	
North Part Lot 11 Blk.54,Nanaimo	18,600.00	12,500.00	
Lot 4 Block 33, Nanaimo, B.C.	3,500.00	2,250.00	
Lot 14 Block 34 " "	3,500.00	2,400.00	
Part of Lot 8 Blk. "Y",Nanaimo,B.C.	2,500.00	2,000.00	
Pts. of Lots 8 & 9 Blk.55 " "	1,000.00	450.00	
Lots 1,2,13 & 14 Blk.114,Newcastle Addition	1,200.00	600.00	
Pt.of Lot 4 & Lot 5,Blk.86,Newcastle Addition	1,500.00	900.00	
Remainder Lot 2 of Lot 29 Wellington District	600.00		
Lots 8 to 12 & 15 to 17,inclusive Wellington District	4,000.00		
	$ 43,550.00	25,300.00	18,250.00
Office & Vault furniture (cost $8,000.00)			4,500.00
Book Accounts			10,610.53
Shares in A. E. Planta Insurance Ltd.			3,500.00
			$ 36,860.53

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STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNTS
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Donoghue	$ 160.00	Maxey	$ 7.50
Dunsmore	1500.00	Miller, James	42.38
Ferguson	127.00	Moore, J. J.	2.50
Freechy	44.00	McGarrigle, R.	5.00
Godfrey	40.00	McDonald	9.00
Galloway	10.00	McArthur	6.90
Hodgson Estate	250.00	McCourt, Eva	2.00
Martindale	141.50	Nanaimo Wood Products	77.25
Pygmy Company	430.00	Planta, W. S.	682.00
Phillips	110.00	Raines, George	5.00
Scuilli	2218.00	Rowbottom Estate	9.10
Thompson Estate	137.00	Saunders, Thos.	9.00
Bate, C. A.	1162.00	Simpson, D. H.	9.05
Budris	7.00	Stricthorst	48.10
Bosko	4.00	Summers, H. W.	33.17
Cook	5.00	Thomas, C.	4.70
Devlin	5.00	Thompson R. F.	17.70
Dickinson	10.60	Ternby Estate	22.86
Dun	49.20	Vanden Branden	20.50
Dedinsky	2.50	Weldon, T. J.	417.00
English	7.50	Wilson, Mark	510.00
Garland	5.00	Wilson, J.	5.00
Green, F.	5.00	Weymer, Percy W.	5.20
Green, T.	2.00	Wilkinson, Tom	39.45
Hoyt	1042.00	Walker, W. J.	15.00
Hirst, George	1.50	Wall, G. J.	7.50
Hoggan	7.50		
Hirst, P.	5.00		
Jones, Emma	7.00		$ 10,610.53
Joll	155.00		
Lyons, May	230.00		
Morrisey, W. E.	547.75		
Martindale, J. W.	18.75		
Murdock	15.45		
Murray, R. M.	195.42		

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STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES.

Aho, H.		$ 350.00
Bate, Mrs. A.		350.00
Baird, J.		360.00
Bosko		100.00
Brown Estate		312.00
Clement		148.00
Cassidy	193.00	1800.00
Clarkson	231.00	223.00
Crew		400.00
Collector of Taxes	440.	944.00
Clayton Estate		430.00
Caunce, Mrs.		175.00
Crisworth, C.		101.00
Dilworth Estate		500.00
Day & Son, R.S.		3260.00
Frame, John		300.00
Forsimmer,		280.00
Farley Estate		5600.00
Filmer Linited		27.25
Gordon, James		500.00
Gibson Estate	$600.00	698.00
Graham, George		34.00
Gard E.		28.50
General Auto Sales		125.00
Haughan, J.		504.00
Hoggan, William		26.00
Johnston, John & A.		500.00
Johnston, A. R.		33.80
John Johns		190.00
Kitchin, Joseph		120.00
Koskela		27.00
Laird, Robert		38.00
Lumb		$ 1850.00
Milligan, Robt.		108.00
McCape		3050.00
McCaskill		390.00
McPherson		82.00
Nixon, J.T.		750.00
Nanaimo Wood Products		283.00
Pashley Estate (Mrs. Moses Taylor)		1500.00
Pope, E. J.		348.00
Prossor, Kate		42.00
Ruuska, Emilia		100.00
Swanson, J.A.		3500.00
Smith, Matt		100.00
Samuel, A.		77.00
Thompson Estate		838.00
Taylor, W. H.		1340.00
Taylor, Joseph		6700.00
Tesini, L.		650.00
Tunnah		550.00
Thom, J.C.		190.00
Western Fuel Co.		300.00
Wright, C. N.		577.00
Welch, E. E.		200.00
Royal Bank		2000.00
Browning		25.00
McVicar, Blanche		55.00
Austin, Joan		100.00
Bryant Estate		19.00
Cook, W. P.		15.00
Leigh, W. & E.		17.30
Olafson, A.		15.55
Patton Estate		52.46
Pearson, Elizabeth		15.45

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Richards, D. W.	$ 48.85
Storey, J. T.	33.87
Wallace, John	73.00
Ross, L.	265.00
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Bank Trade Paper $ 2,440.00

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Bosko	$112.00	
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Cassidy	193.00	
Clarkson		231.00
Crew		400.00
Clayton	430.00	
Collector of Taxes	440.00	
Dilworth		500.00
Gibson	600.00	
Haughan	600.00	
Johnston		500.00
Lumb		1850.00
Milligan	108.00	
McCape	600.00	
Nixon	500.00	
Runska	100.00	
Swanson	350.00	
Taylor	600.00	
Tesuii	350.00	
Tunnah	350.00	
Baird	336.00	
	$ 6017.00	$4181.00

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Ottawa.

Ottawa, May 25th, 1934.

The Right Honourable A. Meighen, P.C.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Arthur;-

I have just received the statement from Senator Planta, which I wrote you about. I thought, perhaps, I had better send it to Toronto because you might have a chance there to look over it that you would not have in Ottawa. I think you should bring this back when you return.

You will notice the amount that can be proceeded against him personally is over $10,000.00, and the things that should be paid at once are over $6000.00. I was not very far out when I said it would run from five to ten thousand dollars.

You will also notice the liabilities are just about $45,000.00, and the assets about $35,000.00, from which you will see his affairs are in pretty bad shape. As I told you when we were talking it over, I cannot see anything that can be done to help him.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. Shaughe

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347 Bay St. Toronto,
May 26, 1934.

Dear Senator Plante:

I am sorry that with Committee meetings sitting all the time it has been utterly impossible for me to see you. Last week I asked Senator Sharp to have a talk with you and go into the situation. He has sent me a complete analysis as provided by yourself.

Really I do not know what I can do. It is quite out of the question to ask Mr. Bennett to see that Senators or Members are underwritten in these or other matters, and I am in no position to do so myself.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Senator A. E. Plante,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

OTTAWA, May 28th, 1934.

The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
The Senate,
O T T A W A.

Dear Senator Meighen:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th instant.

In view of the unpleasant publicity given to my name recently, I considered it my duty to call on you immediately upon my return to Ottawa, and explain what had happened. As you know, I endeavoured to see you, but was unsuccessful. My sole desire was to vindicate myself to you, hoping at the same time that you might let me have the benefit of your counsel and advice regarding my future conduct.

Trusting that you may find it possible to give me a brief interview at an early date, I am

Yours respectfully,

A. C. Gillanders

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June 7, 1934.

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Dear Senator Planta:

I tried twice to get you by phone late this afternoon but you were not in your office. It was the first time I had a chance to have you see me, and will now have to wait until next Tuesday, as I am leaving for Toronto tonight.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Senator Planta,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

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