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April
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Dr. A. E. Lundon,
Chief Medical Officer,
Dept. Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,
201 Inspector Street,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lundon:-

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Albin Davidson who is applying for the position of Dispenser at Ste. Anne's Military Hospital.

Mr. Davidson is at present a student at McGill University and will take his final examinations in Pharmacy at the end of this month, when there is every reason to believe that he will be successful. He has attended our School of Pharmacy for the past three years and before the war he was clerk in a Drug Store for six years.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 he joined up and saw service in the field throughout the war with the 2nd Infantry Battalion of the First Division. On his return to Canada he received one year's tuition from the S.C.R., so that in every way he is one of your own men and entitled to special consideration from the S.C.R. Department.

He tells me that his application has not been recommended because he is not in possession of a Provincial certificate. I do not consider that this deficiency should be the cause of his not securing the position. I am creditably informed that others who have held similar positions have not been in possession of this certificate. If the absence of it is held against Mr. Davidson a hardship will be worked upon a thoroughly competent man and one who is entitled to your sympathetic consideration.

Will you not please reconsider Mr. Davidson's application and give him the position? He is a married man, thoroughly competent, was partially trained by the S.C.R. and has a long and honourable record in the war.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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March
Twenty-second
1922.

Lieut.-Colonel C.F. Smith,
210 Imperial Bank Building,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 21st instant with reference to the case of Mr. Albin Davidson.

If Mr. Davidson brings half the fees I shall make arrangements to give him time in which to pay the balance. I thank you very much for the assistance you are giving Mr. Davidson. Times have been so hard that many students are finding it difficult to finish their University courses.

I am returning herewith Mr. Moore's letter to Mr. Davidson.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

GENERAL OFFICE, PHONE UP 7088
SECRETARY TO COMPTROLLER, PHONE UP 7089
COMPTROLLER, PHONE UP 7073

Knights of Columbus

"CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS"

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

~~423 DRUMMOND~~ BUILDING
210 Imperial Bank.
Montreal,

LT.-COL. CLARENCE F. SMITH,
COMPTROLLER

March 21/1922

Sir,Arthur,Currie,C.B.K.C.M.G.
President McGill University.
Montreal.

Dear Sir,Arthur.

Mr.Albin,Davidson,an ex service man,with a small family has appealed to me in connection with the payment of certain tuition fees particulars of which are given in enclosed letter.

As the funds remaining at our disposal are limited I do not feel disposed to advance Mr,Davidson the $92.00 he asks for but in view of the fact that it will mean a great deal to him if he is permitted to finish his term ;I feel that I would be justified in paying one half of the sum required provided arrangements could be made to waive payment of the balance until such time as Mr.Davidson is in a position to pay same.

Trusting that my suggestion my have your kind consideration;I am.

Yours very truly.

Clarence F. Smith

C.F.S/K

Comptroller.
"Catholic Army Huts"

DOCKET STARTS:

DAVIS, A.W.

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Wed

February
First
1922.

A. W. Davis, Esq.,
Box 144,
Nelson, B.C.

My dear Davis:-

I have your letter of January 26th and am glad to hear of you again.

I am only too glad to write to the Hon. Wm. Sloan about you and I most sincerely hope that your application will be accepted by the Department of Mining. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Sloan.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

February
First
1922.

Hon. William Sloan,
Minister of Mines,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. A.W. Davis, Mining Engineer of Nelson, B.C., tells me that he is an applicant for the position of District Mining Engineer in one of the districts in British Columbia, where a vacancy for such a position at present exists.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to support Mr. Davis' application. I knew him very well overseas when he commanded one of our Tunnelling Companies, later on becoming Lieutenant-Colonel commanding a battalion of Engineers. My association with him was fairly intimate. His services were most satisfactory and I can, with every confidence, testify to his ability, his energy, his loyalty and his devotion to duty.

I know the Government of British Columbia has adopted an attitude favourable to worthy returned soldiers and I hope the Government will give favourable consideration to Mr. Davis' application.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

MEM.INST.OF MIN.AND METALLURGY.LONDON,ENGLAND
MEM.CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE

TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 8077

A.W. DAVIS
MINING ENGINEER

~~729 VANCOUVER BLOCK~~
~~VANCOUVER,B.C.~~

Jany 26th,,1922.
Box 144,Nelson, B.C.

General Sir Arthur Currie K.C.B.
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada,

Dear General Currie;-

I trust that you will remember me in connection with the Tunnelling Companies in France,

Things have been none too prosperous with me lately. One of the Provincial appointments to a position as District Mining Engineer is to be made shortly and I am going after it. I have been advised by the Minister who makes the appointment that as there is liable to be considerable pressure brought to bear on him elsewhere, to m make my case as strong as possible . This is my reason for writing to you. You dont know anything about me in a com--mercial way, but perhaps you will be kind enough to write to the Hon William Sloan, Minister of Mines, B.C. and say something about what you do know about me in connection with a certain phase of mining.

I married a year ago the widow of a man killed in the 102nd Bn. and with two small children and really need to land this thing.

I have not heard of Bullock since the end of the war.

With Kindest regards,
Remain,
Yours sincerely,

A.W. Davis.

June 6th, 1922.

A. W. Davis, Esq.,
Resident Engineer's Office,
Kamloops, B.C.

My dear Davis:-

I am very glad to learn from your letter of May 30th that you have secured the position you desired.

I am pleased if I have been of service to you and hope that you will be very successful in your work.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

CENTRAL MINERAL SURVEY DISTRICT NO. 3.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

RESIDENT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

KAMLOOPS, B.C. May 30th, 1922.

Gen. A. W. Currie, K. C. B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear General Currie,-

I finally managed to secure that appointment in British Columbia. I know for a fact that your letter to the Hon. Mr. Sloan, Minister of Mines, had a lot to do with my getting it.

Thanking you once more for your efforts in my behalf and with kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A W Davis

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General Sir Arthur Currie K.C.B.
McGill University, Montreal,

Dear General Currie:-

I wish to thank you very much for writing the letter you did to Mr Sloan. I feel sure that if I land the appointment, it will be to a great measure due to your help in the matter,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

A.W. Davis.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

VICTORIA

7th February, 1922.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have yours of the 1st inst., in which you recommend Mr. A. W. Davis, Mining Engineer of Nelson, B. C., for the vacant position of Resident Mining Engineer, with headquarters at Kamloops, B. C.

In reply beg to state that what you say regarding Mr. Davis' qualifications and his overseas record have been noted. I can assure you that your representations will have every consideration, when this appointment comes to be made.

Heartily reciprocating your good wishes and with kind personal regards,

I am

Yours faithfully,

Minister.

DOCKET ENDS:

DAVIS, A.W.

DOCKET STARTS:

DAVIS, F. A.

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October 22nd, 1923.

E. M. Haynes, Esq.,
Post Office Inspector,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Ernie:-

A Mr. Frederick A. Davis, who says he was a Lieutenant in the 27th Battalion C.E.F., has forwarded to me a copy of your letter to him of July 9th last.

Apparently, Mr. Davis has made an application to your Department for a Postmastership. He says that he does not wish that the present holder of the appointment at Colquitz be dismissed, but it is his wish that when the term expires he, or some other returned man, should get the position. I have told him that I have always found the Post Office Department favourable to and preferring returned soldiers, all other things being equal. I suggested to him that he call upon you, knowing that you would be glad to tell him of the qualifications he should possess to put himself in line for a position.

Your signature has not changed any since I first made its aquaintance.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

October 22nd, 1923.

Frederick A. Davis, Esq.,
Wilkinson Road, "General Store",
C/o. Colquitz P.O.,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 13th.

I am sorry to learn that you are still suffering from the effects of injuries received during the war and that you are finding it difficult to prosper.

Regarding your application for a postmastership, I am writing to Mr. E. M. Haynes, whom I know very well and whose letter to you I now return. I have ventured to say to Mr. Haynes that you would call upon him. I think that would be the best thing for you to do, in order that you may get to know him and also find out just what qualifications the Post Office authorities insist upon. I am not sure but I believe you must pass the Civil Service examination..

In all my dealings with the Post Office Department on behalf of returned men I have always found them willing to give the returned soldier the preference. Apparently, there is nothing to be done about the position at Colquitz, as you say you would not favour the policy of dismissing the present holder in order that the position be given to you. I think that quite a proper attitude on your part.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Wilkenson Road.
"General Store"
C/o Colquitz P.O
Victoria. B.C.
October 13 1923

To General Sir A. Currie
McGill University
Montreal

Dear Sir, Permit me to write to you as my late Commander, I attach herewith a reply to an application of mine for Postmastership, understanding that men with Overseas Service were to be given these appointments, all things being equal, but this reply reads that I will be kept in view only in event of the Office becoming Vacant, The present holder of the appointment is not, or was he ever a Soldier but your humble Servant has been on invalid up till a year ago from injuries received from a French Motor in France, and find it hard to make things go, not being able to do heavy work, I put what Capital I had into a Store, and out of this I, or we rather, just get a living and that does not include Boots & clothes, So that in requesting the P.M. Ship, I feel that I have a fair claim.

I might state that I served in the S.A. War, as well as the 1914, & Character that will bear any investigation, & good Education some previous Post Office Experience also Mounted Police Experience

I am a married man with family and receive ~~both~~ a disability Pension.

Thanking You in advance, apologising for taking up so much of your time

Yours truly

Frederick A. Davis

Ex Lieut

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IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE
ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE
No. H/D

Post Office Inspector's Office,

VICTORIA -- B.C.,

1st. November 1923

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have to thank you for your communication of the 22nd. ultimo, advising that Mr. F.A. Davis had forwarded to you a copy of my letter to him of July 9th. last, in connection with his application for the position of Postmaster of Colquitz, B.C., and in reply beg to say that Mr. Davis called at my office yesterday and the matter of his application was thoroughly gone into.

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DAWES, W

A.E.CORRIGAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR. E.M. McNIECE, SECRETARY. D.J.O'BRIEN, TREASURER.

C.B.CULLINAN, ACTUARY

The Capital Life Assurance Company of Canada.

HEAD OFFICE — OTTAWA

Dec. 5, 1923

Sir Arthur W. Curry, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Mc Bill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to return herewith a letter addressed to you, from W. Dawes, and in addition, to hand you the following information concerning him.

He was living at 434 King St. E., Kingston, when he enlisted with the First Division, in 1915. He went overseas as a blacksmith. He was then a married man with three children and was discharged from the army on the 4th of July, 1919. His record is good, nothing appearing against him. This information was obtained from the Department and they stated that the papers did not show that he was a R.S.M. but they did not look into the records very far to see whether promotion had been granted or not. I told them I did not think this was important and not to bother.

If I can be of further service in obtaining any information which you desire, I shall be pleased to get it.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you when you come to Ottawa. No doubt you have heard that I started a new Golf Course in Ottawa and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you play over the 18 hole course next summer. If I may suggest it, I would consider it as a great personal obligation if I might be permitted to ask you to play in a Four Ball match at the formal opening of our new Club. Sir Robert Borden is President and he, together with The Hon. Martin Burrill, Judge Latchford from Toronto and P. D. Ross, opened the temporary course, last July.

We expect to have the opening of the permanent course in June of next year and one of the men who will play will be Sir Robert Borden. If it would be possible for you to come, I would be particularly delighted. If on the other hand, you think it will be impossible for you to come for this occasion, I would not care to extend an invitation, which you might feel was

A.E.CORRIGAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR. E.M. McNIECE, SECRETARY. D.J.O'BRIEN, TREASURER.

C.B.CULLINAN, ACTUARY

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HEAD OFFICE — OTTAWA

Dec. 6, 1923

an imposition on your good nature in making such a request. Sir Robert Borden in discussing this matter with me , suggested that it would be nice to get the Governor General and Sir Arthur Curry to be two of the four ball match to open formally, the permanent course. I take this occasion of informing you what our intentions are and if you think you would not care to accept under the circumstances (as we have not yet suggested the matter to the Governor General), I will not have an invitation for this event extended to you.

Let me know if there is any further information that I can obtain for you in this or in any other matter as I shall be always pleased to do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

AEC/HM

rest

December
Seventh
1923.

A. E. Corrigan Esq.,
Managing Director,
The Capital Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Corrigan:

I was glad indeed to get your letter of December 5th, but most sorry to have put you to all the trouble re Dawes. As a matter wf fact, when the letter which you received asking about Dawes was written I thought it was being sent to Lieut. Col. Corrigan of the Army Service Corps, who commanded the 1st Canadian Divisional Train in France, as Dawes served in his unit and I wanted to find out from Corrigan just what sort of a man Dawes is. By mistake the latter was sent to you and put you, I am afraid, to a great deal of trouble.

I am glad to hear of the progress made in connection with the new Golf Course and if I am in this part of the country next June I should be very glad to go to Ottawa and take part in the official opening. June, of course, is rather a full month inasmuch as the Conference of Canadian Universities meets then and this will take us, next year, to Halifax. I also have engagements in several American Universities for that month. I should think the Governor General would be very pleased to take part in the function you suggest, but if I am to be his opponent I must get a few strokes. I was up in Ottawa two weeks ago and played a couple of games. I was staying with Major Bill Herridge at the time and we played at the Royal Ottawa. In conversation with Byng, at that time, he told me that he

played,usually,in the low eighties whereas I have never broken ninety in my life.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December 12th, 1923.

A. E. Corrigan, Esq.,
Managing Director,
The Capital Life Assurance Company,
Ottawa,Ont.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of December 5th I find that you omitted to enclose the letter from W. Dawes, addressed to Sir Arthur Currie.

I dislike bothering you about it, but I wonder if you would ask your Secretary to return the letter to me.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Rest

February 20th 1924.

Lieut. Colonel O. F. Brothers,
280 St. James Street,
Montreal.

My dear Brothers,

I am sending you herewith a letter which was received by the General some time ago, together with a copy of a letter from Corrigan. Apparently Dawes' record is all right.

Perhaps you could arrange for somebody at least to give him an interview.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

Charles A. Corrigan, D.D.S.
Toronto

2 College St.

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To

Mr M.M. Chesley.
Montreal.

Dear Sir -

In reply to yours of 31st ulto re W. Dawes. This man is an Englishman, age abt. 40, who enlisted in Hamilton, where he had been living for some years. I cannot recall his occupation but fancy he was driving a street car. He came to Valcartier with rank of Sgt. was a good soldier & later promoted to C.S.M. (If he was R.S.M. it was during my absence from the "Train" & he had left the unit before I took command in 1918). He is

Charles A. Corrigan, D.D.S.
Toronto

a man of little education,
was sober & I think reliable.
Would you kindly give my
kindest regards & best wishes
for the New Year to General
Currie & Jem

Yours Truly
C.A. Corrigan

December 31st, 1923.

Colonel C. A. Corrigan,
2 College Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which has been received by General Currie.

He wishes me to ask if you can give him any information about this man. Will you kindly return this letter with your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

DOCKET ENDS:

DAWES, W.

July
Twenty-fifth
1922.

C. F. Wolsiffer Esq.,
British American Tobacco Company (China) Limited,
22 Museum Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th, asking for my opinion as to the integrity and ability of L.C. Diespecker.

I have no hesitation in saying that I would consider him a thoroughly honest, upright young man. In the days before the war I knew him as a clerk in the Royal Bank of Canada at Victoria, B.C. He gave up that position to serve in the war; he joined the Canadian Forces as a private and by his own ability rose to commissioned rank.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. (CHINA) LTD.

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22 Museum Road

SHANGHAI

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British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited.

Head Office—Shanghai.

英商駐華英美煙公司
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Subject

SHANGHAI
20th June 1922

General A.W.Currie
Victoria, B.C.
CANADA

Dear Sir,

Mr L.C. Diespecker has applied to us for a position in our Sales Department. We would appreciate it very much if you would kindly inform us confidentially what you know of this gentleman, particularly as regards integrity and ability. Any information you give us will be treated as strictly confidential.

Thanking you in advance and enclosing stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours faithfully

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.

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Encl:

DOCKET STARTS:

DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN'S NEWS AGENCY

April 1st, 1925.

Captain William Hoey,
Secretary, Disabled Ex-service Men's News Agency,
Montreal.

Dear Captain Hoey:-

I am glad to learn of the measure of success which has attended the efforts of your Agency to re-establish in a permanent way disabled ex-soldiers.

Despite discouraging circumstances attending the first efforts to make the news stands pay you have stuck to the work most commendably and have demonstrated that here is a way whereby a certain number of men can make a respectable living for themselves and their families. In your present endeavours to extend your influence by raising additional capital I wish you every success.

Yours faithfully,

July 8th, 1925.

Albert L. Fyon, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
Kiwanis Club of Montreal,
Room 2, Windsor Hotel.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th addressed to Sir Arthur Currie with reference to the Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency.

Sir Arthur is at present in England and unable to answer your inquiry himself. However, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which he wrote to the Secretary of the News Agency on the occasion of a similar endeavour to raise funds.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

ANDREW C. CORDNER
PRESIDENT
8 ST. MONIQUE STREET

CLARENCE THOMSON
HON. TREASURER
9 ST. GENEVIEVE STREET

ALBERT L. FYON
HON. SECRETARY
ROOM 2 WINDSOR HOTEL

JOHN McMILLAN
DISTRICT TRUSTEE
4 HOSPITAL STREET

KIWANIS CLUB OF MONTREAL INC.

MONTREAL,
CANADA.

July 6th, 1925.

General Sir Arthur A. W. Currie,
595 Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

Dear General Sir Arthur :-

We have received a letter from the Disabled Ex-Service Men(s News Agency requesting the Club to help them in connection with a drawing for a Sedan which they are putting on shortly. We will appreciate any information which you can give us concerning this Association as to whether they are deserving of our support, etc.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I am,

Yours sincerely,

A Fyon

Honorary-Secretary.

Re. 1st

February 19th, 1926.

Hon. Charles Duquette,
Mayor of City of Montreal,
City Hall,
Montreal.

My dear Mayor Duquette:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter addressed this day to Alderman Brodeur, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

I appeal to you, Sir, as well and ask you to use your influence with the Executive Committee to see that these twelve stands now operated by the Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency be not disturbed. There has always been a sort of battle to keep these stands. Our men have been set upon by several news vendors, their stands upset as they are not able to defend themselves in view of physical infirmity. Rivals also pour poison into the minds of some of the stand-holders, saying that they are not getting their fair share of the receipts. This, of course, is done to make the men dissatisfied and to break up the organization. I know the Supervisor very well and I know him to be thoroughly honest and peculiarly well adapted for the position.

It would indeed be too bad if this organization were broken up only to have the stands occupied by Jewish news vendors, some of whom are residents of the city for only a few months.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

February 19th, 1926.

Alderman J. A. Brodeur,
Chairman of Executive Committee,
City Hall,
Montreal.

My dear Alderman Brodeur:-

I am writing to you on behalf of the small organization known as the Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency. This organization was started about five years ago, when it was thought that the work of news agents would provide a means of livelihood for ex-service men who were disabled in some degree and handicapped in the struggle to make a living.

For the first few years the organization had a precarious existence. Too many men wanted to hold executive positions, but the fact remains that it always has provided a decent living for a certain number of ex-soldiers. At the present time it operates 12 stands. The man in charge of each stand is married and, consequently, 12 Montreal families earn a living in this way. In addition they have one supervisor, one truck driver and one helper. These three are necessary, because, if left to their own resources, the men would not be able to get their papers on the stands when required and so be handicapped in more ways than one. The resources are pooled and divided in a way agreeable to all in the Association.

I am told that there is a danger which the stands which these men now occupy will be given over to others and as a result twelve married men with families are to be deprived of what has proved to them a satisfactory means of earning a living. I appeal to you, Sir, to see that these stands are not disturbed. In eight of the stands the present occupants have been there for years and the outlook would indeed be hopeless if their stands were given to others. In the other four the tenure of occupancy has not been so continuous, but the Supervisor always sees that some married, deserving ex-service man runs the stand.

Will you please give me the necessary assurance that these men will be allowed to continue?

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Disabled Ex-Service
Mens News Agency

12 Stands -
every man married.
Office Staff three
Truck Driver.
Helper. & Hoey

12 @ 15 - 180 - 720
4

50. Devienne St 440
1160
Off St George St
Montreal

for month

Payment on Truck	2777
Rent	2000
Light & Heat	1500
Telephone	534
Business Tax	400
Gasoline	3000
Tax Stamps	400
Repair of Stands	1000
Interest on Loan	2000
Wages Staff	234.00
Licence Truck	250
Towards Reduc of Debt	5000
per month	42261
Incidentals Losses etc	1800
	44061

Total Income 440

Brodeur

(8 men constant
4. changing)

City Hall

Montreal, February 22, 1926.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
McGill University,
Sherbrooke St.West,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:

Yours of February 19th. received, also a copy of a letter addressed to Alderman J.A.A. Brodeur, concerning News stand agency.

I refer your letter immediatly to the City Clerk to be submitted to the City Council, at its next meeting , which will be held on February 23th.

I enclose a copy of the By-Law actually in viguor and I am informed that the New By-Law is under the consideration of the Executive Committee.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

A.L . 5295. MAYOR.

No 874

Règlement concernant les kiosques ou étagères pour la vente des journaux.

(Adopté par le Comité Exécutif, le 15 mai 1924, et, par le Conseil, le 17 février 1925).

A une assemblée du Comité Exécutif de la Cité de Montréal, tenue à l'hôtel de ville, le 15 mai 1924, en la manière et suivant les formalités prescrites par la loi, à laquelle assemblée sont présents : M. l'échevin Brodeur, président, MM. les échevins O'Connell, Bédard, DesRoches et Jarry, membres dudit Comité, et

A l'assemblée mensuelle ajournée du Conseil de la Cité de Montréal, tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 17 février, 1925, en la manière et suivant les formalités prescrites dans et par l'acte d'incorporation de ladite Cité, à laquelle assemblée sont présents : Son Honneur le Maire, M. Charles Duquette, au fauteuil, les échevins O'Connell, Turcot, Vandelac, Rubenstein, Brodeur, Bédard, Creelman, DesRoches, Sansregret, Généreux, Langlois, Emond, Quintal, Gabias, Trépanier, Riel, Lalancette, Lalonde, Vaillancourt, Angrignon, Savard, Gareau, Mongeon, Tessier, Drummond, Levine, Hogan, Schubert, Watson, Désaulniers et Legault,

Il est décrété et statué comme suit :—

Article 1.—La Cité peut accorder aux vendeurs de journaux la permission de stationner dans les rues pour y exercer leur commerce, pourvu qu'ils se servent à cette fin des kiosques ou des étagères que ladite Cité construira elle-même à ses frais et qu'elle louera aux-

dits vendeurs de journaux, au mois ou à l'année, et aux prix et conditions qu'elle déterminera.

Article 2.—Il est loisible à la Cité d'annuler la susdite permission en tout temps.

SECRÉTARIAT MUNICIPAL

HÔTEL DE VILLE

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY HALL

MONTREAL, 4th June, 1926

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
M o n t r e a l .

Sir,

Referring to the conversation you had recently on St. James street, with Alderman Rubenstein, concerning the news-stand occupied by Mr. Doyle, Alderman Rubenstein has requested me to send you the enclosed extract from the minutes of the Committee rg renting of kiosks for the sale of newspapers.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours very truly,

J. L. Lamarre

Assistant-City Clerk.

EXTRACT from the minutes of a meeting of the special committee re renting of kiosks for the sale of newspapers, held on the 12th June, 1925.

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Mr. Doyle, of the Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency Limited, was heard and explained to the Committee the working of their chain of stands for the sale of newspapers and periodicals and also gave certain details concerning the sale of three of these stands.

(Certified),

P. La Fontaine

ASSISTANT-CITY CLERK

SECRÉTARIAT MUNICIPAL

HÔTEL DE VILLE

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY HALL

MONTREAL, 26th February, 1926

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l .

Sir,

I beg to inform you that your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to His Worship the Mayor, in connection with Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency, was submitted to the City Council, at its meeting held on the 23rd instant, and was referred to the Executive Committee, with a request that they comply with the demand therein contained.

Yours very truly,

J. Etienne Gauthier,

Asst.-City Clerk.

DOCKET ENDS:

DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN'S NEWS AGENCY

Mc-est

September
Twenty-sixth
1921.

E. E. Blackwell, Esq.,
Secretary, Disabled Soldiers Employment Assc.,
Trinity Church,
St. Denis Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd with reference to a meeting which is being held in Room 135 at the Windsor Hotel, at four o'clock, tomorrow afternoon.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to be there, as I am attending at that time a meeting in connection with the McGill Reunion. I will cordially support any action taken with reference to the proposed "Poppy Day".

I had the good fortune to-day to obtain employment for two of our fellows.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

TELEPHONE EAST 4594

Disabled Soldiers Employment Association

PRESIDENT: SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

HON. PRESIDENT
LADY MEREDITH
PRESIDENT
LADY CURRIE
ORGANIZER
LADY WILLIAMS-TAYLOR

OFFICES

TRINITY CHURCH ST. DENIS STREET

MONTREAL,

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REV. CANON ALMOND
REV. CANON SHATFORD
LT.-COL. O. F. BROTHERS
LT.-COL. CLARENCE F. SMITH

September 23rd.1921.

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held in Room 135 Windsor Hotel at four o'clock, Tuesday, September 27th., in connection with the proposed Poppy Day to be held in this city.

Yours very truly

F. E. Blackwell

Secretary
D.S.E.A.

Herald

May 16th, 1925.

M. L. Doyle, Esq.,
Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency,
50 Devienne Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Doyle:-

Let me thank you for your letter of May 14th.

I noticed in the paper this morning that you had made representations to the City Council asking that your News Agency be not broken up. I agree most cordially with the stand you have taken and will do anything I can to help you in this attitude.

When the Executive of the Business Men's organization is definitely formed I shall refer this matter to them.

Yours faithfully,

PHONE PLATEAU 1167

Law 6945

Disabled Ex-Service Men's News Agency

INCORPORATED
1921

HEADQUARTERS: 50 DEVIENNE STREET, MONTREAL, P.Q.

May 14th 1925.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Sir:

I am taking the liberty of writing to explain why I sent that note to you yesterday at The Mount Royal Hotel.

I arrived early, hoping that I might have the opportunity of having a word with you and delivering the suggestion personally. Somehow I missed you coming in, and not knowing the nature of the proposals before the meeting, believed that such an idea might be helpful and took the only opportunity I could think of to place it in your hands.

I was induced to make the suggestion by the knowledge, that at the City Hall, certain of the aldermen are endeavoring to have news stands taxed and also to take away the control of the soldier stands from this organization and make the men work independently.

Such a regulation would prove to be a great misfortune because experience has shown that disabled men cannot survive alone, in a business that is so exacting.

As a means of enabling disabled men to make a good living, without being a public burden, news stands have proved their value, and under the supervision of an organization such as you are developing, this field in Montreal, due to influence and public opinion, could be greatly extended.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Respectfully yours,

M. L. Doyle

486 St Joseph St
Lachine P.Q.
Oct 6 1920

General Sir Arthur Currie.
McGill University

Dear General.

Referring to our recent conversation, I regret to say my effort at the examination for Male Principal Clerk, was not succesful, due to my being away so long from Office Work. I enclose statement of marks obtained, by which you will see I passed in the two most important subjects. I could become familiar with Modern Office Practice in a very short time. I thought that perhaps you could help me to get this position, or to be reexamined in Modern Office practice. I should be very grateful if you could do something for me, or advise me as to the best course to take. I also thought that 40% was all that was required from a returned Soldier. However in my case I feel hurt that I should have failed over what to me is not an important subject. I enclose the examination papers for your perusal, also my references. Please return these as soon as possible

and Oblige
Fred Drummond
late 3rd Batt C.E.F

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October
Twelfth
1920.

Fred Drummond, Esq.,
486 St. Joseph Street,
Lachine, P.Q.

My dear Drummond:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6th, and I am very sorry to learn that you were not successful at the examination for Male Principal Clerk.

I am returning herewith your recommendations. I wish there was something that I could do now to help you, but I am leaving tonight for a month's trip to the principal cities of Canada to meet the Graduates' Societies of McGill University. I am so very, very busy trying to get through my work before leaving that I am afraid I cannot give very much attention to your request. Please do not consider this due to lack of interest.

If you are not satisfactorily placed by the time I get back write to me again and I will do everything I can to help you.

Ever yours faithfully,

CANADIAN
Y.M.C.A.

20 Military Hospital
St Anne de Bellevue
Nov 10/1920

rec'd.

Dear General.

Many thanks for your letter. I was sorry to have bothered you when you were so very busy. However I am writing to say I am still in hospital, awaiting my discharge, as soon as a decent position is offered me. I have sent my wife, & family home to England, as they could not live here on the allowance from the S.C.R. They have gone to Mrs Drummonds Mother, my wife will help her mother on the farm there, for her keep, so will not be dependent on me any more, until I am able to support her comfortably, as I did before I enlisted. I am therefore free to go to any place in Canada, where the Government have the right position for me. There are lots of positions I could fill, and I am determined to have one.

PLEASE USE BOTH SIDES.

P.T.O.

I don't wish to give you any trouble sir, but if you could help, I should be grateful. I am still (as in France) always at your service General and am willing to do anything you think is best for me.

Sincerely Yours

Fred Drummond

late Cpl 3rd Batty

C. F. A.

Wounded twice

in Ypres Salient

1916

April
Twentieth
1922.

Fred Drummond, Esq.,
418 St. Joseph Street,
Lachine, Que.

My dear Drummond:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20th and shall speak to the General Manager of the Bank and ask him to make note of your name when they are considering putting on any more Bank Messengers.

I am afraid, though, that the time is not very opportune. Owing to the amalgamation of the Merchants Bank with the Bank of Montreal the latter is stretching a point to keep employed as many members of the Merchants Bank staff as possible. Certain offices of the Merchants Bank are being amalgamated with offices of the Bank of Montreal and this usually means a reduction of staff, so that rather than taking on any additional staff the Bank finds it hard to find places for those already employed.

If I hear of anything else I shall let you know.

Ever yours faithfully,

418 St Joseph Street
Lachine P.Q.
April 30/22

Dear General.

I hope you will forgive me for writing you again, but I am now discharged from Ste Anne Hospital, and seeking employment. My wife wishes me to ask you if you could get me in the Bank of Montreal as a messenger. I shall have a pension, and she thinks a position as messenger in a Bank would meet our case. Please let me know if you could do anything on those lines. I am of course a good Clerk, & Bookkeeper, but I would take the messenger job, if you could get me in. Apologising again for troubling you.

Yours faithfully
3rd Batt. Fred Drummond

OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

Toronto, July 7, 1920.

Dear General Currie:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th June recommending Brig.-General W. B. King, CMG, DSO, for the chairmanship of the T. & N.O. Railway. I note what you say as to his spendid military record, and the qualifications he possesses for an administrative position. I am obliged to you indeed for bringing his name to my notice, which will receive serious consideration when this appointment is being dealt with by the Government,

Yours very truly,

E C Drury

General Sir A.W.Currie,
Inspector-General & Military
Counsellor,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Re. ref.

July 3rd, 1923.

N.L.C. Mather, Esq.,
National City Company, Ltd.,
74 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Mather:-

I hope you won't mind my writing to you on behalf of Mr. A. S. English, formerly a Major with the C.E.F. Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor suggests that I seek Mr. Beatty's influence, but I do not care to bother him.

Most of Mr. English's business experience has been in connection with finance. At one time he was on the staff of the Sovereign Bank of Canada until it was absorbed. With them he had reached the grade of Paying Teller. For the next five years he was Treasurer of the Williams Manufacturing Company at St. Henri, resigning from that position in 1912 to go to England in connection with the settlement of his father's estate. Upon his return to Montreal he was Secretary to the National Club, and at the same time Secretary-Treasurer to the British-Canadian Theatre organization, relinquishing these positions to join up with the 14th battalion when war broke out in 1914. He served throughout with credit and on being honourably discharged in 1919 became Secretary-Treasurer of the International Machinery & Supply Company.

In September of last year he was taken ill with pneumonia and pleurisy and was in hospital until June of this year. At the present time he is recuperating, the doctors believing that he should be ready for work about the end of August. I think I may

say he is well and favourably known in Montreal. He is a man of gentlemanly appearance and conduct, is unmarried and 39 years of age.

Yours faithfully,

C/o. Mrs J. Woods.
P.O. Box. 243.
St. Agathe. P.Q.
June 24th 1923.

My dear Sir Arthur,

You were good enough to ask me to write to you outlining my business Experience.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor suggested that I should get in touch with you, and said he would ask you to ask Mr. Bratty to speak to Mr. Mather of the National City Company, with a view of my joining that organization.

Most of my business Experience has been connected with Finance. I was with the Sovereign Bank of Canada until it was taken over by the other Banks, and

work through the different grades as far as Paying Teller.

For the next four years I was Treasurer to the Williams Manufacturing Company Ltd of St. Henri, which position I resigned in 1912, owing to the death of my Father which obliged me to go to England. Upon my return to Canada, six months later, I became Secretary to the National Club of Montreal, and at the same time Hon-Treasurer to the British-Canadian Theatre Organization Society, which positions I relinquished when I joined the 14th Bn. C.E.F. in 1914.

In October 1919 I was honourably discharged from the Service, and became Hon-Treasurer of the International Machinery

and Supply Company Ltd

In September 1922 I was taken ill with Pneumonia and Pleurisy, and was in Hospital until June 11th 1923. The Doctors advise that after taking two months Exercise to harden up, I shall be fit to work again, and I hope to be ready to resume work about the middle of August.

At the present time I am taking the Modern Business Course of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, of which Mr. E.D. Beatty is one of the Special Lecturers.

I am well known in Montreal, and feel sure I could be of considerable service to a Financial House, such as the National City Company. I am 39 years of age.

If you would be kind enough to speak to Mr. Bratty on my behalf, I should esteem it a great favour.

I am unmarried, and am taking care of my widowed Mother

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest, and trouble you are taking on my behalf.

Very sincerely yours.

A. S. English

July 3rd, 1923.

Major A. S. English,
C/o. Mrs. J. Woods,
P. O. Box 243,
Ste. Agathe, P.Q.

My dear Major:-

I should have acknowledged before this your letter of June 24th.

I shall be very glad to speak to Mr. Beatty and ask him to use his influence to have you taken on the strength of the National City organization.

I am so glad that you can look forward to an early return to your former robust strength.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

THE NATIONAL CITY COMPANY

LIMITED

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MONTREAL July 7th 1923

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Please pardon me for the delay in acknowledging your favor of the 3rd instant. I have been out of the City for a few days and was not in receipt of your letter until this morning.

I would be very pleased indeed if you could have Mr. English come to this office some day next week and we can have a little chat.

You may be sure that if I can in any way facilitate him in securing a position in line with what he has in mind I shall gladly do so.

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Norman J. Smather

Managing Director.

July 9th, 1923.

Major A. S. English,
C/o. Mrs. J. Woods,
P. O. Box 243,
Ste. Agathe, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of June 24th, Mr. Norman L.C. Mather, Managing Director of the National City Company would be pleased to have you come to his office some day this week. He would like to have a chat with you.

Sir Arthur Currie is at present absent from the city and I hope you won't mind the liberty I have taken in communicating with you direct.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Box. 243.
Ste. Agathe. P.Q.
July. 10th. 1923.

Dear Miss Chesley,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday.

I will come into Montreal on Thursday, and will call upon Mr. Mather at his office.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in this matter,

Yours faithfully

W. A. Copithorne

730 Bowlsby Place,
Victoria, B.C.,
18th November 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., etc.
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Further to my recent conversation with you in Vancouver, I enclose a copy of some extracts from my record of service, and shall be very grateful to you if you will send me a letter "To whom it may concern" that I shall be able to show if occasion arises.

I have secured a job in Victoria in the meantime with Burdick Brothers. I do not however know exactly what the future holds in store for me, and consider a letter from you as a valuable asset, should occasion arise.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Needham

Extracts from Record of Services.of Cyril Woodland ERLEBACH.

2/8/14. Called up and commenced service with Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, rated as ordinary seaman.
-/12/14 Qualified for proficiency pay in rating of ordinary seaman.
7/3/15 Discharged from R.N.C.V.R. and enlisted in 50th Gordon Highlanders.
10/3/15 Transferred to 48th Bn. C.E.F.
15/3/15 Promoted to Corporal
25/3/15 Promoted to Sergeant
10/5/15 Promoted to C.Q.M.S.
10/7/15 Arrived in England
2/3/16 Promoted to Acting C.S.M.
9/3/16 Embarked for France with 48th Bn. (3rd Canadian Pioneer Bn.)
9/3/16 Confirmed in rank of C.S.M.
9/7/16 Promoted to T/Lieut, 3rd Canadian Pioneer Bn. Auth L.G. 30187.
13/12/16 Attached to Intelligence Corps and detailed to Canadian Corps H.Q. for probation.
9/1/17 Seconded for duty with Intelligence Corps, attached to Canadian Corps H.Q.
8/5/17 Transferred to 29th Bn., remaining seconded.
28/12/17 Mentioned in despatches Auth. L.G. 30448.
2/12/17 Promoted T/Capt., remaining secomded.
14/10/18 Taken on Strength Canadian Intelligence Section. Appointed Intelligence Officer Class "A" (Graded as Staff Captain)
5/4/19 Attached H.Q., O.M.F.C. on returning to England.
3/6/19 Awarded O.B.E. Auth. L.G. 31370.
11/7/19 Mentioned in despatches. Auth. L.G. 31448.
10/6/19 Promoted A/Major whilst employed on General Staff (G.S.O.2) Auth. L.G. 31500 dated 11/8/19.
10/12/19 Promoted T/Major. Auth. L.G. 31731 dated 13/1/20.
1/10/20 Sailed for Canada.
12/10/20 Reported to Chief of Staff, Ottawa.
22/10/20 Entrained for Vancouver om completion of duties.

From the Battle of Vimy Ridge onwards was in charge of the Corps Prisoners of War cages in all Canadian engagements.
In October 1918, took over the duties of Contre-espionnage Officer (Ib) at a few minutes notice, when the number of recuperated civilians in the Corps area was over 50,000: this number increased daily by enormous strides as the Corps area was advanced and included such populous cities as Denain, Valenciennes and the thickly populated area between the Belgian border and Mons.

PROGRESS BOND
MADE IN CANADA

November
Twenty-sixth
1920.

G. W. Erlebach, Esq.,
730 Bowlsby Place,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Erlebach:-

I have your letter of the 18th instant and am attaching herewith something which I hope may be of assistance to you.

I am glad that you are at last doing something in Victoria, and I hope your engagement with Burdick Brothers leads to something permanent and satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in stating that I have known Major C. W. Erlebach, O.B.E., for many years.

I knew him in Victoria before the War as a valued member of the staff of Robert Ward & Company. At the outbreak of the War he was one of the first to volunteer for service and in the earliest days served with the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve at Victoria.

He left that service early in 1915 and joined the 48th Bn. C.E.F., which was getting ready for Overseas service. He joined as a private, but through merit and ability rose steadily, until, at the time this regiment arrived in France, he had been confirmed in the rank of Company Sergeant-Major. Further meritorious service in the field won him promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. While serving as such, on account of special qualifications which this officer held, he was attached to the Intelligence Department of Canadian Corps Headquarters, and it was while serving in this capacity, that I became best acquainted with his ability.

From the beginning of January 1917, until the close of the War he was given responsible and highly important work to do in connection with our Corps Intelligence Section, performing his duties so satisfactorily that he was promoted in December, 1917, to the rank of Captain, and in June, 1919, to the rank of Major and graded as a General Staff Officer, Grade 2. he was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the O.B.E.

This officer was always most keen, conscientious and reliable. His industry, powers of application and devotion to duty were most commendable. It gives me pleasure to recommend him as a man worthy of every degree of trust, one not afraid of work, one of highest ideals and of loyalty - something to be valued highly.

DOCKET STARTS:

Ex-Fighting Men's Assoc.

SINGLE MEN. 22nd April 1922

Regt: No.	Bn.	Name.	Trade.	Employed By.	Date.
61887	22nd.	Therrien E	Upholsterer	485 Bleury St.	18th4-22
4040421	2nd Q.	Dube W	Laborer.	Miss McKim,648 Roslyn.	17th4-22
1260581	Hv Bty.	Dimler F J	"	CattlecBoat.	17th" "
785328	132nd.	Lebans H	Engineer.	" "	" " "
1100045.	256th.	Candlish W D	Photographer.	Port Hope.	18th" "
2383802	99th.	Munro J	Iron Worker.	Dundas Ont:	" " "
1102551	7thCRT.	McDonald A H	Laborer	St Catherines, Ont:	" " "
1102520	257th.	Rees M	Carpenter.	" " "	" " "
3155160.	1st Q.	Boule C	Teamster.	Mrs Lutton,41 Burton Ave	19th" "
856842	163rd.	Doueth F	Farmer.	Gone to a farm.	" " "
2157406	CFC.	Gobeille E P	Tailor.	Cattle Boat.	" " "
1060254	3rdTun:	Hannah A C	Miner.	Galetta, Ont:	" " "
916	CASC.	McLeod J	Helper.	Molsons Brewery.	17th" "
2228538	CFC.	Barlow A	Painter.	Mrs Williams142 Fairmount.	20th "
2644426	27th.	Bellefleur N	Shoe Maker.	" " " " Ave.	" "
446711	21st.	Campbell C	Electrician.	Harbor Commission.	22nd4422
448769	13th.	Parks J	Laborer.	" "	" 4 "
63635	4th.	McKinnon A	Con: Worker.	" "	" " ""
3105871		Beauriguard O	Laborer.	" "	" " "
23734	12th.	Miner.G	Billard Marker.	" "	" " "
4040449	5thCMR.	Lesieur P	Laborer.	" "	" " "
672606	22nd.	Boyle W	"	" "	" " "
124322	18th.	Johnson H	Jainter.	" "	" " "
26295	14th.	Bourbonnais A	Mech: Chauff:	" "	" " "
847759	150th.	Delisle A	Rivetter.	" "	" " "
446345	57th.	McCullum A	Fireman.	" "	" " "
23690	Cycle:	Madeau L	Iron Worker.	" "	" " "
65705	14th.	Laurin E	Laborer.	" "	" " "
2644359	CFC.	Boucher W	"	" "	" " "

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Montreal, 24th. April 1922.

Sir,

The attached summary of work done, by this Association, is forwarded to you by the direction of Captain Stanley Wharton. We also enclose the following:-

1. Numerical Rolls by Nationalities.
2. Numerical Rolls by Units.
3. Numerical Rolls by Trades.
4. Statement of Numbers in Families.
5. Statement of Married and Single men placed by our Employment Bureau during the current month.

Yours faithfully,

Montreal Ex-Fighting Men's Association,

A. H. Charles

Manager.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., L.L.D.,
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SUMMARY, work done, present situation and future policy.

PRESENT NUMBERS ON SITUATION.

Married men	676
Married Men's Dependents	2003
Single men	664
Total, souls drawing relief.	3343

REGISTRATION. No man drawing relief from any other source is eligible. All men bear an honorable discharge from the Army or Navy, and were classified as A.1 on demobilization. All served in a theatre of war, and Married men are required to produce their Marriage Certificates. The Staff consists of 2 Clerks.

INVESTIGATION. Every case is investigated by a trained investigator. We work in close co-operation with other Charitable Organizations and with the Confidential Exchange, in this way avoiding overlapping as far as possible, Staff 1 Lady and 2 Men.

FOOD, SINGLE MEN.

Since commencing on December 21st. 1921, until April 17th. 1922, 144,228 meals have been served to Single men, an average of 404 men, 3 meals a day. A Staff of 3 cooks, 2 Assistants and 9 Fatigue men, are employed in the kitchen.

RATIONS, Married men.

During the above period 18,178 rations were issued to Married men. This represents an average of 544 families per issue, or food for 72,172 people for one week, or 1,526,932 single meals.

TOBACCO. A small issue of tobacco is made twice a week.

Q.M.Stores. All provisions & Stores are purchased in the best and cheapest market. Potatoes are handled in Car Lots, other supplies are bought from day to day as required. An efficient Quartermaster is in charge assisted by 2 Storekeepers.

SHELTER. An average of 400 men have been provided with shelter, continuously, since January 9 th. 1922.

CLOTHING. Boots, underclothing, suits, overcoats and shirts have been supplied by us to the most needy. A Shoemaker,(one of our own men), is employed repairing boots; he works 10 hours a day and cannot keep pace with the ~~XXXX~~.demand.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU. We maintain a classified index, by trades, of all men. Canvassers call on large employers soliciting work. About 500 men have been placed, but mostly ii temporary work, and have been struck off strength.

HOSPITAL. On March 10th. we opened a Hospital Ward of 10 Beds. 1 Accident and 33 Medical cases have been treated to date, and, at present, there are 8 men in hospital. Only in serious cases can the City Hospitals afford accommodation, and they have no room for convalescents, therefore a number of such cases are being looked after by us, after discharge from the City Hospitals.

EXPENDITURES. and RECEIPTS:

Up to April 17th. we had expended.....	$27,473.92
and were committed for payments amounting to..	$ 7,721.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	$35,195.34
LESS TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	$30,548.17
DEFICIT.....	$ 4,647.17
We estimate the additional cost,of supplies, etc.,from now until May 1st., at.....	$ 4,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEFICIT, MAY 1st.....	$ 9,147.17

FUTURE POLICY. If the work is closed down on May 1st. nearly 3,300 souls will be destitute and most of them will be homeless, as that is moving day and landlords will not carry tenants who are in arrears after that date. The average indebtedness, per family, for rent and taxes, appears to be $141.00. This does not include Grocery Bills or Medical Attendance fees.

We are considering the possibility of placing selected men and their families on a farm. A day's work would be demanded from every soul; men, women and children would be trained in farming, weaving, basketry, etc., and it is hoped to make the venture self-supporting in time.

The Government might be willing to pay $1.10 per day to men during the training season,in return for an efficient Militia Unit,which would be available,at other seasons,for making and repairing roads,rural mail deliveries,police, forest ranging,etc., etc., and the cost could be divided, pro rata, between Government departments concerned.

A.H. Craig

MANAGER.

977, Craig Street East,
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THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

TOTALS BY NATIONALITIES April 22nd. 1922

	M'r'd	Sgle.	Total
French Canadians	290	310	600
"	6	22	28
English Canadians	80	62	142
"	129	57	186
Scotch Canadians	13	14	27
"	41	33	74
Irish Canadians	39	59	98
"	17	20	37
Belgians	4	5	9
Italians	13	4	17
Jews.	2	2	4
Poles	2	4	6
German Canadians		1	1
West India		1	1

Nat.	M'r'd	Sgle.	Total
Letvian		1	1
Russians	30	40	70
Greeks	1		1
Americans	7	14	21
Swiss		2	2
Hindus		4	4
Scandinavians	1	3	4
Dutch	1	1	2
Australians		2	2
Barbadoes		1	1
Egyptians		1	1
Rumanian		1	1

Grand Total

Married.....	676
Single.....	664
	1340

THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

TOTALS BY BATTAILLIONS UP TO AND INC/ APRIL 22 /.22.

Unit	M'r'd	Sgl.	Total	Unit	M'r'd.	Sgl.	Total
1ST Bn.	1	4	5	Belgian Army	1	2	3
2nd. "	2	5	7	R'n'f'l'd R.	1	1	2 2
3rd. "	1	6	7	Imperials	3	30	33
4th "	4	8	12	French Army	0	15	15
5th "	1	4	5	" Navy	0	3	3
7th. "	1	0	1	American "	0	4	4
10th "	1	2	3	" Army	0	0	0
13th "	10	15	25	Royal Navy	4	11	15
14th. "	37	27	64	Italian Army	1	2	3
15th. "	3	3	6	" Navy	0	0	0
16th. "	2	3	5	Indian Army	1	1	2
18th "	0	2	2	R.C.D.	0	1	1
19th. "	0	1	1	R.C.R.	2	3	5
20 th "	0	5	5	R.A.F.	1	1	2
21st "	1	3	4	75th. Bn	0	1	1
22nd. "	76	76	152	1st. D.T.	1	0	1
24th. "	34	28	62	6th. S.B.	1	0	1
25th. "	2	0	2	2nf. Pioneers	2	4	6
26th. "	1	5	6	5th. "	7	4	11
27th "	0	1	1	2nd. C.M.R.	2	3	5
28th "	1	1	2	4th. "	3	0	3
29th. "	2	3	5	5th. "	20	15	35
38rd. "	0	1	1	1st "	0	1	1
38th. "	0	2	2	3rd. M.G.	3	5	8
40th. "	0	1	1	Can Forestry	17	30	47
41st "	1	10	11	2nd. C.F.A.	2	5	7
42nd. "	12	7	19	5th. "	1	1	2
43rd. "	1	1	2	6th. "	2	1	3
44th. "	0	5	5	C.F.A.	26	16	42
46th. "	2	1	3	C.R.T.	21	39	60
49th. "	1	0	1	C.A.M.C.	23	20	43
50th. "	0	1	1	C.A.S.C.	19	4	23
52nd. "	0	4	4	D.A.C.	8	7	15
54th. "	1	4	5	C.E.	16	22	38
57th. "	2	1	3	C.A.V.C.	1	0	1
58th. "	0	4	4	C.V.C.	1	2	3
60th. "	9	5	14	S.A. Horse	0	1	1
72n d. "	1	3	4	Australians	0	2	2
87th. "	21	12	33	B.W.I. Bn	0	1	1
108th. "	0	1	1				
P.P.C.L.I.	2	2	4				
Jewish Inf	0	1	1	Total	676	664	1340
Cyclist	0	1	1				
War Graves	0	1	1				

THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTINGMENS ASSOCIATION.

LIST OF TRADES AND PROFESSIONS OF MARRIED AND SINGLE MEN -TO- 22nd April 19

TRADES.	M,r,d	Single	Total
Accountants.	1	1	2
Air Compressor.	1		1
Axe Maker.	1		1
Asbestos Maker.	1		1
Brakesman.	7	1	8
Bricklayers.	5	3	8
Bakers.	4	4	8
Barbers.	4	1	5
Bartenders.	1	2	3
Blacksmiths.	5	6	11
Boiler Makers.	8	2	10
Billard Markers.		1	1
Brass Moulders.			
" Pol: & Finish:	3		3
Butchers.	4	4	8
Boatman.		1	1
Bridgeman.	1		1
Burners.	1		1
Boiler Erector.		1	1
" Scaler.		1	1
Biscuit Maker.		1	1
Clerks, Railroad.		1	1
" Checkers.	2	4	6
" Book Keepers.	4	6	10
" Ordinary.	19	17	46
" Shipping.	4	6	10
" Stenographers.	2	2	4
" Timekeepers		4	4
" Grocery.	3	2	5
" Liquor.		1	1
" Bank.	1	1	2
Cigar Makers	3	2	5
Carpenters.	15	9	24
Cement Finishers.	3		3
Cobblers.	3	1	4
Carpenter, Stage		1	1
Chauffeurs.	24	8	32
Cloth Pressers.	3		3
Coachman.	1		1
Cook 2nd.	2	4	6
Cooks & Chefs.	7	24	31
Camp Cooks.		2	2
Cook, Railroad.		1	1
" Ordinary.	2		2
Core Maker.		1	1
Coopers		1	1
Commercial Trave'l.	1		1
Construction Foreman	1		1
Coppersmith.	2	1	3
Craneman	1	1	2
Cheese Maker.		1	1
Chauffeurs, Auto:		1	1
" Truck.	1		1
" Mech:	2	1	3
" Boiler	1		1

Trades.	M,r,d	Single	Tot
Repairer			
Dental Mech:	1		1
Detective.	2		2
Die Cutters.	1		1
Drillers.	1		1
Dyers	1		1
Draughtman.		1	1
Designer.		1	1
Electrician.	10	10	20
Egg Candler.	1		1
Elevator Man.	4	1	5
Engineers, Stationary	7	4	11
" Elect'n.	1		1
" Marine.	2	1	3
" Civil.		1	1
Enamellers.		1	1
Farmers.	4	22	26
Farm Hands.	3	4	7
Factory Hands	3	3	6
Fitters, Ordinary.	3	2	5
" Locomotive	1		1
Fireman, Ordinary.	24		24
" Stationary		23	2
" Locomotive	2	4	6
" Marine.	2	10	12
" Mechanic.	1		1
" Boiler.		1	1
File Setter.	2		2
Foundry Hand.	1		1
Foreman, Labor	2	1	3
" Compress: Air.			
" Section.		1	1
Framer.	1		1
Furrier.		1	1
Gardners.	1	1	2
Guards.		1	1
Grooms.		1	1
Gas Fitters.	1		1
" Workers.	1		1
Glass Blowwers.	2		2
Golfers, (Pro)	1		1
Grocery Salesman	1		1
" Warehouse.	1		1
Helpers, Blacksmith.	4	1	5
" Boilermaker		1	1
" Steamfitter.		1	1
" Mechanic.		1	1
" Pipe Fitter.		1	1
" Millwright.		1	1
" Hotel		1	1
" Painter.		1	1
" Rivetter.		1	1
" Machinist.	6	4	10
" Plumber.	2	2	4
" Electrician	1		1

TRADES	M'r'd	S'n'l	Total	Trades	M'r'd	S'n'l	Total
Helpers, Moulders	1		1	Painters	32	17	49
" Angus Shops.	1		1	" Auto.	1	1	2
Hodcarriers.	1		1	" Light Work.			
House Repairer.	1		1	Pump Engineer.	1		1
Horse Shoer	1		1	Packers	1		1
Helpers. Steamfitter	1		1	Policemen Har:Com:	5		5
Handyman	25	8	33	Porters.	2	2	4
Hotelmen.		2	2	Pressfeeders.	1	1	2
Horseman	2	2	4	" Plater.	1		1
Hospital Work.	1	1	2	Piano Maker		1	1
Interpreters.	1		1	" Polisher.		1	1
Investigators.	1		1	Plasterers.	2	4	6
Iron Workers	4		4	Photographers		1	1
Insurance Agents	2		2	Plumbers	7	6	13
Janitors.	3	1	4	Press Elect: Machine.	1		1
Kitchen Hands.	1	4	5	Pressers	2	1	3
Laborers	265	340	605	Policemen		1	1
" General.	91	70	161	Printers	2	2	4
Lathmakers.				Physical Directors	1		1
Letter Carriers	1		1	Pattern Makers	1		1
Longshoremen	1	1	2	Pipe Fitters	1	1	2
Laundrymen		1	1	Photo Copier		1	1
Lithographers.		1	1	Paper Hangers		2	2
Leathercutters		2	2	Pressmen		1	1
Light Work.	3	1	4	Railroadmen	1	6	7
Machinist, Ordinary.	21	10	31	Rivetters	7	4	11
Mental Attendant.		4	4	Roofers	4	1	5
Machinist Garage	1		1	" Gravel		1	1
" Shoe Maker	3		3	Railway Telegraphist.		1	1
" Wood	1	1	2	Restaurant Hand.		3	3
" Blacksmith.		1	1	Riggers, Ordinary	3		3
Mechanic Ordinary	1	3	4	Ships Rigger	2	0	2
" Auto	5	2	7	" Fitter.		1	1
" Ship	1		1	Reporters	1	0	1
" Motor	6	7	13	Shirt Cutters	1		1
" Stove	1		1	Sawers, Mill	1		1
Millwrights	4		4	Salesmen	7	6	13
" Machinist.	1		1	" Bread.	4		4
Motorman, Street Car.	1		1	Solicitors		1	1
Moulders	5	2	7	Stove Polisher		1	1
Musicians.	2		2	Street Car Conductor		1	1
Metal Polishers & Buff:		1	1	Seamen		12	12
Moulders, Iron		1	1	Shoemakers	7	12	19
Miners		7	7	" Laster	1		1
Male Nurse		1	1	Soldier	1		1
Oilers	2	2	4	Ship Builder		1	1
Ornamental Workers	1		1	Ships Steward	1		1
Operator, Electric.	2		2	Steel Worker	3	2	5
" Machine.	1		1	Steamfitters	10	5	15
" Boot & Shoe.		1	1	Stone Cutters	1	2	3
" Cigerette		1	1	Store Buyer Mgr.	1		1
" Telegraph.		1	1	Stove Fitter		1	1
Pantrymen	1	1	2	Storemen	1		1

TRADES	M'r'd	S'g'l	Total
Suit Case Maker	1		1
Shipwright	2		2
" s Plater	1		1
Stokers, Marine		1	1
" Ordinary		1	1
Sheet Metal Workers		1	1
Stewards		2	2
Stone Mason		1	1
Typewriter Repairer	1		1
Tailors	3	1	4
Teamsters	69	28	97
Telegraph Operators	1		1
Time Keepers	1		1
Tinsmiths	4	2	6
Tracksman	1	1	2
Trimmer Coal	1	1	2
" Auto		1	1
Press Feeders			
Book Finishers	1		1
Carmen	1		1
Cloth Cutter	1		1
Engineers, Refnig:	1		1
Firemen Train	1		1
Truck Driver		1	1
Tube Screwer	1		1
Tool Maker	1		1
Trainmen			
Upholsterers	1		1
" Cabinet Mk		1	1
Veterinary Ass't	1		1
Waiters	18	11	39
Watch Makers	1		1
Watchman	7	1	8
Woodsmen	2	7	9
Mechanic Chauffeur	1		1
Clerks(By Mail)	1		1
Reporters	1		1
Salesmen (Outdoor)	1		1
Train Driver	1		1
Trimmers	1	2	3
Watchmen (Night)	2		2
Way Man (Canal)	1		1
Bell Boys	1	1	1
Engineers (2nd boat)		1	1
Clerks General Store)		1	1

THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MARRIED MEN, NUMBER IN FAMILY AND PERCENTAGE

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
107	229	154	76	54	25	18	7	3	1	1	1	Men
214	697	616	380	324	175	144	63	30	11	12	13	No in family

Grand total (Souls) 2678

Average 4. in FAMILY

MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MENS ASSOCIATION 22nd April 1922

MARRIED MEN PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT FROM THE 1st April 1922.

Regt: No.	Bn:	Name.	Trade.	Employed By.	Date.
500641	G/H.	Law C	Carpenter	Mrs Grenier 29 Lorn Ave.	1st 4-22
40362	2nd.	Bunyan B	Electbician.	" " " " "	" " "
61272	22nd.	Menard R	Rivetter	Mrs Clements 89 Mark St.	6th " "
243305	CFC.	Riopel J	Chauff:	Harbor Commission.	" " "
3161971	14th.	Robert P	Shoe Maker.	" "	" " "
3155057	22nd.	Therrien A	Electrician.	" "	" " "
417999	22nd.	Laberge E	Clerk.	" "	" " "
419168	42nd.	McMahon W J	Brass Moulder.	" "	" " "
1078333	Q/R.	Dunlop H P	Driller.	" "	"8th "
35502	CASC.	Noel R	Lath Maker.	" "	10th "
32969	CAMC.	Perrault J E	Painter.	Mrs Grenier "29 Lorn Ave	12th "
274016	CFC.	Cooke W H	Laborer.	Harbor Commission.	18th 22
505	CRmts.	Baker J	Rigger.	" "	20th "
347739	DAC.	Johnson E	Laborer.	Motor Spring Cover Co.	21st "
1078610	5th P.	Kidney A	Laborer.	" 220 Elm Ave Westmount.	" "
600437	R.E.	McKeown J F	Accountant.	This Office.	
418312	42nd.	Stewart J	Clerk.	This Office.	

SINGLE MEN PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT FROM THE 1st April 1922.

Regt: No:	Bn:	NAME	Trade.	Employed By.	Date.
Navy	U.S.A.	Boyle H D	Farm Hand.	R W Garth 97 Cresant.	1st 4-22
916	CASC.	McLeod J	Helper.	Mrs Grenier Lorn Ave.	3rd 4-22
243037	22nd.	Boisjolie R	"	Mayers, Craig St.	4th 4-22
32817	1st FA.	Dupois A	Laborer.	Mont: Lith: Co:	4th 4-22
61861	22nd.	Pigeon O	B. Smith.	" " "	" " "
416700	Lapointe D	41st.	Painter.	Menard Con Co Querbes.	5th " "
1054651	244th.	Madden W	Helper.	Hogan Coal Co McCord.	5th " "
417288	41st.	Gervais E	Laborer.	G.N.W. St Sacrement.	5th " "
1006863	228th.	Baxter S	Miner.	Mr Webster. Church St.	3nd " "
2228316	C.F.C.	Rousseau J	Cobler.	Mr Brosseau Dufresne St	1st " "
120250	69th.	Grenier J	Laborer.	G.D.Gagne 47 St Elizeb:	3rd " "
3155034	2nd Q.	Ducharne E	"	St Hubert St.	4th " "
1084267	1st CRT.	Noonan J	Cook.	Bonnell Bros.	4th " "
2917	24th.	Stefanuc M	Laundry Man.	Mt Royal Hotel.	4th " "
3039411	1st Q.	Charron N	Laborer.	Mr Thibeault St Paul St	6th " "
63084	3rd.	Bourdeau R	Fireman.	Mont: Lith: Co.	6th " "
3082041	1st Q.	Boucher E C	Laborer.	Garage- Sanguinet St.	3rd " "
745410	2nd.	Keeble E E	Fireman.	Delorimer St.	8th " "
847580	5thCMR.	Cyr J	Cigar Maker.	General Cigar Store.	9th " "
3158045	1st.	Renaud L A	Clerk.	Mr Gathier--Park & Bernard Con:	
2381152	52nd.	Wenzel T W	Laborer.	Harbor Commission.	8th " "
23690	85th.	Nadreau L	Iron Worker.	" "	8th " "
6015	CASC.	Banham E	Rivetter.	" "	7th " "
61080	22nd.	Baumhall W	Farmer.	" "	8th " "
4040421	2nd Q.	Dube W	Laborer.	Mrs Scott, 422 Metcalf.	11th " "
520082	CAMC.	Lemieux A	Waiter.	Mr Labelle, Argyle Ave.	" " "
448759	13th.	Parks J J	Laborer.	Mrs Richie, Delorimer.	12th " "
460888	32nd.	Caron J B	"	Theatre St Catherine	12th " "
134322	70th.	Johnstone N	Painter.	Mrs Hodges, McKay St.	12th " "
Navy	U.S.A.	Boyle H D.	Farm Hand.	Dr Garrow, 289 Mountain	13th " "
2228338	CFC.	Barlow A	Painter.	Mrs Grenier, 29 Lorn Ave.	" " "
847561	22nd.	Daignault J	Laborer.	" " " " "	" " "
1045904	241st.	Jarvais L K	Carpenter.	Dr Bergeron, Mont: Chir: Clinic.	"
2173411	CAMC.	Mea Fred.	Watch Maker.	H McKay, 414 McKay St	15th " "
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May 2nd 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
Sherbrooke St. West,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated April 24th enclosing a subscription in aid of the Montreal Ex-fighting Men's Association and also for your inspiring message which was a great assistance to me in arranging with the Municipal Chapter of the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire for a tag day and clothing shower for the Association.

Yours faithfully,

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April 24th, 1922.

Colonel J. L. Regan,
Montreal.

Dear Colonel Regan:-

Last Tuesday I spent a very interesting hour and a half at the headquarters of the Ex-fighting Men's Association on Craig Street.

Major Charles and Captain Wharton shewed me through all the premises occupied as sleeping-quarters, dining room, living rooms, Quarter-master Stores, etc. The atmosphere was very familiar, a barrack-like cleanliness being apparent everywhere. Such a state of affairs is not only desirable from a sanitary point of view, but there is something else disclosed thereby which is very gratifying. It shews that Major Charles and his assistant have a splendid influence on the members of the Association and that the latter are playing the game in a manly way.

I must have seen nearly three hundred men waiting for their lunch. Their attitude was very orderly and praiseworthy in all respects. Every man, I am assured, is genuinely a returned soldier and destitute. It seems such a pity that men who suffered as these men have suffered, who played the game as they played it over there, who won such brilliant and meaningful victories, should find themselves in such circumstances. In providing them with shelter, even if the bare boards constitute the bed, and with meals plain as they are, through the winter the Association has done a splendid work. It has been not only a humane work, but undoubtedly has prevented much law-

lessness and unrest.

I was particularly struck with the small cost of this work, a condition which reflects most creditably upon the management. I noted that the receipts came from tag days, from private subscriptions and from the Dominion Government, and could not understand why no contribution had been received from either the City or the Provincial Government. The Association tells me also that they have been able to place in jobs a good many men and that the attitude towards accepting work of any description is satisfactory.

I wish to congratulate you and all those associated with you in this work and I wish you success in your efforts to wipe out the existing deficit. Herewith please find a small contribution. I am sorry I cannot make it more.

Ever yours faithfully,

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Montreal, 30th. May 1922.

Dear General,

Confirming my conversation this morning, it is our intention, provided that grounds can be obtained, to hold a day of sports, open to the Militia and permanent forces stationed in this Province. The main feature would be a forced march, open to any number of teams from each Unit, consisting of an Officer's party, in heavy marching order, distance about 15 miles.

Several Units have expressed their willingness to enter teams.

We would offer a suitable "CUP" for annual competition, and we expect to arouse sufficient interest so that we could raise $2,000. or $3,000., by the sale of tickets to the Grounds.

Wireless, or other means of communication would be placed at intervals along the route, and positions of teams would be communicated to the Grounds and announced on a blackboard and by megaphone.

Games would take place on the ground while the march was in progress.

Could you enquire if the McGill Stadium could be made available, and at what cost, for the 1st. July or any subsequent saturday?

Should this event take place, would you kindly act as Honorary Patron and present the prizes?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Charles

Manager.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
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Montreal, 30th. May 1922.

Dear General,

In continuance of our conversation of this morning, I am enclosing a synopsis, in duplicate, of my "Farm Community" scheme.

I am trying very hard to convince my Board that this plan is feasible and that the cost of operation will be very little, if any, greater than it is, carrying on as we are.

It possesses many advantages, the greatest of which is that men would be giving labor in return for relief, instead of giving something for nothing, as at present.

Should it become necessary, and possible, for this Association to care for a large number of single men at the commencement of the Winter, accommodation would be provided in a building on the railway at Richelieu, close to the farm, and in a building on the farm itself, and, I think, we could find labor for such men if plans are matured sufficiently in advance.

I would be very grateful indeed for any criticisms or suggestions, and if you can help me in convincing my Board, or in securing the aid of the Government or that of private individuals.

Many thanks for today's interview, and for the interest you have taken in the subject.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. Charles

Manager.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., L.L.D.,
Principal's Office,
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MONTREAL.

P.S. I also enclose copy of the description of the farm and the proposed method of finance.

AHC/JM.

MONTREAL EX FIGHTING MEN'S

ASSOCIATION

FARMING COMMUNITY PROPOSAL

MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

FARMING COMMUNITY PROPOSAL

The objects of the proposed scheme are:-

OBJECTS:-

1.- To give employment in return for relief.

2.- To remove married men and their families from their present environment and give them a fresh chance of life.

Many of these people are living in crowded rooms, which are badly ventilated and impossible to keep clean, amongst the lowest class in the City. Children brought up in such surroundings have little chance. The burden of debt, sickness and bad habits is too great a handicap for all but the fortunate to overcome, and there is little hope of any permanent betterment unless these men and their families are removed to other and cleaner spheres.

3.- To give delicate Mothers an opportunity of recovering health and strength and clean air, healthy employment, and surroundings.

4.- To rear and educate children in healthy and moral surroundings.

5.- To teach mixed farming and work on small holdings and get men back to the land, permanently. We propose to copy the Belgian Family Community, each member with his, or her, interest in the land.

6.- To teach trades of benefit to the community.

7.- To make all families self-supporting and self-reliant.

ADMINISTRATION:

The work would be under a paid Administrative Staff, as at the present, with the addition of a Matron, who would be responsible for the maintenance of discipline among the women.

A small office would be kept in town as a Registration and Employment Bureau and for the Purchasing and Sales Staff.

A local Farmer would be employed for the first year to give advice and generally assume direction of the farming operations.

ATTESTATION:

Each individual, man or woman, would be required to sign a contract, at first for a probationary period of six months, later a Contract optional to either the Association or the Individual would be made for three years. By this Agreement, the individual would bind himself, or herself, to be governed by the rules issued from time to time and agree to diligently perform all tasks and duties detailed by officers of the Association. The Association would agree to furnish lodging, clothing and meals, also seed, tools and stock, as thought necessary by the Association.

At the time of Attestation every man, woman and child would be medically examined and a medical history record would be kept during the period of the Contract.

DISCIPLINE:

(A) MEN: Men would be punished for infractions of discipline in much the same way as at present; this would consist of forfeitures applied against credits for work done, extra fatigues, loss of privileges, etc., each man would be required to perform 8 hours work, daily, on an allotted task. Relays of men would be utilized, so that 16 hours continuous labor would be put in on the property.

(B) WOMEN: Would be responsible for the tidiness of the Married Quarters and would be expected to perform 8 hours work daily, on an allotted task, such as Laundry, Sewing, Weaving, Poultry Raising, Bee-keeping, Cooking, Waiting on table, Shirt making, etc. A scale of punishments somewhat similar to those for the Men would be worked out and put in force.

(C) CHILDREN: Would be expected to perform 6 to 7 hours of work or study, according to age or time of year. They would be given small allotments for market gardening, horticulture or rabbit raising. Children would be taught basketry and weaving, and special attention would be paid to commercial book-keeping, etc.

A school would be opened on the farm if it were found that the local schools were inadequate. Games of all kinds would be encouraged and a special instructor would be detailed to lead in and teach youngsters how to play.

Infants would be placed under the care of competent women in a Creche during work hours. The Mothers would not be expected, nor permitted to look after their children during work hours.

A modified scale of punishments would be applied to Children for infraction of Community Law.

(D) GENERAL: Passes would be required for leave of absence outside bounds, except during such hours as may be detailed. A very high standard of discipline would be aimed at and individuals would be taught "Esprit de Community".

RELIGION AND POLITICS:

All discussion on Religious or Political subjects would be discouraged. All families would be expected to attend their own Church. Protestant Clergymen would be given every opportunity and encouragement to work among the people. A Roman Catholic Church is situated close to the property. Protestant Churches are further away, but it is expected that arrangements could be made with clergymen to hold service on the Farm.

ALLOTMENTS:

Families would be given allotments from 2 to 3 acres each, depending on the numbers, to look after. Instructions as to the kind of crop or grade and kind of stock to be grown or kept, would be detailed by the Manager. Some men would be told off to care for Milch cattle, others for Poultry, others for Bee-keeping, Hog-raising, etc. All farm implements would be in charge of one man who would be responsible for the cleanliness and condition of same. One man would be in charge of repairs and additions to buildings and one for roads and ground improvements, etc.

All duties would be allotted in regular rotation, by roster,

so that it might be found what work a man or woman is best fitted for and to afford a general training for those desirous of such.

In Winter those men who were not looking after stock would grow special crops such as Mushrooms, Vegetables, etc., and would be employed in weaving, toy and furniture making, ice cutting, etc.etc.

MESSING:

Centralized messing would be adopted, one mess room for adults, and a separate one for children. Cooks, Waitresses and Attendants would be drawn from the Community.

HOMES:

Homes for Families would be constructed as living quarters only, no cooking done.

HOSPITAL:

A Hospital would be maintained in charge of a competent Nurse, assisted by Orderlies in accordance with the situation.

SEWING ROOM AND WOMEN'S WORKSHOP:

A suitable room would be erected where the women could work on any contracts secured, as for instance, sewing shirts for some of the large factories.

READING AND RECREATION ROOM: would be provided.

GYMNASIUM:

A Gymnasium would come in time. All fit persons, male and female would be expected to undergo physical instruction under a qualified P.T. Instructor. The Medical Officer would be consulted with regard to the nature and extent of this training.

CONCERT AND LECTURE HALL:

The central Mess Rooms would be constructed, so that they could be used for dances, concerts and lectures.

PLAYGROUND:

Playgrounds for football, baseball, tennis, croquet, etc. would be prepared and maintained by a groundsman appointed for that duty. Instruction in all games would be given and some would be made compulsory. Swimming and boating would be taught during the summer. Fishing can be had on the River.

ENTERTAINMENT:

A regular programme of games and entertainment would be carried out so that there would be always something doing and no time for discontent.

LECTURES:

A regular syllabus of lectures would be arranged and the best talent possible would be procured.

HOURS:

Hours would be arranged to give every one 8 hours rest, 8 hours work and 8 hours play.

PAY:

I propose to allow every man, woman and child, market rates of pay for the work they do, but no currency would be paid. I would issue paper currency, good for trade on the Farm, in lieu of legal tender. Every person would be debited for cost of food, lodging, clothes and materials supplied.

PAY AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE:

The Pay Office would maintain a complete Ledger Account for each individual and would operate a Savings Bank for deposits and safe-keeping of the Currency issued by the Farm.

The Pay Office would be managed by the Treasurer of the Association, and, as far as possible, it would be staffed by children who would, in this way, secure a business training.

QUARTERMASTER:

The Quartermaster's Department would issue regular official orders and receipts for supplies drawn from the Farm, exactly the same as if goods were being bought from merchants. In this way, and from the Pay Office Ledger account, it will be possible to ascertain exactly how productive each individual is.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DIVISION OF PROFITS:

At regular half-yearly periods a financial statement would be prepared, and if the operation showed a profit at these periods, 10% would be set aside to provide interest on capital account, the balance would be divided, pro rata, to every individual in cash. It is not expected that any profits would result from the first two years' operations, but after that it is believed that a growing surplus would result. In this connection it must be remembered that I do not expect to make the scheme a paying one by means of the Farm only, but to implement such Farm revenues by means of contracts for labor, etc.etc.

PARTIAL LIST OF PROPOSED OPERATIONS:

Dairy Farming, including butter and cheese making;
Sheep raising on a small scale;
Hog Raising;
Poultry Farming;
Bee-keeping;
Rabbit Keeping;
Pigeons, Fancy and Carrier, for children;
Market Gardening;

Small Fruit Farming;
Tree and Shrub Nursery;
Horticulture on a small scale;
Carpentry;
Blacksmithing;
Harness and Shoe making;
Tailoring;
Laundry;
Weaving, Basketry, Toy and Furniture making;
Building and Surveying;
Ice Cutting and Storing;
Storekeeping and general office work.

Sanitation and hygiene and care of tools and equipment will be taught and practised.

ULTIMATE INTENTION:

The ultimate intention is to present to each man that allotment or business developed by him. Perhaps it may be found advisable to continue the Farm as a Training school, rather than divide it up as a gift to the incumbents, and to secure other properties developed along similar lines for distribution to graduates of the Main School.

FINANCE:

As regards finance, it is my opinion that if sufficient money were found to make the first payment on the property, viz: $12,000.00, the necessary funds for buildings, additions to stock, clothing, food, equipment, seed and a sinking fund for the retirement of mortgage and interest, could be raised on the plan I suggest, under separate cover, i.e., selling Certificates. I have reason to believe, also, that we will secure some equipment, plant, stock and seed as donations from Merchants and Farmers.

When the Community is in full operation, it is anticipated that the Government of both Federal and Provincial, and possibly, the Municipality, will take an interest and grant some form of support.

As regards Marketing the produce of the Farm, it is fully anticipated that a degree of preference will be shown by the Public and that if our quality is good, we will have no trouble in disposing of any surplus that is produced.

GENERAL WELFARE:

I wish to emphasize the fact that it is my intention to introduce a keenly competitive spirit so that the interests of each individual will be kept alive. Prizes would be offered for the best crop, the best stock, the best kept house and surrounding plot, flowers, school sports and games and debating on selected subjects. Time would be kept sufficiently occupied to prevent discontent and its attendant ills. Discipline would be secured by kindness, firmness and co-operative spirit, and would be maintained rigorously. Good work would be encouraged by a kindly word and in special cases, by remarks in orders. A sympathetic ear will be given to all complaints and practicable suggestions would be put in force.

The following plan is suggested as a means of acquiring, financing and operating the "Farm" advocated.

It is proposed to purchase the J.E. LEREAU farm, Cadastral No. 47, situated on the N. Bank of the Richelieu River, about 3 miles from the Richelieu Station, and to move on to the property at once. Money would be secured to finance this scheme by bringing out a series of Certificates, bearing on the face of same, "THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (JOHN DOE) HAS PURCHASED SIX SQUARE FEET OF LAND AND HAS PRESENTED THE RIGHT AND TITLE OF SAME TO THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT WORK, TO BE USED BY THE SAID ASSOCIATION FOR THE GOOD OF VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR, 1914-1918, IN ANY MANNER THAT THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SEE FIT."

These certificates would be sold for $1.00 each, the funds so collected to be deposited in a special fund to be known as the "MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION FARM COMMUNITY ACCOUNT".

A commission of 25 cents would be allowed to salesmen on every certificate; this may be considered high, and it is proposed not to offer more than 10 cents in the beginning, but if necessary to increase this to 25 cents if it appears advisable.

The following calculation is worked on a basis of 237 acres and shows what would be derived from the sale of certificates at $1.00 each.

1 Acre	4,840	sq.yds.
4,840 sq.yds. multiplied by 9 sq.ft.	43,560	sq.ft.
43,560 sq.ft. divided by 6 (number to each certificate)	7,260	certfs.
7,260 multiplied by 80 cts. net profit on each share	5,800	per ac.
5,800 multiplied by 237 acres	1,374,600	
From the latter amount deduct cost of land, buildings and stock	30,000	
The net amount remaining in the Treasury for development and operation would then be	1,344,600.	

All this land is fertile and free from stone.

The price of this farm, including all stock, buildings, etc. is $30,000.00. Terms $12,000.00 Cash, balance $1,000.00 per annum, with interest at 6%. There is a Mortgage of $12,000.00 on the property, which has three years to run, and which could be removed if desired.

The following is a partial list of Stock, Buildings, Implements, and Crops, Seeding is completed.

CATTLE:

Milch Cows	18 Head
Heifers, yearling	4 Head
Colt, four year old	1
Mares, eight year old	2
Mare, ten year old, unsound	1
Hens	24
Sows, in pup	6
Sow, yearling	1

BUILDINGS:

14 Room Frame House, including Bath and 2 W.C's,
Main Barn, capacity 100 tons hay.
Cow Barn, capacity stabling for 25 cows and 6 horses.
(Water laid on in this barn)
Silo, Concrete, capacity 75 tons.
Windmill for pumping of Water and sewage collection to river.
Ice House.
1 Blacksmith's Shop, complete.
2 outlying Barns, capacity 50 tons each.
Piggery, 30 ft. x 20 ft. (Approximate).
Large Open shed, waggons and farm implements.

IMPLEMENTS:

Mowers	2
Rake and Hay Loader, automatic	1
Fordson Tractor	1
Two Furrow Plough for Fordson	1
Massey-Harris Spring Harrow	1
" " " Seeder	1
" " " Binder	1
Dump Cart	1
Double Waggon	1
Single Waggon	1
Bob-Sleigh	1 pair
Single Sleigh	1
Double Harness	2 pair
Single Oak Harness	1 pair
Fanning Mill	1
Scale, 1,000 lbs.	1

Miscellaneous small tools, etc., sufficient for farm.

CROPS:

Hay	130 Arpents
Barley	6 "
Oats	35 "
Pasture	60 "
Bush, Hardwood	6 "
	237 "

To make the plan effective, it would be better to have the purchase made, and held by a Trust Company, and as Unit Sections are taken up by the Public, the land transferred to the Association.

THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENDITURES - PROPOSED COMMUNITY FARM

First Year

EXPENDITURES		EARNINGS	
1st payment, Implements and Stock...	$12,000.00	150 days Labor, 50 men at $2.00 per day.....	$15,000.00
Interest on $18,000 at 6%	1,080.00	300 days Women Tailoring at $1.25 per day	11,250.00
Cost of Buildings ..	6,500.00	5 men Blacksmith, Shoe Repairers, Carpenters, etc. 200 days at $2.50.	2,500.00
Additional Stock ...	4,500.00	General Stores	1,200.00
Annual payment on purchase	1,000.00	Tea Room	500.00
Unforeseen Contingencies	5,000.00	Market Gardening	1,500.00
Cost of food, 250 persons at 18 cts. per diem	16,425.00	Poultry, 1800 hens at $2.00	3,600.00
Cost of Clothing, 250 persons at $50.00 per head ..	12,500.00	Hogs	1,000.00
Cost of fuel, etc...	4,000.00	Bees	500.00
Office expense in town	2,500.00	6250 lbs. Butter at 35¢.	2,187.50
Delivery, Transportation, etc.	2,500.00	160 Tons Hay, after providing sufficient for feed, at $20.00	3,200.00
Salaries	22,600.00		$42,437.50
		Add expenditure as Capital account, Farm Stock, etc.	24,000.00
			$66,437.50
		Net loss on year's operation	22,167.50
	$88,605.00		$88,605.00

Second Year

Cost of food, 250 persons	$16,425.00	100 days employment, 50 men at $2.per day..	$10,000.00
Cost of clothing, allowing for increase in population	13,000.00	300 days employment, 30 Women, Tailoring at $1,50	13,500.00
Cost of fuel	4,000.00	5 Men Blacksmith'g., Shoe Repairers, Carpenters,	
Town Office	2,500.00	300 days at $2.50	3,750.00
Salaries	26,000.00	Operations, 50 boys and Girls, 100 days at 50¢.	2,500.00
Contingencies	2,500.00	General Store	2,500.00
Transportation and delivery	3,000.00	Tea Room	1,000.00
Interest on mortgage, etc.	1,020.00	Mfgr'd.Goods, 2500 Articles (i.e.10 per head to net $1.00)equals ..	2,500.00
Yearly payment on purchase	1,000.00	200 acres,Market Garden to net $80. per acre .	16,000.00
70 Tons Hay at $20..	1,400.00	In addition to feed	
450 Bushels Oats at 40¢	180.00	66 men	7,647.00
40 Tons Brand and Middlings at $30..	1,200.00	2000 hens,net $3.per hen	6,000.00
	$72,225.00	Profit from Bees	4,000.00
		Profit from 250 Hogs	8,000.00
		Butter	2,200.00
		Calves	250.00
Profits above cost of operation	6,772.00	Pigeons & Rabbits,etc. ..	150.00
	$78,997.00		$78,997.00

Third Year

EXPENDITURES		EARNINGS	
Costs of Food, 300 persons	$21,900.00	100 days employment 50 men $2.00 per day	$10,000.00
Clothing, 300 persons	15,000.00	300 days, 40 women $1.50	18,000.00
Fuel, etc.	4,200.00	5 Tradesmen, 300 days ..	4,000.00
Town Office	2,500.00	Operations, 50 youths 300 days at $1.00	10,000.00
Salaries	26,000.00	General Store	3,000.00
Contingencies	3,000.00	Restaurant	2,000.00
Transportation and delivery	3,500.00	Mfgr.Goods, 2500 Articles to net $2.50 ...	6,250.00
Interest on Mortgage, etc.	960.00	200 acres market Gardening to net 100.00	20,000.00
Yearly payment on Purchase	1,000.00	Above feeding and clothing 66 men	7,647.00
Feed for Cattle and Horses	3,000.00	4000 hens, net $3.00 per hen	12,000.00
Profits above cost of operation	26,337.00	Bees	4,000.00
		Hogs	8,000.00
		Butter and cattle	2,500.00
	$107,397.00		$107,397.00

N.B.- In the above estimate, the cost of seed for Market Gardening and feed for poultry has not been detailed as the figures taken are net after providing for same. Skimmed milk would be fed to hogs with the addition of scraps from the kitchen and middlings. Insurance, stationery, etc. is provided for under contingencies. At the expiration of the third year, capital account should stand as follows:-

Farm, with original stock and equipment ...		$30,000.00
Additional buildings		6,500.00
Additional stock bred		6,000.00
Additional stock purchased		4,500.00
		$47,000.00
Less due on mortgage	$15,000.00	
Less 10% depreciation on plant and buildings	1,300.00	$16,300.00
Leaving a balance of		$30,700.00
Profit, two years carried forward		33,109.00
NET WORTH		$63,809.00

LIST OF EMPLOYEES AND WEEKLY SALARIES OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY FARM.

Salaries	First 3 months	Balance 1st year	Second and following year
APPOINTMENT			
Manager	$50.00	$50.00	$75.00
Matron	20.00	25.00	30.00
Treasurer	45.00	45.00	50.00
Farm Instructor		35.00	35.00
Book-keeper	20.00	20.00	20.00
Superintendent	20.00	20.00	25.00
Quartermaster	20.00	20.00	25.00
Nurse		25.00	25.00
Vocational Aid		20.00	25.00
Cooks (3)	35.00	35.00	35.00
Storekeepers (2)	15.00	20.00	20.00
Employment Office	30.00	30.00	30.00
Stenographers (2)	20.00	30.00	30.00
Police (3)	20.00	30.00	30.00
General Office	40.00	50.00	50.00
Total for one week	$318.00	$455.00	$505.00
	12 weeks	40 weeks	52 weeks
	$3,816.00	$18,700.00	$26,260.00

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June 7th, 1922.

Dr. F. C. Harrison,
Principal, Macdonald College,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Dear Dr. Harrison:-

This letter will introduce to you Major A.H. Charles of the Ex-Fighting Men's Association.

This Association has done a splendid work during the past winter among the unemployed ex-service men of this city and is worthy of every consideration. To Major Charles is due much of the credit for the good they have been able to accomplish.

He would like to consult with you about a scheme he has in mind with reference to his work. I would be pleased if you would talk the matter over with him and give him the benefit of your advice.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOC.

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Rec'd

May 6th, 1922.

Captain R. F. Fairbrother,
14 Bishop Street,
Montreal.

Dear Captain Fairbrother:-

I have your letter of the 5th of May and will bear in mind what you have written.

I shall be glad if I can do anything to help you to become permanently re-established.

Yours faithfully,

14 Bishop Street
Montreal
5th May 1922.

To General Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Montreal.

Sir

I realise that I am taking an unprecedented liberty in appealing to you, but I cannot help thinking that you may sometimes hear of any likely positions that may become vacant, and since I left Digby last May, I have been unable to re-establish myself in any way.

I took a position in a newspaper office last October, but unfortunately, it holds no future and the conditions are rather trying.

I have received a sound education, and feel confident of filling any responsible position if given the opportunity, and have therefore taken this step, hoping that should you know or hear of anything, you will overlook my audacity, and perhaps recommend me.

Yours Respectfully
R. F. Trenholme
late Capt 10th Can. Inf'ty.

DOCKET STARTS:

FARNWORTH, J.

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January
Thirty-first
1922.

George J. Farnworth, Esq.,
Engineering Building.

Dear Mr. Farnworth:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th of January.

I am taking the matter up with Ottawa and will let you know as soon as I hear from them.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

January
Thirty-first
1922.

Colonel Snell,
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Snell:-

One of the students at McGill has asked me to try to do something for him and I do not know to whom I should apply to get the thing he desires done. I sympathize with him very much.

I am sending along his letter which sets forth the case very well. You will see that he has a good war record and that he married a nurse who also has a good war record. By her efforts he is being put through College. She lives in Philadelphia, because that is the home of his people, but he would like to get her a position in Montreal with the S.C.R.. You may remember her and at least you can look up her record and I hope you won't consider it too much trouble to investigate what the chances are of giving her a position with the S.C.R. in Montreal or the vicinity.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Rest

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY, MILITIA COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

AND QUOTE NO. .....

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, February 1st, 1922.

Lieut.-General,
Sir Arthur Currie, C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General Currie:-

I have just received your letter of the 31st, enclosing one from Mr.Farnworth, and will do all I can to have Dr. Arnold, the Director of Medical Services, Department of S.C.R., secure employment for Mrs. Farnworth either in Montreal or at Ste.Anne de Bellevue Hospital. I am drawing the two files of the Farnworth's, merely to verify the statement as to service, so that I will be able to put up a strong case.

I will let you know as soon as I hear any particulars from Dr.Arnold as to what can be done. Of course, at the present time I know the D.S.C.R. are reducing their personnel. However, I will get in touch with the "powers that be" up here.

With very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. E. Bucke

M. F. A. 168 d.
500m.-8-18.
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY, MILITIA COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

AND QUOTE NO. .....

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, February 10th, 1922.

Lieut.-General,
Sir Arthur Currie, C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General Currie:-

I have just received a letter from Dr. Arnold, The Director of Medical Services, Department of S.C.R., copy of which is hereto attached. From this, you will see that he is taking action in the case of Mrs. Farnworth, and I feel that he will do all he can to secure her employment in or near Montreal.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Snell

Encl.

M. F. A. 168 d.
500m.-8-18.
1772-39-1137.

(copy)

Dept. Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment

Ottawa, 8th Feb., 1922.

Colonel A.E. Snell,
Dept. Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Snell:-

(re Mrs. Geo. J. Farnworth)
(ex-N/S. Mary MacDonald)

I have your letter enclosing copies of communications forwarded to you. I do not know of any vacancy in the Montreal Unit at the present time, but I have written to Dr. Lundon, the Unit Medical Director, setting forth the circumstances and recommending that he communicate with Mrs. Farnworth with a view to securing her services when the first vacancy arises.

It will be necessary for me to give special authority in this case as Regulations do not permit of the employment of wives whose husbands are physically fit.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) W.C. Arnold.

Director Medical Services.

February
Fourteenth
1922.

Colonel A.E.Snell,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Snell:-

Thank you very much for the attention that you have given to the request of Mr. Farnworth, on behalf of his wife, that she be given some employment near Montreal.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Rest

February
Sixteenth
1922.

George J. Farnworth, Esq.,
Engineering Building.

Dear Mr. Farnworth:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Assistant Director of Medical Services.

I hope that something comes of your request.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

FARNWORTH, J.

re-est

Montreal 27/1/23

To.- General Currie
Commanding Canadian Forces
Ottawa.

Dear Sir

I am adressing you these few lines in the hope that it will reach you. I am a returned soldier and was wounded in the battle of Vimy I have served four years and now I am whithout work and I have my old mother to support, So I am adressing you in the that you will give me a recommandation to the Post-Minister to obtain a position here as a carrier as I can speak and write both languages.
I am closing hoping that

You will help me. A recommandation from you will be a great factor to give this position.

I am Sir

Your Obliged

Lto A. Lafond 417184

22 Battalion

5 Brigade

2 Division

Adress

A. Lafond.

1479 Notre Dame Est

Montreal P.Q.

Excuse the paper.

DOCKET STARTS:

FERGUSON, H.C.

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February
Twenty-eighth
1922.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
404 Talbot Street,
London, Ont.

My dear Ferguson:-

I have your letter of the 23rd and am glad to give the assurance that if any companies write to me concerning you I shall be only too pleased to say what I can in your favour, and that is a good deal.

I am also glad to learn that business has been fair. That is good because there are many firms who are losing money in these stagnant times. I know that you will keep your head up and that if hard work means anything, which it does, your business is bound to grow and prosper.

I am sorry that I have no decent photograph of myself in uniform. I am sending you one but it is not as good as I would like you to have.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

H. C. FERGUSON
GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL BONDS

TELEPHONE 1513

404 TALBOT STREET
LONDON, ONT.

Feb. 23/22

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have been asked for references by certain insurance companies I am taking agencies for, and have taken the liberty of giving your name. I trust if you are asked regarding me that you will give me a satisfactory recommendation.

Business has been just fair with me since coming here, but I have managed to keep going which is something to be thankful for in these days of stress and hardship.

If you have a photograph of yourself in uni-form that you can spare I wish you would send it along to me, signed. I am sure you must have many calls for them, but I assure you no person would appreciate one more than I would.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Ferguson

Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

H. C. FERGUSON

F. O. CANFIELD

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404 TALBOT STREET
LONDON,
CANADA

Sept. 18/22

My dear Sir Arthur,-

Eric MacDonald is forwarding for your consideration the outline of an undertaking we are working an, and if it is in your power to help us, I appeal to you to do so.

It is a clean proposition, has good possibilities, is not in the least visionary, and should be the means of establishing Eric and myself in a profitable business.

I originated the idea so far as we are concerned, and enlisted Eric's co-operation for several reasons. I know he is in the same state of non-re-establishment as myself; I know he wants to link up with me again: I know his integrity, ability, enthusiasm, capacity for work, and unbounded energy. I also know we are a good working team as we proved to our own and others satisfaction in the army, and I am confident we can put this thing over successfully if we can get the proper financial and moral support. We are placing it before you because we feel sure you can and will help us.

Knowing that you must have many calls made on you by all kinds and conditions of ex-army people we hesitated before adding ourselves to the number, and if either of us had any influential connection outside our army associates we would not for that reason approach you, but it happens we have

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CANADA

not, and you are the only person known to us who can give us the lift we require.

This is a most important thing to us. Its success will pave our way to proper re-establishment in civil life. Its failure will mean a continuance of the poverty I have experienced for the past few years, consequently I am very anxious as to the outcome of your decision and action.

If I had not faith in the scheme, and in our capacity to make a success of it, and in your ability and willingness to help us, I would not approach you, but I have - hence this letter.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Ferguson

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, KCB KCMG etc.

Montreal.

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October
Tenth
1922.

Major H. C. Ferguson,
404 Talbot Street,
London, Ont.

My dear Ferguson:-

I must apologize for not acknowledging your letter of September 18th before. Of course, it arrived at my office when I was away at the Montreal Board of Trade trip across the continent. From this trip I returned at the beginning of this month and as last week was such a busy week, owing to its being the first week of the session, and to special ceremonies in connection with the opening ceremonies of some new buildings, I am just now getting down to personal correspondence.

I have read over Eric's proposal and want to make this suggestion: Ther is no use in saying that you can do this trip for any man for $400. or $500., or any other amount. What you want to do is to take a man from Winnipeg and set down in black and white what it is going to cost that man for railroad fare, steamboat fare, motor fare, living accommodation, tips, etc., then anyone you seek to become your backer would be in a position to check up these figures and decide whether your conclusions are sound, or not.

As for myself, it will be impossible for me to become a backer for the very simple reason that I have not the money, but if I were convinced that you and Eric could create an organization and make money for yourself and your backers, I would be very glad to try and get you that backing.

This letter is merely one of acknowledgment of yours of the 18th. After I have replied to Eric's letter I shall probably write you again.

Yours faithfully,

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November
Third
1922.

M. A. Brown, Esq.,
Canadian Colonization Association,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I know that you are proceeding with the organization of the staff of the Canadian Colonization Company and I presume that you are deluged with applications for positions.

With every diffidence I am bringing to your attention the name of Major H.C.Ferguson now conducting a Bond selling and Insurance business in London, Ont. I knew Mr. Ferguson as Major in the 10th Bn. during the war, where he served from the beginning until the end, although several times severely wounded. He was one of the outstandingly capable and efficient officers, very quiet, unassuming and hard-working. Immediately before the war he was engaged in the real estate business in the Northwest for two years, and for some four months previous to that was in the Old Country on behalf of the Immigration Department for the Dominion Government. Previous to that he was Manager of a Branch of the Home Bank of Canada in Manitoba, leaving the service of the Bank of his own free will and accord.

He was born at Glencoe, Ont. near my old home and I know that he comes of good stock. I can only speak personally of his character as I found him during the war. Of his capability and integrity there can be no doubt, while I consider that his experience in immigration work, in real estate and in banking ought to stand him in good stead in an organization such as yours.

I never recommend a man unless I can

do so with a clear conscience, but I unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Ferguson.

Yours faithfully,

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80 Forward Avenue, London, Ont.

November 1st 1922.

My dear General,-

Please accept my thanks for the kindness extended to me by you during my visit to Montreal.

I am writing to-day to Mr. M. A. Brown, Medicine Hat, regarding a position with the Canada Colonization Association, and am hopeful of getting well placed with his organization. Possibly he will receive your letter regarding me by the same mail.

In view of the fact that the Canada Colonization Association is the only large Canadian organization undertaking expansion of any size at the present time it appears reasonable to suppose there is a better opportunity for me to get placed with them than any other institution.

Yours faithfully,

H. B. Gibson

Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

November
Third
1922.

Sir John Willison,K.B.,LL.D.,
33 Victoria Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir John Willison:-

I thank you for the information contained in your letter of October 31st, re Canada Colonization Association.

Yours faithfully,

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Solicitor, Bank of Montreal, Belleville.

J. T. ROSS,
Director, Royal Bank of Canada

October 31, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

The General Manager of the Canada Colonization Association is Mr. Howard Everett, Bank of Hamilton Chambers, Winnipeg.

Yours very truly,

J. Willison.

Sir Arthur Currie,

Montreal.

write to Mr Brown re Ferguson

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404 TALBOT STREET
LONDON,
CANADA

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Oct. 24/22

General Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear General,-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 10th inst, which reached me sooner than I expected as I knew you were in the West when I wrote you.

I appreciate your offer of assistance if we can convince you that our plan will make money for ourselves and backers.

I agree we must put our proposal in concrete form, giving all possible detail, before we can expect any one to seriously consider it. I have secured in Canada and from England what I think is sufficient data to make a close estimate of costs, etc., and propose going to Montreal to-morrow night to discuss the matter with you personally. On my arrival in Montreal Thursday morning I will telephone you for an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Ferguson

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November
Twenty-fifth
1922.

R. S. Griffith, Esq;,
C/o. Vickers, Limited,
225 Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 24th asking me about Major H. C. Ferguson of London, Ont.

I know but little about the business experience and capacity of Major Ferguson, but it gives me much pleasure to speak of his war record. Ferguson was one of the most dependable, efficient and gallant officers in the Canadian Corps. I knew him from the beginning to the end and my admiration for him increased every day. There is no doubt that anything he undertakes to do he does to the best of his ability. He is most conscientious and loyal, he gets on well with other men, has a keen sense of honour and detests all shams and hypocrisy.

I know that before the war he had some experience in banking.

Yours faithfully,

CABLE ADDRESS:
"HYDROVICK" MONTREAL
CODE: BENTLEYS

TELEPHONE PLATEAU 5271

VICKERS, LIMITED

LONDON, ENGLAND

REPRESENTATIVE

R. S. GRIFFITH

AGENT AND IMPORTER

225 BEAVER HALL HILL

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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B., LL.D.
Chancellor, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

We have recently entered into negotiations with Major H. C. Ferguson of London, Ontario, regarding the handling of various specialties made by Vickers and Associated Firms. He has now made us a proposition to act as Selling Agent on an extensive scale, and in doing so gives us your name as reference.

Any information you may be able to give us regarding this gentleman will be esteemed, and, of course, be treated in strictest confidence.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply, we beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

R S Griffith

for VICKERS LIMITED,
Canadian Agency.

WJB/C

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MONTREAL, November 28th, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,LL.D.
Chancellor, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir: RE: Major H.C. Ferguson, London,Ont.

We beg to acknowledge your valued favour, dated 25th November, in regard to the above.

Please accept our thanks for your prompt reply, and for the information which you have given us,which is quite satisfactory for our purpose.

We beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

R S Griffith

For VICKERS LIMITED.
Canadian Agency.

RSG:IB.

December
Fifteenth
1922.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
333 Davenport Road,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Ferguson:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, I have had no answer to my letter to Mr. Brown of the Canada Colonization Association, nor to my letter addressed to Mr. Everett, who, I understand, is more or less Manager.

Confidentially, from what I heard the other day I think that Mr. Brown's influence in that organization is waning. One day when going to Ottawa I chatted with Mr. Everett and Mr. Brown most of the way and personally mentioned your name and stated your qualifications. I do not think the organization is moving very fast and I would not bank on them too much if I were you.

I had a letter from Messrs. Vickers Limited and was very glad to express my opinion regarding yourself.

Yours faithfully,

333 Davenport Road.
Toronto. Ont.
Dec. 12/11.

My dear General

I am curious to know if Mr. Brown, of the Canada Colonization Association, wrote you regarding my application for a position with his organization because he has not even acknowledged receipt of my letter written over a month ago.

I took the liberty of referring messrs Vickers Limited, of Montreal, to you and General Loomis in connection with a matter I have under discussion with them, and it is possible they may write you.

You will note I have left London and am now located here in Toronto. I am offering certain Vickers products to the trade and am encouraged by my receptions.

Yours faithfully
H Dupuis

CANADA COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION, LTD.
303 BANK OF HAMILTON BUILDING
WINNIPEG, MAN.

December 19th, 1922.

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I have your communication of December 3rd, which arrived during my absence in the West.

I note the favorable comment which you have made in reference to Major H. C. Ferguson of London, Ont. I also had a communication from Mr. Ferguson, and have written him in reply stating that I received a very favorable letter from you in reference to his application.

I am handing your letter, together with the one received from Mr. Ferguson, to Mr. Howard Everett, the General Manager of the Association, requesting consideration to his application.

Yours sincerely,

CANADA COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION, LTD.

MAB/MB

Vice-President.

January
Eleventh
1923.

Colonel T. Gibson,
707 Bank of Hamilton Building,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Tom:-

There is now in Toronto a former officer of the Canadian Corps in whose behalf I want to speak a good word to you. He is Major H. C. Ferguson who wrote to me about a month ago from 333 Davenport Road. Ferguson does not know I am writing to you, but I know he has had a very hard time getting re-established.

He was born in Middlesex County of very decent Scotch ancestors. He entered the employ of the Union Bank and was Manager of a small office in the West when he resigned from the Bank in 1913. His record with the Bank is O.K. in every respect. He left them because he thought a larger field was elsewhere. He crossed with the 1st Division on the same boat as myself as a subaltern in the Fort Garry Horse. He was sent to France early in 1915 with reinforcements to the 10th Bn. and was one of the most dependable and efficient young officers in the Corps, one of those who after being wounded got back to his unit as soon as possible and one who never tried to get away on any staff job.

He won his D.S.O. at Vimy and I shall always remember the circumstances. Shortly after leaving the jumping-off trench at the head of his Company in the initial assault he was badly wounded in the arm. He might well have gone out but his servant bound up the wound and he went on and joined his Company in the fighting. When within a couple of hundred yards of the final objective he was badly wounded in the leg and again refused to be carried out. After the wound had been attended to he

crawled to the Zwischen Stellung trench which was the final objective of his battalion and there he remained until evening, only coming out after the position had been consolidated andmade secure.

On his return to Canada he did relieving duty in the Union Bank in Montreal and later on formed a company to develop the Flax industry. This, as you can imagine, did not succeed. For the last year or so he has been in London, Ont. endeavouring to sell bonds and insurance, but has not done well.

I have confidence in him and I thought that may be one of the many companies of which you are Czar might find a place for Ferguson. Look him over and do what you can for him.

Yours faithfully,

GIBSON & GIBSON
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.
THOMAS GIBSON J. G. GIBSON
TELEPHONE MAIN 5780
CABLE ADDRESS "SONGIB"

ROOMS 707-11
BANK OF HAMILTON BUILDING
TORONTO, CANADA

January 13th,
1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your note of the 11th inst. regarding Major Ferguson, whom I have asked to call and see me. You may rest assured that I shall be pleased to do anything I can on his behalf.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

TG/ML.

H. C. FERGUSON

111 Howland Ave.,
TORONTO,

Jan. 23/23

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My dear General,-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of recent date to Colonel T. Gibson, of this city. I managed to see him yesterday, and had a talk with him. He has written to a number of the companies he is interested in on my behalf.

You may remember I told you when in Montreal that Vickers Limited suggested I handle some of their lines on a commission basis. I have been doing that for the past couple of months, specializing on the products of the Ioco Waterproof & Rubber Co., of Glasgow, one of Vickers associate companies. I have met with a certain amount of success in selling bed sheeting(rubber) and hot water bottles to hospitals and institutions. Prospects for future business are encouraging particularly if I can get authority to handle the products of some of their other associate companies. For instance they have a porcelain company, and as practically all materials of this nature are manufactured in England there is no Canadian or U.S. competition to contend with which is encouraging as Vickers people must be thoroughly familiar with the products of their

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old country competitors, and on a competitive basis with them. There is a good market for porcelain materials in Canada particularly in wall and floor tiles, bath room toilet fixtures, electrical insulators and special fittings, etc. etc.

My main difficulty at present is lack of funds. The work I am doing now is mainly of a missionary nature, and will be so for several months. Of course, I am making some sales as I go along, but hardly enough to keep me going. Possibly I can induce Vickers to share in my expenses for the next six months or so. I am sure it would be to their advantage. I am very anxious to hold my present connection with them and to enlarge it as time goes on as I can see splendid possibilitiesin it, but unless I can get them to assist me over the missionary period I am afraid I will have to give it up or at least devote only part of my time to it.

I assure you I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in writing Colonel Gibson on my behalf, and trust I have not bored you with the above details of what I am doing.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Ferguson

Colonel Gibson's letters to his companies were inthe form of requests that they give me an opportunity to tender fro any materials they might require and which Vickers can supply.

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General Sir Arthur Currie,

McGill University,

Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

Reference our chance meeting at the railway station here yesterday it may interest you to know details of the situation insofar as I am concerned with the Vickers people.

I told you some time ago I was working on some of their lines on a commission basis, and meeting with fair success. I have been endeavouring to demonstrate that I have a good connection and the ability to enlarge it and produce a good volume of business for them in the hope that they will open an Ontario branch with headquarters in Toronto, and put me in charge. They are making important changes in their Canadian organization, and are going after Canadian business in an aggresive manner, and it is quite possible that an Ontario agency will enter into the scheme. Mr. Clarke is in a position to exert a great deal of influence in the matter, and I believe he is favourably disposed towards me. He will be in Montreal for a few days, and it is possible you may meet him again. If you do, I would appreciate a boost from you. Contact with him can be formed at the Mount Royal Hotel or Vickers office on Beaver Hall Hill. I do not suggest that you put yourself to any particular inconvenience on my part, but owing to Mr. Clarke's position in British industry you may feel inclined to see something of him, and if you do my case might be mentioned.

This is a great opportunity for me, and I am very anxious as to the outcome.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

H. C. Ferguson

March 23rd, 1925.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Major:-

I have your letter of Saturday telling me of the delay on the part of the American Cellulose and Chemical Company of New York in appointing their Canadian representative.

I shall apeak to the people you mention and hope something may be found to give you congenial and continuous employment. I was glad to see you the other day and most sincerely hope that all will go well.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

12 Springmount Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario,
21st March, 1925.

PERSONAL.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Since I saw you on Thursday, I have received word from the American Cellulose and Chemical Company of New York that the matter of their Canadian representation will be held in abeyance for some time. Consequently, I can not make the arrangement with them I had hoped. This is a disappointment as I had counted on taking over their distribution almost immediately. But, evidently, their domestic demands will not permit them, at present, to attend to any export business.

I can not wait indefinitely for them and must, therefore, look elsewhere for another appointment. In this connection, possibly you may be able to assist me by speaking to Mr. Beatty of the C. P. R. and Sir Henry Thornton of the C. N. R. on my behalf. I am sure I could give either of the Railway Companies good service, particularly in their Commercial Development or Immigration Departments. You may rest assured I will appreciate anything you may do for me and I am mentioning the Railway Companies and their Commercial Development and Immigration Departments, particularly, so that you may have a definite lead to work on.

My qualification for the work of those Departments is a coast to coast knowledge of Canada and the local requirements of the various Provinces as well as a detailed insight into commercial and agricultural conditions generally, gained through my banking experience in Eastern and Western Canada, prior to the war, and, laterly, as Toronto Manager of the Vickers office.

As I told you, the re-organization of Vickers' affairs in Canada included the closing of my office in Toronto. I will not burden you with any details, but I wish to point out that Mr. A. R. Gillham of Montreal, General Manager of Canadian Vickers has repeatedly expressed his regret at the way the re-organization effected me and, furthermore, has since demonstrated his attitude in a practical manner by giving me a number of commissions to perform. But the fact remains that I am no longer in their regular service and anything I do for them

now is of minor importance and paid for accordingly. I am anxious that you should know that the severance of my connection with Vickers was not because of any fault of mine, but was due to circumstances over which I had no control. So that there may be no doubt in your mind on this point, I wish you would take the earliest convenient opportunity of asking Mr. Gillham for a confirmation of my statement.

I trust you will be able to influence one of the Railways to take me into their service and, if not, that you will bear me in mind if you hear of some other suitable opening.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

(H. C. FERGUSON)

PERSONAL

12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.
2nd April 1925.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I am very grateful for your letter of the 23rd ult., and, am now, anxiously awaiting word from you as to the result of your conversations with Mr. Beatty and Sir Henry Thornton.

If you have not already seen them, I trust you will have that opportunity before long, and, as you say, something may be found to give me congenial and continuous employment.

I made no mention of location in my previous letter, but assumed you would realize that I am prepared to go to Montreal or wherever a suitable post may be found for me.

I sincerely trust that I will receive some encour--aging news from you at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

H C Ferguson

(H. C. Ferguson)

April 27th, 1925.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Major:-

I am very sorry that I have nothing favourable to report so far. Both companies said they would see if anything could be done and I have been hoping for good news right along.

I shall mention the matter from time to time and hope it won't be long before you are congenially placed.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Personal

17 Springmount Avenue
Toronto, Ont. April 18/98.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
McGill University.
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur.

I trust you will not consider it out of place for me to remind you of my letter of the 2nd inst.

I am anxious to know if your conversation with Mr. Beatty and Sir Henry Thornton produced anything of an encouraging nature.

I appreciate the fact that these matters cannot always be hurried, but I trust, if there is a probability that I may become associated with one of the railways that you will do everything in your power to expedite it.

With kindest regards, Yours.

Yours Sincerely.

H.G. Gipson

12 Springmount Ave
Toronto. Ont
May 8th 1920.

Sir Arthur Currie. G.C.M.G. K.C.B.
McGill University
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur. -

Please accept my thanks for your recent note advising me of the situation with reference to the railway.

I have had some correspondence with my friend, Mr. N. L. C. Walter, of the National City Company, Montreal regarding a post with his organization, which, as you may know, is one of the largest of the International financial institutions.

He has promised to do what he can with his headquarters in New York, but, I believe his efforts would be given an impetus if you were to intercede with him on my behalf.

Anything you may do will be greatly appreciated by me.

Yours faithfully.

H. C. Jaffray.

12 Springmount Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.,
June 5th 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

You will recollect that about a year ago, when I left the Vickers organization, I told you I was endeavouring to form a connection with The British Celanese Limited, but was unable to do anything in the matter at that time as they were not ready for Canadian business.

The company is now building a plant at Drummondville for the Canadian trade under the name of Canadian Celanese Limited, and I have re-opened negotiations with them through Mr. R. H. Sperling, who is in charge of Canadian operations and who advised me that they will be engaging a staff at an early date.

I am anxious to bring as much influence as possible to bear on Mr. Sperling, and will appreciate any support you can give me. I realize it is possible that you are not personally acquainted with him, but, at the same time, he, no doubt, knows about you, and I feel sure that a recommendation from you will go a long way towards assuring me of a suitable place in his organization.

His address is, R. H. Sperling, Canadian Celanese Limited, Romm 1501, 15 Wast 26th Street, New York.

You may be interested to know that for the past year I have been in charge of sales expansion for The Herbert Morris Crane & Hoist Co.,but as my contract was for a year only and is about expired I am anxious to get placed elsewhere immediately, and because of the nature of their business and the fact that the company is entirely new, Canadian Celanese Limited appears to offer me the opportunity for a permanent and suitable post.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
Yours faithfully,

H.C. Ferguson

(H. C. Ferguson)

June 7th, 1926.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Major:-

Let me acknowledge your letter of the 5th of June. Before writing to Mr. Sperling I would like to know if he is the R. H. Sperling whom I knew in British Columbia. There was a man of that name connected with the B. C. Electric Railway in the days before the war.

As soon as I hear from you I shall write to him and hope most earnestly that you may find with his Company a position permanent and congenial.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

12 Springmount Avenue
Toronto. Ont.
June 9th 1916.

Sir Arthur H. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Kleas accept my thanks for your letter of the 7th inst.

According to information obtained by me, Mr. Sperling was connected with the B.C. Electric Railway at one time, and he is, therefore, undoubtedly, the man you knew in British Columbia in pre-war days.

I am indeed grateful for your offer to write to him, and sincerely trust that there will be a favorable outcome.

Yours faithfully.

H.C. Ferguson

12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
June 21st 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:

As I have received no response to my last letter written to Mr. Sperling of the Canadian Celanese Limited about a fortnight ago, and as I am now out of a position and must get employment immediately, I would appreciate, very much, being advised as to the result of your letter to him.

I have been told that the company opened an office in the Canada Cement Building, Montreal, last week, and as it is possible that you will come in personal contact with Mr. Sperling, I hope, if the opportunity presents itself, you will verbally supplement your written recommendation on my behalf.

I trust there will be a favourable outcome to my efforts to join the Canadian Celanese Limited, and that I will receive some good news from you at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

H. Hoffman

June 26th, 1926.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Major:-

I have not yet received a reply to my letter to Mr. Sperling, but will let you know at once when it comes.

This note may appear brief but I am hurrying in order that I may leave twon tonight for a few days vacation.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

June 25th, 1926.

R. H. Sperling, Esq.,
Room 1501, 15 West 26th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Sperling:-

I have been asked to forward to you a word of commendation regarding an application which Major H. C. Ferguson of 12 Springmount Avenue, Toronto, informs me he has made to The British Celanese Limited, of whose Canadian operations you are in charge.

My acquaintance with Major Ferguson began in the early days of the war and continued until the Canadian units were disbanded. I cannot speak of his business ability, but I know that in discharge of his soldierly duties he shewed qualities which ought to stand him in good stead in business. He was a very willing, energetic and capable officer and one of the best fighting soldiers in all the Canadian forces. He possesses grit and determination and I have wondered why he has not been successful in securing permanent employment during the last seven years. All his experience with our forces was in the front line trenches and perhaps that unsettled him to some extent. As far as my knowledge goes I can say nothing but good of Major Ferguson's personal qualifications.

I am told that you may come to Montreal to live, where I hope to renew an acquaintance begun in Victoria many years ago.

Yours faithfully.

CANADIAN CELANESE LIMITED
DRUMMONDVILLE, P.Q.
CANADA

July 5, 1926.

TELEPHONE:

Sir Arthur W. Currie, Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 25, giving me your opinion of Major Ferguson's personal qualifications.

For some time, at any rate, my headquarters will be at Drummondville where, as you know, we are constructing a factory, but my work brings me to Montreal from time to time, and I shall much look forward to renewing our acquaintance which began in Victoria~~ville~~ very many years ago.

With kind regards and best wishes, believe me

Yours faithfully,

RHS:EFG

12 Springmount Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.,
July 16th 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,
York Harbor, Me.,

Dear Sir Arthur:

It is only because of my anxiety regarding my negotiations with The Canadian Celanese Limited that I am intruding on your vacation.

I have been wondering what results you obtained from your letter to Mr. R.H.Sperling. You will recollect that you told me that on receipt of an acknowledgement of it that you would write to him again, and supplement your initial recommendation with one of a stronger nature. I trust Mr. Sperling has replied to you, and that you have found it convenient to write to him again, but, if by chance, he has not written to you I feel sure it is because your letter was addressed to New York and has not been forwarded to Drummondville. Under the circumstances, possibly for my sake you will not mind writing to him again even if he has not weplied to your first letter.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that both Mr. Gillham, late managing director of Canadian Vickers and Mr. Miller, president of the Herbert Morris Company, my late chiefs, have written most complimentary letters to Mr. Sperling on my behalf, and while their recommendations will, undoubtedly, carry considerable weight with him, I am placing more reliance on your support as I feel confident that you can put my case before him in such a manner as to absolutely assure me of a place in his organization at a very early date.

Trusting that the efforts I am making in this matter will be succesful, and that you will accord me a full measure of support, I am,

Yours faithfully,

H.C.Ferguson

(H.C.Ferguson)

York Harbor, Maine, August 2, 1926.

Major H. C. Ferguson, D.S.O.M.C.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Major:

I should have acknowledged before this your letter of July 16 but I had no news to give you.

I had a letter from Mr. Sperling in response to the one addressed to him in New York. I replied to that letter and said again all I could since when I have heard nothing.

I do sincerely hope that Sperling's Company will give you a chance.

With kindest wishes always

Ever yours faithfully,

AWC:DP

November
Ninth
1926.

I wish to make a strong personal appeal to you to help me find some congenial employment for the bearer of this letter Mr. H.C. Ferguson.

Before the war he was manager of a branch of one of the small banks of Canada and left it to enter the brokerage business in Winnipeg dealing in grain. When war broke out he enlisted with one of the first Winnipeg battalions and accompanied the First Division to France. I knew him from the very beginning to the end and can truthfully say that no better fighting soldier wore the Canadian uniform. He was particularly efficient, loyal, hard fighting and gallant. He won the D.S.O. with two bars and the Military Cross. On his return to Canada in 1919 he tried to establish a business which failed because of lack of capital. After this he was employed by the Vickers Company at their plant in Toronto, but since their closing down he has never been able to get anything of a permanent character. He seems peculiarly unfortunate in this regard, and I confess I cannot see why. His hard luck has been so persistent that it is only with difficulty that he is keeping up at all. I would like very much to see him congenially placed and I can truthfully say that I believe he has it in him to make a valuable member of a staff. I hope you can help him to find a position.

December 6th, 1926.

H. C. Ferguson, Esq.,
12 Springmount Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Major:-

Thank you very much for your letter of December 3rd.

I am glad to know that you have got a start, small though it be. I will see General White and find out if there is any prospect of anything with his organization.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

12 Springmount Ave.
Toronto. Ont.
Dec 3/16.

My dear Sir Arthur.

I called on you last Monday morning to give you a report on the progress I had made on my calls on the various gentlemen to whom you so kindly addressed letters on my behalf, but as you were away at MacDonald College I arranged to call the following morning. In the meantime I received word from Mr. Maetzel, of the C.P.R. (to whom I was referred by Mr. Beatty) that he had arranged for me to interview the officials of the new big terminal warehouse here, and as the interview was set for Tuesday morning it was necessary for me to leave Montreal on Monday evening without seeing you.

As a result of my interview I have arranged to join the warehouse staff here on Monday next. At the moment it is impossible for me to give you any idea as to the nature of the duties they will assign to me or the future prospects of the post. All I know

is that it provides a small necessary income ($50.00 a week), and as there did not appear to be anything else offering I gladly accepted the post, particularly when you and Mr. Mac Iver had gone to so much trouble to get me placed.

The only other prospect of anything in the nature of a congenial connection developed as a result of your letters was with General White, of the Riordan Company, who assured me he would do anything in his power to meet your wishes in the matter. He promised two weeks ago to write to me if anything could be done for me, but as I have not heard from him I presume he has been unable to find a place for me as yet.

I certainly appreciate your efforts on my behalf, and will let you have a report shortly on my impressions as to the future prospects with the warehouse organization. It may be what I have been looking for. In any event it will tide me over, and possibly General White may yet be able to find a congenial place for me in his organization.

Yours faithfully,

H. Nyquist

December 6th, 1926.

A. D. MacTier, Esq.,
Vice-President, Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. MacTier:-

This morning I received a letter from Major Ferguson saying that he has joined the staff of the Terminal Warehouse in Toronto, and I wish to tell you that I am very grateful indeed, as I know he is, for the help you have been in this matter. I hope Ferguson makes good.

With many thanks and all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

FERGUSON, H.C.

Hillcrest 7401

1015, Bathurst Street
Toronto. Oct 14th.

Dear Sir. Arthur Currie

Very many thanks for your letter & photograph, I think is very nice & intend to hang it beside Lord Allenby who is sending me a photograph from England, He was a junior Officer of my Fathers in the Innis killing Dragoons. My daughter has not heard up to the present from the Bank but she may

Later.

I wonder if it would be asking too much - would you give my husband an introduction to Hon Howard Ferguson Rome. he is trying to get a Government post.

With kindest Regards I hoping to meet you again.

Yours Sincerely
Adah B. Ferguson

Hillcrest 7401

1015, Bathurst Street
Toronto. Nov. 9th/26

Confidential

Dear Sir Arthur Curry.

I am about to ask you a very great favor. I feel sure you will do it. Since returning to this Country things have been very bad - Money worse owing to the Strike in England.

Our Rent is due & I am unable to meet it, I must raise $30. there is no one I can go to.

My Father was a Soldier & a U.C. one of the
Light Brigade & you are a Soldier.
My Husband is a Mason. I knew you in
the days gone by hence my writing you
I feel sure you will do this
Yours Indeed
Ada B. Ferguson

Re-est

December 10th, 1926.

Personal.

Mrs. Ada B. Ferguson,
1015 Bathurst Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 9th, but only received this morning, in which you ask me if I will send you $30.00 to help pay your rent.

I am very sorry indeed that owing to the unusual number of calls at this season of the year I cannot afford to do this.

Yours faithfully,

11 a.m. Thursday

Re-ed

7 March, I925

From:- J.F. Fitzpatrick,
(Late Lieut. I4th. Bn/ C.E.F.)
403 Aqueduct Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

To:- Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
595 Sherbrooke Street W.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Sir:-

I have the honour to recall to your notice that I served with the I4th. Can. Infy. Bn/, in France, from July I9I6 - January I9I7, and that I was personally known to you, and noticed by you at Patricia Lines, at Warloy, and at Bruay.

I have further the honour to request that you will grant me the priviledge of an interview at such early date as may not interfere with your convenience, my reason for desiring this interview being a personal one.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J.F. Fitzpatrick.

Late, Lieutenant.

24

January
Nineteenth
1921.

A. D. MacTier, Esq.,
Vice-President,
Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. MacTier:-

I am sending you a letter which I have received from one of the station porters, who is an old private of the Canadian Corps.

I am bothering you simply because I do not know with whom else I might take up the matter. I know that you are interested in all returned soldiers and that, probably, you won't mind having somebody look into the matter and see if anything can be done.

Thanking you for any trouble you take in this man's behalf, I am,

Yours faithfully,

January
Nineteenth
1921.

Sydney Flood, Esq.,
258 Guy Street, Apt.1,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 18th.

He has written to Mr. MacTier, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway with reference to the matter, and will communicate with you further as soon as he receives a reply.

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

Re-est

January
Twenty-sixth
1921.

Alfred Price, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Pacific Railway Company,
Montreal.

File No. 18456

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of the 24th instant and again apologize for putting you to all the trouble regarding the case of Flood.

Please do not think that I was for a moment under the impression that the C.P.R. was not giving Flood all the consideration due him. It is well known to me, as to all returned men, that your Company has been an outstanding example of generous treatment regarding returned men.

For Flood's sake I hope he will always be able to earn enough to support his wife and family decently.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
EASTERN LINES

ALFRED PRICE,
GENERAL MANAGER.

MONTREAL. January 24, 1921.

IN REPLY REFER TO MY FILE NO. 18456.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

Your letter of the 19th instant to Mr.MacTier has been referred to me in the absence of Mr.MacTier in the South.

I am arranging for the head of the department in which Flood is employed to send for him and hear his case, and let me have a report in connection with the matter.

In view of the remarks made to you by Flood, I would like, however, to explain several points which will place the matter in a different light in your opinion. I might explain that Flood entered the service only three or four months ago, at which time he was a junior man on our staff of Red Caps, who at that time numbered eighteen. As is the general rule all over the country, Red Caps, with the exception of a few senior men who act in the capacity of Supervisors, etc., are not paid by the Company, but are glad to get the privilege to carry passengers' handbaggage in large stations in return for the gratuity they receive from the public, which I might say amounts to a considerable sum per month. As I stated before, between Flood and the men employed on salary, there were six men senior to him. Since that time some of these men have left the service and he has been moved up to his seniority, and he now stands but two removed from those paid a salary.

This explanation will, I think, make the matter somewhat clearer to you.

Yours very truly,

General Manager.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

DOCKET STARTS:

FOOTNER

Rest

November 24th, 1925.

Stephen G. Footner, Esq.,
P. O. Box 824,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Mr. Footner:-

When I returned from my visit to British Columbia and the Western Provinces I found your letter of October 22nd.

Mr. Beatty tells me that he does not care to ask the Legal Department in Vancouver to take you on, it being the policy of the Company to leave it to the Staff in the Local Offices to look after the appointment of all clerks.

I hope it will not be long before you find some congenial position.

Yours faithfully,

Copy.

Land Registry Office.
Victoria. B.C.
June 30th. 1920.

To whom it may concern.

Mr. Stephen G. Footner has worked in the Land Registry Office in Victoria as a Draftsman since the 2nd of September 1919, and has given complete satisfaction in his work, showing punctuality, diligence, and close attention to business.

(signed) Frank J. Stacpoole.

Registrar-General of Titles.

Copy.

British Columbia Electric Railway Co. Ltd.

Victoria. B.C.

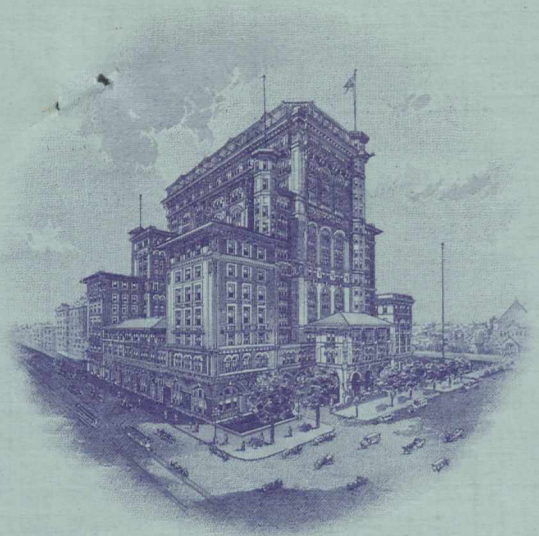
6th. September. 1918.

The bearer, Mr. Stephen G.Footner, who is a Solicitor and Notary Public for the Province of British Columbia, was employed in the Legal Department of our Companyfor two and a half years, particularly looking after accident claims, also Land Department work.

I am pleased to be able to state that during the time Mr. Footner was with us, he proved quite satisfactory, and was a very conscientious and loyal worker, and I can cordially recommend him.

(signed) A.T.Goward.

Manager.



HOTEL VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

~~Canadian Pacific Hotels~~

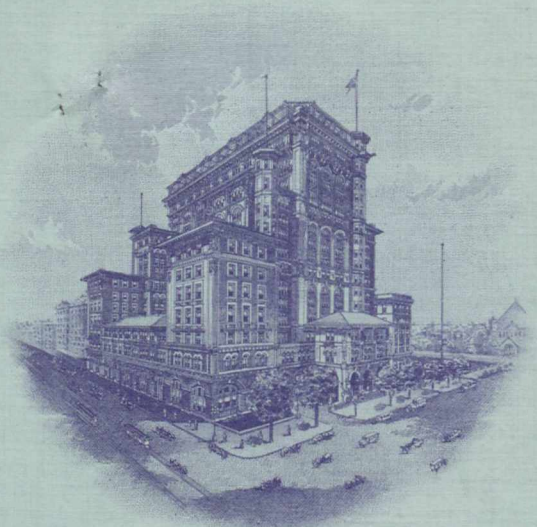
P. O. Box 824.
Vancouver B.C.
11th Nov. 1927.

My dear General.

The enclosed letter from the C.P.R. arrived at my P.O. Box last night.

I was in a high state of happiness, fully believing that I was at last on the road to something tangible in the way of employment.

I duly attended at the C.P.R. depot today, & saw the writer "E.H. Banks" who informed me that Mr. McMullen (C.P.R. Solicitor) wished to see me, & he conducted me to that gentleman's office. Mr. McMullen informed me that Mr. Beatty had forwarded on to him, my letter to you, but that unfortunately he had nothing to offer me. I reminded him that I had met him once or twice in former days,



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VANCOUVER, B.C.

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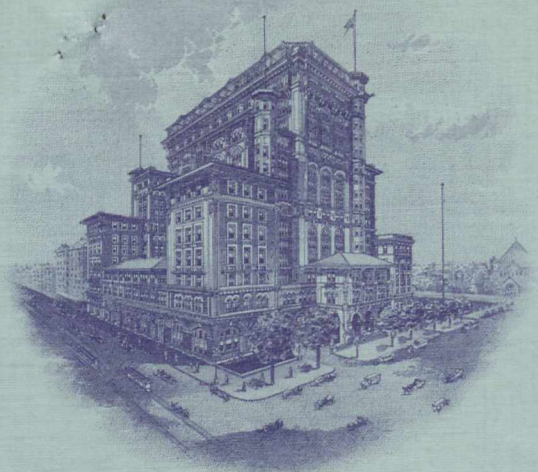
having been introduced to him by the late R.T. Marpole (Supt. of the Line) & that I had since called on him. He was extremely nice & kind, & had he a vacancy, & did he know of one, I feel sure he would have been pleased to have helped me.

He asked me for my address, but did not hold out any hope of any kind of employment in the near future.

The above confirms what I told you in our interview at this Hotel, on the 1st Sept. to last. Mr. McMullen asked me what I was doing for a living at the present time, & I told him the truth, that I was endeavouring to sell subscriptions to a local weekly paper. I did not think it



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VANCOUVER, B.C.

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advisable to keep this card back, but to have all my cards on the table. I fear these good people of the C. P. R. are pestered by men looking for jobs. I feel I must, as our good friend Rudyard Kipling says "hold on when there is nothing in you "except the will which says to you "Hold On". It's certainly difficult, but I was never a quitter.

I wish they hadn't written me to call, at this end, as I, very naturally, concluded that when the enclosed letter arrived, that a job was waiting for me, & the result and disappointment was very great.

In conclusion, I want you to believe that I am deeply grateful to you for your efforts on my behalf. Please let Mr. Beatty know the result, & for me the "roses may yet & bloom in December".

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
Stephen G. Foothe

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

WESTERN LINES

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT
PRESS REPRESENTATIVE

VANCOUVER, B.C.
November 9, 1927.

Stephen G. Footner Esq,
P.O. Box 824,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Could you get in touch with me at this office . It is on the third floor of the depot and you will find me in from 9.00 until I.00, and from 2.00 p.m. until 5.30.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. Banks.
Press Representative.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

Personal

MONTREAL October 27th, 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have your letter of the 26th instant.

The difficulty in placing Mr. Footner would be, of course, his lack of training for any special railway work or, I gather, general office work. He seems to be a very well educated man and I presume has some ability as a writer. However, I know very little about him but am today writing to Mr. McMullen, our Solicitor at Vancouver, asking him to have an interview with Mr. Footner and make a recommendation to me as to his (McMullen's) opinion of his ability and fitness. It would seem undesirable to bring him to Montreal if an opening could be found for him locally.

Yours very truly,

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

October 26th, 1927.

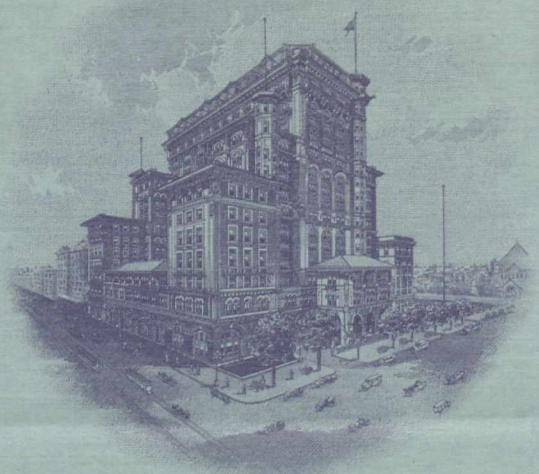
E. W. Beatty, Esq.,
President, Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Mr. Beatty:-

I dislike bothering you over these matters, but Mr. Footner is persistent. You will remember I spoke to you about him before.

He is a qualified member of the Bar of England and British Columbia, but, while well educated and presentable, he has not made a success. He has no bad habits of which I am aware. He does not drink and so far as my judgment goes, there ought to be some job which he could do well enough to justify a Company having him on the pay roll. What shall I say to him?

Yours faithfully,



HOTEL VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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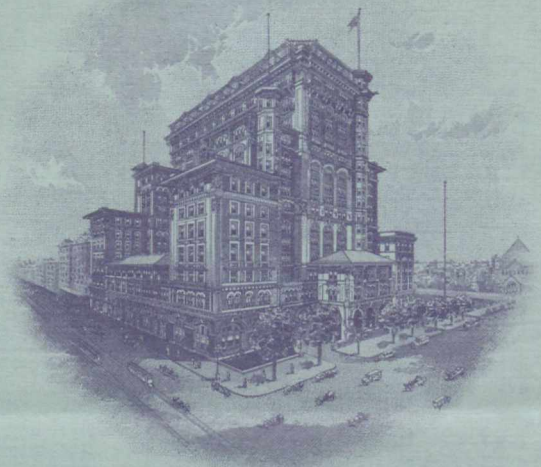
P. O. Box 824.
Vancouver. B. C.
22nd Oct. 1925.

Sir arthur W. Currie. K. C. B.

Dear Sir arthur.

I sailed from the old Country per C.P.R. s/s Montcalm, & arrived at Montreal on the 10th inst. I was sorry to have missed you there, but my friend Mr. McKee (Mr. E.W. Beatty's Secretary) informed me that you had left for the west on B.C. university affairs.

After spending a day or two in Toronto, & viewing Niagara falls, I came on here, arriving at 9/pm last monday. I spent just 5 months in the old Country, & the doctor tells me that my wife, is a shade better, at any rate, she



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is certainly no worse than she was when I sent her back at the end of 1923, & for that, I must be thankful, & she will remain with her people indefinitely. I am very anxious to get some employment, preferably in Vancouver, & you have always been so good to me, that I am going to ask you to do something more for me if you will. As you know, in the old days in Victoria B.C. I had quite a good billet with the B.C. Electric Railway, when they were building their Inter-Urban Line from that City to Deep Bay, at the head of the Saanich Peninsula. In fact, Soward engaged me to look after the Company's Titles to all properties, & I started their present Legal department, checked up the Titles to all property held by the B.C.E.R. the Victoria

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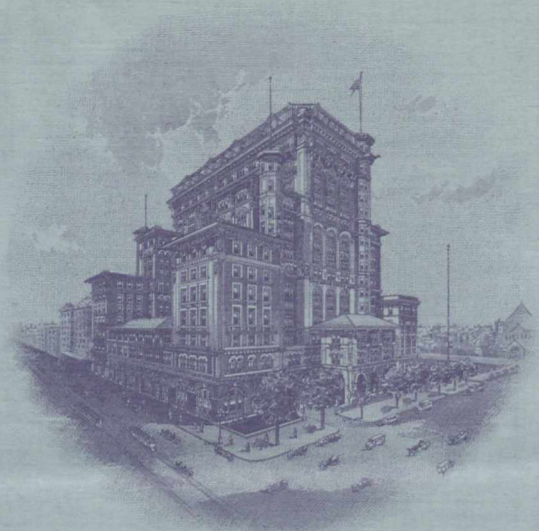
Gas Coy, The Vancouver Island Power Coy, & the Columbia Estate Coy, & generally took charge of all the Land Registry work, searching Titles &c.

During the time I was ~~was~~ with the B.C. E.R. I read law & qualified as a Solicitor for B.C. but only practised conveyancing for a very short while, after leaving the B.C. Electric as I went into real estate. I was over in the old Country for 4½ years during the war, & most of that time was at the Ministry of Munitions (Headquarters) & Army Service Corps at Woolwich.

I am extremely anxious to get some occupation at the earliest possible moment, now that I have returned, as when I have been able to put by a few hundred dollars, it is my intention to take out my B.C. Law certificate, & resume practice as a conveyancing Solicitor, preferably with some Solicitor who is already in practice. At the present time however, I feel it would be unwise to do so, until



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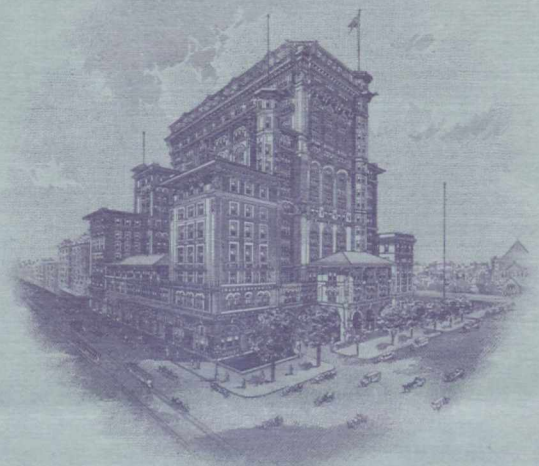
conditions are much more favorable, & as I don't want to be idle, or fall back on odd jobs or casual labor (having experienced it in the past) I want you to see your friend Mr. Beatty & ask him if he will be good enough to appoint me to some office job in the C.P.R at Vancouver. I am fully aware that all the departments are somewhat slack, but at the same time, in a big concern like the C.P.R. there is always room for one more, especially if a man has any ability or aptitude for business.

I am not seeking any "cushy" job, & am quite prepared to start in any department, in which room can be found for me, & at any salary, & quite understand that no undue favoritism can be shewn me. Neither ~~and~~ am I desirous, that a permanent position shall be made for me. I do however, desire some kind of a position that will



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Give me employment, at any rate to carry me over the winter. It is possible, that I may prove myself useful, & work my way up fairly quickly, & I know enough of the C.P.R. to know, that if I am a really useful man, that they will soon recognise it, & pass me on up the ladder.

I enclose you 2 copies of testimonials, one from A.T. Goward & the other from the late F. J. Stacpoole, who employed me to examine titles in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, since the war.

I have stacks of testimonials, but I feel that the 2 enclosed will be quite sufficient for your purpose, if you will give me the "leg up" I require.

I am writing you this letter in case I might by any chance miss you tomorrow, but shall call at the Vancouver Hotel, & hope you can see me for a few moments.

Yours very Sincerely

Stephen G. Foohey.

November 25th, 1925.

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,
President, Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

I hope you won't mind my taking liberties with your name as I have in the attached letter.

Yours faithfully,

HOTEL VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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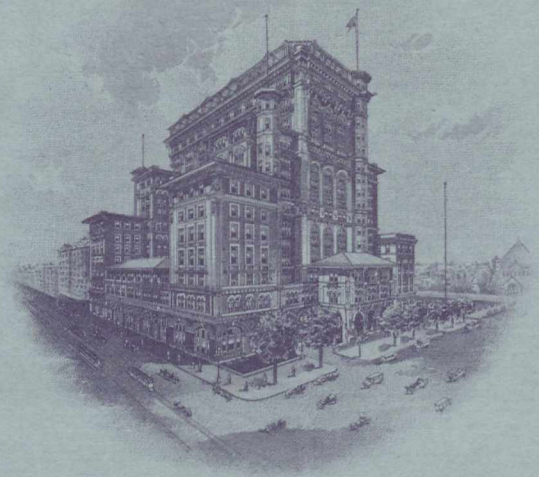
P. O. Box 824.
Vancouver B. C.
saturday 6 pm.
24-10-25.

Dear Sir Arthur.

I am not lucky am I? I have just called at the Vancouver Hotel, & the clerk tells me you left for the East this morning. However, you will doubtless have perused ere this, my somewhat voluminous epistle.

What I committed to tell you (& one has to cut these letters as short as possible) is, that, when my wife was operated on for a burst appendix abscess, & in the Royal Victoria Hospital for nearly 4 months, that shortly before she was convalescent, & we continued our journey to Victoria-B. C. I made the



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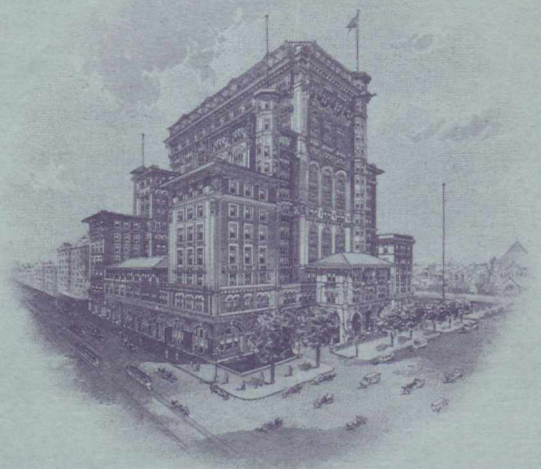
~~acka~~ acquaintance of a W. Elliott K.C. who is, I believe Solicitor to, or does business for the C.P.R. He gave me a letter of introduction to W. Amiot, who got me a clerical job at Headquarters Windsor Station, starting at $80.00 per month, & with all sorts of encouragement as to my future prospects. Unfortunately, I was unable then to accept it, as a day or two afterwards the House Surgeon at the Royal Victoria told me my wife was convalescent, & could continue her journey to Victoria, as we were travelling on Imperial Government passes. I felt bound to continue my journey, as we had no funds to remain in Montreal. I hate to bother you with another communication so soon, but I know you will forgive me, as I am so anxious to get



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busy once more, & by hard work try & forget all my worries for the last few years. I would prefer to get a start on the C.P.R. somewhere in B.C. preferably in 1/ Vancouver 2/ Victoria, for the reason that I have been 18 years in the Province, & am an admitted Solicitor & Notary Public for the said Province.

I think there should be no difficulty in starting me right here. At the same time, if it is more suitable, I should be willing to take any clerical job at Montreal for a start.

I notice I have taken 3 pages to tell you 2 points 1/ That I had to decline an appointment on the C.P.R. at Headquarters in 1919, and that:- 2/ If I cannot get a start here, I would gladly consider a similar position in Montreal.

I hope you will be the cause of "Roses to bloom in December" for me.

Yours very Sincerely
Stephen G. Foster

DOCKET ENDS:

FOOTNER

DOCKET STARTS:

FORSTER, F.G.

Rest

September
Fourth
1920.

F. G. Forster, Esq.,
The Soldier Settlement Board,
Sherbrooke, Que.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

In further reference to your letter of the 19th of August and my reply of the 26th of August, I beg to inform you that I find that apparently the only privilege the Quebec Bar grants to returned soldier students, as a general rule, is to reduce their term of clerkship from three years to two, provided that they attend the prescribed number of lectures and comply with all other conditions. This only applies to men admitted to the study of law in or before last January.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF LAW
R. W. LEE, D.C.L., M.A.
DEAN

746 UNIVERSITY STREET
TELEPHONE: UPTOWN 5920

31-8-1920

Dear Principal:

Apparently the only privilege which the Quebec Bar grants to returned soldiers as a general rule is to reduce their term of clerkship from three years to two, provided that they attend the prescribed number of lectures and **cpmply** with all other conditions. This only applies to men admitted to the study of law in or before last January. Private acts of the Legislature are sometimes passed for the relief of special cases, but I do not think your correspondent is likely to obtain any help in this way, since his previous study of law has been elsewhere.

Our "Summer Course" this year was held for the benefit of these men.

Very truly yours

Herbert C. Smith

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August
Twenty-sixth
1920.

F. G. Forster Esq.,
The Soldier Settlement Board,
Sherbrooke, Que.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, making inquiries as to the course you would have to follow in order to be called to the Bar in this Province. I have delayed answering same until I could procure the necessary information.

You may obtain the full text of the regulations of the Bar of the Province of Quebec by writing to Mr. Victor Martineau, K.C., 66 St. James Street, Montreal. They are summarized, however, in our Calendar (pp.269-271), a copy of which I am sending under separate cover.

The Bar grants certain privileges to returned men. These have not been printed, but I have asked Mr. Martineau for details and will forward the information when I receive it.

Apart from that your Manitoba degree exempts you from the small "examination for admission to study", but is of no further value. The Law Degree referred to in the last paragraph of your letter is of no value unless taken at a University in this Province.

Your quickest route would probably be to get called to the Bar in Saskatchewan, and you could then be admitted to the Quebec Bar upon (1) passing an examination in Quebec Law, and (2) paying a fee of $200., or whatever larger sum Quebec may charge for the admission of lawyers from other Provinces. See p. 270 of the Calendar with reference to fees.

Trusting that this information is what you require, and with all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

The Principal

1.-The full text of the regulations may be obtained from Mr Victor Martineau, K.C., 66 St James' Street, Montreal. They are summarised in the Calendar, pp.269-271.

2.-The Bar grants certain privileges to returned men within a year of demobilisation. These have not been printed, and I do not find any note of them among Lee's papers, but I have telephoned to Martineau for details, and will let you have a copy when I get them.

3.-Apart from that, the Manitoba degree exempts him from the small "examination for admission to study", but is of no further value. The law degree referred to in the last paragraph of his letter is of no value unless taken at a university in this province.

4.-His quickest route would probably be to get called to the Bar in Saskatchewan. He could then be admitted to the Quebec Bar upon (1) passing an examination in Quebec law, and (2) paying a fee of $200 or whatever larger sum Saskatchewan may charge for the admission of Quebec lawyers. (Rev.Stat.Que., s.4539).

5.-Fees:-See Calendar, p.270.

Law Building
26-8-20

H.A.Smith

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The Soldier Settlement Board,
Sherbrooke, Quebec,
August 19th, 1920.

Sir Arthur Currie,
President,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly forward to me information upon the following.

I am a returned soldier with upwards of three years of active service. Before proceeding over-seas I was articled as a law student in Saskatchewan, and by the regulations of that Province all time spent over-seas is credited to returned men, so that when examinations are successfully passed it is possible to be called to the bar.

I am a graduate in Arts, Department of Philosophy and Political Economy, Manitoba University.

What course would I have to take and what fees to pay and examinations to pass in order to be called to the bar in this Province?

I may say for your information that I have but one examination to pass for my degree for Bachelor of Law.

Your attention will oblige,

Yours truly,

J. G. Foster

DOCKET ENDS:

FORSTER, F. G

re, est

January
Fifth
1921.

P. F. McCaffrey, Esq.,
Shaughnessy Building,
McGill Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Harry Forster, the bearer of this letter, intends to apply to you for a position where his duties will be of a clerical character.

I would like to say that I knew him in Victoria before the War. I know that he was always held in high regard by his employer as a man of honest character, good habits and a willingness to work hard and faithfully. At the outbreak of the War he volunteered to serve his Country abroad. He was with the Canadian forces for five years and three months, of which nearly two years were spent in France. At the time sickness forced him to leave the field he had risen to the rank of Sergeant-Major in the 19th Infantry Battalion.

I can cordially recommend him to you and I hope you will find it possible to give him a position. I believe he would serve you loyally, faithfully and efficiently.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET STARTS:

FOASTER, W.B.

April
Thirteenth
1922.

Major-General J.H. MacBrien,
Department of Militia & Defence,
OTTAWA.

My dear MacB.:-

I have today a letter from Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Forster of Vancouver, asking me if I would support an application which he has made to your Department for permanent employment.

You probably remember Forster very well. I do, and can vouch for him as being one of the most efficient officers we had in the Corps. He was really a splendid soldier both by tradition and example. I do not suppose that there is much likelihood of your increasing your staff, yet he is one whom it is worth while to keep in mind.

I am leaving tonight to spend the Easter holidays with my mother in western Ontario, but will return to Montreal next Tuesday morning.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

April
Thirteenth
1922.

Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Forster,
1256 Georgia Street W.,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of the 9th of April and will today write to the Adjutant General a word in support of the application you have made to the Department of Defence.

I would consider that any military organization would be very fortunate as a permanent officer.

With all good wishes and hoping that you have completely recovered your former good health, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

1256 Georgia St. W.
Vancouver B.C.
9/4/22.

To. General Sir Arthur Currie. G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
McGill University.
Montreal.

From Lieut Col. W. B. Forster. M.C.
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of writing you, with regard to my application to Hdqrs Ottawa for employment with the Permanent Force.

At the conclusion of the war I was in very poor health and did not feel that I could continue my duties there. Without a

long rest. consequently I went on to the Reserve of Officers.

I did not however, lose my connection as I organised the 13th C M G Bde in Alberta. which until I have commanded for the past two years. with Headquarters in Calgary.

Pending a reply to my application for the Permanent Force I am at present living at the Coast.

For generations our family have had a representative either in the army or navy, and on the earnest request of my father, General Forster, I have decided to rejoin

if this is at all possible.

I have thought that perhaps you might be able to further my application, and I shall be deeply grateful for any thing you may be able to do.

Yours sincerely.

Wm. J. Porter.

re. est

April
Twenty-fourth
1922.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.M.G.,D.S.O.,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear MacB.:-

I thank you for your letter re Forster. I did not expect that you would be able to place him.

I saw Alexander on Saturday who told me about your being in Montreal for a few hours only. We met at a very interesting ceremony here, being the occasion of the planting of the first trees of what will be an avenue of remembrance!

I shall be glad indeed to see you any time you come to Montreal and to have you spend a night with us.

I am very sorry but it will not be possible for me to go to Ottawa for the dinner tomorrow night.

Yours faithfully,

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HQ. 332-111-37.

Department of Militia and Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

April 22nd, 1922.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have your letter of April 13th, respecting Lt.Colonel W.B.Forster. I did not know him well in the Canadian Corps, but I was aware of the fact that he was an exceptionally good officer. It would be most difficult, at present, to obtain an appointment for him, even though he is thoroughly qualified. We are obliged to reduce the number of the officers employed, and such being the case, it would be difficult to justify taking others on.

As yet, no application has been received by the Department for employment. Should one come, he will be informed of the situation and that his application will be considered, should it be decided to make appointments to the Permanent Force.

I was in Montreal on Wednesday for a few hours, but did not have an opportunity to pay you my promised visit. I may be in town again within a few days, so will endeavour to pay you a call and and explain to you our reorganization. I send best wishes to Lady Currie and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. MacBrien

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG., KCB.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

P.S. We are looking forward to your visit on 25th inst.

DOCKET ENDS:

FORSTER, W.B.

436 MacLaren St,
Ottawa, Ont,
July 8, 1924,

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Can,

Dear Sir Arthur:

My application for appointment as Manager of the new Montreal Arena is now in Mr, Northey's hands and I would appreciate very much any missionary work that you might do on my behalf with the Officers and Directors of the Arena, I have enclosed with my application a letter of recommendation from the President of the Ottawa Auditorium, and the following is a list of the Officers and Directors of the Montreal Arena,

President-Donat Raymond

Vice-President-Wm, Northey

Directors: John S, Archibald, P, P, Cowans, Gordon Cushing, Hon, A, David, Kenneth T, Dawes, E, R, Decary, Sir Charles Gordon, A, D, McTier Major H, B, MacDougall, Lt, Col, Herbert Molson, C, E, Neill, J, K, L, Ross, L, H, Timmins,

Thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Chas. D. Fraser.

Re-cut

July 12th, 1924.

Chas. D. Fraser, Esq.,
436 MacLaren Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Fraser:-

I have your letter of the 8th of July and will say what I can in your behalf to those Directors of the Montreal Arena Company whom I know.

Yours faithfully.

Reed

June 5th, 1923.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me very great pleasure to write this recommendation on behalf of Mr. Charles Douglas Fraser.

Mr. Fraser served during the war with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and on the Headquarters Staff Canadian Cavalry Brigade, in the latter instance occupying a position which called for much tact and courtesy. After the war he entered the School of Commerce of McGill University and completed practically the full course for a degree, although through force of circumstances, he was not able to write all his examinations.

In the session of 1921-22 he acted as Assistant Secretary of the Students' Council and during the past year as Secretary. This position is one which calls for much energy, zeal, tact and business ability. Mr. Fraser filled the position in an eminently satisfactory manner, changing an embarrassing deficit into a satisfactory surplus.

I feel quite certain that any business firm would find his services of much value.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET STARTS:

GENGLE

February 22nd 1924.

My dear Logie,

I am very much obliged for your prompt reply to my letter asking for a record of service of Cecil R. Genge.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

Colonel F. Logie Armstrong,
Director of Records,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

February 21st, 1924

My dear Wilfrid,-

As requested in your letter of the 19th instant, I am enclosing herewith, a Record of Service for No.901740 Private Roy Cecil Genge.

I hope this will give the particulars Sir Arthur desires.

Yours faithfully,

F. Logie Armstrong

(F. Logie Armstrong)
Colonel,
Director of Records.

Lt.-Col. Wilfrid Bovey, O.B.E.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

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February 22nd, 1924.

Cecil R. Genge, Esq.,
10044 - 116th Street,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Genge:-

I am sorry that I have not before this acknowledged receipt of your letter of February 2nd, but I was anxious to get more details of your service than your letter disclosed.

I first wrote to Colonel Ewing of the 42nd Battalion, who does not recall you, but from him I learned that you served with the battalion only a couple of months. I then wrote to Ottawa for the record of your service and found that you were with the Canadian Corps from December 16,1916, until you were admitted to the hospital in February 8th, 1917, unfortunately suffering from Myalgia.

I am afraid that there is nothing that I can say that would help you in your desire to get a commission in the Royal Air Force. I cannot say anything more than the official record of your service discloses. I should think your best plan would be to get recommendations from those who know you personally.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Record of Service relating to #901740 Pte. Roy Cecil GENGE.

Enlisted with 193rd Bn., at Pugwash, N.S., on March 28th, 1916;

Proceeded overseas to England, Oct. 12th, 1916;

Proceeded to France, Dec. 5th, 1916;

Taken on strength in the Field, with the 42nd Bn., Dec. 6, 1916;

Admitted No. 16 General Hospital, Le Treport, France, Feb. 8, 1917 suffering from Myalgia;

Evacuated to England and taken on strength for treatment, C.C.A.C., Hastings, Feb. 27th, 1917;

Admitted to 3rd Western General Hospital, Newport, England, March 1st, 1917, Myalgia;

Transferred to Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Bearwood, April 6th, 1917;

Transferred to Red Cross Special Hospital, Buxton, April 26th, 1917;

Discharged from Red Cross Special Hospital, Buxton, July 6th, 1917;

On Command to C.D.D., for return to Canada, Shoreham, England, July 23rd, 1917;

Returned to Canada, and admitted to Convalescent Home, M.D. #6, Halifax, N.S., Aug. 24th, 1917;

Discharged from the C.E.F. on Feb. 28th, 1918, for the purpose of enlisting in the Royal Flying Corps.

Certified true copy.

(Clyde R. Scott)
Major, for Colonel,
Director of Records.

GFS/EHM.

February 19th 1924.

Colonel Logie Armstrong, D.S.O.,
Director of Records,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Logie,

Sir Arthur would be very much obliged if you would let him have a record of service of Cecil R.Genge, of the 42nd. Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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NEW YORK CORRESPONDENTS
THE CROSS & BROWN COMPANY
18 EAST 41 STREET

February 14th, 1924.

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

Cecil R. Genge

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 8th, and must apologize for the delay in replying, which was due to the fact that I had to get at our records to see what information I could obtain in connection with the marginally noted. I do not recall Genge, and there is very little on our records. He was evacuated sick to England 27/2/17, which does not agree with his statement that he served with us in France from November '16 until he enlisted with the R.F.C. in February '18. If he will let me know who his Company Commander was, I will try and get the matter checked up more fully, and will be glad to help him along.

Very faithfully yours,

February 8th, 1924.

Colonel Royal Ewing,C.M.G.,D.S.O.,
263 St. James Street,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from one Cecil R. Genge, who says that he served with the 42nd Bn. in France from November 1916 until he enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps in February 1918. He says he was granted the honorary rank of Flight Lieutenant and was on the point of proceeding again to France with the R.F.C. when Armistice was signed. He is now studying law in Edmonton and tells me that he has applied for a commission in the Royal Air Force, and has reason to believe that his application will be approved.

He has written to ask for a reference from me. Is there anything that I can say in his behalf? I do not know him personally, but I would be quite willing to go so far as to certify as to his war record if you can say a good word in his behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Canadian National Railways

Hotel System.

10044-116 St. Edmonton

Feb. 2nd 192 4.

The Macdonald,
Edmonton, Alta

Major General Sir Arthur Currie.
McGill University-
Montreal.

Sir—

I am entirely unknown to you, tho I had the honor to serve under you in France.

I have applied for a commission in the Royal Air force, and have reason to believe that my application will be approved.

I am looking over references from Senator Stanfield, Edgar N. Rhodes, and one or two others from well known men.

I wonder if I might impose on you for a reference— I naturally cannot ask for a personal one— But you might be good enough to state that I had served in France with the 42nd Bn. Montreal, and that my

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Hotel System.

The Macdonald,
Edmonton, Alta

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Service was Satisfactory. You may perhaps be following.

Enlisted March, 1916 – 193rd Bn Halifax.

Draft to 42nd Bn. Nov. 1916.

Enlisted Royal Flying Corps. Feb. 1918.

Granted Hon. Rank of Flight Lieut. was on the point of proceeding overseas with ~~R. F. C.~~ R. A. F. when Armistice was signed.

At the present time I am engaged in the study of Law.

I believe you have met my Father – Rev. M. E. Gregg D.D. of Charlottetown.

If you can assist me in this matter I will be very much in your debt.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Obed Servant

Cecil R. Gregg.

DOCKET ENDS:

GENGE

Re-est

THE SENATE
CANADA

WAG:BH.

Edmonton, Alberta,
January 6th, 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

My dear General:-

I have your letter of the 22nd ultimo re Gilpin.

I have gone into this matter, had a discussion with Gilpin and have advised him what to do. I think he will now be attended to.

Yours faithfully,

W A Griesbach

Gilpin is a bit of a dom fool

December
Twenty-second
1921.

Brigadier-General W.A.Griesbach,
Edmonton, Alta.

My dear Griesbach:-

I am sending along a letter which I got from an old soldier who now lives in Jasper, Alberta.

He seems to be very badly up against it and I hope that you can think of a way of helping him. There seems to be more unemployment this winter than ever and more hardship and suffering.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Griesbach and with all good wishes for you both for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

December
Twenty-second
1921.

Albert Gilpin, Esq.,
Jasper, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Gilpin:-

I was very sorry to learn by your letter of recent date that you have been so badly up against it since your return to Canada.

I do not know what I can do to help you because there are so many returned soldiers out of work in Montreal that every cent that I can afford must go to help them. However, I am writing to BrigadierOGeneral Griesbach of Edmonton, telling him of your case and I hope that he will be able to do something for you. It is too bad so many of our comrades are finding it so hard to get along.

You must not give way to despair for that is not the way to meet your difficulties. You have probably been up against some tough propositions in France and have met them like a man. You must do the same now. I sincerely hope that things will be better for you soon.

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET STARTS:

GLOAG

Room 18
547 Dorchester St West
5/10/25

Dear Sir

I wonder if you could help place a young man in work of some kind. Since leaving the Army I have done mostly Club Hotel and Hospital work but I find Hospital work dont agree with me, as I am alway having a sore throat have just had to give up work at the Children's Memorial because of my throat

Now Sir I have been in Montreal over two years and have had lots of Idleness but what I want is work of some kind, as I have a widow mother in Winnipeg my home to help support.

My oldest brother was killed in France one brother served nearly four years with the 16th Batt for myself because of my age done over two year with the Medical Corps in Canada.

Being without friends of any kind in Montreal I write you hoping you might help me

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Peter Gloag.

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La Gauchetiere

October 15th, 1925.

Mr. Peter Gloag,
Room 18,
547 Dorchester St. W.,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 5th addressed to General Currie who is at present in British Columbia.

Will you please go to see Mr. G. A. Harcourt, Secretary of the Rehabilitation Committee, at 400 Lagauchetiere Street West. He may be able to do something for you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Room 18 M
547 Dorchester St West
Montreal

9/3/26

Dear Sir

I have had my Medical Board but will not know the results for two weeks. Wrote Mother and told of my interview with you sir and mother hopes if the Government should do nothing for me, you sir might be able to find some kind of work for me.

Have started on an odd painting job which will last out for another week yet, and believe me I needed it sir, for the day I had my interview with your sir I had one dollar to keep going on with. Hope sir if you should hear of anything work you will remember me. I remain Sincerely Peter Gloag

February 20th, 1926.

Mrs. Lena Gloag,
180 Aberdeen Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

My dear Mrs. Gloag:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 13th with reference to your son now living in Montreal.

I am asking him to come and see me and shall do what I can to meet your wishes.

I am, dear Mrs. Gloag,

Yours faithfully.

February 20th, 1926.

Dear Mr. Gloag:-

I have a letter from your mother and would like to see you in consequence.

Please write me at McGill University saying what is the most convenient time for you to come and see me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Gloag,
547 Dorchester St. West,
Montréal.

Feb 13/26.

180 Aberdeen Ave.,
Winnipeg Man.,
Canada.

Dear Sir,

I would be obliged if you would do something for my boy. He served with the C.A.M.C. for over two years and because of sickness, which he contracted while on duty, which later on made it necessary for him to undergo a few operations. He was unable to go over-seas; but as I had one son killed, who served with the Eight Battalion and another who did over three years in France with the 78th Batt, from Winnipeg. I think at least one of my sons deserves something done

for him by the Government, to give him a chance to get somewhere in life instead of being of the unskilled laborer class, and finding himself out of work quite often.

Their father has been dead quite a number of years, so I have practically had to bring them up to manhood alone.

One year ago last Aug. he made application to the Medical Officer in Montreal for treatment as his old trouble was giving him some bother again, they passed him over to the Board of Pensions, and they told him he would be notified when he was to be called for a board but he is still waiting.

He wrote to you himself, as he

now resides in Montreal at room 18. 547 Dorchester St. West, thinking you might be able to help him find work, and your secretary passed him on to the Rehabilitation Dept., in Montreal, but he found a job himself for a few months, the job is about finished, so I am appealing to you Sir to see if you could use your influences in his case, I hope sir you will give this letter your consideration I remain

Respectfully Yours.
Mrs Lena. Gbag.

DOCKET ENDS:

GLOAG

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE
CANADA

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re-est
BM O'Connor.

Minister's Office,
Ottawa.

August 27th, 1920.

Dear General Currie:

On my return to Ottawa this morning I find your letter of the 24th. inst., written on behalf of Major Willis O'Connor.

I appreciate all you say about Major O'Connor's qualities, and was anxious to see him placed to his satisfaction. I am now advised that he has been appointed as A.D.C., to General McBrien, and I think in this position he will find his work very agreeable.

I note what you say with regard to appointment of a "Military Secretary", and up to the present time I have not definitely decided what I am going to do in this connection, however, in the meantime, it is not my intention to appoint anyone as Military Secretary.

I hope you are enjoying your new sphere of activities and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. Currie

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

August
Twenty-fourth
1920.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie,K.C.,M.P.,
Minister of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Guthrie:-

I wish to say a few words on behalf of Major H. Willis O'Connor,D.S.O., who served throughout the War as my A.D.C., and who is well known to you.

He joined the 2nd Infantry Battalion at Valcartier in 1914, became its Adjutant and remained with the Battalion until September 1915, when I asked him to join my staff. In the battalion he was regarded as a capable, devoted and gallant officer and was twice wounded.

I cannot speak too highly of the value of his services as A.D.C.. He possesses a most equitable temper, has pleasing and courteous manners, is always willing to work and give all his time and attention to his work. He is loyal and tactful, is attentive to details and is actuated by high ideals.

He is a member of the Princess Patricia's regiment and, of course, can be sent to duty with it; but I know that he is anxious to remain in Ottawa for a year, principally on account of the closing up of the O'Connor estate.

I saw a notice recently that Colonel Osborne is retiring shortly. I do not know what is in your mind with reference to a successor, if anything; nor do I know whether O'Connor is just the kind of a man you want, but I would say that he is an officer possessing very many, very good qualities.

May I be permitted to make a suggestion, and that is, if anyone is appointed to take Colonel Osborne's place, that he be not known or designated as "Military Secretary". Colonel Osborne never performed the functions of such a position, as it is understood in an Army organization, and I am sure he suffered somewhat thereby. There is such a position in a Military organization as Military Secretary, but the duties of that office are very different to the duties which Colonel Osborne performed.

I hope everything is going well in the Department, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Mr. Guthrie,

Ever yours faithfully,

March 28th,1925.

W. Foran, Esq.,
Secretary, Civil Service Commission,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Foran:-

I have received from your office a request for information regarding one George Hamilton who is applying for the position of Associate Archivist.

The name "George Hamilton" calls to my mind several persons. If you could give me some particulars about the man referred to I might be able to answer your questions.

Yours faithfully,

DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN THE SAME LETTER

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W. FORAN,
SECRETARY

Civil Service Commission
Canada

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. Misc.

Office of the Secretary,

Ottawa, April 2nd, 1925.

Dear Sir:

We have your communication of the 28th ultimo.

The application of Mr. George Hamilton for the position of Associate Archivist contains the following information; his age is forty-three years, he was born in Quebec, he attended Trinity College School, Port Hope and Royal Military College, Kingston, he served in the army in India, England, Ireland, Canada and France, he was Assistant Adjutant-General in the war office, London, England, and had the rank of Colonel on discharge from the army.

We trust that these details will recall to your mind the person in whom we are interested.

Yours truly,

W. Foran

Secretary.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

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CANADA COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION, LTD.

303 BANK OF HAMILTON BUILDING
WINNIPEG, MAN.

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November 28th 1922.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, QUE.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst. arrived here during my absence in Eastern Canada and is now before me.

Mr. Hanington's application for position with the Association has been placed on file and as soon as the listing of land has proceeded sufficiently to warrant the Operating Committee to authorize the organization of other departments careful consideration will be given all applications. However, it will be impossible, in any event, to furnish employment other than to a limited few of the large number now already on file.

Assuring you my personal attention and thanking you for bringing Mr. Hanington's application to my notice, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Howard Corrett

General Manager.

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November
Thirteenth
1922.

H. C. Hanington, Esq.,
Dorchester, N.B.

Dear Mr. Hanington:-

I have your letter of the 10th of November and am to-day writing to Mr. Everett saying to him that I am sure you are qualified in everey respect to fulfil the position of Inspector of Titles on the staff of the Western Canada Colonization Association.

I sincerely hope your application is successful.

Yours faithfully,

November
Thirteenth
1922.

Howard Everett, Esq.,
303 Hamilton Building,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir:-

With considerable diffidence I am complying with the request of Mr. H. C. Hanington of Dorchester, N.B., who asked me to write to you supporting an application he has made for the position of Inspector of Titles on the staff of the Western Canada Colonization Association.

All I can say is that when I first met Mr. Hanington he was Inspector of Legal Offices in British Columbia and it was known that he filled that position with satisfaction and advantage to the profession. I believe he had a good deal to do with a sort of general overhauling of the system which prevailed in Land Registry Offices.

I again met him during the war. Although very much over age he joined the C.E.F. and performed duties in the Separation and Assigned Pay Branch, being transferred in 1918 to the Judge Advocate General's Branch and was employed there until demobilized in 1921.

I have no hesitation in supporting his application.

Yours faithfully,

Personal

Dorchester. New Brunswick.
Nov. 10th 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You no doubt have heard of the Western Canada Colonization Association, and the character of the colonization and immigration work that they propose to do. I have made an application for the position of Inspector of Titles and have a very nice letter from the General Manager, who says that such an officer will soon have to be appointed.

You are familiar with the condition which existed in the Land Registry Offices of British Columbia at the time I was appointed Inspector of Legal Offices in 1911 and with the great improvement that was manifest within a short time thereafter. You will recall too that the Torrens Title was made compulsory and the whole system generally over-hauled.

Would you be good enough to write a letter on my behalf to Howard Everett. 303 Bank of Hamilton Building Winnipeg, the General Manager of the above Association, giving me such recommendation as you consider is justified.

I joined the C. E. F. in Ottawa but was retained in the Seperation and Assigned Pay Branch which was greatly in arrears. In 1918 I was transferred to the Judge Advocates General Branch as Assistant and remained there until demobilized in 1921

I feel sure that you will not mind giving me your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

H.C. Hanington

(H.C. Hanington.

Personal.

DOCKET STARTS:

HARRIS

375 Lisgar Street.
Ottawa.

30th January '21.

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Honourable Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter of 23rd Nov. last, and beg your forgiveness for not having answered same before.

You asked me to let you know in the course of a few days, in case I did not hear from Dr Roche, about the interview,

of position he was to give me, following your letter to him. — I did not want to trouble you unnecessarily General Currie, and postponed my answer from day to day, and it was only yesterday that I heard by accident that Dr Roche had already answered you. I never received the expected letter from Dr Roche. — Would not he give me the 7 marks for my husband's life? Was it not worth that much? or could he not even give me the $75 or $80 my fellow workers

are getting for the same work, with an ordinary Public School education, while the wife of an officer killed in action, with a University education is given $ 50.

I know that you understand General Currie, and I also heard through intermediary that you wrote Dr. Roche a wonderful letter, and that I should not trouble you again, and yet that request of you to write you again, still gives me hopes that something extraordinary can be done, that perhaps you know of another way out, that my willingness to work very hard, to deserve all you are doing for me, may be rewarded.

Will you answer my letter again General Currie, when you have a few moments to spare.

Yours faithfully,

Myrella. E. Harris

To General
Sir Arthur Currie

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

December 1st, 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Replying to yours of the 23rd ult., regarding the case of Mrs.M.E.Harris, 375 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, I beg to say that Mrs.Harris has been in to see the Commission on several occasions, and last July I also replied to Senator Sharps regarding her case. The facts are as follows:-

Mrs.Harris tried the Senior Clerks' examination in April last. It was necessary to obtain 50% on each subject and 60% on the whole in order to be successful. Mrs.Harris fell down twelve marks in the paper on Modern Office Practice, and was also seven marks short of getting 60% on the whole. She was advised to send in an official appeal which would be given consideration, which she did, and her case was taken up in conjunction with a number of others similarly situated and her papers were re-examined. No material change was, however, made as a result of re-examining her papers, and she was notified on October 1st that it must be considered that she failed at the examination.

Of course we could not treat her case any differently to that of another, and I regret that the Commission would not feel justified, under the circumstances, because of the military record of her deceased husband, to give her exceptional treatment.

The Civil Service Act provides for preference in appointments to soldiers' widows as well

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

well as to soldiers, and had she passed, her name would have been at the head of the list amongst the soldiers, and she would have been assigned to one of the first vacancies over any civilian candidates who might have taken higher marks.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Rosche

November
Twenty-third
1920.

Mrs. M. E. Harris,
375 Lisgar Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Mrs. Harris:-

I feel very badly about not before this answering your letter of November 2nd, but when I returned to Montreal a few days ago after more than a month's absence from the city, I found so many things awaiting my attention and so much to do in connection with the campaign for funds for McGill, that personal matters were put to one side. I am very sorry about yours, I should have attended to it at once.

I am most sympathetic with you in everything you have written, and I am today writing to Dr. Roche, the Head of the Civil Service Commission, urging upon him to see you and to give you a position at once. I do hope that soon you will be satisfactorily and happily placed. If you do not hear from Dr. Roach in the course of a few days, please let me know.

I wish I knew of a position which I could offer you, for I dislike very much begging the Government for justice, which they should be only too pleased to give unsolicited.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

375 Lisgar Street
Ottawa, Ont.
Canada.

2nd November '20.

Honourable Sir,

I took the liberty to mark my letter "strictly private" because I want only General Currie to decide whether it is all worth while. I met you several times during your stay in England, but would not have ventured to write you, but for the recent speech

You made in New York City.
I will try to make the
matter plain Sir, and only
put the bare facts before
You. ——

My hubby was killed in
France, after three and a
half years of overseas service,
and of course left me to
fight life and its many
difficulties alone. — I
was told over and over
again that I would
receive all possible help
to bear the burden from
the Government, to whose

call my hubby so readily responded.
I tried to get a position in the
Civil Service & was told in response
to my application that I was too
clever for the Civil Service and that
my services were not required.
I appealed in vain, and waited
for 6 weary months, when one
REAL man took pity on me, and
my frequent failures, and secured
me a position in the C.S.
I was allowed to start as a
junior clerk, and because I had
been grand enough to let my
husband go, to help finish a
fight, so that some people might
prosper, I got a salary of $110
less than any of my fellow
employees.
The English Government thought
it worth while to pay my services
and use of education $110 per
month as secretary-translator at
the Intelligence Branch, War
Office, London, and now in
Spite of my 4 years war record,

in spite of my husbands sacrifice, for a University Education and 6 languages I am earning $ 50!

Am I not entitled to just one wee bit of consideration and some of the help which is in so many ways recklessly thrown away. Life is so hard & expensive, so I tried a C.S. examination and succeeded in all items except filing. It is fair in the first instance to make room one striving for a higher standard write papers about the filing

system, which is on all occasions done by junior clerks. I knew that I was wholly incapable of answering the questions technically, for a University Education does not include filing, and called on common sense, wrote as much as I could. I failed General Currie's was 7 marks short. I put in an appeal, together with many others I understand & was told that our case would be reconsidered. I wrote over 3 months ago and am still awaiting

an answer! Was not my husbands life, his sacrifice and my war record worth 7 marks to the Government.

General, I beg you in defence of all you have promised, of all the boys in France have suffered, to help me, by asking Sir Roche, Head Commissioner, to grant me the 7 marks, it means life and bread to a young widow, it means support and certainty in mature years, when my hubby's absence will be even more strongly felt. I pray you General Currie, to do your utmost best, and I know that you have the Power to make at least someone, if even only a girl grateful.

May God bless you,

Yours very respectfully,

Myrella E. Harris.

To General Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal.

November
Twenty-third
1920.

Dr. Roche,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Roche:-

I desire to lay before you the case of the widow of one of our men who was killed overseas. From what I have learned of you through our mutual friend, Hugh Dwyer, I have every confidence that you will give her case sympathetic consideration.

This woman is Mrs. M. E. Harris, 375 Lisgar Street, Ottawa. Her husband, as I stated above, was killed in France, after having served for three and one half years at the front. She states that after repeated trials she was allowed to start as a junior clerk and was given a salary of $10.00 less than any of her fellow employees. She strikes me as being a clever woman and states that she was paid $110. per month as a Secretary-translator at the Intelligence Branch of the War Office in London during four years of the War.

She says she took a Civil Service examination and succeeded in all items except filing. She is a woman who has a University education, which, of course, did not include filing. She failed by only 7 marks.

Writing me on November 2nd she states that she wrote over three months ago asking that her case be reconsidered and that up to the present time she has received no answer. It seems to me that, considering her husband's service and his sacrifice and her own war record, these should be worth to the Government the equivalent of seven marks on an examination on filing.

She has no means of support and is now very, very hard up. When I consider the causeof her widowhood and knowing the kind of education she h s received, I cannot but believe that she would be a valuable member of the staff of some Government Department. I ask you, Dr. Roche, to please see her and give her case all possible consideration.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

HARRIS

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January 19th, 1925.

Regt. Sergt.-Major Hatcher,
The Armoury,
Bay Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Hatcher:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 12th of January with reference to your application for the position of caretaker at the Drill Hall. If any reference is made to me I shall be very glad indeed to say that I can in your behalf. I most sincerely hope that you receive the position, for I am sure that you would fill it to the satisfaction of the Department and with credit to yourself.

I know just how sorry all of you will be to lose Colonel Robertson. He was a rattling good soldier and I am sure must have made a splendid commanding officer.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

M. F. B. 440.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

In reply please quote

No......

Armoury Bay Street, Jan 12Th 1925

General, Sir. Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G. K.C.B.
McGill Universety

Sir,

I am writing you, to inform you that Iam applying for the Position of Chief Caretaker, of the Drill Hall. In the place of Mr J Caven, now retired The Civil Service Commission appointed an outside man, to fill the Position, So Col, Robertson took the matter up. The Commission has now called for Applications. So I took the liberty to write in your Name on the Application form. As areferee, so that they could write you, if I should get the Appointment. in regard to my Character, T here are quite A number of People here, who think that I should have the job. As I have been here as Caretaker, for the pass five years. Ihave got good reference, One from the District Ordnance Officer, And also Inspector of Ordnance Machinery Also the Inspecting, Officers Reports of the Equipment, which Ihave been looking after. wasOrdered placed on my file at Ottawa. By the Quarter, Master, General.
Now Sir, I must tell you, if you have not already herad. That Col, F.A. Robertson. is leaving us, at the end of this Month. I do not know at presant who is to take His place, I think the Col, has done well, for it as been an uphill job, it ia notthe same now. as it used to be. Before the War.

Sir. I must wish you, And Lady Currie, The best of wishes, and good luck. For the coming Year.

I Remain Sincerly,

J Hatcher R.S.M.
5th Regt, C.G.A.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

February 1st, 1921.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 21st ult., re Captain Fletcher, Post Office Inspector, Victoria, and the promotion of Mr.E.M.Haynes to Captain Fletcher's position.

The Civil Service Commission has not up to date been officially notified of the proposed retirement of the present Post Office Inspector at Victoria, but it is the policy of the Department as well as the Commission to fill vacancies by promotion where there are officials on the staff eligible and competent for such vacancies. It is only where the Department assures the Commission that there is no person on the staff who could be recommended for promotion that the position is thrown open to public competition.

I have no doubt that if Mr.Haynes has been left in charge of the office in the absence of Mr.Fletcher and has given satisfaction, the Department will be only too pleased to recommend his promotion.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Roche

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal,
P.Q.

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January
Thirty-first
1921.

E. M. Haynes, Esq.,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Haynes:-

I have your letter of the 22nd with reference to the probable superannuation of Captain Fletcher and to the possibility of your being appointed to succeed him.

My own view is that you should receive the appointment, provided you are qualified, and of that the Post Office Department at Ottawa is the best qualified to judge. One way we can get efficiency in a service is to create esprit de corps in that service. Esprit de corps can only be created by a high standard of ideals permeating the Department and by proper recognition being given to the service of loyal and efficient officers in that Department.

I shal be very glad to write to the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and say so. My excuse will be that a short time ago I was asked to express an opinion as to the working of the Civil Service Commission.

With all good wishes and hoping that you may receive the promotion, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

January
Thirty-first
1921.

The Chairman,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

It has been intimated to me that Captain Fletcher, Post Office Inspector stationed at Victoria, B.C., is to be superannuated shortly and that a successor to his office will be chosen.

I have been informed that Mr. E. M. Haynes has been Assistant to Mr. Fletcher for the past eight years with full charge of the office during that time, and that Mr. Haynes has completed more than thirty years service with the Department, all of which has been directly under the supervision of Mr. Fletcher.

I am not writing to you on behalf of Mr. Haynes personally, but simply to say that in my opinion the only way efficiency in a Department can be maintained is by the employment of a capable staff, by the development of esprit de corps and a high standard of ideals within the Department. It is impossible to develop a proper esprit de corps unless civil servants are promoted when their turn comes, provided they are the most efficient and capable men available. I believe in the principle of promotion by selection with a due regard to seniority. I think it wrong when the plums in the Civil Service become available that what might be called a political appointment is made.

My only excuse for writing to you is that one is frequently called upon to express an opinion as to the working of the Civil Service Commission.

Apologizing for taking up your time, I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

300,000-21-11-19.

Post Office Inspector's Office,

IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO.

VICTORIA - B. C.,

22nd January, 1921 192

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am taking the liberty of writing you in regard to a matter of promotion which it is expected will take place shortly. Word was confidently passed on to me to-day that Mr. Fletcher was communicating with the Department in connection with his superannuation and as it is anticipated that there will be keen competition for the position I would greatly appreciate, should you have the opportunity to place before the Department and the Civil Service Commission, a timely appeal on my behalf as in the majority of such cases promotions are consummated by the Department before action can be taken.

As you know I have been Assistant to Mr. Fletcher for the past eight years with full charge of the office during that time and should I be honoured by promotion on the superannuation of Mr. Fletcher I would continue to conduct the affairs of the office to their satisfaction as I have done in the past. I have now completed thirty years service, all of which has been directly under the supervision of Mr. Fletcher and feel satisfied he would gladly confirm my promotion should the Department desire his personal views on the matter. Again thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

F. W. Haynes.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B., etc., etc.,
Montreal, Que.

DOCKET STARTS:

HEINEKEY

The Rectory,

Stewart.B.C.

September 20th 1926.

To General Sir Arthur .W.Currie .K.C.M.G.

Principal of The University of McGill.

Montreal .Que.

Dear General Currie,

The fact that you are vitally interested in the cases of returned men who fought with you in France is so well known that I venture to draw your attention to a most pathetic and deserving case that has come to my notice in my parish, in order that you may use your influence to have it investigated and attented to as soon as possible .

The case is that of Gordon .P.Heinekey .Lieutenant of the 2nd C.M.R's . This man is a married man with four children who came to Stewart from Victoria a little over a year ago. I believe that he was well known in Rugby circles in Victoria before the war. He was badly wounded in the leg and has to wear a special kind of boot , and is badly crippled . In Victoria before he came here he was so badly put to it that often the family had little to eat , and in some cases depended upon the good-will of their friends and neighbours. Through a friend he came here and did office work for some time,until that work was no longer available. Then since he has turned his hand to anything that came along, carpentery and other heavy manual work, in order to keep his family. He did work for our Church here and completed it very satisfactorily , but all the time this has been too much for him , and now he has had to give up one job after the other, because of his leg. His mental outlook has been very much blackened by the fact that he cannot get work that he can do , and that he has lately had to give up agood steady job at a mine because of his disability. Through his misfortune the family are entirely up against it and he hasbecome very despondent . I can assure you that the case is genuine from observations made covering a period of over a year. His pension

is the munificent one of $46 "00 a month absolutely inadequate , and it appears difficult to get any action unless we can persaude some one with the right knowledge and influence to lend us their aid , and I therefore appeal to you to use your influence on this man's behalf. The family are so far behind now with rent,etc,and but for the action of friends they would be in a sorry predicament,that action has become imperative. I shall be glad to give you any futher information regarding this case if you so desire it, and also ratification of the facts I have here presented. I understand that our local doctor, himself a returned man, will not look into the case because there is very little financial remumeration attached to these cases, so that avenue has been blocked for us.

Ifeel certain that you will do all that you can to see that this case gets the attention it deserves ,and I shall be personally very gratefull if you can do something very soon. My view is that this is an appeal for a just and equitable deal from the government for whom he did his bit, nobly and well, and I feel sure that you share my view.

With Every good wish for Mcgill under your administration

I have the honour to remain

Yours most sincerely

Arthur. W. R. Ashley.
Rector

late corporal P.P.C.L.I.

September 28th,1926.

Rev. Arthur W. R. Ashley,
The Rectory,
Stewart, B. C.

Dear Reverend Ashley:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of September 20th with reference to Gordon P. Heinekey.

I knew Heinekey in the days before the war in Victoria, where I had often seen him play football and where he was a member of my old regiment - the 5th Garrison Artillery. I also remember his being in France and am extremely sorry to learn of the unfortunate position in which he finds himself. I am today writing to the Chairman of the Pension Commission. I would like to see them increase his pension, but my hopes in that direction are not very strong. You say he receives $46.00 per month which is nearly 50% disability, and from what you tell me about his ability to do the work of a carpenter, and also heavy manual labour, work in a mine, etc., I am afraid the Pension Commissioners will say that he is not more than 50% disabled.

The best thing, I think, is to get Heinekey into some position where he has work of a kind that he can do continuously and which, with his pension, would give him a fair living. We have here in Montreal an organization of business men who give up a good deal of time to see that such men are congenially placed, and we have found positions for hundreds. But what we can do in Montreal won't help

Heinekey very much.

I shall also write to Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson, who must remember Heinekey and who is Chairman of the Committee in B.C. which deals with the distribution of canteen funds; to Colonel W. W. Foster of Vancouver, and to the Chairman of the Appeal Board. I will let you know what the Pension Commissioners say, and while I have no hopes in that quarter, I shall, nevertheless urge them the best I can. Unfortunately there are a great many such cases.

Yours faithfully,

September 28th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Foster, D.S.O.,
Vancouver Club,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter from Stewart B.C. with reference to the case of a man whom we both know - ex-Lieut. Gordon P. Heinekey.

I have written to the Pension Board, to the Appeal Board and to Colonel F. A. Robertson. I do not expect the Pension Board will do much for Heinekey as he is now nearly 50% disability and it seems that he is able to do the work of a carpenter and also heavy manual labour. I do not suppose there are many jobs in Stewart at which he could earn a living, but perhaps there are some in Vancouver.

I thought I would let you know in the hope that you may be able to help him become satisfactorily placed.

With all kind wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

September 28th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson,D.S.O.,
Returned Soldier Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from Stewart, B.C., with reference to a man whom we both know,- ex-Lieut. Gordon P. Heinekey.

You will remember Heinekey when he was a member of the old 5th and also as a football player. I saw him several times in France where he was regarded as a fine soldier. I haven't very many hopes that his pension will be raised because he is now nearly 50% disability, and Rev. Ashley intimates that he has done carpenter work and also other heavy manual labour. It would seem that there is some work which he can do. Is this the kind of case which you, as Chairman of the Canteen Fund Committee, are able to help? I should think Stewart would be about the last place in the world for a chap like Heinekey, but I do think there are jobs around Vancouver which he might fill with satisfaction. He is one of Bill Foster's old men and probably Foster would like to help.

I wish I had time to write you a much longer letter but we are exceedingly busy at the University just now. Please write me and tell me how things are going in the old regiment. It seems to me I saw a copy of a regimental order issued lately by Monk. I have had no news of a

personal character since Fred Richardson passed through here last June.

With kind wishes to every one, I am,

Yours faithfully,

September 28th, 1926.

Colonel C. W. Belton,
Chairman, Federal Appeal Board,
Elgin Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Belton:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter I have received from Stewart, B. C. with reference to ex-Lieutenant Gordon P. Heinekey.

I knew Mr. Heinekey in Victoria in the pre-war days. He was a member of my old regiment - the 5th Garrison Artillery, and I often saw him play football. Will you please find out in any application has ever been made for readjustment of pension and advise me whether or not you think anything can be done for him.

Yours faithfully.

September 28th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel John Thompson, D.S.O.,
Chairman, Board of Pension Commissioners,
OTTAWA.

My dear Colonel Thompson:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have received this morning from Stewart, B. C.

I hope you will look into Heinekey's case again, and see if anything more can be done for him in the way of pension. I knew him in Victoria in the days before the war and I also remember him in France where he was a splendid soldier.

Yours faithfully,

The Randolph House

D. M. GILLIS, Manager

EUROPEAN PLAN

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia

Oct 4th 1926

Sir Arthur W. Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

Dear General Currie

Yours of Sept 28th enclosing a letter from the Reverend Mr Ashley in reference to Gordon Heinekey's inadequate pension received here.

The evaluation of disabilities is not within the jurisdiction of the Federal Appeal Board. The information you desire, however, may easily be obtained and I am directing the Secretary to send you a full reply. On my return to Ottawa I will see that no point has been overlooked

Yours truly

C. W. Bell

Chairman F.A.B.

HON. J. D. MACLEAN, MINISTER OF FINANCE,
HON. CHAIRMAN.

LIEUT-COL. F. A. ROBERTSON, D.S.O.,
CHAIRMAN.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.

YOUR REFERENCE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RETURNED SOLDIER COMMISSION

VICTORIA, B.C.

Personal.

October 8th, 1926.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear General:-

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 28th enclosing copy of letter from Rev. Ashley of Stewart making an appeal on behalf of Gordon P. Heinekey. I am writing to Mr. Ashley telling him that you have written to me in connection with the matter and that I am asking for a full report from the Secretary of the United Services Club at Stewart with a view to seeing what assistance might be rendered from the Canteen Fund. Mr. Heinekey a few years ago took up a farm under the Soldier Settlement Board and from files which we have in this office it would seem that he had a hard struggle to makethings go and eventually had to abandon the farm. Reports from the Soldier Settlement Board do not seem to be very favorable, however, his difficulties were undoubtedly increased by his physical handicap. I will follow this case up and do all I can to help.

I read with much pleasure an article in the last copy of the Legionary containing an account of your very fine address at the Nova Scotia Veterans reunion at Amherst a short time ago. You will have seen by the papers that the Army and Navy Veterans at their Dominion Convention held at Victoria a short time ago decided not to come in with the Legion. This decision I am satisfied was due almost wholly to the influence of their President, General Griesbach, a man for whom, although a gallant soldier, I have little use, as it was chiefly due to his action in the Senate that much of the Legislation passed by the Commons in the last two years was so badly mutilated by the Senate. I know a good deal about the inner history of General Griesbach's activities and I am convinced in my own mind that he is a great stumbling block to Veterans in Canada.

There have been no developments lately in connection with the Regiment. I wrote you in April giving an account of the situation at that time. Some weeks later I was asked as O.C. the Reserve to approve the transfer of eight officers from the Active List. The stand I took at that time is explained in a letter dated

June 21st, addressed to Headquarters, M.D. 11, a copy of which letter I enclose herewith for your information. General Ross phoned me after receipt of this letter and said that he thought my letter might be interpreted as encouraging insubordination and of course I explained that that was not my attitude at all. Although I gathered from conversation with General Ross that he would forward my letter to Ottawa I do not know whether it was so forwarded or not, and I have heard absolutely nothing since that time. I understand that the names of these officers are still retained on the Active List although they have not taken any active part in the Regiment and did not attend Camp last summer. I felt it rather keenly after all my efforts that the Regiment, through mismanagement, should have got into such a mess.

Yours faithfully,

F. A Robertson

FAR/VM

COPY

June 21st, 1926.

Headquarters M.D. No. 11,
Work Point Barracks,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Transfer of Officers
B.C.Coast Brigade, C.A.

I have been requested to approve the transfers of eight officers from the Active List to the Reserve of the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade, C.A. While I have no objection whatever to taking these officers on the strength of the Reserve I think it is my duty to express my great regret that the Commanding Officer of the Brigade does not wish, or is not able, to retain the services of these officers.

It is not my desire to express any opinion as to who is responsible for the trouble that has arisen in the Brigade but as I spent several years in reorganizing and building up the 5th Regiment after the war and although many difficulties and discouragements had to be faced, the Regiment did succeed in attaining a fair degree of efficiency, and as all these officers, whose transfers I am now asked to approve, were chosen by myself and they gave me loyal support during my tenure of command, may I request that before attaching my signature to the formal Transfer forms a report on the situation be forwarded to Headquarters at Ottawa and that I be advised of their views on the subject.

As General Sir Arthur Currie in the Honorary Colonel of the Brigade and is personally acquainted with most of the present Brigade Officers it occurs to me that out of courtesy to him Headquarters at Ottawa may wish to acquaint him also with the situation before taking steps which conceivably might result in the breaking up of the Brigade.

(Signed) F. A. Robertson

O.C. 5th (Reserve) B.C.Coast Brigade, C.A.

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October 9, 1926

Lieut. General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have your letter of the 28th relative to Gordon P. Heinekey. In view of the fact that I know him well and your request, will certainly do whatever I can.

In order to get a start in Vancouver, I think a position can be found for him in the Red Cross Shops and from the Canteen funds a grant might be made to enable him to get to Vancouver. At any rate I am working upon this and will let you know a little later what can be done.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

W W Foster

WWF/HM

THE BOARD OF
PENSION COMMISSIONERS
FOR CANADA

REPLY REFER TO

No. BPC 61079

Ottawa October 9, 1926.

Major-General
Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Lieut. Heinekey

Dear General Currie:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the marginally noted. The history of this man's case was reviewed by the medical officers of the Board. The facts are as follows:-

Mr. Heinekey is receiving a permanent pension at the rate of thirty-five per cent for ankylosis of the left knee with shortening of the limb and muscle atrophy following gunshot wound on active service. He, with his wife and children, is receiving $45.50 a month pension. He was last examined in 1921 and was placed on a permanent pension at that time. If his leg were amputated at the ankle he would receive fifty per cent.

It is possible that the condition has become worse since 1921, and if he can submit a report from any recognized medical man describing the condition as being worse than in 1921, re-examination by the Board can be carried out.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Thompson

Chairman.

THE FEDERAL APPEAL BOARD
CANADA

Ottawa, October 13th, 1926.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Lieut. Gordon P. Heinekey

Dear Sir Arthur:

Colonel Belton, Chairman of the Board is presently absent from Ottawa attending sittings of the Board in Nova Scotia and has forwarded to me your letter of September 28th with instructions that I look into the matter on his behalf and advise you as to how it stands.

I note that under date of October 9th, 1926 the Chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners wrote to you giving you the facts of the case and there is really nothing that I can add to his explanation.

Pensions are awarded in accordance with a definite scale covering, so far as possible, all disabling conditions. As the Chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners has pointed out Mr. Heinekey is receiving pension at the rate of 35 per cent in respect of anklyosis of the left knee with shortening of the limb and muscle atrophy. He has apparently not been examined, however, since 1921 at which time his pension was made permanent. If it could be shown that the condition of his leg is worse now than it was at the time the award was made no doubt his pension would be increased. Perhaps your correspondent, Rev. A.W.R. Ashley, could arrange to have Mr. Heinekey re-examined by some local physician of standing whose report could be forwarded to the Board of Pension Commissioners with a request that the case be reviewed with a view to an increase in the amount of pension.

In acknowledging your letter I believe Col. Belton pointed out that the Federal Appeal Board is without jurisdiction under present legislation to consider questions of assessment such as this one. Our function is simply to decide whether the disability is related to service. In this case it is, of course, fully admitted that Mr. Heinekey's disability is directly attributable to his service, hence the Federal Appeal Board is not in a position to alter the finding of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

If you require any further information in connection with the matter I should be only too glad to do anything I can to procure it for you.

Yours faithfully,

C. B. Topp
Secretary

DOCKET ENDS:

HEINEKEY

Canadian Army Pay Corps.
Canadian Building
Ottawa

22nd Sept 1920

Sir Arthur Currie
Chancellor
McGill University
Montreal.

Sir. Since I interviewed you in Ottawa I have not be able to secure a permanent appointment in a clerical capacity in the Canadian Army Pay Corps. I asked our officer (Lieut Cosh) today how long we are likely to be here and he replied that he didnt know. I then asked him if he thought there is any probability of my getting to British Columbia in a clerical capacity and he said "I cannot get you back myself but I think Col Regan can". After thinking the matter over I decided to write and ask you if you would kindly use your influence with Col Regan to secure me, if possible, a permanent clerical position in the Canadian Army in British Columbia.

I hope you will pardon my troubling you again but I have come to the conclusion that it will be better at my age (49) to get a government position than try business life again.

I beg to congratulate you on your high

appointment.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Marshall Hodgson

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September
Twenty-seventh
1920.

Sergt. Marshall Hodgson,
Canadian Army Pay Corps,
Canadian Building,
Ottawa.

My dear Hodgson:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 22nd, and have this day written to Colonel Regan speaking a word in your behalf. I hope that matters can be arranged satisfactorily to you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

September
Twenty-seventh
1920.

Colonel Regan,
Canadian Army Pay Corps,
Canadian Building,
Ottawa.

My dear Regan:-

I merely wish to say a word on behalf of Sergt. Marshall Hodgson, now with the Pay Corps.

I knew him when he was a clerk in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in British Columbia. I know that he has been with the Pay Corps during the War, and I hope when your reorganization is complete a place can be found for him, if there are no others who have better claims. You, of course, know his work with the Pay Corps better than I do. He is getting on in years now and would find it hard to re-establish himself. However, I know you will act in accordance with your best judgment.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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R.C.F.

CANADA

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

7th October, 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27th, regarding Sergeant Marshall Hodgson, who is now with the Pay Corps, C.E.F.

I have had a talk with Hodgson and the facts are as follows: He did not make an official application for enlistment in the Canadian Army Pay Corps. He is over-age and it would not be possible to make an exception in his case as we have adhered to the Regulations in all other cases.

The establishment for Other Ranks of the Corps was filled several months ago and at the present time there are no vacancies. I have explained the situation to him and told him that you were interested in his case and that if it had been possible I would have been very pleased to meet your wishes but in view of what I have recited above you will see that it would be impossible.

I trust that it will be possible for me to retain his services in the C.E.F. until the spring, when he will have a better chance of re-establishing himself than he otherwise would have during the winter period.

I am very glad that you have written me regarding this case and sincerely regret that I cannot meet your wishes but I trust that if at any time you feel that I can be of any service to you you will give me the opportunity.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

General Sir A. W. Currie, GCMG., KCB.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Rec'd

March
Thirtieth
1922.

C. C. Howell, Esq.,
1541 Chabot Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Howell:-

I have your letter of the 27th and I am truly sorry that you have not yet obtained work.

The only thing that I can do is to promise that when building operations commence at McGill, as they will do in the early summer, I shall ask the contractors to give you employment if you are still out of a job. I do not know of anything that I can do to help you in the meantime, but if you know of any place where you think a word from me would help I shall be very glad to speak it.

I sincerely hope that you may get a job soon.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

C. C. Lowell -
1541 Cabot St
Late 2129 Cartier
March 27th
1922

To
Sir Arthur Currie,

Dear Sir, I have your letter of January 12th last in answer to mine. I was greatly dissap ointed to learn you had no good news for me, but am bothering you once again as my position has become truly urgent. I shall become greatly indebted to you, for anything you may recommend on my behalf. Hoping that my appeal to you this time

is not made in vain, and craving your indulgence in this matter,

I remain,

Very Truly Yours

C Charles C Howell

P.S. Please excuse my letter but circumstances have forced me to write.

C.C. Howell.

January
Twelfth
1922.

C. C. Howell, Esq.,
2129 Cartier Street,
Montreal.

Dear Howell:-

I have your letter of yesterday and I am truly sorry that I have no good news for you.

The only work which I control in any way is work at the University and instead of taking on anybody here we have lately reduced our staff. I am continually bothering my friends in business, asking them to let me know if there are any vacancies amongst their employees, but I have not heard of anything for which I could ask you to apply. I shall always keep you in mind.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

December
Twenty-second
1921.

Charles Howell, Esq.,
2129 Cartier St.,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Howell:-

I have your letter of the 20th and will do what I can to help you get work.

I hope it won't be long before you are congenially placed.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

2129 Cartier St
Montreal
11th/1/22nd

To General
Sir Arthur Currie,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you some time ago, at your request re employment, and received your promise of help. Up to the present however, I have been very unfortunate, being now out of work three months, and absolutely no signs of any change. I met you personally at Windsor Station three weeks ago, and received your permission to write you at Macdonald College, and received your answer and promise of help. I hope you will forgive my bothering you but under present conditions am forced to do so. Anything you might suggest or offer in the way of work, will be gratefully accepted

Respectfully Yours
Charles C Howell
Late
1st Division

2129 Cartier St
Montreal
20/12/21

To General —
Sir Arthur Currie,

Dear Sir,

Am writing you at your suggestion. I am the young man who spoke to you at Windsor Station this morning. To state facts briefly, I am out of a position which I informed you, and trust you will use your esteemed influence to help secure me employment of some kind. I am willing to accept anything or go anywhere. I served in the 3rd Battalion from the latter end of 1915 till 1919. Trusting you will honour my letter with your consideration, and hoping you will excuse my impertinence in accosting you in the manner I did

I remain
Yours Obediently
Charles C. Howell.

Late Pte
C. E. F.

December
Twenty-second
1921.

Colonel O.F. Brothers,
The Herald Publishing Co.,
Montreal.

My dear Brothers:-

I am sending you along the name of a man - Charles Howell, whom I met in the C.P.R. Station the other day.

He belonged to the 3rd Battalion and served with them in France from 1915 to 1919. He seemed like a very decent fellow and was anxious to get work of any kind. If you hear of anything you might let him know. His address is 2129 Cartier Street.

Yours faithfully,

Oct: 26. 1924. C/o Huff Daland Aeroplanes
Ogdensburg. N.Y. U.S.A.

Sir Arthur W. Currie G.C.M.G. K.C.B.
McGill University Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur Currie

Your very kind letter of the 14th arrived at the above firm's office where I am at present employed, and I am really grateful for it. I think it wonderful that you should remember me.

Yes I know Major Quigley slightly. I in fact met him last spring. I had hopes then of being included on his staff sometime, but there was no opening then - I had ideas of aerial photography which he was attempting to the extent of practically keeping anyone solely engaged on that work

and unfortunately I had not obtained a Canadian pilot's license, as the firm I was then connected with their aerial work entirely.

Here, I am under a certain ban due to my nationality that, being in a Government employed firm I cannot hold an executive position, and of course until new appropriations are allowed there is little likelihood of an extension or even fair opening up of the aeroplane Commercial business. This is the reason that I had ideas about the Lumber business - my greatest is to get linked up with some really good firm like Rickers or Aeromarine. The President of the latter* has written me several very nice letters but is entirely tied up for money - I am meanwhile a mechanic, and I must confess I do not like being more or less estranged socially, and I cannot make enough money, as we being newcomers have to rent instead of buying.

I have met lately the Aylwins who live in Montreal - It is possible that you may know Mr Aylwin -

Again thank you Sir for your very kind letter -

Yours very sincerely.

W. R. S. Humphreys.

* Mr Redden.

October 14th, 1924.

W. R. S. Humphreys, Esq.,
Prescott, Ont.

My dear Major Humphreys:-

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I have not before this acknowledged your letter of last August. It was placed in my hands just as I was going on board the boat for Toronto where I attended the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, after which I spent a fortnight or so at my old home in western Ontario. At Toronto I had a very busy time and you can probably appreciate how it was that I came to neglect writing to you. During the rest of my vacation the matter passed out of my mind and I had forgotten about it until I ran across your letter a couple of days ago.

I am very glad to hear from you again and remember you very well in 1914 and 1915 as an officer in the 5th battalion. There was no unit in the Corps which I knew more intimately than the 5th and none for whom I had a higher regard. From the earliest days I knew the officers very well. Many of them became not only my valued colleagues but very sincere friends. There is nothing I would not do to help an old officer of the 5th Battalion. I shall always be pleased to say what I can should you at any time think it worth while to refer to me.

I have no intimate acquaintance with any lumber companies but know very well a young officer who does a great deal of that work. I shall speak to him and see if there is any encouragement to offer. The man to whom I refer is Major Quigley, whom I knew as a Corporal in the 2nd Brigade Signal Section

at the first battle of Ypres. His work came under my attention there on account of its outstanding value and I was pleased to see that he received the D.C.M. for it. Some time afterwards he took a commission and later transferred to the Flying Corps, where he continued his splendid record. I think he is now engaged in Air Service work with either the Laurentide Company or the Price interests. If I can get in touch with him I shall ask him to help you get congenially located.

With all kind wishes and renewed apologies for the delay in answering your letter, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Prescott. Ontario

Aug. 4 - 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie. C.M.G.
McGill College Montreal.

I wonder Sir, if in asking you to look back to August 1914 you would remember the writer, an officer of yours in the 5th Battn - at Valcartier, who was on the Lapland coming over, & who after tumbling over the bear at Westdown South a good many times outside your headquarters finally being under you in France till Aug. 1915 was attached to the Flying Service? I hope you do, but I realize I am asking a good deal - Under the circumstances I should - if it is not taking you too much - like you to see in my attached record of Service a photograph that I have behaved as you would expect of a 5th Battn Officer

I returned to Canada March of 1918 - as

Soon as I was able - as I was kept on in the Service on account of certain work on a salvage knowledge I had after the War Period - and was engaged for aerial photography. flying on a certain amount of executive work - but owing to a complete reorganisation of the firm I resigned in March '24 - on April 1st Huff Daland Airplanes of Ogdensburg appearing to have plenty work ahead I linked up with them as mechanic, and very soon after was put by the Management into an executive position as constant test pilot, with inspection duties on all machines & sales work with a good salary - but as the firm was engaged practically entirely on U.S.A. Government work I, as a British Officer, have had to resign again - The firm have had their hand forced in this matter, & are sincerely sorry, & wish me to return when their Commercial business gets going again, which will not be till after the Elections anyway -

As I have had a bit of experience, especially of aerial surveying - I feel there must be some firm that I could be useful to, & I have taken the liberty of asking your advice & help -

As a pilot I have flown 1450 hrs 20 min

nearly all long distance work & navigation - I have my log-books for ref. As aerial surveyor I photographed 400 sq/miles last fall for the McLaren Lumber Company - the largest map made in Canada - My other qualifications are two years organising & running wireless & salvage which operations were used for standardisation in England - For eighteen months as Staff Officer at the Air Ministry, London (Inland Area HQ) I organised & was in charge of recruiting for other Ranks. R.A.F. during which time nearly the whole of England came under my charge - & I have been through the ranks as mechanic -

I would like to link up with some progressive Lumber firm as J.R. Booth Ottawa or their Forestry Dept with a view to including in my work - Forest fire Patrol, & an aerial Survey & mapping of their limits - In view of my experience I can do either the flying or photography or mechanics work - & I have had a some slight experience of the woods - but not much of ground "cruising"

Will you accept my apologies Sir, for this long letter, & may I ask if this meets

with your approval to come and see you and bring my log book & any other papers -

Yours. Sincerely.

W. R. S. Humphreys.

Record of Service.

W.R.S.Humphreys. Capt.
Royal Air Force.

Age and Parentage.	Born Jan 9th I886. in London England. Father General Practicioner(M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P. L,S.A.) Irish. Mother Scotch.
Public Schools.	St Pauls London, Forest School Essex.
Pre-War li Life.	Emigrated to Canada in I903 and learned to farm. later took up homestead. Married in I9II, Wife was Miss L. Brinsmead (of Brinsmead Pianos) There are two boys.
War Service Infantry.	Joined 29th Light Horse at Saskatoon on first day of enlistment, and owing to previous training was made Sergeant. Obtained Commission on Sept.22nd I9II, came to England and went to France with the 5th Battn Canadians.
Flying.	Attached to R.F.C. on Aug 4th I9I5. Saw Service with them as flying officer. Capt, and later as acting Major, in France, Egypt, and North Russia. Actual war flying 3½years. Have had I8months as Staff Officer at Inland Area, and two years Technical duties in charge of workshops.
Ribbons and Decorations.	I.Flying Cross, 2.I9I4,,I9I5. medal. 3.General Service. 4. Victory.Medal. 5. Jubilee Medal. 6. St Anne of Russia.
Flying hours.	1450. ~~1500~~. hours pilot. 115-10 aerial photographer
Types of machines	All Service and training machines, including Multi Engined machines, and some boat flying.
Courses.	Photography, (Passed out with average of 90 per cent) Machine Guns and Bombing.
Post War Service.	Flight Commander Flying at 207 Squadron. on Liberty Nine As.
Health	At last medical Board. AI for general Service.

Passed Canadian Medical Board. in Jly. 23 for flying -

at present flying boats on the St Lawrence -

W.R.S.Humphreys.

R.G. 2, C. 39, File 158

Flight Lieutenant W.R.S. Humphreys,
Royal Air Force C. 1918

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Drawer 530,
Dauphin, Man.,
February 15th, 1926.

Dear General Currie;-

Since 1912, with the exception of my overseas service, i.e., 1914-19, have been in the employ of the Canadian National Railways as Chief Clerk to the Superintendent at Dauphin and Saskatoon. The position of Supervisor of Fire Protection, Canadian National Railways, Winnipeg Man., has become vacant through the demise of Mr. Craig and I would like to receive consideration when this position is being filled. If you could consistently feel disposed to call Mr. W.H. Kilby, Chief of Fire Protection, C.N.R., Montreal, on the phone or speak to him in my favor, your influence would be of great assistance.

As you will no doubt recall, I was Orderly Room Sergeant of the 8th Cdn Battalion originally, later R.Q.M.S., finishing as Hon. Captain and Quartermaster.

Will appreciate anything you can do for me in this connection, and apologize for troubling you.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. B. Jackson

February 19th,1926.

Laiut.-Colonel A. Laurence Saunders,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Colonel:-

I have a letter from George Jackson who says he was Orderly Room Sergeant of the 8th Bn., and later R.Q.M.S., finishing as Honorary Captain and Quarter Master. He has asked me to recommend him for the position of Supervisor of Fire Protection, Canadian National Railways, Winnipeg, Man.

I have a hazy recollection of Jackson, but his picture does not come definitely to my mind. Can I consistently do what he asks?

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

February 18th, 1926.

George Jackson, Esq.,
Drawer 530,
Dauphin, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 15th addressed to Sir Arthur Currie has been received.

Sir Arthur is at present out of town, but as soon as he returns, which will be in the course of a few days, your letter will be brought to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

TELEPHONE RECTOR 5772

A. LAURENCE SAUNDERS
115 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

February 23rd, 1926

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.S.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear General:-

Replying to your letter of the 19th with reference to George Jackson, I am sure you would be entirely justified in strongly recommending him for the position which he seeks, as Supervisor of Fire Protection, Canadian National Railways.

I know nothing of Jackson's experience or knowledge as to the subject of fire protection, but I must say that my four years experience with Jackson convinced me that he was not only a loyal and hard worker, and that any work coming in his province became a duty well done, but he has the faculty of getting good work from other men and of always finding a way to complete any task or commission alloted to him. I am very glad to bespeak a helpful word from you on his account.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Saunders

LS.ND

February 26th, 1926.

W. H. Kilby, Esq.,
Chief of Fire Protection,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Kilby:-

I have received a letter from Mr. George Jackson, who, I believe, has been in the employ of the Canadian National Railways since 1918 as Chief Clerk to the Superintendent at Dauphin and Saskatoon - with the exception of his overseas service 1914-19.

Mr. Jackson asks me to recommend him for the position of Supervisor of Fire Protection, Canadian National Railways, Winnipeg, which position, I understand, is now vacant. I am very happy to state that I knew Mr. Jackson in the war as Orderly Room Sergeant and afterwards as Quartermaster of the 8th Battalion (Little Black Devils). My four years experience with him convinced me that he was not only a loyal and hard worker and that any work coming within his province became a duty well done, but that he has the faculty of getting good work from other men and of always finding a way to complete any task or commission allotted to him. It gives me great pleasure to recommend him to your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

February 26th, 1926.

George Jackson, Esq.,
Drawer 530,
Dauphin, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

With further reference to your letter of February 15th, I am to-day writing to Mr. W. H. Kilby, Chief of Fire Protection, Canadian National Railways, recommending you cordially for the position of Supervisor Fire Protection, C.N.R., Winnipeg.

I am very glad to hear from you again and remember you very well as an officer of the 8th Battalion. I sometimes see your old Colonel - A. L. Saunders - when in New York.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Rest

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

OPERATION AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENTS

W. H. KILBY,
CHIEF OF FOREST PROTECTION.

MONTREAL, QUE. March 4th, 1926

File #31.61

Sir Arthur W.Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

This will acknowledge with thanks your communication of the 26th ult., which came to hand during my absence in the West.

Mr.Jackson's application is now in the hands of our General Manager at Winnipeg and I have advised our General Manager of the recommendation contained in your letter.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Kilby

Chief of Forest Protection.

K/P

"SAVE OUR FORESTS"

Re-ast

August
Fourth
1920.

H. C. James Esq.,
153 Munro Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear James:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you apply for employment in the Works Department of the University.

At present there is not very much doing in that Department and no vacancies exist. I shall place your name before the Superintending Engineer, so that in case any building operations are undertaken, he can communicate with you.

I have now no connection with the Militia Department. My chief regret in leaving that service is that I shall now not have so many opportunities of meeting those with whom one was associated so intimately overseas.

I hope that you are soon satisfactorily placed.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Recd

February
Eighteenth
1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am giving this letter to John Jennings, formerly of The Royal Canadian Regiment. He served in the front line for three years and three months, and during the last eighteen months of this service he was Transport Corporal, shewing that he possessed the qualifications to be given some measure of authority.

Like a great many other returned soldiers he is out of work and is looking for a job. I hope that you will shew him all possible consideration and help him to get employment.

He fought for you and for his Country. Please do the best you can for him.

General.

3/8/20. 153 Bruno St.
Toronto.

To Lt A. Currie.

Dear Sir.

I wish to apply for a position as Building Inspector in the Public Works Department. I have good testimonials as Builders Foreman and Clerk of Works &c. Am at present with Messrs Sproatt & Rolph. Architects, of this City. Perhaps you employ Inspectors in connection with your University? If so you may be able to place something in my way. Would you advise me to apply in first instance to the Sec. of P. W. D. (Mr. Desrochers) You will remember me, as one of

Jour Sappers in France. (5th A.T. Co)
You very Kindly used your influence
in obtaining my wife's allowance for
me, which I can never forget. I
feel I cannot thank you enough.
Have you finished altogether with
the Military now? Wishing you
and yours every happiness in your
new duties, I beg to remain
Yours respectfully.

H. C. James.

Late C. E. F.

France.

DOCKET STARTS:

JONES, F

Rest

March 5th, 1924.

Mrs. Florence Jones,
221 St. Urbain Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mrs. Jones:-

This morning I received your letter of yesterday and am sorry to learn of the bad fortune of yourself and your husband.

I shall be glad to make enquiries and see if I can find some means of helping. I shall write to you again shortly.

Yours faithfully,

C O P Y.

Montreal, P.Q.,
221 St. Urbain St.,
March 4/24.

Major-General Currie,

Sir:

Please excuse the liberty I take in trying to write to you, but owing to my husband been a returned ex-soldier I know you will acknowledge my scribble, Sir, as he is one of the original 13th Batt. and is not able to work, also got no pension at all. I thought I would write to you as you may know of some one who would have some cast-off clothing or shoes, also I might be able to get some light work to do. I am not long out of hospital myself, as I had a tubercular kidney removed, and it has not left me very strong. So you will understand,sir, with nothing coming in the house how hard it is for us to live. We have sold about all our furniture to live so far and now as work is very hard to find for either men or women, it is worse. I feel that if you can help us in any way,you will, owing to my husband being a soldier, as you know what they went through in France. Now he is left with no health, it is very hard on us. He needs good shoes to keep his feet dry and things to keep him warm, which we can't get, owing to not having means. The last work he did was in France. Now he is not able to work. Please, sir, if you can advise us what to do I will be glad, as it will help us.

Thanking you,

I remain,

(Mrs.) Florence Jones.

March 5th, 1924.

Brigadier-General Eric McCuaig,
83 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Eric:-

Attached herewith please find a letter from Mrs. Florance Jones.

I know that the 13th has an organization which keeps in touch with its old members. Will you please ask them to make a report on this case, and greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

O. H. M. S.

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FREE

Mr. Frank Jones
1482 Dallas Rd.
Victoria
B.C.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OTTAWA, 7.12.78

Dear Sir (~~Madam~~),

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your completed application form for the position of Postal Helper

Yours truly,

W. FORAN,

Secretary.

Competition No.....

Victoria B.C.
Dec 16/25

Re-est

Sir Arthur W. Currie. G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal & Vice-Chancellor
McGill University
Montreal - Que

Dear Friend

Please allow me to thank you, verry much, for your kind and considerate letter, you sent me on the first of this month. I can assure you, I appreciate your kind offer to assist me, in obtaining a position in the Civil Service. Since I received your answer, I have quitly found out, that, there is a vacancy in the Custom Dept., owing to the death of one of its members. also, I filled out an application Form, for extra work, during the holiday rush in the Postal Service. The same Forms are used in all applications, both Customs & Postal Service.

I enclose Post Card of acceptance of same from Secy Foran.

In regard to the Special Plain Clothes Work in the R.C.M.P., I find out that, there is no Physical Examination necessary, for such work, but, appointments are made by the Officer Commanding each District, in this case. Lt-Col D.W. Duffus #416 Pender St. Vancouver.

I will write the Secy W. Foran, of the Civil Service Commission, for the necessary Form, to fill out at an examination, by the Rev Dr Campbell here, as I have called on him, and he has promised me any help, he can give me. When I have sent my papers in, I will write you again and let you know.

I hope you wont think I am troubling you too much, in this matter.

again thanking you, and wishing you & Lady Currie, many a merry Christmas and Bright & Prosperous New Years to come.

Yours Faithfully T. Jones

DOCKET ENDS:

JONES, F.

OFFICIAL SOLDIERS' ADVISER

Re. Est.

V.J. LOCKE, ESQ.
ROOM 32 - 248 ST. JAMES ST.
MONTREAL P.Q.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE

NO. J-21.

March 18th.
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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street, West,
Montreal, P. Que.

No:24609, Pte. William Jones.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 17th. instant, dealing with the matter of an appeal on behalf of the marginally-named ex-service man.

This claim was placed in my hands some months ago by the Great War Veterans' Association, Montreal Central Branch, who had been endeavouring to secure an adjustment during the past year. I was able to arrange for examinations by several Departmental Specialists, following which it was reported that no pensionable disability existed in him. He was then placed under observation at the Montreal General Hospital during the month of January, that Institution reporting that they were unable to find any disability whatever.

While I am not in any way satisfied that this man is normal, I am unable to take any further action without the production of Medical evidence showing that he now has a disabling condition. If such evidence can be produced I shall be glad to go into the matter carefully with the authorities.

It is my opinion that Jones's condition is largely the result of his not having suitable employment, and, perhaps, to some extent to the softening of his muscles owing to his having been carried on pension when same, perhaps, was not indicated. If a position could

be found for him, either his present condition would adjust itself, or any disability present would be manifested.

As the case stands at present, I regret to have to inform you that his claim does not come within the scope of the Federal Appeal Board. Any further action must be taken with the Department concerned, and this I shall be happy to take if I can be provided with the necessary medical evidence.

Please advise me if you require further information regarding this case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

V. J. Locke.

V. J. Locke.
Official Soldiers' Adviser.

VJL/ER:

Rest

May 7th, 1926.

Alistair Fraser, Esq.,
Legal Department, Canadian National Railways,
McGill Street,
Montreal.

My dear Alistair:-

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Herbert Keenaghan who, after enlistment with the 148th Battalion, served in France with the 6th Engineers. His Discharge shews that he has had an honourable record. He is well known to Lieut.-Colonel Alan Magee and Paul Sise.

Upon returning in 1919 he secured employment with the Dining Car Service of the Canadian National Railways and has been employed by them off and on during the past six years. He was one of the waiters chosen to make the trip across Canada with Field Marshal Earl Haig. He has worked in Clubs and Hotels in Montreal and seems to have a thorough knowledge of the duties of a waiter. He is a married man with three children, aged 9 and 6 years and 21 months respectively. Naturally what he most desires is permanent employment, serving four months in the summer time and being laid off all winter makes life somewhat precarious. The seniority rule seems to work against him, although he informs me there are men who joined the service after his first association with the Railway who are now permanent men. I wonder if it would not be possible to Have Mr. Worby or Mr. McIsaac arrange

that Keenaghan receives permanent employment. He tells me that his record with the Company is clean and satisfactory in every way.

I shall greatly appreciate anything you are able to do for him.

Yours faithfully,

Re, est

Geo. F. Kelleher
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY, ETC.
Port Colb Galt. Ont.

Port Colborne Oct.10th/25

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal Mc.Gill University
MONTREAL Que.

Hon and Dear Sir;-

You must pardon me, for addressing as such, yet I felt although farbabove me in the fughting line, yet from what you advised me at "Dickey Bush" and down the line, yet I have not as yet been able to re-estabissh myself, and I now feel, "Witjout sclluting" that you will come to the front and help me, to, re-establish myself.

I signed up with the 111th. Batt'n South Waterloo, with Col. Clarke, in command, and proceeded overseas, after our training in London, and at "Dickey Bush" got mine.

All I got out of it was nerve shock, and the loss of my teeth, and I, unfortunately have since been "gumming it".

I received nothing from the army on my "Honourable Discharge" andhave since been endeavouring to re-estaglish myself and start over again, and if possible to regain mypractice.

I endeavoured to obtain it in Galt after my Discharge, but without success, in an endeavour to keep body and soulk togehter as well appearances, I proceeded over to Grimsby and Picked Fruit and Strawberries at 2 ¢ a basket and endeavoured by this means to keepb body and soul togehter

Geo. F. Kelleher
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY, ETC.
Galt. Ont.

I have now stationedx myself at Port Colborne, Ont, and at which place there is only a Police Magistrate, who comes over here twice a week to hold Coutt, and holds Court twice a week.

Would it be too much in asking you "My old collwge Chum", if you would use your influence in getting me something, and I will promise you, thzt I will not betray your trust.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply, I beg to remain, Sif;

Your obedient servant.,

Geo. F. Kelleher

October 13th, 1925.

Geo. F. Kelleher, Esq.,
Barrister, Solicitor, Etc.,
Port Colborne, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 10th addressed to Sir Arthur Currie.

Sir Arthur is at present in Western Canada and is not expected to return to Montreal until the first week in November. However, I shall bring your letter to his attention at the earliest possible moment.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

DOCKET STARTS:

KERR

115. Walpole Ave.,
Toronto
February 12 1925.

General Sir A. W. Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B.
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Principal:-

I am in receipt of yours of 2nd and 6th February for which I trust you will accept my sincere thanks.

Owing to being out of the city I was unable to place my application with General Williams, but on receipt of your letter of 6th I immediately placed it with him.

Again thanking you for your kindness and consideration on my behalf.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,
Samuel M. Kerr.

Re-Ast

February 6th,1925.

Samuel M. Kerr,Esq.,
115 Walpole Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kerr:-

With further reference to your letter of January 27th, I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Major-General Williams, as follows:-

"I have just received yours of the 2nd instant, recommending Samuel M. Kerr, 115 Walpole Avenue,Toronto, for appointment to the Ontario Provincial Police Force, and I note your favourable remarks on his behalf, also where Dr. Fraser, the head of the Presbyterian College, will do likewise.

Kerr has not yet applied for a position in the Force, but when he does I shall be only too glad to see what can b be done for him. At the present moment the Force is over establishment and there are some one thousand applications on hand, nearly all of which are from returned men, for consideration for the first vacancy. You will therefore understand the position of affairs."

Yours faithfully,

ONTARIO

Ontario Provincial Police Force

OFFICE OF
THE COMMISSIONER, ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO

REFER TO FILE
H.Q.....
YOUR FILE.....

MAJ-GEN. V. A. S. WILLIAMS, C. M. G.
Commissioner

Toronto, February 5, 1925.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Application - Samuel M. Kerr, Toronto

My dear Sir Arthur:

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I hope that Lady Currie, the family and yourself are quite well, and with my kindest personal regards to both Lady Currie and yourself, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Victor L. Williams

February 2nd, 1925.

Samuel W. Kerr, Esq.,
115 Walpole Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Kerr:-

With reference to your letter of the 27th of January, it will afford me much pleasure to write to General Williams, whom I know very well.

I sincerely hope that if it is really necessary for you to give up your college course that you will find a position with the Police Force and have no hesitation in cordially recommending you. I may say that the authorities at the Presbyterian College are sorry you left.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

February 2nd, 1925.

Brigadier-General Victor Williams,C.M.G.,
Provincial Police Department,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear General:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Samuel M. Kerr, 115 Walpole Avenue, Toronto, in which he asks me if I can recommend him to you for a position on your Police Force.

I have much pleasure in doing so. Kerr has been a registered student at the Presbyterian College here for some time and has been compelled to give up his university course on account of lack of funds. I knew the young man because he took quite a prominent part in the work of his year at the College. He was President of the First Year Arts Society and presided at several functions given under their auspices. He seems to be a young man of considerable self-possession, speaks with a distinct brogue, is popular with his teachers and with the student-body, won the boxing championship at his weight in his year, and generally is a very good fellow all round.

Dr. Fraser, the head of the Presbyterian College, is also of the opinion that he can be cordially recommended for a position on the Police Force. They are sorry he has been forced to leave the College.

With kindest wishes to you personally,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

115. Walpole Ave.,
Toronto.
27 : 1 : 25.

General Sir A. W. Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Principal :-

Owing to lack of finances I have been compelled to give up my university course.

I have placed with General Williams an application for the Ontario Provincial Police Force, but before my application can be considered I require to be well recommended.

General Williams being an overseas man, maybe he is personally known to you. If so, would you kindly oblige me by sending a personal letter

of recommendation, or if unknown to you a letter of recommendation that I could place with him.

Being a registered student in the Presbyterian College since 1921 I have taken part in the University activities since then, and have been a registered student in Arts for the past two sessions.

This year I won the Inter and Freshmen boxing championships in my weight 175 lbs. I was president of my year and chairman of the banquet at which you honoured us as our guest.

Trusting you will favour me with this recommendation and thanking you for the many benifits I have received and friends I have made while under the shadow of Dear Old Queen's, I am yours very sincerely,

Samuel M. Kerr.

DOCKET ENDS:

KERR

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Re Lst

SUBJECT Employment.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

R/S MONTREAL. March 31st, 1921.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

With regard to your letters of the 21st and 24th instant.

The man to which you refer, Dudley Lane, called at the office of our District Installation Superintendent, and was recognized as having worked for us and having been discharged for tampering with the watchman's clock and marking thereon false reports and otherwise not performing his duties satisfactorily, even after warnings having been given him.

Under the circumstances our Plant Department Officials feel that it would not be advisable to re-engage this man.

I personally regret that nothing can therefore be done as far as we are concerned.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. Sise

Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

March
Twenty-sixth
1921.

D. Lane, Esq.,
9a Argyle Ave.,
Westmount, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received a reply from Mr. C. F. Sise, of The Bell Telephone Company to my letter of the 21st of March in your behalf.

He says that it may be possible to place you, at least temporarily for the May move, and if you will kindly call on Mr. George E. Higgins, 207 Mountain Street, he has no doubt he will give you a job.

Hoping that you will soon be satisfactorily placed, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

A. W. Currie

Per

March
Twenty-fourth
1921.

C. F. Sise, Esq.,
Vice-President & General Manager,
The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Sise:-

I thank you very much for your letter of March 23rd.

Such prompt and tangible evidence of sympathy is very encouraging.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Lane

SUBJECT

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

R/W. MONTREAL. March 23, 1921.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have spoken to our District Plant Superintendent with regard to the man referred to in your letter of the 21st instant, and it is possible that he may be able to place him, at least temporarily for the May Move.

I am thoroughly in sympathy with your sentiments with regard to our returned men. We kept the jobs for some 800 of our men who went Overseas, and most of them have been re-established with us, but owing to our inability to extend, for reasons with which you are doubtless familiar, we have not been in a position to engage extra help of any kind. In fact during the last few months we have had to do considerable retrenching.

However, if you will kindly send the man referred to to Mr. George E. Higgins, 207 Mountain Street, I have no doubt he will give him a job for the time being.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. A. Sise

Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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March
Twenty-first
1921.

D. Lane, Esq.,
9a Argyle Ave.,
Westmount, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of yesterday and will be glad indeed to help you get a position.

I am to-day writing to Mr. C. F. Sise, General Manager of the Bell Telephone Co., and to Mr. Paul Sise of The Northern Electric, asking them if there is not something they can do for you. There is no work around the University that I can offer you.

I shall keep you in mind and hope that I may soon have some favourable information to give you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

9a Argyle Ave
Montreal
March 28th 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal. McGill College.
Montreal.

Sir,

I trust you will pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you, but knowing of your kindly interest in Ex Service mens welfare I am appealing to you to enquire if through your influence you could secure work of some kind for me. I am an Ex member of the 2nd Canadian Div Signal Co and have been out of work 3 months. am married with one child to support. I have searched Montreal for work but with no prospect. My last place was with the Marconi Wireless Co. as assembler. I was laid off on account of lack of work and being one of the last to be taken on. I was with them 9 months. Have also worked for the Northern Electric Co on Exchange Installation work. If there is anything you can do for me I would esteem it a great favour as my funds are very low. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am
Yours faithfully
D Lane

March
Twenty-first
1921.

Charles F. Sise, Esq.,
General Manager,
The Bell Telephone Co.,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Sise:-

I have to-day received a letter from an ex-member of the Canadian Corps. He served overseas with our Second Canadian Division Signal Company, so that I imagine that his experience in connection with telephone service ought to be of some value.

He has been out of work for three months, is married and has a child to support. He says that he has searched Montreal for work, but with no encouragement. He states that his last place of employment was with the Marconi Wireless Company, where he worked as an Assembler. He was laid off on account of lack of work and because he was one of the last to have been taken on. He had been with them nine months at the time of his release. He has also worked for the Northern Electric Company on exchange installation work.

I hope that you are in a position to give him a trial. One always feels the deepest sympathy towards those men who are willing to work and cannot find it, but particularly does one deplore the position of a returned soldier who is finding it difficult to re-establish himself.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

March
Twenty-first
1921.

Paul F. Sise, Esq.,
President, The Northern Electric Co. Ltd.,
121 Shearer Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Sise:-

I have to-day received a letter from an ex-member of the Canadian Corps. He served overseas with our Second Canadian Division Signal Company, so that I imagine that his experience in connection with telephone service ought to be of some value.

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Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Rest

April
Fourth
1923.

Philip S. Langton, Esq.,
1016 Verrinder Ave.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Philip:-

I am to-day in receipt of your letter of the 28th of March with documents attached.

I have forwarded these to the Secretary of the Department of Naval Service at Ottawa with a letter of recommendation.

Lady Currie, Marjorie and Garner join me in cordially reciprocating your good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

1016 Verrinder Ave.,
Victoria, B.C.
28th March 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am very anxious to obtain a commission in the newly authorized Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and believe a strong recommendation is half the battle. Therefore I shall esteem it a great favour if you will be so kind as to write a letter of recommendation, attach it to the enclosed documents, and forward them direct to,

The Naval Secretary,
Department of the Naval Service,
Ottawa , Ont.

With many apologies for troubling you, and kindest rememberances to Lady Currie, Marjorie, and Garner.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Philip S. Langton

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,

Montreal , P.Q.

Re-est

April
Fourth
1923.

The Secretary,
Department of Naval Service,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Philip S. Langton I am forwarding herewith the following papers:-

(a) His application for a Commission in the Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

(b) Completed Questionaire.

(c) Certificate of birth by his father.

Mr. Langton has asked me to write a letter of recommendation. I can only say that I knew him and his family in Victoria. He is a gentlemanly young man with whose educational qualifications I am not familiar. He joined the 29th Battalion at a very early age and after a period of service in the trenches was attached to my Headquarters as an orderly, where his services were satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

12th March, 1921.

Mr. J. A. Laplante,
208a Disery Street,
Hochelaga,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 10th instant in which you speak of your difficulties in getting a vocational course. I cannot understand why it was refused to you, provided you were under age at the time of your enlistment. I am sorry that you find "the going" difficult, but that is the experience of a great many people both returned soldiers and otherwise.

You say that you are a married man and have one child. I congratulate you on this because I know of nothing that will bring out the best that is in a man than working to provide for his wife and family.

I am sorry that there is no work that I can give you, and apart from that I am contributing as much to the support of returned soldiers as I can at present afford. I should think that now the spring time has come work ought to become more plentiful, and I hope it won't be long before you are getting along all right.

Yours faithfully,

Montreal 10/3/21

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal
Mc Gill College.

Sir

I am righting you those few Lines to ask you if you will please help me. I enlisted in 1915 with the 1 Division in the 1st 2nd Battry C.F.A. and was discharge on demobilisation as soon as I was discharge I made an application for vocational Training. Thing hing then that I was only 17 years of age when I enlisted, my training was refused, so few

monts after I have made
a second application
and was refused.
I am married and
father of a child and I
have no trade, the life
is very meresable with
out it, If you will
please give me your
help. I will be very grateful
I am Sir
Your humble servant

J A Laplante.

I would be very grateful
if you will please give me
an answer

My name is

Gr. J. A. Lafleur

Regt No 362 or 2663222

address 208a Disery

Hochelaga

Montreal

Rest

April
Thirteenth
1921.

Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Leach,
R.M.R. No. 1,
Cobble Hill, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of April 7th and gladly consent and gladly consent to your using my name as a reference in connection with the application for the position in the gift of the Civil Service Commission, or for that matter, for any other position for which you care to apply.

I remember you very well indeed when you served on the sub-staff at Headquarters.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

R.M.R 1, Cobble Hill B.C.
April 7-1921

General Sir Arthur Currie
McGill College, Montreal

Dear Sir,

There is an appointment expected to be made before very long in the Mines department that I would like to apply for.

In our application to the Civil Service Commission one is expected to mention the names of people who can tell the commission about the applicants character and standing.

May I have your permission to mention your name in case I should make this application? I should appreciate it very much indeed - I am trusting that you remember me as O.C. 231st and later at Corps H.Q.

Yours faithfully

F.E. Leach

Re-est

December 3rd, 1923

Brigadier-General Andrew McNaughton,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Andrew:-

Reference to your letter HQ 832-L-77 I find on enquiry that Sergeant Leach was offered this post last week and verbally accepted it. A formal letter has now been sent him by Mr. Smith, which, I understand, he is presenting at once to his C.O.

Colonel Molson asked me to say that they would be very much obliged if his discharge could be put through with as much expedition as possible, as they would require him not later than January 14th.

The General asked me to let you know that he was very much obliged indeed for all your trouble in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

CANADA

Department of National Defence H.Q. 832-L-77

Ottawa, Canada,

November 29th, 1923.

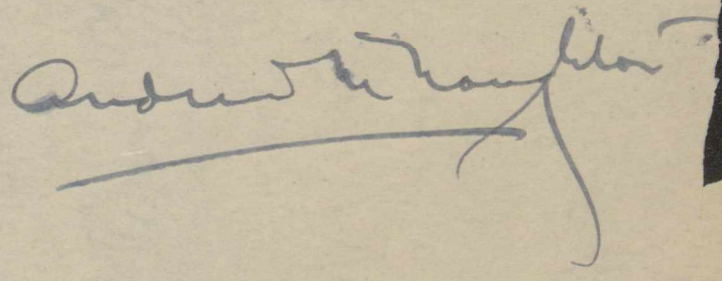
My dear Wilfrid -

I enclose herewith copy of a letter to Sir Arthur, dated October 24th, 1923, and to which I have not yet had a reply.

Perhaps you would let me know whether there is any chance of Sergt. Leach's services being required because I have kept him ear-marked for this work.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.-Col. Wilfrid Bovey, OBE.,
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

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H.Q. 832-L-77.

October 24, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur -

With reference to your letter of October 18th relative to the appointment of a gymnastic instructor and drill sergeant at Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, after enquiry I find that the most suitable man available is Sergt. Leach now stationed at Montreal. The attached letter from the District Cadet Officer, M.D. No. 4, will give you some idea of his qualifications.

Sergt. Leach is married and has children but with our limited married establishment we have not been able to absorb him into the married strength and in consequence he finds it difficult to make both ends meet. This is the reason I am anxious to find more remunerative work for him.

His pay is as follows : -

Regimental	.. ..	$2.65
Allowance in lieu of quarters	.. ..	.35
Allowance in lieu of rations	.. ..	.50
		$3.50 per diem

If you consider that Sergt. Leach will be suitable and will let me know the rate of pay and the conditions of employment I will see him and if he decides that he would like the appointment we can then arrange to send him down to be interviewed by Colonel Molson.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) A. McNaughton.

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG., KCB.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Smith has written letter wh. engaged. not later than Jan 14th

Rest

June 26th, 1924.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in stating that I know A. P. LeBlanc, who is a former member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

He enlisted at the beginning of the war and went overseas as a member of the 12th Battalion, which was broken up in England. He was transferred to the 4th Battalion and with them crossed to France, taking part in the battles of Ypres, Festubert and Givenchy. On the 9th of August, 1915, when his battalion was in the line at Ploegsteert, he was wounded, and in October of the same year discharged from the service.

He got over the effects of his wound sufficiently well to be taken on again and crossed to England as Sergeant-Major in the 165th Battalion. He was drafted from it to the Forestry Corps, and on returning to Canada after the Armistice, was discharged in March, 1919. I should add that when serving with the 4th Battalion in the line he held the rank of Sergeant.

Since his last discharge he has been employed on railway work, but on the recent cutting down of the service, he was laid off. He is a single man, 41 years old, of good habits and character and I cordially recommend him for employment. I do hope that you will give his application favourable consideration, so that one who has served his country so loyally and faithfully will not remain for long unemployed.

February
Fifteenth
1921:

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General.

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Rec'd

January
Third
1921.

W. R. Lanigan, Esq.,
Freight Traffic Manager,
Windsor Station,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Lanigan:-

Mr. John C.H.Lee, formerly of the 26th Battalion C.E.F., has been to see me and asked if I could help him secure employment.

Mr. Lee served in France,as stated above,with the Infantry of the Canadian Corps. He was wounded in the neck and head on the 20th of July, 1917, and had been gassed on the 7th of January in the same year. His Certificate of Discharge states that his conduct was very good and he impresses me as a young man of energy and capacity.

He tells me that he has been in your employ before, having worked in the office of Mr. Clayton at West St. John during the season of 1919-20 for a period of four months. He has a knowledge of typewriting and a certain familiarity with freight.

I know that he has been taking any work that he has been able to secure and Mrs. Lee is also helping by accepting any work she can do. This all discloses a good spirit and I hope that you may be able to take him on again in the service of the C.P.R.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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Re Loss

June
Twenty-second
1921.

F. Leese, Esq.,
948 St. Urbain Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

On June 17th Sir Arthur Currie wrote Lieut.-Colonel E.C.M. Cape, D.S.O., of E.C.M. Cape & Company, Engineers & Contractors, New Birks Building, Phillips Square, with reference to finding employment for you.

I have to-day received a reply from Colonel Cape, a copy of which I enclose. The Mr. Somerville mentioned is Vice-President of the Company.

Yours faithfully,-

Principal's Secretary.

Sent to:

T. Richardson,
80 Pacific Ave.,
Verdun.

B. Bleucowe,
228 Coursol Street,
Montreal.

E. G. M. Cape, President
T. A. Somerville, Vice President
P. G. Wilmut, Secretary-Treasurer

E. G. M. Cape & Company, Limited
Engineers & Contractors

Cablegrams: "Capecon", Montreal
Codes: A.B.C. 5th Edition, Western Union

New Birks Building,
Phillips Square,
Montreal, June 20th. 1921

In Reply Please Refer to

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I found your letter of June 17th. awaiting my return from camp this morning. I have turned it over to Mr. Somerville, who will give every consideration to the three returned men whose names you mention in it.

Yours sincerely,

EGMC/M

E. G. M. Cape

June
Seventeenth
1921.

Lieut-Colonel E.G.M. Cape, D.S.O.,
10 Cathcart Street,
Montreal.

Dear Colonel:-

I had in to see me the other day three returned soldiers who are looking for work and who, apparently, are in need of it very badly. Their names, etc. are as follows:

F. Leese, with No.1 General Hospital at Etaples for 12 months. He is single and lives at 948 St. Urbain Street. He received the full course in the S.C.R. as an Electrician.

T. Richardson, served during 1918 with the P.P.C.L.I* in France. Was wounded and received a pension which he commuted last Fall. He trained with the S.C.R. as an Automoblie-body painter. Has worked with the Northern Electric Co. Is married and lives at 80 Pacific Ave., Verdun.

B. Bleucowe, served with the Remount Department and now receives $19.50 a month pension. He was trained with the S.C.R. as a Contractor's Assistant. Is married and lives at 228 Coursol Street.

All these men promised me that if I helped them to get work they would work hard and faithfully. I hope you will be able to do something for them.

Yours faithfully,

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Re est

M. F. B. 440.
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In reply please quote

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

No.....

Room 27 Woods Building,
Ottawa, Ont.
June 2nd, 1921.

Sir,-

Before you left Ottawa you promised to give me a letter of recommendation which Major Willis O'Connor wrote to you about.

I know you have not forgotten the promise--the amount of work you have to do takes all your time, but a short note of recommendation by you would mean a great deal to me. If you could spare the time to write a few lines addressed "To Whom it may concern" I would be ever grateful to you.

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

J. G. Leslie

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., etc.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

June
Sixth
1921.

J. C. Leslie, Esq.,
Room 27, Woods Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Leslie:-

I have your letter of June 2nd and I am enclosing herewith a recommendation in duplicate, and I shall be very glad if one copy is placed on your file. Of the other you can make whatever use you like.

I saw Major O'Connor at Kingston during the week end and was very glad to learn from him that you were getting along well and giving satisfaction to your new Chief.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

June
Sixth
1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to say that from December, 1919, to 31st July, 1920, Sergeant J. C. Leslie was employed as stenographer in my office at Ottawa. During that time I was acting as Inspector-General of the Militia Forces of Canada.

I am glad to say that I found Sergeant Leslie's services satisfactory. He was faithful, painstaking, willing and industrious. In my opinion there is no reason why he should not develop into a clerk of the first class or a Secretary to a Department.

DOCKET STARTS:

LITTLE

The Bank of Toronto

Victoria, B. C. 28th. Sept. 1923.

General Sir A.Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal,Que.

Dear Sir,

Ihope you will pardon me for writing to you and I sincerely hope you will not look on me as a general nuisance.The last time I wrote to you it was in connection with the Bank of Montreal,this time it is the Bank of Toronto in whose service I have been since last May.

When I joined this intitution their Superintendents Department in Vancouver took me on before submitting the finding of my Medical Board to their Head Office with the result that their Chief Inspector Mr.Grant refuses to submit my name to their Pension Board on account of my present physical conditionand he further states that it was a great mistake to have ever taken me on the Staff.

The fact of not being taken on the Pension Fund puts me in rather a rotten position as I am simply what they are pleased to term a temporary Staff Man subject to dismissal at any time and cannot therefore look upon this as a permanent job.Of course I can quite see their point,I am not a whole man being minus full use of my right arm but I was not born t that way and I am not ashamed of the fact although it appears that one should be.

I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to you knowing that you will do something for me in the matter as you no doubt probably know their General Manager Mr.J.R.Lamb.

Some of the Returned Soldier Institutions are very anxious to make a case of it but I am not in favour,as Ithink it would be far

better if I could manage to settle it in a more influential way which undoubtly will be the more benifical in th long run.Of course as you know the last man in this country to get ajob of any account is the returned man no matter what their qualifications may happen to be. They are simply a bunch of no goods and it ends at that.

The Bank of Montreal could give me a job if they wanted to as they are still taking on lots of men but the fact remains they are not what you would call over keen on Returned Soldiers. John Leeming who never joined the army could resign and take a trip to England and come back and get a job, but not so a disabled man. If the biggest institutions in the country cannot give us a job I would like to know who can?

I would like to return to the Bank of Montreal but I suppose they have made up their minds not to consider my application under any consideration but I would be greatly obliged if you will bring the matter once more before Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor.

Thanking you for what you have done for me in the past,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Arthur Little.

April
Ninth
1923.

Mrs. Andrew Gray,
1135 Catherine Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Mrs. Gray:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21st with reference to Arthur Little, whom I remember very well.

I am sorry I have not been able to send him as good news as he would like. I took up his case with the General Manager and did not receive very much encouragement. You know the amalgamation of the two Banks has meant, in many places, a considerable reduction in staff, and with so many men going the Executive do not care to take on others. What a very great pity it is that Mr. Little did not apply for leave of absence rather than send in his resignation. I have not lost hope altogether, but I have nothing very good to report.

Lily, Marjorie and Garner are all very well indeed. We still hope that some time we may be able to spend the summer in Victoria, though I do not think it will be this year.

With kindest regards to Mr. Gray, to the boys and to Betty, and all good wishes for yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

April
Ninth
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel Cy Peck, V.C.,D.S.O.,
2026 Richmond Avenue,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of March 22nd re Little.

I brought his case to the attention of the General Manager and made what plea I could for him, but I am afraid that at the present time there is not much hope of his being re-employed. You see the amalgamation of the Bank of Montreal with the Merchants in many places has meant a reduction in staff and with so many to find places for the Bank does not feel like taking any more men on. I urged Little's war record and his previous service with the Bank but I do not know whether anything will be done or not. I have written to him telling him that. What a great pity it is that he resigned. I dare say he could have got leave of absence.

I have just come from hearing Old Mac address the Canadian Club on "The Evolution of the Canadian Corps". He had a splendid reception and made a very interesting speech. There were a great crowd of old officers present. A good many of us are going up this afternoon to attend Byng's Vimy Dinner.

I hope, Cy, that things are going better with you. I haven't seen you since I was in Prince Rupert. I do not think the member for

that district felt any more pleased with himself after I had finished speaking at the dinner that night.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Peck, to Sandy Urquhart, and with all good wishes to yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

April
Ninth
1923.

Arthur Little, Esq.,
C/o. Jas. L. Raymur, Esq.,
1315 Stanley Ave.,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Little:-

I have your letter of the 20th of March and have brought the same before the General Manager of the Bank.

While he promised to give consideration to your application for re-establishment I feel that at present I cannot offer you very much encouragement. The amalgamation of the two Banks has, in many cases, meant a reduction in staff and no additions are being made at the present time. I am very sorry, Little, because I would have liked to have written to you and told you that your wishes had been met.

I remember you very well. I shall keep your case in mind and again bring it to the General Manager's attention.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

1135 Catherine St
Victoria
B. C.
March 21st 1923

Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir

Arthur Little

who is enclosing this letter to you, is a dear personal friend of ours, and anything you can do for him we will appreciate very much. He suffered greatly in the War and is deserving of every consideration. Hooping Lady

Currie and the family are well and coming West this summer.

Yours Very Sincerely

Mary E Gray

2026 Richmond Ave.
Victoria B.C
Mar. 22nd 23

Dear General Currie

I have been asked to write you on behalf of Arthur Little, who I understand is also writing you.

This boy was in the Bank of Montreal at Prince Rupert but joined up in October 1914 under my command. He went to France with me and remained there until June 13th 1916 when he was very badly wounded at

Mount Sorrel. He was a very
~~badly~~ good soldier and
bears a good character gen-
erally. Since he has returned
he suffered a great sorrow
in the death of his fiancee
Miss Raymer, which broke
him up badly.

Since coming back he has
been with the Bank of Montreal
again but I understand
left them for a while. He
now wants to get back
with them, but is having
some difficulty.

If you can do anything for him
I think it will be well deserved.

With kindest regards

Yours very truly

Cy Peck

c/o Jas. L. Raymur, Esq.,
1315 Stanley Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

20th March, 1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Sir:

I had the honour of serving under you in the late War, and as I understand you are now on the Directorate of the Bank of Montreal, may I venture to ask your assistance in the following connection. -

For the past ten years I have been in the service of the Bank, exception to be made for the years 1914 to 1918 when I was with the 16th Canadian Scottish, and received severe wounds at Sanctuary Wood on 13th June, 1916, whereby I lost an eye and incurred partial disablement of my right hand. In December last, being rather depressed, I resigned from the Bank in order to proceed to California. I returned to Canada in January and made official application through the Victoria Office for reinstatement, the result of which is embodied in the reply from the Superintendent, copy of which I enclose, and from which you will see that my name is to be kept before them and should conditions change my claims will receive consideration.

As I am anxious to begin work and would prefer to remain with the Bank of Montreal, if not presuming too much on your good nature, I should be grateful if you could bring before the General Manager, in a personal way, the matter of my reinstatement. I feel sure there can be no reason other than that given by Head Office for refusal to grant my re-entry to the service as my personal record is clean. Enquiry at Head Office will satisfy you on this point.

I am at liberty to refer you to Colonel Peck and Mr. Andrew Gray to both of whom I am well known.

Any assistance you may be able to render me in this matter will be much appreciated.

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

Arthur Little

Arthur Little.

Encl.

copy.

Vancouver, B.C. 17th March, 1923.

The Manager

Bank of Montreal,

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Staff - Arthur Little - Resigned.

With reference to your letter of 2nd instant, we are now informed by Head Office that the staff of the Bank in the West at present is complete, and, as the result of the merging of our Branches at duplicating points and the possible closing of certain unprofitable offices from time to time, the Bank does not anticipate requiring to increase the staff. However, if conditions change at a later date warranting Mr. Little's reinstatement, we shall be glad to give his claims consideration, and his name will be kept before us.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. H. Hogg,

Superintendent.

DOCKET ENDS:

LITTLE

Re est

July 5th, 1923.

William H. Lloyd, Esq., B.A.,
R.R. No. 2,
Cookstown, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant.

I shall bring your case before the authorities in Quebec and hope that they may be able to offer you a position.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. R. #2,
Cookstown,
Ontario,
July 3rd/23.

Sir

I received your letter of the 27th. ult., for which I thank you.

I will endeavour to satisfy you as regards my qualifications, etc.

In the first place, I am not an elementary teacher; and I am not, therefore, certificated to teach in an elementary school.

I am a collegiate master, specialist in Latin, English, and History, with a 15 yrs. teaching experience to my credit.

I graduated, with mention in above subjects, from Toronto, in 1908. (B.A.)

I assisted at the Khaki college overseas during part of my service.

The doctors of the D.S.C.R. apparently consider that, on account of my nervous condition after 4 years' work, I should be ~~to~~ much better off at my old work in college again.

I am a married man with no family, Age. 36 yrs.

I taught at the University of Bombay, India, in England, and was supply master at the Western Canada College, Calgary, under Dr. McRae. Thanking you in anticipation.

Your obedient Servant,

William H. Lloyd.

June 27th, 1923.

William H. Lloyd, Esq., B.A.,
R. R. No. 2,
Cookstown, Ont.

My dear Mr. Lloyd:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of June 23rd and certainly will be interested in getting you a position in some school or college if I possibly can. I fully appreciate just how hard a time many of our fellows have had in getting back to a position where they can look to the future with a certain amount of content, and no trouble is too much for me to take to help if I can.

Please tell me from what university you graduated and also in what teachers' training school you received your training as a teacher; in what schools have you taught and for how long? Have you any recommendations from school inspectors? When I get this information I shall put it up to inspectors of schools here and see what I can do.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Rose Grove. P.O.
N. Ontario.
June. 23rd/23

Dear Sir

As a returned man, and an old 1st Division member, C.E.F., I am writing to ask you, if in your capacity as Head of the McGill. University, you could in any way assist me to find a position as master or assistant master in any college, commencing next September, or even earlier.

Owing to war disability I have not been very fortunate since my discharge in Jan. 1919. When I have tried to save up a little for a rainy day I have been prevented by adverse circumstances owing to disability, such as going to visit relatives in England a year ago by the advice of, but not with the assistance of D. S. C. R. authorities, etc.

I am at present teaching elementary school, but my provisional certificate expires ~~this~~ next week, and I intend taking up my old work as school master again. I am a married man but with no family, my age is 36 yrs. I am a B.A., honours in Classics & History. I also assisted overseas at the Khaki College.

Would you be kind enough to reply at an early date, as I am leaving here on the 29th inst., and my new address will be R. R. No. 2,

Cookstown,

Ontario,

If you should ever hear of an opportunity as private secretary, or tutor, would you also speak for me, in case I am not able to hear of it, or see it in the paper.

I am a musician, fully competent as Physical Training instructor, or the drilling of Cadets.

I enclose advertisement which was placed in the "Mail & Empire", free to Returned men.

Only last year I spent 4 months in Christie Street Hospital on account of nerves.

My salary here is $1000. per annum, I pay $40. for board, and being married I have not even sufficient to keep me until I get a position when schools reopen.

I shall appreciate an answer from my old Commanding and Chief, because I think that you cannot help taking an interest in your old boys, of past but harder & perhaps more pleasant times.

I have the honour.

to remain.

Your obedient Servant,

William H. Lloyd, B.A.

Late 23221 & 226000 C.E. Signals

(C.E.F.)

October 9, 1924.

Major H.T. Goodeve,

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Major Goodeve:-

Referring to your letter of September 2nd. H.Q. 649-L-20976 , M.S. Lloyd's present address is : Milton Sills Lloyd, Memorial Hospital, 106th Street and Cantral Park West, New York City. I am sure that he will be very glad to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

CANADA
GB.

Department of National Defence H.Q. 649-L-20976.
(Militia Service).

Ottawa, Canada, 2nd. Sept. 1924.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey, O.B.E.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

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RE:-#406, M. S. Lloyd.

Dear Colonel,-

With reference to the claim of the above named ex-soldier, I am pleased to advise you that it has been found possible to adjust his pay, from December 31st, 1916, to September 16th, 1918, at the rate of $2.00 per diem, the adjustment amounting to $128.65.

If, therefore, you will be good enough to let me have his address, I will see that cheque in settlement is forwarded to him, with the least possible delay.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. P. Goodeve

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(2) Dear Major Goodeve
Many thanks for
your kindness - address is
Dr. M.S. L
Memorial Hospital
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October 9, 1924.

M.S. Lloyd, Esq.,
Memorial Hospital,
106th Street. New York.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:-

I beg to advise you that the arrangements with regard to the adjustment of your army pay are now O.K. and I have written to Major Goodeve and sent him your address.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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Col Bovey
McGill University

Dear Sir :

Last spring you were so good as to take up for me, with the authorities at Ottawa the question of some army pay still due.

Up to the present time I have had no word of any action having been taken at the Government Offices.

I would be greatly indebted for any information which you may be able to give me concerning this matter.

Believe me, Sir,
Very gratefully yours

Milton Sills Lloyd.

November 17, 1924.

M.S. Lloyd, Esq.,
Sea View Hospital,
Staten Island,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:-

Very many thanks for your letter of 12th inst. I am only too glad to have been able to do anything at all to help you or any other ex-soldier, and the best reward is the satisfaction of having got what you wanted.

It is extremely good of you to have thought of anything else.

Wishing you the best of luck,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.

Sea Land Hospital,
Staten Island,
New York City.
Nov. 12th '24

Colonel Wilfred Bovey.
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Bovey

I have recently received from Ottawa a Cheque for $125.00. This is $14.00 more than I expected to receive, even with your aid, and $125.00 more than I would have received without it.

Under separate cover I am sending you a small token of my appreciation which is representative only in its durability. But a poor man can only hint objectively at what he means.

Thanking you sincerely and wishing you much happiness I am.

Yours very truly.

William S Lloyd.

Niagara Falls N.Y. Nov 14/22.

Mr. Sir Arthur Curry.

Mc. Gill University Montreal.

Dear Sir.

I am dropping you a a few lines & asking you if you will assist me in getting a position on the Railway Commission I have Rev. Dr. Thomas Snyder of Niagara Falls Ny & Mr. W. M. German M.P. of Welland ont working for me through Mr. Bell Deputy Minister of Railways & Canals Ottawa I worked in the capacity as a Railroad man a good many years with the transportation in train service for the CPR. And allso the Canadian

National Railway. I was born
in Mariatown above Morrisburg
on the river St-Lawrence I
still have relatives living at
Morrisburg. Uncle Alx. Gardiner
Allso Alex Shaver above
Iroquois My Grandmother & Uncle Alex Mc Donald are bro & Sister My mothers maiden name was Louisa Gardiner
Rev Dr. Snyder will write you later in my behalf. Any thing you can do in my favor will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly.

Urban A. Lockwood
927 Michigan Ave.
Niagara Falls N.Y.

DOCKET STARTS:

LOFTUS

December
Twenty-second
1921.

Dr. H.C. Perrin,
Conservatorium of Music,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Perrin:-

Let me acknowledge the correspondence which you have received from Miss Kenwrick with reference to Mr. Loftus. I do not know what I can do for him, but I will do my best.

I would like to say to you, now that I am writing, that I am very sorry to have missed your last concert, but I was going to Quebec that night to attend a meeting of the Protestant Committee the next day.

I am glad that you have had a successful session, and with all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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December
Twenty-second
1921.

O. F. Brothers, Esq.,
The Herald Publishing Company,
Montreal.

My dear Brothers:-

I am sending you herewith certain correspondence with reference to Sergt. William Loftus.

I hope that if you hear of any position that he might fill you will please let him know. There is nothing around the University that I can offer to him.

He seems to be a man whom one can safely recommend for a position.

Yours faithfully,

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4362 St Catherine St. W.
Westmount
February 10/22

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal
McGill University.

Sir,

Some time ago you very kindly wrote General Panet and Colonel Brothers in my behalf, with a view to getting employment, up to the present I have been unsuccessful.

I would like to get on the Staff of the new Mount Royal Hotel when completed, this I know will be some time yet. Were I successful in this it would mean a permanent position, in the meantime I am hoping something temporary may turn up.

Not knowing whom to approach in the matter, I take the liberty Sir, of asking would you once again use your great influence.

I enclose copy of letter from my Battery Commander in France.

Yours Respectfully

William J Loftus.

(COPY)

This letter written from
Old Colony Club,Hotel King Edward,
Toronto,Canada.

January 1st.1922.

Brigadier-General E.de B. Panet,
Montreal,P.Q.

Dear General Panet,

This will introduce to you Mr.W.J.Loftus, who is desirous of associating himself with a proposition in which you are interested and in this connection has asked me to say a word for him.

Mr Loftus had a long and successful service in France during the late war in the capacity of Q.M.Sergeant with the 13th.Battery of C.F.A. and during the period in which I was O.C. of that unit I had every opportunity of acquainting myself with his characteristics and capabilities. I found him not only to be a loyal,conscientious and brave N.C.O. but a man of more than ordinary education and culture, possessing excellent instincts and the ability to adapt himself to any situation and accomplish results under very adverse conditions. In short he was a good Canadian;one of the type that made the Canadian corps what it was.

I am very confident that if you can give Mr.Loftus the opportunity he will make good in any position he would accept; and if the opening could be made I would be very gratified.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

I am,Sir,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G.L.Drew.

January
Sixth
1922.

W. J. Loftus, Esq.,
4362 St. Catherine St. West,
Westmount, Que.

Dear Sir:-

In further reference to your letter of January 2nd, will you please call at General Panet's office.

General Panet writes that there is no vacant position in his department at the present moment, but there may be in the future and he would then be glad to do for you whatever is possible.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

TELEPHONE MAIN 8656

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MONTREAL

January 5th, 1922

General A.W. Currie, G.C.B, etc.etc.
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

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Re Wm. J. Loftus

My Dear General:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 3rd, regarding Wm. J. Loftus.

There is no vacant position in my department at the present moment, but there may be some in the future, and then I should be very glad to do whatever is possible for Loftus.

Could you ask him to come and see me? If I had his address I would write to him myself.

Very sincerely yours,

CONTROLLER,
Police Department,
THE QUEBEC LIQUOR COMMISSION

EP/AP.

January
Third
1922.

W. J. Loftus, Esq.,
4362 St. Catherine Street W.,
Westmount, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 2nd.

It is quite true that Dr. Perrin sent along to me the letter which you had written to Miss Kenwrick and also a letter which he had written on your behalf. I knew of no position at the time nor have I heard of any since. I wrote to several people about you and also spoke to Colonel Brothers of the Herald, who is at the head of an organization which seeks employment for returned soldiers.

I am sorry that nothing has so far come of it, but I shall be very glad to write to General Panet as you suggest, but the General Panet who is associated with the Quebec Liquor Commissioners is a brother of the General Panet who commanded the 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

January
Third
1922.

Brig.-General Edouard deB.Panet,
Quebec Liquor Commission,
63 Notre Dame Street East,
Montreal.

My dear Panet:-

To-day I received a letter from Wm. J. Loftus, late Battery Q.M.Sergt. Canadian Field Artillery, who, like so many other soldiers, is out of employment.

I heard of his case about a month ago and he seems to be a most deserving fellow. He is known to some of the teachers at the University who speak very well of him. He asks me in the letter which I have received to write to you to see if there is any position in your Department that he could fill. He states in his letter to me that he served under you in France, but as he calls you the "late Commander of the 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery" I think he is confusing you with your brother.

I like what I have heard of him and his letter discloses that he is a man of some education.

Yours faithfully,

1136 St Catherine St. W.,
Westmount, P.Q.
January 2nd 1911.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal
McGill University.

Sir,

Some time ago I wrote to a friend (Miss K. Kemmick) of McGill Faculty of Music, informing her I expected to be out of employment soon, and asking could she in some way bring my case before you.

Miss Kemmick very kindly wrote Dr Perrin, enclosing my letter and copies of Testimonials, who I understand brought the case before you.

The Company I was employed by has now closed Operations for an indefinite period, which, you will understand, Sir, places me at a great disadvantage, being a married man.

I take the liberty of writing you Sir, to enquire if you would use your well known influence in my behalf in any direction you may know of.

I am informed that Brigadier-General E. de B. Panet, late Commander of the 2nd Canadian Divisional Artillery, under whom I served, in France, is in charge of the Quebec Liquor Commissioners, at 63 Notre Dame Street, East.

I am sure, Sir, a letter from you would help me considerably in securing a position under him.

Thanking you in Antricipation.

I am Sir,

Yours Obediently,

William J. Loftus.

Late Battery O. M. Sergt.,
Canadian Field Artillery.

DOCKET ENDS:

LOFTUS

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Loomis - re east

May
Nineteenth
1921.

Hon. John Oliver,
Premier of British Columbia,
Parliament Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Premier:-

I had hoped that during your recent trip east you would have spent some time in Montreal. Press despatches a few weeks ago stated that such was your intention and a few old British Columbians living here looked forward to your arrival. Upon inquiries which I made yesterday at Ottawa I learned that you had returned to the Coast.

I wish this letter to serve as an introduction to you of Major-General Sir Frederick Loomis, who is the Loomis of the contracting firm of D. G. Loomis & Sons.

I learned to know General Loomis very well during the War. He is a man of great ability and high integrity. He is capable, resourceful, reliable and trustworthy.

I know that he is going to British Columbia with the hope that his firm may tender successfully for railway work which your Government intends undertaking. He deserves every consideration and I would regard it as a personal favour if you would do everything possible towards

making provision that he and his firm may get a share of these contracts. I believe that you would be satisfied with the manner in which the contract would be carried through, and I also believe that you could work harmoniously with him.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,