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Read

March 8th, 1926.

T. F. Traihey, Esq.,
Secretary, Harbour Commission,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Traihey:-

I am giving this letter to Mr. Edward McArthy, with whom I have just had a conversation.

Mr. McArthy served with the 87th Battalion and was very badly wounded the day we broke the Queant-Drocourt line. He was pensioned and up to about seventeen months ago was rated as fully disabled. Since that time his pension has been very greatly reduced. He has been employed by the Harbour Commission at different intervals,- taken on last summer he was laid off last November, and taken on again about January 10th he was laid off about February 24th. His Superintendent was Mr. Sherry, with whom I have spoken over the 'phone. Mr. Sherry says that Mr. McArthy is a first class work man and that he would gladly have him as a member of his staff.

I would regard it as a personal favour if you could see your way clear to give this very worthy ex-soldier congenial employment. I may say that Mr. McArthy has held very good positions in the days before the war

and is making an honest effort to obtain for himself as good a position as any formerly held.

Yours faithfully,

November 16th, 1925.

Messrs. White, Weld & Co.,
14 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. C.G.Dodge.

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of November 12th let me say that I have known Mr. P. S. McCutcheon for the past thirteen or fourteen years, - first as clerk in the Bank of Montreal at Victoria, B.C., then as a soldier in the Canadian Corps throughout the war, and since then as an officer of the Bank of Montreal Staff.

I have always liked him and he has always stood well with his fellows. He is a manly, straightforward, clean-living young man and I have no hesitation in recommending him for a position in your Bond Department.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

WHITE, WELD & CO.

14 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

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November 12, 1925

General Sir Arthur Currie, President
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

Mr. P. S. McCutcheon has applied to us for a position in our Bond Department and has given your name as reference.

Would you be kind enough to advise us as to your knowledge of his character, ability and general fitness for the investment banking field?

Thanking you very much for your courtesy, we are,

Very truly yours,

White Weld & Co
C Gerard Dodge

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November 19, 1925.

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

Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 16th concerning Mr. P. S. McCutcheon, and thank you very much for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

White, Weld & Co.

C. Grant Dodge

CGD-BD

DOCKET STARTS:

MacDonald, Emi

Wolfville, N. S.,
4th. April, 1921.

My dear General,

This morning I received the following letter from General MacBrien: -

"My dear MacDonald,

"I have given your name to the Minister for the appointment about which I wired you but I am afraid that you may not be chosen for several reasons, the first of which is that up to the present although we have had a number of Canadians appointed to the War Graves Commission, no French-Canadian has been yet given an appointment and one with a very good war record is also an applicant for the position now vacant. Should any other appointment open up I shall keep you in mind and endeavor to get some suitable job for you.

"With best wishes, believe me,

"Yours sincerely,

(signed) "J. H. MacBrien"

It would seem from the above letter that my chances of getting that appointment, are, to say the least, not very good. I am sorry, too, as I think that I could have made a success of it.

My reason in writing to you now is because I fear that "should another appointment open up" something of the same nature may happen, and that I may be disqualified through lack of hyphenation to my Canadianism. I think, however, that it is a matter of political pressure, and I should certainly appreciate it very much if you could help me again in that respect.

With very kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Eric MacDonald

Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick Loomis, KCB, CMG, DSO.
34 Lincoln Ave.
Montreal

E.H.

CANADA

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

April 12th, 1921.

My dear Sir Frederick,-

Replying to your letter of April the 11th:

I regret to say that I failed to get Eric McDonald the position which I had hoped for.

We expect to have another vacancy offered to us by the War Graves Commission, but it is uncertain as to when this will be. It may be one month or three, or more - no one can tell. In the meantime, there is really nothing that I can think of that would be at all suitable. The Minister has told me that he will give McDonald the next vacancy in the War Graves Commission, should one be offered to us. I shall keep my eyes and ears open, and should anything suitable turn up, I will do my best to secure the appointment for him.

Respecting your letter of April the 5th, regarding Major Cunningham: I have taken the question of an appointment for him up with the Adjutant-General, and regret to say that there is absolutely nothing open, except a few vacancies for Subalterns, which probably would not attract him, and at any rate, these are being held vacant at present owing to lack of money in the Permanent Force Vote.

It is most difficult to get anyone an appointment these days. I would be glad to help both McDonald and Cunningham but unfortunately we have no vacancies into which they could be put.

I thank you for your letters, and regret that I can be of so little help.

With best wishes to Lady Loomis and yourself,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J.H. MacBrien

Major-General Sir
Frederick Loomis,KCB.,CMG.,DSO.,
General Contractor,
211 McGill St.,
Montreal,P.Q.

D. G. LOOMIS & SONS.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

211 McGILL STREET

BELL TELEPHONE:
MAIN 594

Montreal, Que. April 14th., 1921.

(CONFIDENTIAL)

Gen. Sir A. W. Currie, GCMG., KCB., &c.,
595 Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I hesitate, knowing how fully you are occupied, in bringing a matter like the following to your attention. I believe however, that you are personally interested in Lieut.-Col. Eric McDonald and will be anxious to assist in helping him to secure a position.

Herridge and I have been trying to secure a position for Eric at Ottawa, but although we have appealed to several different Departments, up to the present have not been successful. I enclose herewith two letters, one from McBrien and one from Eric McDonald, which will show you that there is very little to hope for from the Department of Militia & Defence.

A thought has occurred to me that you may be willing to speak on behalf of Eric to Lord Shaughnessy, Bank of Montreal, Sir Charles Gordon, or some other influential person in Montreal, who could give Eric a suitable position.

If you think well of the suggestion, it may be desirable to first secure from Col. McDonald a letter setting forth his capabilities and experience in civil life. If you so desire me, I will secure such a letter from Eric.

I understand that Eric has been out of work since demobilization and that his present position is rather critical. He is living with his father who is a clergyman in Wolfville, N.S., and has a very small salary. I first heard of Eric's difficulties from Archie Mac at Kingston. Eric's father had written to him explaining the situation.

I am very sorry to hear that Lady Currie was indisposed. I hope however, that she has now recovered. You must both be looking forward to the Summer Holidays for a much needed rest and relaxation.

With very kindest regards, believe me,

Ever yours truly,

F.O.W.L/P.

April
Eighteenth
1921.

Sir Frederick Loomis, K.C.B.,
211 McGill Street,
Montreal.

My dear Loomis:-

With reference to your letter of April 14th, I shall be glad to do anything I can to help Eric McDonald to a suitable position.

It would be well if you got from him such a letter as you might consider advisable, namely, one setting forth his capabilities and experience in civil life. On receipt of it I shall do what I can.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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April
Twenty-ninth
1921.

Personal

Rt. Hon. Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G., P.C.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir George Foster:-

I desire to ask your assistance in finding suitable employment for Lieut.-Colonel Eric MacDonald, D.S.O. and Bar, M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel MacDonald went over with the 1st Canadian Division as a member of the 12th Battalion. His service in France was altogether with the 10th Inf. Battalion, which he joined as a subaltern and rose steadily until he became its Commanding Officer, a position which he held during the last year of the War. I can say with confidence that he was one of the very best officers serving in the Canadian forces, possessing great determination to see a thing through to a successful conclusion. I can give many instances where his personal example contributed in the highest degree to the success of his Battalion. He knew what was required to ensure victory and was anything but casual or indifferent. He was most faithful in the performance of his duty and most devoted to the work on hand, and most loyal always.

Perhaps, you may remember his father, Reverend MacDonald, a Baptist Minister, who, I understand is rather well known in the Province of New Brunswick, and who now is stationed at Wolfville, N.S.

In the re-organization of the Canadian Militia after the War I would gladly have taken Eric on the strength of the Canadian permanent forces, but at that time he had other ideas as to his own

re-establishment. These have not turned out at all well and I know that he is very, very hard up. Although only a young man, being yet under thirty years of age, he has had quite extensive business experience in both Eastern and Western Canada, in England and in the United States. I believe that he possesses sufficient organizing and executive ability to fill such as position as Trade Commissioner. I know that you are constantly seeking to extend Canada's trade by exploiting new markets and, therefore, there must be new personnel required.

In the Trade Reports which your Department is good enough to send me each week I have noticed that in Mexico you have as a representative young Major Chisholm, M.C., whom I remember very well as an officer in the 3rd Toronto Battalion. I am glad to hear that he is doing well, and I am sure MacDonald would do well also.

It is really too bad that an officer with such an excellent record has found it so difficult to make a living since his return to Canada. I hope that your Department may be able to do something for him.

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

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Personal.

MONTREAL April 30th, 1921.

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

My dear General:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday relative to Colonel Eric McDonald.

I have this morning written Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, and have told him to get in touch with Colonel McDonald and assist him in every way possible towards securing something to do. Mr. Graham, of course, is familiar with not only the transportation opportunities which, as you know, are very few at present but also the general conditions in Nova Scotia. My understanding of the situation there is that the business depression is not as extensive as in other parts of Canada, and I am very hopeful that something may be suggested to Colonel McDonald's advantage.

Yours very truly,

President.

May
Second
1921.

Major-General Sir Frederick Loomis,
211 McGill Street,
Montreal.

My dear Loomis:-

Herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Beatty.

I hope that something in Eric's behalf comes of this.

Yours faithfully,

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

MINISTER'S OFFICE

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OTTAWA
May 2nd, 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have yours of April 29th with reference to Lieut-Col. Macdonald.

I have known the father for a long while and he is one of the most estimable of men and has given excellent service during the whole period of the war. I have had correspondence already with reference to the son whose record also overseas was all that could be desired. I am extremely sorry that in such cases it has been so difficult to make suitable provision for service. I regret that at the time it would have been possible to have placed him on the strength of the Canadian Permanent Force, he did not accept thereof, but naturally he had other views and supposed at that time that he would be able to realise them. I have already given, and will continue to give personal thought to this case, but I have found it, so far, difficult to make any provision which could include him in service. I have not, however,

given up the case and will do the very best I can in regard thereto.

Chisholm, whom you recommended has been doing very well and I think will make a very excellent officer.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Foster

P. O. Box 102,
Wolfville, N. S.,
8th. Jan., 1923.

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

My dear General:-

After Ferguson had informed me of the result of his conference with you regarding our Touring Agency proposition, we made every effort to get down to bed rock. With that end in view, and not having been able to make satisfactory arrangements in Canada, I got in touch with the American Express Company at their New York office.

As a result, they have signified their desire to co-operate with us in any tours which we may arrange. Moreover, they have undertaken to attend to all business dealing with steamship, rail, motor-car accomodation and to conduct our tours for us, either separately or in conjunction with their own whichever we may wish. In short, they have agreed to accept all responsibility from the time the ticket is sold and to look after the tourist from that day until his return to Canadian soil. This American Express management will, in itself, ensure decorum and satisfaction. For this service they are charging us set tariff rates varying from six hundred to nine hundred dollars, inclusive, according to the length of the tour. Our plans have been completed and our first sailing will be from Montreal on June 6th.

Following this plan, Ferguson and I will be able to attend to all financing, (which fortunately will not be great), and, I trust, from a modest beginning work up a reasonable amount of business.

We should, however, like very much to have your endorsation to the idea as we should like to have ourselves recognized as a semi-official Canadian Touring Agency in so far as our work connected with the Battlefields and war graves is concerned, - nothing more.

Sir Arthur Currie. 8th. Jan., 1923.

Your name will at no time be used to assist in raising money or in any other manner which could possibly reflect in a disagreeable manner. What we wish is simply a statement to the effect that you approve and recommend our efforts in their educational and patriotic phases in so far as they apply to the Students Tours and the Battlefields and War Graves pilgrimages.

Our general plan remains the same as before: to cater to the Canadian trade in a manner which no European or American agency has attempted to do.

Thanking you for the interest which you have shown in this matter and which I trust will continue, and with many kind regards, I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Eric MacDonald.

E. W. MacDonald.

EWM/F

January
Eleventh
1923.

Lieut-Colonel Eric MacDonald,D.S.O.,M.C.,
P. O. Box 102,
Wolfville, N.S.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of January 8th in which you tell me that you have completed arrangements which will enable you to undertake the management and supervision of parties of tourists visiting the British Isles and the Continent, with particular attention the the battlefields of France and Belgium.

I am glad to know that Major H.C. Ferguson, late 10th Bn. C.E.F., is associated with you in the undertaking, for which I wish every success. As far as the tour of the battlefields is concerned I know of no two men better qualified to make the trip interesting to tourists. Your long experience as members of the Canadian forces throughout the war assures that, while the qualities of character which both of you possess, and to which I can testify from my association with you during the war, will be the best guarantee to your patrons that their interests will be fully safe-guarded.

Such trips have a highly educational value, while a visit to the battlefields should prove an inspiration to all Canadians or other Allies. I believe many parents would be willing to have their sons make the tour if they had confidence in the conductors. To all interested in your venture it is a pleasure for me to give the assurance that from what

I know personally of you and Mr. Ferguson they may with confidence place themselves in your hands.

You may use this letter as you wish.

Yours faithfully,

January
Eleventh
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel Eric MacDonald,D.S.O.,M.C.,
P. O. Box 102,
Wolfville, N. S.

My dear Colonel:-

I have just written a letter which I hope may be satisfactory to you and Major Ferguson. In it I have endeavoured to recommend your venture to any one interested in such tours as you propose to conduct.

Such recommendations I do not usually make and I am only doing it on account of my respect for you and Ferguson. Nevertheless, I know you only as soldiers and there are no better. I have no knowledge of your business ability, nor of your ability to run a Tourist Agency. I wish your venture every success, but remember this that no success ever comes without the hardest kind of work and unremitting attention to your job.

Yours faithfully,

P. O. Box 102,
Wolfville, N. S.,
16th. Jan., 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I want to thank you very much for your two letters of the 11th instant which I have received and read with pleasure and, also, to again thank you for the interest which you have taken in Ferguson and myself and our efforts in the matter of which you wrote. I want to assure you, Sir, that both of us appreciate very much the support and advice which you have so kindly given us.

Again thanking you and with many kind regards, I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. Wilmot Sneath

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WM. D. HERRIDGE.

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OTTAWA, CANADA.

CONFIDENTIAL

August 19, 1924

Major General Sir Frederick Loomis, K.C.B. C.B. etc.,
34 Lincoln Ave.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

As you know Eric MacDonald has applied for and received the appointment of Inspector in the Justice Department. One of the high officials of this Department is backing his own man who, by the way, is not a returned soldier but is a staunch politician and I expect that the political associations of this part of the country will be for him and against Eric.

As the matter now stands Eric has been officially appointed by the Civil Service Commission but the man who had been filling the job temporarily heretofore is still at work and every effort is being made on the part of certain officials to cancel Eric's appointment and to make the temporary appointment of the other fellow permanent; and it is, therefore, necessary for Eric's friends to stand by and see that he has a fair deal. In this connection I thought you might care to speak to General Currie and ask him to send a wire both to the Minister of Militia Mr. MacDonald, whom of course he knows, and to Mr. Lapointe, who will be Eric's Minister and whom General Currie doubtless knows very well.

I would not bother you about this except that I know that nothing which concerns Eric will be any bother, and furthermore I feel that you can put it to General Currie much better than I could in a letter.

Eric and I are planning to come down and visit you as soon as this matter is satisfactorily settled.

Yours sincerely.

W. D. Herridge

per M.M.K.

WDH:MMK

D. G. LOOMIS & SONS.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

1112 ST. PATRICK STREET,

Montreal, Que. August 21st 1924

Major W. D. Herridge, D. S. O. etc.,
C/o Henderson & Herridge,
Trusts Building,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Bill:-

I have your letter of 19th inst. and have written to Sir Arthur asking him to do what he can for Eric MacDonald.

It strikes me that you should be able to settle this matter in Eric's favour conclusively by placing the facts before your friend the Premier.

I regret exceedingly that I am so impotent in the direction of helping Comrades politically as especially I would be glad to help Eric MacDonald.

I trust the matter will eventually turn out allright and that Eric will secure the position.

Yours sincerely,

FOWL/JR.

D. G. LOOMIS & SONS.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

1112 ST. PATRICK STREET,
Montreal, Que. August 21st 1924

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter I have received from Bill Herridge and also my reply. No doubt these two letters will give you all the information in connection with Eric MacDonald's application for a position in the Civil Service Department and I am sure that you will do anything you can for Eric Macdonald without any persuasion from me.

What about a game of golf some day at Summerlea? The links are now in magnificent shape . If you will let me know of any day which you have open I will be honoured to have you as my guest.

Yours sincerely,

FOWL/JR.

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August 27th,1924.

F. A. McGregor, Esq.,
Prime Minister's Office,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. McGregor:-

I want to bring a situation to your notice and to that of Mr. King, if you think this is necessary. I know that the matter is one which he would consider of some importance. It concerns Lieut.-Colonel Eric McDonald, D.S.O. and Bar, M.C., formerly of the 12th Battalion. I give you below an extract from a letter written some time ago by General Currie as a recommendation to this officer:-

"Lieut-Colonel MacDonald went over with the 1st Canadian Division as a member of the 12th Battalion. His service in France was altogether with the 10th Inf. Battalion, which he joined as a subaltern and rose steadily until he became its Commanding Officer, a position which he held during the last year of the war. I can say with confidence that he was one of the very best officers serving in the Canadian forces, possessing great determination to see a thing through to a successful conclusion. I can give many instances where his personal example contributed in the highest degree to the success of his Battalion. He knew what was required to ensure victory and was anything but casual or indifferent.

He was most faithful in the performance of his duty and most devoted to the work in hand, and most loyal always."

We have been informed that Colonel MacDonald has received an appointment as Inspector in the Justice Department, the appointment being duly made by the Civil Service Commission, but that efforts are now being made to have this appointment cancelled and Colonel MacDonald replaced by some other nominee. Colonel MacDonald is an officer who deserves very well of his country and has had a very hard fight and very little assistance in re-establishing himself. It would not only be very unfair to him to cancel an appointment which was made in the regular way, but it would be very badly received among his many friends. I can think of few actions affecting an individual which would be more unpopular, especially as we all know what a hard time he has had during the last few years. I am quite sure that if the position is put before Mr. Lapointe he will protect Colonel MacDonald's interests and I do hope that you will do everything you can to help me in this matter.

You will, of course, understand that I am going entirely on the basis of the information which has been given to me. It may be wrong, but if it is I shall be only too glad to be so informed.

Kind regards and many thanks in advance,

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

CANADA

Ottawa, August 28, 1924

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:

I am obliged for your letter of the 27th instant, concerning Lt. Colonel Eric MacDonald. This matter has already been noted for consideration in Council on the Prime Minister's return to the city at the beginning of the week, and I shall place your letter before Mr. King at the appropriate time.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. McGregor

Private Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

Ottawa, September 11, 1924.

Dear Colonel Bovey,-

The Prime Minister has referred to me your letter of 27th ult. with regard to Lieutenant Colonel Eric MacDonald, formerly of the 12th Battalion, who applied for the office of Inspector of Penitentiaries, and in reply I have to inform you that the Superintendent of Penitentiaries is at present visiting the western prisons but upon his return this matter will be discussed, and I shall be glad to consider very carefully your representations with regard to Colonel MacDonald.

Yours very truly,

Ernest Lapointe

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal, Q.

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December 8, 1924

Gen'l.Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B. etc.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am enclosing herewith a telegram which came last week from Bill Herridge.

Evidently Eric MacDonald is having a hard fight to secure the appointment of Inspector of Penitentiaries.

I understand that St. Pierre Hughes is the man who stands in the way. I am sure a word from you to the Minister of Justice or to the Minister of Militia would practically settle the matter.

I hope you and Lady Currie have come through the moving period without bad results. I know what a terrible time it is and especially for one with so many calls on his time as you have.

Yours faithfully,

J. Lorne

December 9th, 1924.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald,
Minister of Militia,
Ottawa,Ont.

My dear Mr. Minister:-

I am writing you this letter on behalf of a namesake of yours, Eric MacDonald, who is probably well known to you. I think Eric is now living at Wolfville, N.S. where his father is a Minister.

I knew him as an officer in the 10th Bn. overseas and you probably know he commanded the Police in connection with the Sydney strike. He had a remarkably fine record as a fighting soldier,- one of the very best in the Canadian Corps. I think he has a couple of bars to his D.S.O. and holds the Military Cross as well. Since returning to Canada he has never secured permanent employment. This may partly be his own fault because when he first returned he had rather large ideas of what he would be able to do. However, I think he has got over any false notions now and it is a shame that we cannot get him satisfactorily placed.

I understand that he is applying for the position of Inspector of Penitentiaries and that he had strong hopes of obtaining it, but something, apparently, has intervened. That is the kind of job I think he would do exceptionally well and I do hope that you will find it in your heart to help in every way you can to secure the position for a very worthy young man, a most gallant soldier and a member of the Clan.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December 9th,1924.

My dear Sir Frederick:-

I have your letter of yesterday with telegram from Herridge re Eric MadDonald.

I am to-day writing to Ned MacDonald, Minister of Militia. I hardly know Lapointe. I sincerely hope Eric gets finally and satisfactorily placed.

Yours faithfully,

Sir Frederick Loomis,
34 Lincoln Avenue,
Montreal, Que.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CANADA

M.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

OTTAWA

10th December, 1924.

Personal

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of December 9th, with reference to Eric MacDonald.

I am very anxious to help him out in every way possible, but, unfortunately, a snarl of some description has occurred between the Justice Department, and the Civil Service Commission, over this matter, and I am endeavouring to do my best to have it unravelled.

If you could drop a line to Mr. Lapointe, on the subject, it would help.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. MacDonald

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

December 12th, 1924.

Hon. E. M. Macdonald,
Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Macdonald:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 10th of December.

I am writing to the Hon. Mr. Lapointe and sincerely trust we may be able to get Eric finally settled.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December 12th, 1924.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Lapointe:-

With all deference I am writing this letter on behalf of a man for whom I have the very highest regard and who has had very great difficulty in getting settled since the war. His name is Lieut.-Colonel Eric MacDonald of Wolfville, N.S., where he resides with his father, the Rev. MacDonald.

I met him during the war. He went across with the 1st contingent and served throughout, winning very great distinction, rising to the command of the 10th Bn. and being awarded the D.S.O. with two bars and the Military Cross. I do not think we had a better fighting soldier in the Canadian Corps. Since returning he has never had any permanent position. You will have heard of him as the officer who commanded the temporary police raised in Nova Scotia at the time of the Sydney riots.

I believe Colonel MacDonald is seeking the position of Inspector of Penitentiaries. From my knowledge of his personal qualifications I believe he would be a good man and I would be glad to recommend him. I do not know whether this is a Civil Service appointment or not. You know my views as to the appointments in that Service being strictly on the merits of the individual and I writing to you to say that I know MacDonald, that

I have the very highest regard for him, that I fully believe he would fill the position with credit, and to see him permanently settled would be the source of great satisfaction to his friends, of whom he has many.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

Ottawa Dec. 13, 1924.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant with regard to Lieut-Col. Eric MacDonald of Wolfville, N.S., who is an applicant for the position of Inspector of Penitentiaries.

I carefully note all that you say on behalf of Colonel MacDonald and can assure you that it will be given every consideration.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Lapointe

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

OTTAWA 15th December, 1924.

Personal

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Re: Eric MacDonald.

The situation in regard to this matter is this, that the Civil Service Commission have been giving a temporary certificate to a man named Jackson, to perform the duties as Inspector there, this being the position for which MacDonald applied.

At the present moment, it is uncertain whether that time of Jackson has run out, so, until the Civil Service certificates have ceased to have effect, it is not possible for the appointment to be made. I have seen one of the Commissioners today, and he explained the situation to me. Once they have ceased giving temporary certificates, the question will have to be dealt with, and then I hope we will succeed in it.

I may say, however, that MacDonald has written me a very foolish letter, in which he makes certain threats, and I want to say to you confidentially, that never, during my long experience in public life, have I allowed anyone to make any threats to me in regard to public action, more particularly as I was not personally responsible in connection with the matter at all, and was desirous of helping him out. Such foolish letters only injure, and do not help, when one is keen to assist.

Yours faithfully,

Ernest

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

Recd

December 17th, 1924.

Hon. E. M. Macdonald,
Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Macdonald:-

Thanks for your personal letter of the 15th of December re Eric.

I am sorry he has been foolish enough to write a threatening letter. I fully agree with you that that sort of thing always makes one back up. I am like you I can be coaxed to do a good many things, but I will not be threatened. Nevertheless, if you can help Eric when you have the opportunity I wish you would.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

December 17th, 1924.

Major-General Sir Frederick Loomis,
34 Lincoln Avenue,
Montreal.

My dear General:-

Following receipt of your letter re Eric MacDonald I wrote to the Minister of Militia and also to the Minister of Justice, from both of whom I received sympathetic letters in reply. Apparently the matter stands thus:

The Civil Service Commission gave a temporary certificate to a man named Jackson to perform the duties of Inspector of Penitentiaries. This certificate, I am told, has some time to run and nothing can be done until it ceases to have effect.

I may say that I have a second letter from the Minister of Militia this morning in which he confidentially informs me that Eric has made his own chances harder by writing a foolish, threatening letter to the Minister. Threatening letters, of course, get one no where.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

MacDonald, Eric

RT HON WL MACKENZIE KING

OTTAWA

IN VIEW OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN ADJUSTING CAPE BRETON SITUATION AND OF THE FACT THAT NEARLY ALL EXSERVICE MEN ARE MINERS MAY I RESPECFULLY SUGGEST AND RECOMMEND THAT RELIEF NORMALLY GIVEN TO PENSIONERS WITH DEPENDENTS BY DSCR BE EXTENDED TO ALL EX SERVICE MEN WITH DEPENDENTS WHO ARE ~~IN DIFFIC~~ IN NEED OWING TO STRIKE

Recd

April 1st, 1925.

A. A. McDonald, Esq.,
Glace Bay, N. S.,

My dear Mr. McDonald:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your and Mr. Burchell's telegram of March 29th. I immediately got in touch with the Prime Minister at Ottawa and have received from him the following wire:

" I have received your telegram of yesterday and have asked the Minister of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, to whom I have referred its representations for consideration, to wire you in reply."

I have also received from the Hon. Dr. Beland a telegram reading as follows:

"Your telegram to the Prime Minister re Cape Breton referred to me. I had already instructed one of our officials in Nova Scotia to proceed to seat of difficulties and ascertain conditions as regards pensioners, ex-service men who are not pensioners and other miners and report as early as possible."

I most sincerely hope that the Department takes the action you suggest . I am intensely interested in the situation in Cape Breton. All of us most sincerely regret that there ~~there is so much~~

is so much trouble, unemployment and lack of harmony between the Company and its employees.

I am enclosing herewith a small cheque which I would ask you to turn over to the proper committee. I believe a most thorough investigation by honest and disinterested people is necessary, followed by positive action, to eliminate the cause of trouble. I most sincerely hope that it will not be long before conditions are right.

Yours faithfully,

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I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY AND HAVE ASKED THE MINISTER OF SOLDIERS CIVIL REESTABLISHMENT TO WHOM I HAVE REFERRED ITS REPRESENTATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION TO WIRE YOU IN REPLY

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YOUR TELEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER RE CAPEBRETON REFERRED TO ME I HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED ONE OF OUR OFFICIALS IN NOVASCOTIA TO PROCEED TO SEAT OF DIFFICULTIES AND ASCERTAIN CONDITIONS AS REGARDS PENSIONERS EXSERVICE MEN WHO ARE NON PENSIONERS AND OTHER MINERS AND REPORT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

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A A MCDONALD, J R BURCHELL 10P

USE OUR DIRECT ALL-CANADA SERVICE TO VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA POINTS

Re. est

McDONALD, CURRIE & Co.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

179 St. James Street,
MONTREAL.

Twenty-second
December,
1 9 2 2.

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

McGill University,

City.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

May I remind you of our conversation in regard to Ralph Webb. Since leaving the Windsor he has been doing some special work which is now finished. At the present moment he is in Toronto getting treatment for an injury to his leg which he suffered last September. This treatment will continue until after the New Year. After that he will be looking for something to do.

The other evening at the meeting for Sir Henry Thornton it struck me that if Sir Henry was going to carry on along the lines he indicated, he will need on his staff some men of the type of Ralph Webb. However, any position in the Government for a man like Ralph Webb, would be beset with difficulties which I am afraid Sir Henry Thornton will discover before long.

In connection with the foregoing, I thought of suggesting that you write to Sir Henry Thornton, but perhaps you might think better of trying to do something for Ralph Webb in some other direction.

Very sincerely yours,

George E. McDanald

New York

4-7-1926.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie
President McGill University
Montreal
Canada

Dear Sir

I have been requested through an Advocate to write you in behalf of my Brother Robert McElwaine who is at present residing in Lethbridge. He served in the Army during the War, since his return from over seas, he has not been in fit condition to do heavy work. he has been working in Coal Mines had to give up on account of one of his ankles. troubles him occasionaly

I shall be pleased to know if General Sir Arthur Currie will advise me. If I shall bring my Brother to Montreal. Would there be any possible Chance, for him to secure work, for a short time, just to enable him to get through the summer, by the end of the summer, I can manage to save the rest of his expences from Montreal to the North of Ireland, in the mean time I can send him money to defray his expences from Lethbridge to Montreal, perhaps he could secure a room at the Young Mens Christian Association,

I will also pay his room
and board expences until he gets
work. I think my Brother
will be much better off to go
home to a Younger Brother
& Sister who makes their home
in the North of Ireland. my -
Father and Brother died during the
War so we have not got settled
in our own home yet. my Sister
will be glad to look after my Brother
Robert. when he goes home this summer

Dear Sir I shall be indeed
Greatful for your advice -
thanking you very much
I remain my duty yours
Margaret McClevaine

Please Address

Miss Margaret McElwaine

138- East 48 St

New York City

U - S - A

C/o Miss S. Williamson

Re-ask.

April 13th, 1926.

Miss Margaret McIlwaine,
138 East 48th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss McIlwaine:-

It is rather difficult to give you the advice asked for in your letter to me of April 7th.

If your brother comes to Montreal I shall do all I can to get him a job. We have in Montreal an organization which helps returned soldiers to find positions and so far we have done fairly well. Of course, I cannot guarantee him work, nor can I guarantee that he will be looked after until he gets work. All I can say is that we will do the best we can for him. If he comes ask him to get in touch with Mr. G. A. Harcourt, 400 Lagauchetiere Street. Mr. Harcourt is the Secretary of the organization mentioned above.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Rec'd

November 27th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Keiller MacKay,
50 Chicora Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22nd and am very glad indeed to comply with your request.

I am enclosing herewith letter to the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada, which I hope will be satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

November 27th, 1923.

To the Benchers of the Law Society
of Upper Canada,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:-

I have been asked by Lieut.-Colonel J. Keiller MacKay, D.S.O., to write you regarding his character and record.

Colonel MacKay had a very fine record in the Canadian Field Artillery in France and shewed himself at all times a courageous, competent and efficient officer. Personally, I consider him to be completely reliable and in every way worthy to become a member of the Bar of the Province of Ontario.

Yours faithfully,

50 Chicora Avenue,
Toronto,
November 22, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Please pardon my presumption in addressing you.

I have made application to the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada for admission to the Bar of Ontario and I should be very grateful indeed if you can see your way clear to give me a testimonial as to character and general ability.

I have written, also to the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and one George Campbell, President of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Kindly accept hearty congratulations on your new honor of Wednesday last.

Obediently yours,
J. Leslie Mackay

Rel'd

June 5th, 1925.

Colonel A. E. Dubuc,
Chief Engineer,
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

The General is in hospital and so is not able to acknowledge your letter of the 2nd personally. I know that he would like to thank you very much for your attention to Mackenzie's case.

You will be glad to hear that he is getting better and everything is going favourably.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
CANADA

COLONEL A. E. DUBUC,
CHIEF ENGINEER.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
OTTAWA, ONT.

PERSONAL.

June 2nd 1925.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo relative to ex-Pte Alexander Mackenzie.

I have ascertained that he has been employed on the Lachine Canal Repairs Staff as labourer since July 1924 at thirty-five cents per hour. His services have been very good, and a vacancy recently occurring in a position of carpenter helper he has been taken on in this capacity since the 1st instant at a salary of forty cents per hour.

This position is practically permanent.

With thanks for good wishes, believe me, dear Sir Arthur,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Dubuc

(W.T.Murphy)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SECRETARY
VETERANS CIVIL SERVICE GUILD, 406 LASALLE ROAD,
MONTREAL
51 McGill Street

Veterans Civil Service Guild

Montreal, 15th May, 1925.
Canada

My Dear Sir Arthur:-

The bearer, ex Private Alexander Mackenzie is a member of our Organization in good standing. Both Colonel Beauchamp and I can confidentially recommend him to you. He is employed at present on the temporary list of the Department of Railways and Canals.

Being desirous of being made permanent, if you could use your influence on his behalf we should esteem it a personal favour.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

W. J. Gerrard

PRESIDENT.

No. 73 Pine Avenue,
St. Lambert, P.Q.,

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

DSO.

Col. A.E. Dubuc
Chief Engineer
Dept. of Railways & Canals

May 23rd, 1924.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that, the bearer, D. A. Mackenzie, served with credit in France with the 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada, and was also known to me before the war.

He is a capable and steady man and was a good soldier and I am glad to recommend him for employment.

Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

May 27th, 1925.

Colonel A. E. Dubuc, D.S.O.,
Chief Engineer,
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa.

My dear Colonel:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I have received concerning which I should have written you before this.

I saw ex-Pte. Alexander Mackenzie and formed a very favourable impression indeed about him. He seems to me a splendid type of man and I am not surprised to learn that he is so regarded by his fellows. At present he is temporarily employed in your Department and it has been intimated to me that a number of those temporarily employed would be laid off shortly. I am writing to say that I think you would make no mistake if Mackenzie were transferred to the permanent list.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET STARTS:

MACLEAN, T

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January
Third
1921.

F.A. Fowlie, Esq., M.P.P.,
Little Branch, N.B.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of December 19th I beg to say that I have had a reply from the Adjutant General regarding the case of Thomas McLean.

It is his opinion that Mr. McLean's case comes entirely within the jurisdiction of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. Apparently, they regard the disability for which he has been receiving treatment as something which arose after his discharge and not having been caused by his military service. The Adjutant General states that he has taken the case up with the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment and I hope that they have already authorized that Mr. McLean receive an additional six months treatment.

Yours faithfully,.

Ottawa, 30th December, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant regarding the case of Thomas McLean, Little Branch, Northumberland County, N.B., I regret the delay that has occurred in giving you information regarding this case, but, as sixteen men by the name of Thomas McLean served in the C.E.F., some difficulty was experienced in identifying the particular one referred to in the letter which you sent me.

I have now, however, identified the man concerned, and, as a result of my examination of his case, it is quite clear that it is one which comes entirely within the jurisdiction of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, as the disability for which he has been receiving treatment arose after his discharge, and is apparently not regarded by the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment as having been caused by his military service.

I will, however, have this case taken up at once with the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, and will let you know whether that Department will be able to give him further medical treatment.

I return herewith the letters which accompanied your letter under reply.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Elmsley

General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG.,KCB.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

F. A. FOWLIE, M.P.P
LITTLE BRANCH, N. B.

Dec 19th 1921

Sir Arthur Curry
Minister of Militia
Ottawa.

Reg.
No. 3257657

Dear Sir

I am enclosing correspondence in the matter of Lorimer McLean & ask you to kindly give the case your generous attention. Lorne Austin only son of Hugh L McLean was in the army. While in England Lorne had some trouble but got some better before coming Home the Hospital papers explain that he was and is still not well & recommend a six months rest. The facts of the case are these. Lorne is sleeping on the varande not able to work. Such was what a Medical 2 months ago & undoubtedly. The Father & Mother are old & broken & are hoping he should have the six mo. pension recommended. Will you kindly see that he gets it. Neither his Family & myself care an cent of patriotism ask the new party for anything.

Yours sincerely
F. A. Fowlie

THE BOARD OF
PENSION COMMISSIONERS
FOR CANADA

IN REPLY REFER TO
NO. SOR 1247 T-31

Ottawa, October 20, 1921.

Mr. Thomas McLean,
Little Branch
Northumberland County, N. B.,

PENSION.

Sir

1. I have the honour, to inform you that this Commission has given full and careful consideration to the proceedings of the Medical Board which examined you prior to discharge and to the other documents and information on your file.

2. Under the present Pension Regulations a pension or gratuity can only be awarded when there is, as a result of service, a decrease of ability to earn a livelihood in the general labour market. This applies to all men who, though having suffered from wounds accident or disease while on service, have fully recovered, and have been discharged or demobilized.

3. The documents in your case show that the condition was incurred post discharge.

4. It is therefore immpossible under the Pension Regulations to award pension in your case

5. Should you desire any further information you are requested to apply to the nearest District Office of this Board, or to the Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada. Ottawa, Ont.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Board of Pension Commissioners
for Canada.

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H. B. Schofield,
Chairman.

H. A. Farris, M. D.,
Medical Superintendent.

SAINT JOHN COUNTY HOSPITAL
(For Tuberculosis)

EAST SAINT JOHN, N. B.

November 25 1921.

To Whom It May Concern:-

This is to certify that Thomas McLean was a patient in the St. John County Hospital from May 11th 1920 to September 23 1921.

He was admitted with Tuberculosis moderately advanced B and was discharged Quiescent. On his Board form I recommended a six months further rest. At the time of his discharge he had numerous moist rales in the right apex posteriorly and right interscapular region. He made ~~rapidly~~ remarkably good progress and ~~had~~ gained forty-one pounds, he also has a fistulo-in-ano.

I would urge very strongly that this man have at least six months longer rest.

Yours truly,

H. A. Farris

Medical Superintendent.

HAF/C.

December
Twenty-second
1921.

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

My dear Jim:-

I am enclosing herewith certain correspondence, which explains itself.

Will you please have the matter taken up and see if anything can be done to have this man's treatment continued for six months, as recommended by the Medical Superintendent of the St. John County Hospital for Tuberculosis.

In Mr. Fowlie's letter you will note that he says this man is sleeping on a verandah and not able to work, that his father and mother are old and broken and in poor circumstances. McLean's brother, who apparently served overseas also, was accidentally killed a couple of months ago.

Yours faithfully,

December
Twenty-second
1921.

F.A. Fowlie, Esq.,M.P.P.,
Little Branch,
Northumberland Co., N.B.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 19th, enclosing certain correspondence with reference to the case of Thomas McLean of Little Branch, Northumberland County.

I severed my connection with the Militia Department in July, 1920, but I shall take pleasure in sending this correspondence to Ottawa and hope that it may result in his case receiving favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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CANADA

H.Q. 649-M-55786.

Department of Militia and Defence

Ottawa, Canada,
Feb. 1st, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur :-

With reference to your letter of the 22nd Dec. 1921, regarding the case of Thomas McLean, Little Branch, Northumberland County, N.B.

This case was taken up with the Dept.S.C.R. as referred to in my letter to you dated 30th Dec. last, and reply has now been received to the effect that the circumstances in connection with the case of the soldier referred to will be again investigated with a view to seeing that he is justly treated.

It is further stated that although it would be contrary to the routine of the Dept. S.C.R. to take this man on the strength during a period of 6 months rest, the matter is being presented to the Board of Pension Commissioners for their consideration.

I will follow the case up and ask the Dept. S.C.R. in the course of a few days for further advice on this matter and will then again write to you.

Yours sincerely.

J. S. McLeay

TO/ General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

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CANADA

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

AND QUOTE NO. 649-M-55786.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA. 22nd March, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

With further reference to your letter of the 22nd December last, and my reply thereto of the 1st February, 1922, regarding the case of Thomas McLean, Little Branch, Northumberland County, N.B., full details of this man's case were presented to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment in an endeavour to obtain further evidence, in view of the circumstances of the case as presented by you.

The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment replied to the effect that although the man was recommended for six months' rest, after he had received treatment, it would not be possible for that Department to carry him on strength during such period of rest, but that in such cases, the full details of the man's case should be presented to the Board of Pension Commissioners to determine whether he should receive a disability pension.

The case of Thomas McLean was represented by the D.S.C.R. to the Board of Pension Commissioners, and advice has now been received from the Board to the following effect:

> "Thos. McLean's service was entirely without incident of a medical nature. He enlisted in May, 1918 and was discharged in July, 1919, spending approximately one year of that time in England. He had a fistula in ano operated on in March, 1920 and a slight hemorrhage during July 1920.
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> The Medical Advisers to the Board of Pension Commissioners expressed the opinion that this man's service was not a factor in causing his disability, and the Board is, therefore, unable under the provisions of the statute, to make an award of pension."

It appears that the utmost has been done to consider this man's case, and it is regretted that it does not seem possible to do anything further to assist him, as the D.S.C.R. have rendered him treatment as far as possible, and the Pension Commissioners will not accept his disability as owing to C.E.F. service for the purpose of pension.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Lewis

TO/General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG.,KCB.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

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DOCKET ENDS:

MACLEAN, T

Re. ext.

March 31st, 1926.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C.,
President, Canadian Pacific Railway Company,
Montreal.

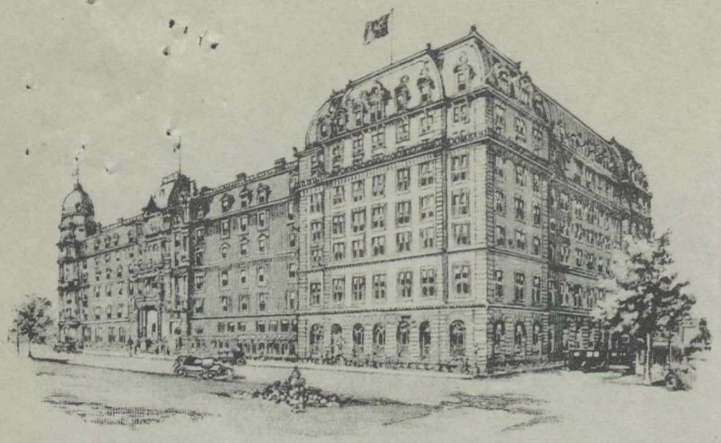
My dear Mr. Beatty:-

During your short visit South a week or so ago I had a call from one, W. H. McMurray, a copy of whose record of service with the Canadian Pacific Railway I enclose.

Let me say that I knew this young man all through the war and a splendid officer he was. He served throughout with the Engineers and the Signalling Department. He possessed all those qualities which go to make up a conscientious, loyal, hardworking and efficient officer. I believe it is worth any Company's while to have a chap like McMurray on their staff. His ambition seems to be to find permanent association with the Canadian Pacific Railway. I hope it may be possible for him to find himself in that position soon. Certainly I most cordially recommend him.

Yours faithfully,

CABLE ' ADDRESS "WINDREAL"



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THE Windsor
ON DOMINION SQUARE
Montreal

Mar. 22/26.

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

Dear General Currie:-

Further our conversation of this morning.

I attach copy of my Canadian Pacific "Certificate of Service" for your information. You will observe that I was only able to hold employment for 4 months during 1925, due to staff reduction on completion of work.

As explained to you verbally, ever since my return from Overseas my ambition has been to get into one of the Departments of the Company affording more steady employment & better prospects for promotion. In 1919, by interview & letter, I took this up with Mr W. A. James, Asst. Chief Engineer, Winnipeg. Mr James

CABLE ADDRESS "WINDREAL"

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advised he would keep my case in mind. In Sept. last, when I was laid off on completion of work at Tisdale, Sask, I again saw Mr James & requested his help in getting permanently placed. Mr. James gave me letter of recommendation & "Certificate of Service" for presentation to Mr. Stockdill, Asst. to the Vice-President, Winnipeg. After 4 weeks Mr Stockdill advised being unable to place me, & Mr James stated that he could promise nothing before Spring of 1926. I am now on my way back to report to Mr James in the hope of getting under way again, but above all things I would like an opportunity to make good in another Department & it was for this reason I sought your aid in seeing Mr Beatty.

In 1919, when permanent force of Canada was being re-organized, I refused to entertain offer of commission in Signals preferring to stick by

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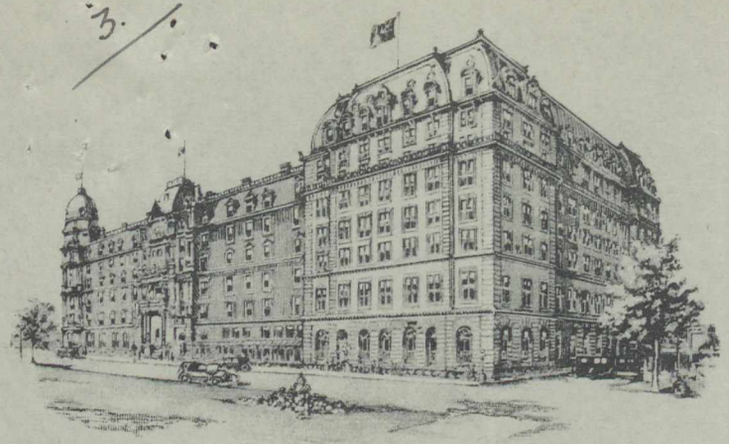

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THE Windsor
ON DOMINION SQUARE
Montreal

the Canadian Pacific - this still remains my ambition, despite my unemployment of last year also my failure to get permanently placed last fall.

Anything you can do to help me will be appreciated to the full, & I can assure you that I'll not fall down on any position that your good offices might pave the way to.

Yours very truly

W. H. McMurray

P.S. My address after today is:

c/o W. A. James, Esq.
Asst. Chief Engineer, C.P.R.,
Winnipeg, Man.

W. H. M.

C. P. R. Survey,
Winnipeg, Sask.,
May 12th 1926.

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

Dear General Currie:-

Very many thanks for your letter to me at Winnipeg, & I wish to express to you my deepest thanks for your interest in my case, & I feel sure of a square deal from President Beatty as result of your kindly interest.

May say here that on Apl 6th I was sent from Winnipeg on a preliminary survey for C. P. R. from Francis, Sask., to Virden, Man. This was completed on 26th ulto., & party returned to Wpg, but sent out again to survey Tyvan, Sask., to Oak Lake, Man., on which work we are presently engaged. Ere leaving Winnipeg, Monday last, I was officially informed that soon as present survey is completed I am to be taken before Vice-Pres. Coleman, Winnipeg-

no doubt in connection with your interview with Mr Beatty re my case, & I am keenly interested in seeing Mr Coleman & placing full facts before him.

This is the first time in my career that I've ever called upon anyone to assist me in the way you have - it seems so hard to have to do so after over 15 years of honorable connection with Canada's greatest corporation, but you see how difficult it is when I am only handed a 6 weeks job after all these years - 6 weeks of pioneering such as I loved in pre-war days, but find impossible now that I am getting on in life, married - but unable to settle down - & the future so dismal as far as C.P.R. is concerned without this generous aid from you.

Please pardon me for "falling back upon the reserves" - your good self in this case, & accept my best thanks for your splendid response: a response that I never shall forget, & fully in line with your generous treatment of me overseas.

With kindest regards: Yours very truly

W.H. McMurray

April 1st, 1926.

W. H. McMurray, Esq.,
222 Winchester Street,
Deer Lodge,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. McMurray:-

I have your letter of the 29th of March.

Let me say that I have taken up your case with Mr. Beatty, who promised to look into the matter. This occurred only a few days ago because he was in the South for a week or so and since returning to Montreal has been more or less confined to his house suffering from a cold. I said what I could in your behalf and hope they will soon take you on again.

Yours faithfully,

222 Winchester Street,
Deer Lodge,
Winnipeg, Man.
March 29th 1926.

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

Dear General Currie,

With further reference our conversation of Monday last in Montreal.

I duly reported back to Engineering Department, C.P.R., Winnipeg, last Friday. Did not see Chief Engineer until today, when Mr. James advised me that there "is nothing in sight for you at the present time". So after my lengthy service with the Canadian Pacific, and on top of the seven months lay-off which I've already had, I am facing still more idleness.

At this time I would doubly appreciate what you can do for me with Messrs. Beatty or Grant Hall, and I very much regret that I was unable to see either of these gentlemen personally and through your good offices last week.

Have heard a rumor to effect that there is about to be a change made in the C.P.R. here, whereby the present Chief Clerk to Assistant Chief Engineer gets a promotion. Have not been able to confirm this rumor so can't make any direct move towards applying for the position which is being vacated, and which I am fully qualified to fill, same being in my own Dept. as you will note from copy of my record which I left with you last week. Anything you can possibly do for me to get me a chance to fill this or any other permanent job with the Canadian Pacific will be appreciated to fullest extent, and I will ensure that you will have no cause to regret giving me the required boost that so obviously is now needed.

Thanking you very much for your interest, believe me,

Yours very truly,

W.H. McMurray

DOCKET STARTS:

MACPHERSON, C.S.

45

October
Twenty-first
1921.

C. S. Macpherson, Esq.,
422 Maclaren Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of yesterday and would be glad to give you a letter of recommendation if I knew something more about you.

Please tell me what your War Service was and also what your business experience has been.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

422 Maclaren St.,
Ottawa Ont.,
20-10-21.

Sir. A. W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir,

I intend writing on an Examination shortly, set by the Civil Service Commission, for a position as Junior Trade Commissioner and, as it is necessary that I have three letters of recommendation, I

am taking the liberty of asking you if it would be possible for you to give me one.

My name is Macpherson and it was I who had an interview with you on the 25th of May last about entering McGill University with a Matriculation. If you will remember the interview was arranged by Major O'Connor.

and this morning he suggested to me that I write to you asking for a letter of recommendation.

Hoping that you may see your way clear to grant me this request,

I am Sir,

Yours Respectfully.

C. S. Macpherson.

October
Twenty-first
1921.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

Dear Willis:-

I have a letter from Mr. C.S. Macpherson asking me to give him a letter of recommendation to the Civil Service Commission to whom he is applying for a position, as a Junior Trade Commissioner.

I do not know anything about this boy other than that he applied to me to enter McGill University without his having passed the matriculation examination. He tells me that you told him to write to me. I wish you wouldn't recommend these fellows to write to me, Willis, because, while I would like to help Macpherson, I do not know what I can say about him and I certainly am not going to recommend a man for a position unless I have some feeling that he can fill the job. What do you know about him?

Yours ever,

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October
Twenty-seventh
1921.

C. S. Macpherson, Esq.,
422 Maclaren Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th of October and have to-day written to the Civil Service Commission recommending that earnest consideration be given to your application.

I hope it may be successful.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

45.

October
Twenty-seventh
1921.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have received a request from Mr. C. S. Macpherson of Ottawa to support his application for a position as Junior Trade Commissioner.

All I know about Macpherson is that he is very highly regarded by his associates as a young man of promise, whose efforts are always characterized by earnestness, energy and goodwill. He enlisted in 1914 at the age of 17 and served forty-three months in France with the Divisional Supply Column. His service covered the whole period of the War. Previous to his enlistment he had ten months experience in Surveying in Alberta and five months experience with the firm of Bate & McMahon, Contractors of Ottawa. He also claims to have a general knowledge of the Aluminium Industry. He is at present employed with the National Drug & Chemical Company in Ottawa and has been with that firm for some time.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

422 Mackenzie St.,
Ottawa Ont.,
24/10/21.

Sir A. W. Currie
McGill University,
Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for not having given you some information about my service and business career.

I enlisted in 1914 at the age of seventeen and served for forty three months in

France with the Second Canadian Divisional Supply Column as a lorry driver and with Canadian Corps Headquarters as a car driver. I was discharged July 4th 1919.

Previous to my enlisting I had ten months experience in Surveying in Alberta. I have had five months experience with the Firm of Bate and Mahon Contractors. I also

have a general knowledge of the Aluminium Industry and Mechanics. At present I am employed by the National Drug and Chemical Co. and altogether have had four years business experience with that Firm; my duties with that Firm are ordering the necessary Chemicals and Patent Medicines for the Ottawa Branch.

Trusting that this in-

formation may be suitable. I
beg to remain Sir
Yours respectfully
C. S. Macpherson

DOCKET ENDS:

MACPHERSON, C.S.

November
Twelfth
1921.

Colonel O. F. Brothers,
The Herald Publishing Co.,
Montreal.

My dear Brothers:-

I am writing to ask if the Unemployed Returned Men's Association can do anything to help the family of one Macpherson, who lives at 216 Wolan Street, Hochelaga.

This man formerly belonged to the 49th Regiment and his wife writes me that he has been out of work since last July and that they are very much in need of assistance. She says that he is disabled in the left arm, but that his disability does not keep him from doing an honest day's work. She asks if somebody will please investigate the case.

Please let me know if you can do anything for this family.

Yours faithfully,

November
Twelfth
1921.

Family Welfare Association,
207 St. Catherine Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Sirs:-

I am writing to ask if you can do anything to help the family of one Macpherson, who lives at 216 Nolan Street, Hochelaga, Montreal.

This man formerly belonged to the 49th Regiment and his wife writes to me that he has been out of work since last July and that they are very much in need of assistance. She says that he is disabled in the left arm, but that his disability does not keep him from doing an honest day's work. She asks if somebody will please investigate the case.

I may say that I have some shirts, underclothes and socks that I would be glad to give if they would be of any use.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

216 Nolan St
Hochelaga
Montreal 9.9.21

Dear Sir

I hope you will forgive the liberty I am taking in writing to you. I only wanted to inquire if there is going to be anything done for the Soldiers families this winter. Like the great soldier Sir Douglas Haig you have the Soldiers welfare at heart and although always very busy you never loose interest in your men. There are rumours of helping the men but as they are very vague I thought if anyone you would know what's being done. My husband late of the 49th Calgary Rifles has been out of work since July. He is disabled in the left arm but it doesn't keep him from making an honest days work. I have sold everything I possess can anyone enough interested can investigate & find what I say is correct. We have asked so much of the Government. it seems too bad the situation is no better Please Sir do not regard this as a begging letter only one of injury.

I hope as a Soldier, Scholar & a Gentleman you will have time to answer this also hoping Her Ladyship & yourself are well I am dear Sir

respectfully yours Mary Macpherson

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November
Twelfth
1921.

Mrs. Mary Macpherson,
216 Nolan Street,
Hochelaga, Montreal.

Dear Mrs. Macpherson:-

I have your letter of the 9th instant.

There are several organizations in the city whose purpose it is to help returned soldiers and their families - one is the Family Welfare Association and another is the Unemployed Returned Men's Association, under whose auspices the Poppy Day Funds were collected. I am writing to both these associations and asking them to get in touch with you.

I shall also make some enquiries and see if I can get your husband some work to do. Between us all I hope that it won't be long before your mind is free from worry.

Thanking you for your good wishes which I most cordially reciprocate,

Yours faithfully,

Read

January
Twelfth
1923.

The Acting Manager,
Quebec Liquor Commission,
Cor. Delorimier Ave & Craig St.,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

The bearer of this letter is Alfred Marrenger who served for two years in the field in the late war as a member of the 5th Machine Gun Company, 2nd Canadian Division. He was badly wounded at the battle of Amiens in August 1918 and received an honourable discharge.

He attended a course of the S.C.R. in the winter of 1919 and they speak well of him. He is now out of employment and I hope it may be possible for you to take him on your staff. He is married and his mother is a widow.

Yours faithfully,

March 13th, 1926.

Peter Mathisen, Esq.,
"Braeside",
Canford, B. C.

Dear Mr. Mathisen:-

Your letter of March 7th has just been received.

Yes, I remember you when you were a member of the old 50th Gordons. I am glad to hear from you again and will be only too pleased to make a recommendation on your behalf if the Forestry Department refer to me. I wish, though, that I knew more about your service after leaving the Canadians.

I congratulate you on coming throughat the war safely and on the rank you won for yourself.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Braeside
Canford, B.C.
7th March 1926.

General Sir. Arthur Currie, C.B.
President of McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear General Currie,

I wonder if you will remember me, an old member of the 50th Gordons who went overseas with you in 1914. I was then Sergeant P. Mathisen & on your recommendation I was given a commission in the Imperial Force, and after many varied experiences I retired a year ago from the British army, with the rank of Major in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers. (I was given a regular commission in 1916 in the "Kings Own Yorkshire L.I.)

I am now recalling myself to your memory as I have taken the liberty of giving your name as

a reference in my application for a position with the Forestry Service which I sincerely trust you will pardon, & should you receive any enquiries from the Forestry Department about me, I should be more than grateful if you would reply to same on my behalf.

I will not presume to give you an outline of my military career since 1914 but honestly feel that your kind recommendation in the past has been justified by my record of service.

I have returned to Canada & have invested a certain amount of capital, but returns are not likely to materialise speedily enough to enable me to carry on without employment of some kind, hence my reason for applying for a post in the Forestry Service.

Trusting you will remember me & pardon the use I have made of your name.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly

Peter Mathisen.

Re est

March 31st, 1926.

Confidential.

Major P. Mathisen,
"Braeside",
Canford, B. C.

My dear Major Mathiesen:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th of March and for the very interesting account you give of your service in the war and since. You have indeed had a varied career and I congratulate you upon it.

With reference to the possibility of your getting an appointment on the Militia Staff as Adjutant, I am afraid I cannot offer you very much encouragement. The tendency under the King Government is to reduce the staff rather than to add to it. You may have noted that this year's estimates call for an appreciable reduction in the amount set aside for the use of the Department of Defence. I have no doubt your experience would be very valuable, but I would not set any hope on such an appointment.

I hope the venture in foxes will turn out very well. It is surprising how that industry has been taken up in recent years.

Yours faithfully,

Braeside
Canford. B. C.
25 · 3 · 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie.

I am in receipt of your kind letter of 13th inst. & must thank you for acceeding to my request.

It is very kind of you to express a wish to hear more of my military career & as I have been fortunate enough to have a most varied & interesting experience during my army life it gives me much pleasure to tell you about it.

After leaving the 16th Bn I was posted to the 10th Ser. Bn Yorkshire Regt. as a 2nd Lieut. & on reporting to my new C.O. for duty was given charge of the M.G. Section with a free hand to organise & train it.

I very soon had a really good section & before going overseas was complimented by the Div. Gen on the discipline & smartness we had worked up to.

Shortly after arriving in France I was made

Bde. M. G. Officer with rank of Temp./Capt. & later became Staff Capt.

On the formation of the Machine Gun Corps I was transferred from the Yorkshire Regt. & formed & trained one of the new M. G. Corps units & in July 1916 was promoted Temp./Major & O.C. 121 M. G. Coy.

After the Somme in 1916 I was given a regular commission in the British Army with the rank of Captain in the Kings Own Yorkshire L. I. & seconded for service with the M. G. C. as Temp./Major.

After the Cambrai show in 1917 I was sent home for a rest & took over No. 5 Res. Traing Bn. at the M. G. S. Centre Grantham, England. & was promoted Acting/Lt. Col.

I returned to France for the Big Push in 1918 reverting to my rank of T./Major & was posted to a M. G. Bn. as 2nd in command & was 2-i/c until I returned to England in Jan. 1919.

I went into Germany with my Bn. & came home for a course at the Senior Officers School, Aldershot.

In July 1919 I organised & commanded the

19th M. G. Bn for Russia, this Bn was disbanded on return to England in Oct 1919.

In Oct. 1919 I went to India with the XI Bn M.G.C. & on the disbandment of the M.G. Corps in 1921 I returned home & joined my Regt in Ireland.

After the Irish trouble was settled I returned to England in Jany 1922 with the regiment and in March 1922 we sailed for India.

On arrival in India I was selected for special duty, Courts martial, & later on was seconded to the Staff. In 1923 I was sent to Lahore on special duty, to revise & rewrite a Military Report on Railways, which took me almost a year as I had to go over all the Rlys. in the Punjab, inspecting all bridges, tactical features, etc., a most interesting job, & everybody was so kind. I had a special saloon for my own use on the Rlys. was my own boss & ran my own show & the powers that be were very kind & complimentary to me on the work I did on the Military Report.

After this job was finished I decided to retire from the army, as there were absolutely no prospects for promotion in my Regt. we had 3 Lt. Col's, 4 Majors & I

was senior Capt. but there were no less than 15 Capts ahead of me in the Regt. list, none of these officers were serving with the Regt but were all pre-war Capts. employed in various staff jobs, one never saw them but could never pass them & get promotion, & also expenses were very high & it was most difficult to live on ones pay as a Capt. so I retired voluntarily in Nov 1924 & was given the rank of permanent Major in my own Regt. with seniority of 16 Dec 1919 & am now Major in the Regular Army Res. of Officers.

During the war I got the Military Cross & was four times mentioned in Dispatches.

While in Ireland I was detached for special duty with the Intelligence Dept. & had charge of the Censor Office at Ballykinlar Internment Camp.

For my work on Courtmartials in India I got a special letter of thanks from the G.O.C in C.

Last but not least, I got married during the war my wife being related to Sir Wm Birdwood, who is at present Commander in Chief, India

On my return to Canada I decided to go in for Silver Foxes, purchased my present place & have

now got 4 mated pairs which I hope will bring me a large increase in stock within the next month or two.

Expenses have been very high & I find that it will be necessary for me to get some kind of employment to help me over the next year or two, hence my reason for applying to the Forestry, but from all accounts, I fear that it will be no easy matter to get a position as everything seems to be filled & there are very few openings.

Do you think there would be any possible chance for me to get an appointment on the Militia Staff as an Adjutant or some similar position, I would much value your views on this matter - it appears to me that the experience I have gained during the last 10 years, in addition to that which I had before & the fact that I am a regular British officer should prove an undoubted recommendation for work of this nature.

I trust I have not encroached on your time & good nature to severely by this lengthy letter & reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully
P. Mathieson

RESIDENCE: 2083 WHYTE AVENUE
KITSILANO BEACH
VANCOUVER, B. C.

TELEPHONE: BAYVIEW 1287 R

Re-est

J. S. MATTHEWS & SON

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Nov. 20th 1927.

Dear General Currie:-

I have delayed answering your kind letter of Oct 12th until I could hear from Col. Warden in Chicago. Finally, as he did not answer I wired him, and this morning comes his answer which reads in part

" Sincere apologies. Have been ill with flu, now o.k.again, hope return Canada soon, awful hard times here".

You ask what John Warden can do. After the Boer War he was in the South African Constabluary, then coming west as a young man he sold pianos, then turned to real estate with a good measure of success, became alderman in West Vancouver. He is an able talker, makes a good speech, but has not the advantage of higher education. He has been covering many of the states of our neighbor republic promoting the use of shingles by endeavoring to prevent state legislatures, underwriters, and metallic shingle manufacturers,anxious to promote their own interests, from passing ordnances, etc.,partially or wholly prohibiting the use of B.C.shingles. I am told he succeeded eminently, but subscriptions from manufacturers here diminished, and his position felll from under him.

I had an opportunity the other morning to talk to Dr Tolmie about him, and after listening Dr Tolmie's reply was that it was a "dam shame to leave a man like that to rot down there". John is very much at outs with the Liberal party (and Gen.Odlum) on account of his running in the conservative interest in the elections of 1921. Bowser got "last man in", Warden "first man out". In addition to his wife, he has three daughters, "young ladies", You can imagine what it has cost to support four women. When he rushed away in Aug.1914 he appointed the Dominion Trust to adminsiter his private affairs, and of course you will know all about that concern.

It was delightful to gather the "boys" of the 102nd together again on Oct 21st on the anniversary of Regina Trench. It was our tenth smoker. There were 150 present, and I read part of your letter. It was received with cheers.

Under separate cover I am sending you an account of the unveiling of our tablet by a private soldier of the battalion. Christ Church was too small, for the garrison of Vancouver alone nearly filled it, and then

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there were 250 widows, orphans, etc grouped in front of the tablet. The memorial is about the size of a man, and the beautiful thing about it all is that when I issued the appeal for founds, the sum necessary, $600, came to me as from the clouds, without one word of solicition, and from the men, widows, mothers, and children of the 102nd only, and from no one else. Finally I had to issue a warning that no more was wanted.

It was an inspiring occassion. As the organ pealed the plaintive strains of our regimental march, the clergy left the choir, and followed by the ex-officers of the 102nd, repaired to the tablet, where Capt Colwell, our old chaplain, dedicated it as a token of our gratitude to God for victory, and deliverance out of the hands of our aggressors, to express our affection for our fallen, and to inspire patriotic service and sacrifice in those who may worship there for all time to come. Then, as the procession slowly returned, the choir chanted "O valiant hearts, who to your glory came". It was one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever attended.

The words on the tablet are mine. The twenty battle honors we concealed, for modesty's sake, in the marginal moulding where they record the historical facts without offending the most tender emotions. During the three days it was displayed in Birks windows, a small crowd viewed it night and day.

I have been doing, and shall continue, to do all I can to get John Warden comfortable. He would make a good man for the immigration service in England, but he is reaching the time of life when the fireside in the evening will be very dear to him. I enclose you a copy of a letter I have this day written. Please read the two last paragraphs.

Thank you for your message to the men of the 102nd.

Sincerely,

J. S. Matthews

P.S. John Warden's deeds since the war would make you even more proud of him as a man and a countryman, though they bring little credit to a people who permitted him to accomplish them. Beneath his rugged exterior there lies a great yet simple heart.

J.S.M.

Nov 20th 1927.

Dear Col. Whyte:-

It is a pleasure to comply with your request that I should recount Col. Warden's career as recollected by me. I fear that little as I know, and even stated with much brevity, it will still be lengthy.

He is a Canadian born in New Brunswick, the son of a farmer of large family, and must have been quite young when he volunteered for service in the Boer War, for which he has both King's and Queen's medals with several engagement bars. At the conclusion of that war he became a citizen-soldier, a private in the old 6th Duke of Connaught's Own here, and attracted notice so that he was chosen as one of Canada's representative soldiers at the coronation of H.M.The King. His prowess at Bisley with the rifle added fame both to his regiment and to our city of Vancouver. Col. McHarg thought so much of him that he offered him a commission, and as an officer he served in aid of civil power at the Nanaimo strike. Later he was a councilor in West Vancouver. He is stated to have telegraphed the offer of his service to the Minister of Militia on July 29th 1914, and so is reputed to be the first officer in Canada volunteering for the Great War. Col. McHarg placed him in command of one of the companies of the famous 7th, and as such he passed through the celebrated gas attack of April, 15 and defence of the channel ports in those dark hours of the war. His arm was partially torn off by gun fire, was ordered amputated, but subsequently saved, and upon recovery he refused safety first appointments, but, instead, hurried back to Canada for more men, and Gen. Hughes requested him to raise a battalion. The 102nd resulted.

This battalion, through Col. Warden's effort, was landed on the soil of France at lesser cost, and in shorter time, than any other Canadian battalion I know of save those of the First Division. He accomplished the remarkable feat of recruiting, organising, training, 1100 men, and placing them in the front line in a little over seven months after Gen. Hughes's request. As the cost of raising a battalion was approximately $100,000 per month some idea of the immense financial saving to Canada effected by his vigor can be judged when you recall that some units took twice or treble the time before reaching French territory. The war history of the Dominion must ever record him as the commanding officer of one of her fighting battalions at the historic engagements of

Regina Trench, Vimy, Passchendaele. Afterwards Sir William Robertson, who succeeded Lord Kitchener, selected him as second-in-command of the celebrated "Hush-hush" force of 25,000 men. I think, at first, it was to ascertain the fate of the Czar that he was sent to Siberia, and subsequently he commanded a great training school for Russian officers in connection with the Canadian Siberian Force. In this he was eminently successful.

He has twice been to Buckingham Palace to receive for his services a bestowal of a mark of His Majesty' especial favor. He wears upon his breast more medals for service than any B.C.officer, save one, and further, he has the esteem and affection of those who served under him.

My understanding is that in the rush to get away in August 1914 he placed his private affairs in the hands of the Dominion Trust, with the result that when the war terminated he found himself in straightened circumstances, and his endeavors to retrieve his misfortunes have finally culminated so that today he is in a foreign land, and his pecuniary position is such that his friends are justified in enquiring into his personal affairs. Provision for, and education of three young ladies, his daughters, have added to his burden.

It seems to me that it is scornful that this gallant officer, who has spent most of his life in the service of our country, who has never failed to rush to her assistance in the hour of her greatest distress, who has suffered bodily and financially in consequence, whose name as commander of one of B.C.'s seven infantry battalions which fought in the great battles of the war, must ever be an honored one in Canada, upon whom His Majesty has three times conferred tokens of his gratitude, should now be forgotten, deserted, and left to rot on the streets of a foreign city. Misjudgment may be, but misconduct certainly is not the cause of his absence from his home and his friends.

We shall all thank you for any assistance to the end that we shall once again have him in our midst in this land which is proud of him and his acheivements.

Yours sincerely,

June 15th, 1925.

Major-General E. C. Ashton, C.M.G.,
Quarter Master General,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Major J. D. Morison asking me to put in a good word in support of an application he has made for a position in the R.C.A.S.C.

I remember Morison as Supply Officer to my old Brigade. He is not a bad sort of a fellow but I should think his Record of Service and the confidential reports would be the best guide as to his ability and stability. Colonel Greer, of course, and Buster Brown will know him very well.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

June 15th, 1925.

Major J. B. Morison,
675 Warsaw Avenue,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Major:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 10th of June.

Certainly I remember you very well as the Supply Officer of the old 2nd Brigade. I shall be very glad to write a letter on your behalf to the authorities at Ottawa. I sincerely trust you will soon be congenially placed.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

10th June, 1925.

Lieut-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear General:-

You will probably remember me as your old Brigade Supply Officer, and I would like you to interest yourself in my case, if you can spare the time.

Last year I sent in my application for a Commission in the Permanent Force, which was acknowledged.

Major Hennessey told me that there are vacancies in the R.C.A.S.C., and he worked on my case when in Ottawa, and told me that my name was to be considered. "Buster" Brown also put in a good word. The present D.D.S. & T. is Colonel Greer, who was our original Adjutant and would be in favour of my appointment if there is a vacancy.

Perhaps you could put in a good word in the proper quarter. It might help in my case to mention that I have just been notified that I have passed the Militia Staff Course 1924-25.

I would feel very much obliged if you could find time to help my case along.

Yours very sincerely,

Jas B Morison

Major J. B. Morison,
675 Warsaw Ave.,
Winnipeg.

Re-dct

September 9th,1924.

Lancelot B. Morrison, Esq.,
Box 412,
Mimico, Ont.

Dear Mr. Morrison:-

With reference to the advice you sought regarding entrance to literary work I am afraid there isn't much that I can do other than to suggest that you get in touch with men like Colonel Maclean of Maclean's Magazine, Stuart Lyon of the Globe, Mr. Atkinson of the Star or Mr. McGillicuddy of the Star. I know that Mr. McGillicuddy does much writing for magazines.

I could give you a letter of introduction to each of them if you thought that would be of any use. I couldn't make it in the nature of a recommendation as to your literary ability because of that I know nothing. I could simply say that you were a young man whom I knew, one of good character, sound education and earnest purpose.

I am sure I wish you every success, but would also suggest to you not to forget the old injunction 'never to give up the substance for the shadow'.

I am enclosing a brief note to Mr. McGillicuddy.

Yours faithfully,

September 9th, 1924.

O. E. McGillicuddy, Esq.,
The Toronto Star,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. McGillicuddy:-

This letter will serve as an introduction to Mr. Lancelot B. Morrison who wishes to discuss with you just how a young man can best enter the literary profession.

I knew his father who was an old and dear friend of mine and he himself served with credit and distinction in the war. I have told him that you have had a long and varied experience and that your advice would be worth listening to.

With kindest wishes,

Yours faithfully,

339 Mackenzie St.,
Sarnia Ont., Aug. 18/24.

Sir A. W Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que

Sir,-

I have contemplated writing you for some time, to ask for some advice, and if possible a letter of introduction or recommendation in connection with the following.

For a number of years I have longed to be able to enter the literary field, either newspaper, magazine or the commercial advertising branches, and I might say that this work holds a great deal of interest and fascination for me.

My father and I had many times talked it over but as things in the business world seemed more or less in a state of chaos, I let the thought lie dormant.

The position I now hold, that of a clerk in the accounting department of the Imperial Oil Limited, Toronto, I feel does not offer the chances for advancement that I would wish, as the work is of a

purely sedentary character and simply routine. When I returned from overseas I was rather unsettled as to what I should enter and accepted this position until something showed open for which I felt a "call".

I feel sure that the literary field, is one large enough, to permit a young man of my age to properly get a foothold, and exert a talent, with which I am convinced God has blessed me, so that "profit and pleasure may be the result."

With this thought in mind, I am writing you, Sir, trusting that you may with your wide knowledge of the business and commercial world, be able to recommend me to some one with whome you are acquainted, who is connected or engaged in this line of work, and also that a letter of introduction might be given me.

For the past week, I have been in Sarnia in connection with the closing up of the estate of my beloved father, who passed away on Saturday evening, Aug. 9th, following a six weeks' illness from typhoid fever.

The end came very suddenly and has proven a terrible shock to all the family.

With the hope that I have not written you too lengthy a letter to become wearisome, and also trusting that you may feel your way clear to comply with my request I will close.

Kindest regards to Lady Currie, your family and yourself.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Respectfully yours

Lancelot B. Harrison

Minico, Ont.
Box 412.

Mimico

Box 412, Mimico, Ont.,
Dec. 28th, 1925.

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

Sir,-

I have pleasure in inclosing a copy, for yourself, of an article written by me, and published by the Globe, Toronto. I trust you will find this interesting.

On behalf of Mrs. Harrison and myself, I wish to offer to Lady Currie, yourself and family, our best wishes at this season of the year.

Permit me to remain, Sir,

Ever Sincerely yours

Lancelot B. Harrison

January 6th, 1926.

Lancelot B. Morrison, Esq.,
Box 412,
Mimico, Ont.

Dear Mr. Morrison:-

On my return to Montreal I found awaiting me your letter of December 28th with clipping enclosed. I read it with much interest.

Most cordially reciprocating the good wishes of Mrs. Morrison and yourself for the New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

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LIEUT.-COLONEL W. A. MUNRO, D.S.O.
282 BROADWAY AVENUE

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General Sir Arthur Curry, K C B, K C M G,
McGill College,
Montreal Pro Quebec.

My dear General Curry.

May I recall myself to your memory,- Munro of the 8th Battn. and the days at Valcartier- West Down South- and that memorable Monday morning when we marched out of St Jean on the right of the thin kaki line of the 2nd Brigade in support of the British front.

I am applying for the appointment of Chief Warden at Stoney Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba and have taking the liberty of using your name for reference in my application to the Civil Service Commission. You know my abilities as to organization and discipline which you were once good enough to acknowledge in a letter to me; would it be asking too much of you to drop a line to Brig. Gen W St. Pierre Hughes, the Superintendant of Penitentiaries, and to his Chief the Minister of Justice?, I have had some trouble in getting re-established since my return and I feel that an appointment of this kind would suit me very well and that I would make a success at this kind of work.

Wishing you every success and honour in your new work as Head of the McGill College, believe me, Sir

Yours Sincerly,

W A Munro

Ottawa August 6th. 1920. 191

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have your letter of the 4th instant, in which you recommend Lieut. Col. W.A. Munro, D.S.O. for appointment as Warden at Stony Mountain Penitentiary. I am not aware that the position is as yet vacant. Should a vacancy occur, the appointment will be in the hands of the Civil Service Commission, to whom Colonel Munro should then make application. I shall, in that event, transmit your recommendation to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. J. Doherty

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

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Re-est

August
Fourth
1920.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Munro, D.S.O.,
282 Broadway Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Munro:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 26th of July, and it will be a great pleasure for me to write to the Honourable Mr. Doherty on your behalf. I do not consider that a letter to Brigadier-General Hughes from me would help you very much.

I am sorry to learn of your difficulty in getting re-established since your return from overseas, and I sincerely hope that your application for the position suggested will be accepted.

I thank you very much for your kind wishes with reference to my appointment as Principal of McGill University.

With all good wishes, I am, dear Munro,

Ever yours faithfully,

Rest

August
Fourth
1920.

Hon. J. C. Doherty, K.C., LL.D.,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Doherty:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Lieut.-Col. W. [illegible]. Munro, D.S.O., 282 Broadway Ave., Winnipeg, stating that he is applying for the appointment of Chief Warden at the Stony Mountain penitentiary in Manitoba, and that he has given my name as a reference in his application to the Civil Service Commission.

I desire to say that I first met Colonel Munro when the First Division assembled at Valcartier. He was at that time second in command of the 8th Battalion and for a time commanded it in the field. Later on in the War he was in charge of what we call a "Works Battalion". It is a pleasure to me to testify as to his great ability in matters of organization and discipline. He gives all his time and attention to his work, is conscientious and trustworthy, and, I believe, would make a most acceptable man for the position for which he applied.

He tells me that he has had some difficulty in getting re-established since his return to Canada. I sincerely hope that the Civil Service Commission will accept his application.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THE MEDICAL MUSEUM

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL. Feb. 16th, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,
595 Sherbrooke St.W.,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

In accordance with your kind permission, I enclose for your information two recommendations of Mr. A. A. Murray from his Battalion Officers, and also a copy of a letter written by him recently to the Officer in charge of Vocational Training here, which gives full particulars about his case.

Mr. Murray wrote this latter letter on the advice of Major A. H. Pirie, who presented him personally to that Officer. As I explained to you by telephone, Dr. Pirie advised me yesterday to apply to you, saying that he believed the only way in which the situation in regard to the age limit could be met would be by a letter from yourself to Ottawa stating that under the particular circumstances you thought this case deserved special consideration and asking that an exception be made in his favour and his application for Vocational training be considered. I will be very grateful indeed if you can obtain the desired favour for me.

I would add to Mr. Murray's own statement the following details from my personal knowledge.

(1) Had he not enlisted when he did it was his family's intention that he should complete his fourth year of High School and then proceed to Cornell University.

(2) He was discharged "medically unfit", without a pension, and he is now disabled at times asa result of the wound in his knee, which swells up and temporarily incapacitates him, and his general condition is also much below par, apparently also as a result of his overseas service.

(3) During the past four weeks while he has been engaged in temporary work in the War Museum, under my direction, I have found him capable, reliable, intelligent and conscientious in all he undertakes; with Vocational Training he would be a very valuable man.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the facts stated in his own letter, and that it does not seem possible to obtain after the present lapse of time, a pension which would secure for him the advantages of a Vocational Training and other privileges, it seems peculiarly hard that a man carrying domestic responsibilities, and who has been through the brunt of the engagements and shown himself in every way worthy, should receive absolutely no recognition by the Government he has served, either for his disabilities or for his interrupted primary education. It is on this account that I have ventured to trouble you, hoping that you will yourself consider it an exceptional case which should be met by those in authority.

Again thanking you very much for promising to do what you can for him and hoping you will please excuse me for troubling you about it,

Very sincerely yours,

Maude E. Abbott

MEA/B.
Encl.

February
Twentieth
1922.

Soldiers' Civil Service Re-establishment,
Department of Vocational Training,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which No. 419098 ex-Pte. A.A.Murray addressed to the Officer i/c of Vocational Training, S.C.R., Montreal, on the 11th of this month.

I promised to bring this application to your consideration. It is true that Murray was 18 years and 8 months old when he enlisted, but he interrupted his studies for that purpose. He was wounded twice and was discharged medically unfit at Kingston in August, 1919, and received no pension. He has been working for the past four weeks in a temporary job which we gave him at the McGill Medical Museum.

I know that as a result of an old wound his knee swells up temporarily incapacitates him. His general condition is much below par. He has been out of work for a long time now and he is married. He bears the most excellent testimonials from former officers of the regiment that they have found him capable, reliable, intelligent and conscientious. I believe that he is a man to whom vocational training would do an immense amount of good.

Yours faithfully,

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The Daly Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario,
February 25th, 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 20th., regarding an application made by ex-Pte. A. A. Murray, #419098, for Vocational Training.

From the information available, it would appear very doubtful whether Mr. Murray could be considered eligible for training under the regulations laid down for this Department, as training can only be granted when a man has a disability due to service which prevents him from returning to his pre-war occupation, or, in those cases where a man enlisted under the military age of eighteen and his pre-war training or education suffered a severe interruption due to his war service.

The information on file would indicate that Mr. Murray has no disability due to service as he has not been awarded a pension, and he was over the age of eighteen on enlistment.

I am requesting Captain G. H. Boyd, our Unit Director of Administration, Montreal, to get in touch with Mr. Murray and arrange for a medical examination for the purpose of establishing definitely whether he has any pensionable disability due to service which might entitle him to training. I shall be very pleased to advise

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you of the results of this examination when it has taken place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

per L. S. Deming

DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

S.C.R Form No. 1—100M—8-21.

Rest

General Delivery.
Fernie B.C.
Nov 9th 1922.

Dear Sir

I am just writing a few lines to you asking you if there is anything you can do for me. I am a Widow my husband died Seven Months ago. The Goverdment nor the laity here will not do anything for me. I have a Son in the old country a returned Soldier who would like to come to this country but he has not the means to bring him out here. If he could get out here it would be a great help to me I am right up against it and I have no one to help me. My Son is a Canadian Soldier he was in the 102nd Battalion.

Hoping to have a reply.

Yours Truly
Mrs John Murray
Tower St. General Delivery
Fernie
B.C.

General Delivery
Fernie B.C.
Nov 23rd 1922.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter I beg to inform you that being so upset at the time of my husbands death I burnt all my Son's letter's with this regimental Number. I am writing to my Son in the old Country for all particular's. As soon as I get word back I will write and let you know.

Your's Truly
Mrs John Murray

To
Brigadier General Currie

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November
Sixteenth
1922.

Mrs. John Murray,
Tower Street General Delivery,
Fernie, B.C.

Dear Madam:-

With reference to your letter of November 9th, I shall be very glad to write to the Government at Ottawa to see if something cannot be done to bring your son from the Old Country to Canada.

You say that he served in the 102nd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Please give me his name in full and also, if possible, the regimental number he bore. Tell me also how he came to leave the Canadian Forces and why he remained in England instead of returning with his Battalion to Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Ottawa,
September 8th 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G. etc.
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear General Currie.,

As I have been out of town I did not have an opportunity of going into the case of Pte. James Newcombe until yesterday.

I am afraid the D.S.C.R. can make no exception to their adopted proceedure in this case, and I do not think I would care to press the point by a recommendation.

I also received a letter from Newcombe asking me to recommend him for a position as Caretaker and I am endeavouring to obtain this employment for him.

I regret exceedingly that you should have been troubled by a matter of this kind, as we have an organization for the investigation and assistance of all such cases where deserving.

I return herewith the two letters you forwarded to me.

Faithfully yours,

J. W. Edwards

280 Bay St
July 21st Ottawa

To Sir A. Currie
from J. Newcombe.

Sir I beg to be excused for taking the liberty of addressing these lines to you but owing to my being unsuccessful in obtaining a loan from D. S. C. R. for a Concrete Mixer which I apply for on account of my having been discharged A.1. Sir

being a Builders
labourer I find that
I cannot carry on the
same as previous to
1914. if there is
anything you could do
to assist me in obtaining
this Loan I would
consider is a great
favour my Record of
service is as follows
I servd 12 years in
the Rifle Bde
enlisted in the R.C.N.
Aug 15th 1914 discharged
to re-enlist in the
38th 28th Dec 1914

served with this unit
untill Discharge.
June 16th 1919

Sir I have the Honour
to be your most
Obdt Servant
4-10159 Pte J Newcombe
38th Battn

(P.S)

Enclosing the
answer which I got
from D.S.C.R.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

8 Cliff Street,
Ottawa, July 19th, 1920.

Mr. J. Newcombe,
280 Bay Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to inform you that you are not considered eligible for a loan from this Department, owing to the fact that you did not follow a Re-Training Course.

Yours truly,

W. B. Stuart

PBB/HM

for D. V. O. Ottawa.

S. C. R. Form No. 1—500M-9-19.

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August
Nineteenth
1920.

J. Newcombe Esq.,
280 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Newton:-

Your letter of the 21st July addressed to me at Ottawa was received by me only this morning.

I am sending it on to Lieut.-Col. Edwards of the 38th Battalion in Ottawa, and asking him to see what can be done to procure a loan from some source to meet your wishes. I hope that Colonel Edwards may be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,

August
Nineteenth
1920.

Lieut.-Colonel Edwards, D.S.O.,
Ottawa.

My dear Edwards:-

I am enclosing herewith certain correspondence I have received from a former member of your battalion.

I suppose that his case is similar to that of a great many who find themselves unable to provide the facilities for their proper re-establishment. I would like if you would investigate his case, and see if anything can be done to help him.

Yours faithfully,

770 Sherbrooke St. W.,
Montreal,
May 5th 1926.

Re. est.

Gen. Sir A. Currie,
Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Dear Sir,—

You will doubtless remember the two conversations that you had with my husband and the manner in which you enabled him to start with the Fuller Brush Company.

My husband has not been at all well during the last week and while he is making quite a success of the work things have hardly started to come our way yet owing to the fact that quite a number of his order are from May 15th onwards.

In the meantime we have to continue the distribution of samples at every house which means an outlay of $2.00 per day.

My husband has, therefore, asked me to write to you and ask whether you would be kind

enough to make him a further advance of $15.00
which will enable him to carry on until he is
making a reasonable amount of deliveries.

If you will be kind enough to do this you
may rest assured that within a week or two we
will commence to repay you the money which
you have advanced.

As a proof that Mr. Newland is putting
his heart and soul into the work he has
asked me to enclose a cutting from one of the
firms publications in which you will see that
he is the only Canadian salesman mentioned.

Trusting that you will be kind enough to give
us this further assistance,

I am
Yours very truly
Mrs. L. J. Newland.

INTER-ORGANIZATION CORRESPONDENCE

THE FULLER BRUSH COMPANY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To Mr. L. J. Newland, c/o Fuller BrushCo. Ltd., 314 Coronation Bldg., Montreal, Que. May 3, 1926
From Mr. W. F. Honer, Hartford, Conn

Subject:

Dear Mr. Newland:-

Congratulations to you upon receiving honorable mention in the World's Demonstration Contest on the Tooth Brush!

Yours was among the demonstrations which the judges thought were worthy of receiving special mention, and we are enclosing an advance copy of the Fuller World which tells on Page 4 who the winners are and those who received honorable mention. You will notice your name on the list.

Your interest in the contest and in Fuller World is very much appreciated. Here's hoping that you win one of the prizes in the next Contest.

Sincerely yours,

THE FULLER BRUSH COMPANY

By W.F. Honer

W.F. Honer
Editor, The Fuller World.

WFH:H

Tooth Brush Contest Winners are Atlantic, Western, and Southern Men

(During the 4th Period, Fuller World conducted a contest for the three best dems. on the tooth brush. All dems. were excellent—prize winners are here announced.)

First Prize, $5.00 cash—C. G. Lindquist, Atlantic Division.
Ssecond Prize, $3.00 cash—George Thornton, Western Division.
Third Prize, $2.00 cash—O. B. Robinson, Southern Division.

HONORABLE MENTION

C. G. Glebe	Central	L. J. Newland	Canadian
R. B. Stevens	"	A. R. Acomb	Western
S. A. Crotty	"	D. P. Espy	"
B. U. Brooks, Jr.	Southern	H. G. Tilley	"
J. D. Garrett	"	J. E. Dick	Eastern

DEMONSTRATION THAT WON FIRST PRIZE
(C. G. Lindquist)

This is the Fuller Correct Shape Tooth Brush, Mrs. W, which has won the highest commendation of many leading dentists throughout the country.

The proper care of the teeth is of utmost importance, isn't it? (Yes.)

Notice the construction of this brush. Each tuft of bristle is of the highest quality obtainable, and is wire gripped in the handle preventing the much dreaded shedding of bristle. The tufts are set far enough apart so that tooth paste or powder does not accumulate. This enables you to have a clean brush at all times.

The bristles are wedge-shape, you will notice, to clean between and around each tooth properly. Bristles at the end of the brush are shorter because the space between the back teeth and inside of the cheek is naturally smaller. This cleans the molars properly, preventing decay.

Look how the handle bends inward so that you can reach all your teeth easily, both front and back without stretching the corners of your mouth. A good brush means healthy teeth.

Unlike the tooth brushes sold in stores, which are handled by many people, each Fuller Correct Shape Tooth Brush (with a hook ready to hang up), comes to you in its own box fresh and clean from the factory. Isn't it a fine brush? (Yes.)

How many are there in your family, Mrs. W. (Four.) Will two each be enough? You will need a fresh one for vacation time you know.

FUTURE CONTESTS

Watch the following issue of the World for announcement about the next contest. C'mon you fellows from Eastern, Central and Canada, plan to cop the prizes. One of the men who won the five berries as first prize wrote to the World saying, "I've bought a dandy new hat—am going to save up for a suit now." Your chances are just as good as the other fellow's.

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April 10th, 1924.

Alderman Brodeur,
City Hall,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Alderman:-

I wish to give my support to the application of Mr. Alex. Nugent for a position in the Fire Department.

Mr. Nugent served three years and four months in France with the 6th Field Ambulance and Heavy Artillery. He speaks French well, being actually of French descent. I am told by Sir Andrew Macphail, under whom he served in France, that he was an extremely good driver and thoroughly to be recommended. He tells me he has a brother in No. 4 Fire Station.

Trusting that you will do your best to obtain this appointment for him, I am,

Yours faithfully,

St John N.B.
March 4. 1925

Gen Sir Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., M.V.O.

Dear Sir

I am taking the liberty of writing as you told me when in Moncton a few years ago if there was any thing you could do for me to write.

There is a position as Care taker of Artillery Stores here in the Armouries.

I applied for the position about a month ago and was recommended by Col H. P. Macleod D.C.O. also the G.O.C. N.B. Anderson D.S.O. wrote to Ottawa to have me taken on the Permanant Force.

And came back that as the Permanant Force was filled up this position would come under the Civil Service Commission.

Now this is what I am up against General there are Sergeants in this city that are after this job. and they have some very Strong Cards pulling the wires for them I have not had Steady work since last November I managed to

get the winter in fairly well but Jobs are scarce here and the prospects for the future seem none too bright I have a wife and two children and find it pretty hard at times and if you can help me in any way to land this I will appreciate your kindness very much also can I use your name as one of the three referees in the Civil Service application form

Trusting to hear from you soon

I am

Yours Respt.

J. Muttall

143 Elliott Row.

St. John N.B.

Can.

Ex. R.S.M. 10th Bn

March 5th, 1925.

J. P. Nuttall, Esq.,
143 Elliott Row,
St. John, N. B.

My dear Nuttall:-

This will acknowledged receipt of your letter of March 4th.

I hasten to assure you that I shall write at once to the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa and say what I can in your behalf, though the Civil Service is rather an arbitrary body. By all means you may use my name as a reference on your application to the Civil Service.

I am very glad indeed to hear from you again, Nuttall, as you were one of the men of the Corps the recollection of whom is most clear and outstanding. I do most sincerely hope that you get congenially placed shortly and that the best of health and good fortune are always yours.

Yours faithfully.

March 6th, 1925.

Hon. Dr. Roche,
Chairman, Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

My dear Dr. Roche:-

I am today in receipt of a letter from one J. P. Nuttall, 143 Elliott Row, St. John, N.B., who informs me that he is applying for the position of Caretaker of Artillery Stores in the Armouries at St. John.

He states that when he applied about a month ago he was recommended by Colonel N.P. Macleod, M.C., and also by the G.O.C. of the district, Col. W.B.Anderson, D.S.O. The position, I beleive, is one which comes under your Department and Nuttall has asked if he may use my name as a reference. This I most willingly give because I remember this non-commissioner officer very well indeed. He was the Regimental Sergt.-Major of the old 10th Battalion, one of the best fighting units in the Corps. Nuttall was a most gallant soldier and I believe from a personal standpoint would give every satisfaction. He really was a most splendid soldier, winning the D.C.M. and Bar, and I hope that something can be done for him.

He tells me he has a wife and two children and while work has been fairly steady he would like to get a permanent position.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

March 11, 1925.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I have yours of the 6th instant, on behalf of Mr.J.P.Nuttall, who you state is applying for the position of Caretaker of Artillery Stores in the Armouries at St.John.

On January 29th the Assistant Deputy Minister of National Defence advised the Commission that Mr.J.C.Edwards, Caretaker of the Armoury at St.John, was ill, and as it was not expected that he would be able to resume work for two months, asked that Mr.E.Bingham, returned soldier, be appointed temporarily for that period.

On February 17th the Department of National Defence advised the Commission that Mr.Edwards had died, and requested the Commission to make an appointment to the position. On February 21st the Department was therefore notified to interview Messrs.Geo.A.Wiley, returned soldier, and Wm.R. Powell to see if either of these men would be suitable for the position, both having been successful in a competition for Caretaker at St.John.

Should the Department send in an adverse report regarding the two men above mentioned, the position of Caretaker at the St.John Armoury will be locally advertised, when Mr.Nuttall will have an opportunity of applying, and I can assure you that every consideration will be given his application both by the Department and the Commission before making the appointment.

Yours very sincerely,

W J Roche

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

March 13th, 1925.

J. P. Nuttall, Esq.,
143 Elliott Row,
St. John, N. B.

My dear Nuttall:-

I am in receipt this morning of the attached letter from the Hon. Dr. Roche, Chairman Civil Service Commission.

It would seem as if there were not much chance for you until Wiley and Powell are out of the way. If I were you I would put in my application at once and take the necessary Civil Service test, so that you would always be ready if a call came.

Yours faithfully,

February 19th 1924.

Lieut.Colonel F. J. O'Leary, M.C.,
Saskatoon,
Sask.

My dear O'Leary,

I suppose the sort of letter which I am enclosing comes to you about as often as it does here, but it occurs to me that you might be able to get in touch with some one of the 46th Battalion, who will interest himself in this case.

I see by the Listening Post and other similar journals that you are running almost anything in Saskatoon, so I presume that this rather sketchy address will reach you finally.

Are you coming East this winter?

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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Lt. Colonel W. Bovey,
c/o Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
MONTREAL - P.Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

I am pleased to carry out your request of February 19th, in connection with Mrs. Christmas' letter addressed to Sir. Arthur Currie, dealing with William James McReed #887403, formerly of the 46th Battalion. I will pass the communication on to Lt. Col. J. S. Rankin, the former O.C. of the 46th. Bn., (who is now located at Regina, and O.C. of the 2nd. South Saskatchewan Regiment) and who no doubt has a record of all former members of his unit.

I may visit Eastern Canada this summer, in connection with the International Rotary Convention that will be held in June at Toronto, and if I do so I will continue my journey to Montreal, and while there will call on you when we will be able to discuss the problems of the east and west as well as spend a few hours reviewing incidents that occurred during our careers in the army.

Kindly convey my personal regards to General Sir Arthur Currie, and also advise him that I hope to have the pleasure of calling and seeing him on my next trip to eastern Canada.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

F. O'Leary

FJO'L/TB.

DOCKET STARTS:

PALMER, R.

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St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary

WARDEN'S OFFICE St, Vincent de Paul, P. Q.

March 2nd. 1922

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th. ulth. and for your kindness in writing to Sir Lomar Gouin for me.

I was not an applicant for the position you mention in British Columbia, as I felt that it would not be the slightest use for me to do so, and as the position has been filled some time now, it would appear my reasoning was about correct.

Sir Lomar has written the Warden here in reference to me, and I believe Hon. Dr. Beland has also asked Sir Lomar to give me a show, and I thought if you would also ask him, it would cinch the matter. At any event I must secure something to do at once or leave Canada.

With my best thanks for your kindness and sincerest regards.

Yours obediently,

R. Palmer

Sir Arthur Currie. G. C. M. G.

Montreal Can.

February
Twenty-fifth
1922.

Major R. Palmer,
Warden's Office,
St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary,
St. Vincent de Paul, Que.

Dear Major Palmer:-

I have your letter of February 22nd and have no hesitation in saying a word in your favour to Sir Lomer Gouin.

With reference to the appointment in British Columbia, as I have had to tell Mrs. Palmer, quite half a dozen applicants for that position have written to me asking me to recommend them. This, as you see, places me in a very embarrassing position and all I can do is to give a word of recommendation to each one, leaving it to the Department to make their own selection.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary

WARDEN'S OFFICE

St. Vincent de Paul, P. Q. February 22nd 1922 192

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Mrs. Palmer states to-day in a letter to me, that she has written you in respect to my being given a better position in the prison service, asking you to write Sir Lomar Gouin on my behalf.

As you were good enough to have written the Civil Service Commission and several other people on my behalf before, I feel somewhat diffident about asking you to again interest yourself, but if you feel that you can do so, will be most grateful for anything you can do with Sir Lomar. There are to be a number of vacancies in the prison service shortly I am told, and Sir Lomar has asked the Warden here for a report om me and I believe the Warden (Col, Girouard) has recommended me most highly.

Regret am unable to call on you at your office in person, but it is somewhat difficult for me to get away during office hours. Was transfered from Kingston here in the fall.

With my best thanks for your past kindness, and with kindest regards,

Very sincerly yours.

R. Palmer
Late Major. R.E.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G. ect.
McGill University.
Montreal.

February
Twenty-fifth
1922.

Mrs. R. Palmer,
139 Lisgar Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

I have your letter of February 19th with reference to the Wardenship of the B.C. Penitentiary.

I am afraid that I can say nothing more in Major Palmer's behalf other than what is already on file at the Civil Service Department. I may say that quite half a dozen different persons in British Columbia, who are applying for the position, have written to me in a similar strain to you and consequently I suffer a good deal of embarrassment. I cannot write to the Department recommending that each one is better than the other. I should think that Major Palmer's best recommendation is the manner in which he is discharging his duties at St. Vincent de Paul.

I shall be very glad at any time to hear that you have got settled down again.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

139 Regar Street
Ottawa Feb. 19—

Dear General Currie

I venture to
recall myself to
your memory
because you were
kind enough to

Say that at any time you could keep Major Palmer in obedience & Discipline you would certainly do so. Well there is the position of Warden in the Prison in Wilmington N.C - and I have been doing what I can with the Powers here and I think I have made at least one Rent in their hearts and they are going to do what they can - I saw Lieut Lomax Quin

and. the Hon. Jno. Gelard.
and they were very
very Kind. and I was
thinking that if you
would be so very
Kind dear General
Currie. you would
Kindly asked
you to write to her
Lomax. and to D. Gelard.

Not Shultz the Cheeky. I
am so anxious to have
a home and take root-
some where.. We have
had such dreadful luck
I am tired heart and sore
& sorry.
We have lived for years
in British Columbia before
the war so that is an
advantage as they moved
perhaps East - & B. C.
Jean
moved & he asked too
much. & you & asked
you to write to there
Bye. Yes Well. as the position
I believe is to be filled

and buy a few kind
things about Major
Palmer. and I he
splendid war record
he had. because he
really and truly has
a good war record.
I am sure I know
keep wonderfully
in training. I hope
I hope you will

by the first of March
for that I have
written you I am
afraid you will think
I am cheeky but it
means so much it means
a chance to live and
make a home together
Very Sincerely Yours
Margaret Palmer.

DOCKET ENDS:

PALMER, R.

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Read

October
Thirty-first
19 1.

Major R. Palmer,
Warden's Office,
Kingston Penitentiary,
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

A day or so ago I received a reply from Dr. W. J. Roche, Chairman Civil Service Commission, stating that he had not yet received your application for the position of Statistician for the Department of Trade & Commerce.

He wrote his letter on October 27th, the day on which the time limit for receiving applications expired. He assured me, though, that if it were received in the course of the next day or so he would see that it received all possible consideration.

Yours faithfully,

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

October 27, 1921.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 25th, on behalf of Major R.Palmer, of Kingston Penitentiary staff, who you state is making application for the position of Statistician, Department of Trade and Commerce.

I presume Major Palmer is making application for the position that has been advertised in the Canada Gazette, and the time limit for receiving applications expires today. His application has not yet been received, but if it comes to hand in the course of a day or two, I can assure you that it will receive every consideration in connection with the above mentioned position.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Roche

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

MINISTER'S OFFICE

C.
OTTAWA
Oct. 29th, 1921.

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

Dear Sir:-

In the absence of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, with reference to Major R.Palmer, who, you state, is applying for the position of Statistician in this Department.

I will bring your letter to the Minister's attention immediately he returns.

Yours very truly,

Acting Private Secretary.

October
Twenty-fifth
1921.

Major R. Palmer,
Warden's Office,
Kingston Penitentiary,
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Major Palmer:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th of October.

I shall be glad to write to the Hon. Dr. Roche and to the Hon. H.H. Stevens, on your behalf. I hope that you are successful in receiving a more congenial position.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October
Twenty-fifth
1921.

Personal

Hon. H. H. Stevens,
Minister of Trade & Commerce,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Stevens:-

I hope you will pardon me for bothering you about a man who is anxious to get a position in the Department of Trade & Commerce.

Major R. Palmer, now employed in a minor capacity in the Warden's Office of the Kingston Penitentiary, has written to me stating that he is applying for the position of Statistician in the Department of Trade & Commerce. Although Major Palmer is a Canadian, whose home is in the eastern part of Ontario somewhere between Alexandria and Ottawa, he served in the War with the Royal Engineers and in the closing months was quite badly wounded.

I do not know very much about him personally, although I met him once or twice. I think that he is a very decent fellow and that he has found the going particularly hard since the War. He is a Civil Engineer by profession. I hope that his application will receive all possible consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

October
Twenty-fifth
1921.

Personal

Hon. Dr. Roche,
Chairman, Civil Service Commission,
OTTAWA.

Dear Dr. Roche:-

I hope you do not mind my bothering you from time to time regarding certain people who are anxious to get positions in the Dominion Government Civil Service.

Major R. Palmer, now employed in a minor capacity in the Warden's Office of the Kingston Penitentiary, has written to me stating that he is applying for the position of Statistician in the Department of Trade & Commerce at Ottawa. Although Major Palmer is a Canadian, whose home in the eastern part of Ontario somewhere between Alexandria and Ottawa, he served in the War with the Royal Engineers and in the closing months was quite badly wounded.

I do not know very much about him personally, although I met him once or twice. I think that he is a very decent fellow and that he has found the going particularly hard since the War. He is a Civil Engineer by profession. I hope that his application will receive all possible consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Kingston Penitentiary

Our ref.....
Your ref.....

Warden's Office

All communications must be addressed to the Warden.

Kingston, Ont., October 24th. 1921.

Dear General Currie,

I am an applicant for the position of Statistician in the Department of Trade and Commerce Ottawa, as advertised in the Civil Service Commission's list No. 117 Positions Vacant dated Oct. 3rd. 1921.

You may recall my visit to your office last year in Montreal and your having been kind enough to state you would assist me in securing a position. If you can do so I will be very grateful if you will write the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Hon Dr. Roche, and also the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. H. H. Stevens on my behalf.

I was unemployed from last November untill the 1st. of June this year, and since then have been employed in a very minor capacity, and at a very small salary here in the Warden's Office. The place is most distasteful to me, and as I am only a temporary employee here, with poor prospects of any thing else offering, it has been impossible for me to even have my wife with me, she has been living with her people in Ottawa. In fact my pay has been so small that I have only been able to visit her once in the past six months, this on top of the seperation of five years during the war has been pretty tough.

I would like to secure the position mentioned above, and feel that I am well qualified to fill it, in point of eduacation experience, ability ect. and if you feel that you can accede to my request, you will find me most grateful.

With the assurance of my sincerest respect.

Yours obediently.

R. Palmer

Major. late R. E.

March
Twenty-eighth
1921.

Colonel C. W. Peck, M.P., V.C., D.S.O.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

My dear Peck:-

I have your letter of the 23rd and beg to thank you for all the trouble you have taken regarding Major Palmer.

Shall you be coming to Montreal before returning to the west? If so, I should like very much to see you.

Yours faithfully,

House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario,
March 23, 1921.

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

Dear General Currie,-

In further reference to the case of Major Palmer, I may say that in addition to getting his name on the active list of the Civil Service Commission and applying also to Colonel Lamb, who is on the lookout for him, I have written Brigadier General Hervey to try and get him employed. I have also interested Mr. J. W. Kennedy, M.P., Member for Glengarry, in his case and he has promised to do anything he can for him.

I do not know that I can do anything ~~more~~ further in this case.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

C. W. Peck

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ont.
March 19th, 1921.

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

Dear General Currie,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in regard to Major Palmer who is anxious to secure a position. I am taking this up with Colonel Lamb, who is looking out for something for him, and I am also taking it up with Mr. Kennedy, the Member for Glengarry, in whose riding Alexandria is located.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

C.C. Peck

P/S.

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March
Sixteenth
1921.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer,
Alexandria, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

I am sorry that I have nothing encouraging to offer in reply to your letter of the 13th instant.

I have done what I could with the Engineering Institute here. I wrote to the Government of the Province of Ontario and I have spoken to private individuals, but none offer me any encouragement. I shall keep on trying and hope that something may soon turn up to free your mind from worry.

Ever yours faithfully,

March
Sixteenth
1921.

Colonel Cyrus Peck, M.P.,C.B., D.S.O.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

My dear Cy.:-

I am forwarding a letter I have received from Mrs. Palmer the wife of a Major Palmer now living at Alexandria, the home of the Macdonells.

Palmer did not serve with us, but he served as an officer in an Engineering Company with the British Army. He commanded his Company in the line for a very long time and afterwards served on the staff of the 4th Corps and the 6th Corps. In the closing months of the war he was very badly wounded. He is a Canadian and since returning to Canada has found the going particularly hard. You will see by Mrs. Palmer's letter that things are very desperate with them. I have done what I could with the Engineering Institute here and have written to General Ross, M.P.P. for Kingston. I have nothing encouraging from him or from the Engineers.

I do not know very much about Palmer personally. He came to see me last Spring in my office in Ottawa, and I also saw him when I visited Alexandria on the 1st of July.

Will you see the member for that district and between you both you may be able to find some way in which the Government can help him. Is there any position in connection with census taking that he might fill. I am sorry to trouble you but I know your heart goes out to all returned men and particularly to those who are practically starving.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever,

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2nd March, 1921.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer,
Alexandria,
Ont.

Dear Mrs. Palmer,

I have your letter of the 1st instant, and am today writing to the Ontario Government asking them, if at all possible, to do something for Major Palmer.

I most sincerely trust that it will not be long before Major Palmer is congenially situated.

With all good wishes to you both, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

2nd March, 1921.

Brigadier-General A.E. Ross, C.B., V.M.G., M.P.P.,
C/O Provincial Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Ross,

Herewith is a clipping from the paper "Canadian Engineer" concerning which you may know something.

There is living in Alexandria a Major Palmer, a Canadian who served throughout the War with the Royal Engineers; he commanded his Field Company in the field, and for a time was on the Staff of the Fourth Corps and the Sixth Corps. He was wounded in the closing months of the War. I know that he is finding it extremely difficult to get something to do and that he and his family are suffering accordingly. The work outlined in this clipping is of such a character that his services might be of some use, and perhaps the Member for Alexandria knows of him and could help you in seeing if anything could be done for him.

I suppose you are in the midst of a very interesting Session, I hope you find plenty to do and are enjoying yourself; I know that you are always happiest when most busy.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

File under "Palmer"

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ONTARIO
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Toronto
Mar 3/21

Dear Sir Arthur.

I have your letter of Mar 2 regarding Major Palmer. This Officer came to my notice last winter while I was in charge of the unemployment Fund - I paid his way to a job with Hydro Electric Comm. From my experience I cannot say that I could recommend him over head of many others - If I could get a different view of him, I might have different feeling towards him - no matter how busy I am, I could always have sufficient time for the returned man. However I will do this, if I find this or any opening - no one else open for it. I will keep Palmer in my mind.

All good wishes.

Yours truly,

A S Ross

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February
Twenty-fourth
1921.

Professor H. M. Mackay,
Engineering Building.

Dear Professor Mackay:-

At the request of the Principal, I am enclosing herewith a letter which he received from Major R. Palmer in reply to one asking for further particulars as to the position desired and his qualifications.

Your kindness in this matter is deeply appreciated by the Principal.

Yours sincerely,

Principal's Secretary.

February
Eighteenth
1921.

Major R. Palmer,
Alexandria, Ont.

My dear Palmer:-

The only information I have at present that would be interesting to you is that I understand The Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company are asking for a draughtsman. I am also told that the same Company will require some men in connection with developments at Cedars in five or six weeks.

I have also learned that Mr. Bruce Ross, of the Sun Oil Company, Toronto, is looking for a technical man to sell some of their products. We have written to Mr. Ross for particulars.

I would appreciate very much if you would send me a detailed outline of your experience in engineer work.

I hope it won't be long before you are congenially placed.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

H. M. MACKAY, M.E.I.C., M. AM. SOC. C.E.
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McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

16th February, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to your letter of the 14th, regarding Major Palmer, I regret to say that I have nothing definite on hand. The demand for engineers is rather quiet just now, and seems likely to remain so until April at least. At such times, very few inquiries come to us direct.

Mr. Jeakins, Secretary of the Graduates' Society, tells me that he has an inquiry for a draftsman from the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company. I also understand, indirectly, that the same company will require some men in connection with developments at Cedars in five or six weeks.

I have just heard that Mr. Bruce Ross, one of our graduates, of the Sun Oil Company, Toronto, is looking for a technical man to sell some of their products, and I have written to Mr. Ross for particulars. If Major Palmer cares to send me an outline of his experience, and to give me an idea of the kind of position he would like, I shall be very glad to keep him closely in mind, as something suitable may turn up at any time.

Yours faithfully,

H. M. MacKay.

February
Fourteenth
1921.

Professor H. M. Mackay,
Engineering Building.

My dear Mackay:-

There was in to see me the other day a Major P. Palmer of Alexandria, Ont.

He is a Civil Engineer and a graduate of Royal Military College. He served through the War with the Royal Engineers, and had experience, not only as a Company Commander, but on the staff of the 4th Corps and the 6th Corps. He was wounded during the last months of the War.

Since returning to Canada he has worked with some utilities Commission. I know that he is a very decent fellow and I also know that he is very hard up. I promised to make some enquiries to see if there was any possible position for which I could recommend him to apply. Do you know of anything?

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Dead

June
Third
1921.

Hon. George A. Simard,
Chairman, Board of Licence Commissioners,
363 Sherbrooke Street East,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have been informed that Brigadier-General E.deB. Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O., has applied for the position of Administrator of Police Services under the Liquor Commissioners of the Province of Quebec.

I sincerely hope that the Commission will regard favourably General Panet's application. I hope you will not consider it out of place on my part in saying to you that throughout the War General Panet was one of the most valuable officers serving with the Canadian Corps. Trained throughout his life in Military Service he is strongly imbued with a sense of discipline, loyalty and devotion to duty. These qualities he shewed in a very high degree during the War. His personal qualities stand him in good stead. He is courteous and affable, yet dignified.

He served on both the General Staff and the Administrative Staff, so that he has an excellent knowledge of what organization means. He cannot only plan, but he can carry out, and I believe the Commission would find him an extremely valuable officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

FORM Q. L. C. 86

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Re, est.

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MONTREAL, June 7th, 1921.

General A. W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant in which you strongly recommend Brigadier-General E. deB. Panet, as Administrator in the Police Service of the Commission.

Be advised that I have carefully noted the contents of your letter for which I desire to express my sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

Geo. A. Simard,
President.

GAS/L.

DOCKET STARTS:

PARMELEE

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DEPARTMENT OF

DEPUTY MINISTER
F. C. T. O'HARA

TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE No. .....

OTTAWA Oct. 10, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, together with enclosure for which please accept my most sincere thanks.

After the recommendation has served its purpose I shall be very proud to keep it among my souvenirs of the Great War.

Yours truly,

F. C. T. O'Hara.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
M O N T R E A L.

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October
Third
1922.

James G. Parmelee, Esq.,
269 Stewart Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Major Parmelee:-

Your letter of September 2nd has remained unanswered owing to my absence from the city with the Board of Trade of Montreal.

I am attaching herewith a letter which, I hope, you will consider satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

October
Second
1922.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me much pleasure to record my appreciation of the capable and efficient services rendered by Major James Parmelee during the late war.

Major Parmelee held a responsible position in the Mechanical Transport Section of the Canadian Corps and discharged all duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his superior officer.

DEPARTMENT OF

DEPUTY MINISTER
F. C. T. O'HARA

TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE No. .....

OTTAWA September 2nd, 1922.

Personal.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have yours of the 29th ultimo, with reference to Mr. Dafoe's letter, and in reply beg to say that if you will be good enough I should prefer to have the recommendation addressed "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN".

Please accept my most sincere thanks for your kindness in this matter. I am sure you have many requests of this nature, and it is indeed good of you to do this for me.

Yours faithfully,

Actg. Deputy Minister.

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

JGP/DF.

Kindly address reply to 269 Stewart St. Ottawa.

August
Twenty-ninth
1922.

Major James G. Parmelee,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Major Parmelee:-

I have a letter today from Mr. Dafoe re a letter of recommendation for you.

I shall be very glad to send you this, Major, if you will just advise me to whom it should be addressed or whether it should be an open letter "To whom it may concern". I hope that in any re-organization of your Department you get a better position.

Yours faithfully,

August
Twenty-ninth
1922.

J. W. Dafoe, Esq.,
Manitoba Free Press Co.,
Winnipeg, Man.

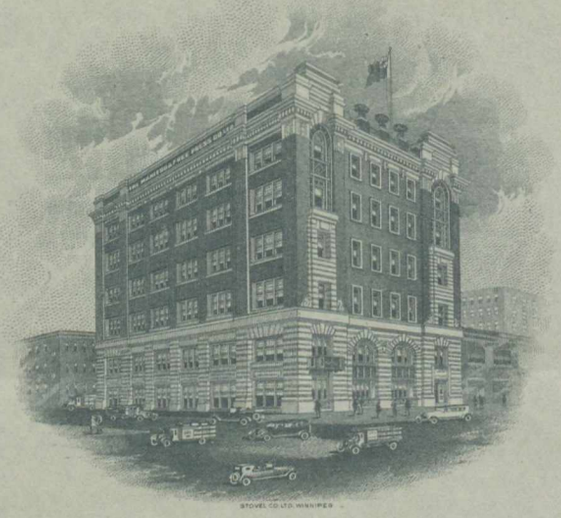
Dear Mr. Dafoe:-

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 24th re Major Parmelee, to whom I am writing today.

I hope I may have the good fortune to see you in Winnipeg next week, as I am leaving with the Board of Trade on their trip through Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Manitoba Free Press Company Limited



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WINNIPEG, CANADA Aug. 24th 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With respect to a request made to me by Jim Parmelee, I have thought that the best thing to do is to forward you his letter, which is herewith enclosed.

I know you will do anything for him that the circumstances and the proprieties will permit. I know nothing about the possible re-organization of the Department which he foreshadows; and I don't know just in what form he wants the credentials, perhaps as a personal letter to himself which he could use at his discretion.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Dafoe

Private & Confidential.

Ottawa, Aug 20/22

My dear John.

In connection with a possible re-organization of the personnel of some Dept in the near future, it would be of considerable advantage to me if I could have a recommendation from Sir Arthur Currie in connection with my services with the Canadian Corps in France.

Do you think, as a friend of Sir Arthurs,

you could secure this
for me without embarrassing
you in anyway?

Love to family.

Yours faithfully

D. Darnell.

DOCKET ENDS:

PARMELEE

c/o General Delivery
G.P.O
Montreal
14/10/1922

Sir Arthur Currie K.C.B., G.C.M.G.

Sir,

I trust, that, after having read my letter, you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing to you. In order that you may thoroughly understand my position, it will probably be as well as to give you a short outline of my life.

I am 33 years of age, born in Liverpool England, son of late W. G. Parsonage, who, until his death in 1900 was editor of one of the leading papers of that city. When I left school in 1905, my Mother being in straightened circumstances, I emigrated to Canada & followed many occupations, until 1910 when I went to Victoria & was employed by the Victoria Transfer Co. under Leonard Tait, until July 1914, when owing to business being bad & wages being reduced I left & came east. Shortly after war was declared & I was temporary employed by C.P.R. from Aug until Nov 14/1914 when I

enlisted for active service with 21st Bty. C. F.A in this city. I proceeded to England in Feb. 1915 arrived in France may 1915 & was posted to 1st D.A.C for a few months & then sent as signaller to Hdqrs 1st Bde C.F.A under Col. C. H. McLaren D.S.O. I remained with this staff being absorbed by Div Sig. Co. & attained rank of Sergt. In 1914 I was transferred to 1st Div Hq as Sgt in charge of telephone & telegraph line maintainance, which position I held until Oct. 1918 when my C.O. Maj Earnshaw recommended me to Col Ford for commissed rank. I proceeded to Seaford Eng. & passed necessary exams & given Lieutenancy in Can. Engrs. Signals. & as by this time armistice had been signed I was posted as adjt C Coy. with 1st C. E. Res. Bn. until I returned to Canada in Aug 1919. During my service in France I was awarded the M.M at Hill 70 in Aug 1917 and bar to M.M at the Canal du Nord operations in 1918. On my return to Victoria it was three months before I got employment. & went to the Victoria Baggage Co 506 Fort St for whom I drove motor until August this year when

I decided to come east. my reasons for coming east, were, first of all in 1920 my wife had considerable trouble with her heart ▽ I had Dr in the house all the time ▽ finally Dr Beckett advised me that a trip would be the best thing for her ▽ so with help of her father I sent her ▽ two children home to England, but continued illness for sometime after her arrival there did not give me any chance to save any money towards her fare back ▽ so I came east, working my way from Calgary to here with Stock, thinking that if I could get employment here I would be able to have my family join me that much sooner on a/c of the saving I would make in not having to pay fares to Victoria. I have tried to get on on my own, but have been unable to get any steady employment and all I have been able to obtain since I came to Montreal was one, two ▽ 3 days a week with J Watterson ▽ 60 Murray St, whenever they had any large shipments coming in. They have nothing further in sight and I have answered many advertisements ▽ tramped all over

to no avail. & So Sir, Knowing the interest you have in the returned man, & being practically a Stranger here, I have taken this liberty of writing you in the hopes that possibly you might be able to help with your advice. I have been unable to send my Wife anything for some weeks now & am nearly at end of my resources, & have had to drop my insurance for $3000 which I took out on my return. I have enough to keep me a week or so, but I am badly in need of warm clothes. I have done my best to get along without help, but at last I have to appeal & do not know who to go to.

I am not asking for charity all I want is for someone to give me a chance to become independent & have a permanent position so that I can once more have my family with me.

Trusting, Sir, that you will excuse the length to which I have gone in this letter, but thought it better to give you full facts.

I beg to remain Sir

Yours truly

Edgar Parsonage.

c/o General Delivery
G. P. O.
Montreal
Dec 10th/1922

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

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of introduction to Mr Paul Sise, I immediately went to the Northern Electric & am pleased to be able to say that I have been employed by them for past two weeks and am progressing favourably at the work to which I was assigned.

I am indeed grateful to you, Sir, for your interest in me, & will do my utmost to repay you, by proving myself worthy of the introduction you so kindly gave me.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully
Edgar Parsonage

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72 Sise

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November 27th, 1922.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

Sir Arthur W.Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I was away in New York when Mr.Parsonage presented your letter but our Assistant Superintendent, Mr.J.S.Cameron, had a talk with him and thinks we may be able to give him something to do.

Under the regulations of our Pension and Benefit Fund, all employees must pass a medical examination. As the Company doctor was away when Mr.Parsonage called, it will be necessary for him to call again for the examination and I presume there will be no difficulty in that connection.

Yours truly,

P.F. Sise

PFS:CT

P.S. I have just heard that he passed the Medical Exam and has been given a position.

P.F.S.

FORM-G-657

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November
Twenty-second
1922.

Edgar Parsonage, Esq.,
General Delivery,
General Post Office,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Parsonage:-

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I promised you the other day.

I hope that it has the effect of getting you employment. I shall always bear your case in mind and if I hear of anything I shall hasten to let you know.

Yours faithfully,

November
Twenty-second
1922.

Paul F. Sise, Esq.,
Northern Electric Company, Limited,
121 Shearer Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Sise:-

I am giving this letter of introduction and recommendation to Mr. Edgar Parsonage, who ought to be able to prove himself a useful member of such an organization as yours.

Enlisting early in the war he arrived in France in May, 1915, and after serving a few months with the Engineers he became a Signaller at Headquarters, 1st Brigade C.F.W. under Charlie McLaren of Ottawa. He was transferred to the Divisional Signal Company and attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1917 he was transferred to the headquarters of the 1st Division as Sergeant in charge of Telephone and Telegraph line maintenance, which position he held until October 1918. when his O.C., Major Earnshaw, recommended him to Colonel Ford for commissioned rank. He was sent to England and after passing the necessary examinations, was given a Lieutenancy in the Canadian Engineers Signals. About that time Armistice was declared and he did duty as Adjutant of one of the Companies with the Engineers Reserve Bn., until he returned to Canada in August, 1919.

I know that Major Earnshaw and Colonel Ford would not have recommended him for a commission unless he was well worthy of that rank.

While serving with the Signallers he was awarded the M.M. at Hill 70 in August, 1917, and received a Bar to that medal at the Canal du Nord operations in 1918.

He is a married man, but his wife is in England, having been sent there for her health, with the assistance of her father. He is a man of some education, his father, the late W.G. Parsonage, having been Editor of one of the leading Liverpool papers.

I believe that all he wants is a chance to earn a decent living. He assures me that he has tried faithfully in many quarters, but outside of odd jobs with some of the Baggage Companies, he has found little since coming to Montreal. I hope you will not mind my asking you to give his case your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH

FORM T. D. 2

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J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Brig-Gen. Victor W. Odlum
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Vancouver, B. C.

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Can recommend no one more
cordially than Perry

A. W. Currie

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A. C. FRASER, Supt., St. John, N.B.

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DATED MARCH 30, 1916.

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J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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VANCOUVER BC JAN 9TH

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.,

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.,MONTREAL.

CONFIDENTIAL.CAN YOU SUGGEST ANY ONE MORE SUITABLE FOR VANCOUVER POLICE CHIEF THAN COLONEL KEN PERRY NOW AT KINGSTON HAVE SAID NOTHING OF THIS TO ANYONE ELSE SO FAR.

VICTOR W ODLUM.

235PM Can recommend more more cordially than Perry

318 Homer St

DOCKET STARTS:

PHILLIPS, W. T.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE

NO. 24. A. F. & A. M., B. C. R.
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

W. T. PHILLIPS
TREASURER

519 LAMPSON STREET
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

30th November 1922.

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

Dear General Currie,

I am writing to ask if you would be kind enough to use your influence with the Militia Department to get me a little better treatment on retirement than appears to be contemplated by H.Q. Letter 1-57-1, a copy of which is enclosed.

I also enclose a letter with a Statement of Service which I have forwarded to the Minister and which explains the situation fairly well.

The chief point, I think, is that it is unfair to me, after 32 years in Departmental service, and at 51½ years of age, to be turned out with a mere gratuity. My handicap in seeking out and learning a new means of livelihood in Civil Life will be far greater than would be covered by the gratuity suggested.

I do not know whether you are personally acquainted with the Hon. Geo. Graham or not, but Billy Ditchburn assures me that he is a very decent fellow, and he also said that he was sure that a word from you would carry great weight in getting the Minister to favorably consider the special circumstances of my sase and to get an Order in Council passed to remedy the situation.

The fact that you can verify my record of service by your own personal knowledge would also strengthen the case; you will remember that , in the old days ,you and I often walked home to Victoria West when we were both N.C.Os, and you will also remember that I was employed in a civil capacity in the R.E.Office.

I am afraid that I have not got a very strong political pull although the only political Association I ever joined was Charlie Macs. liberal Assn. at Esquimalt, while I was on the R.E.Staff. I remember Sam Matson being terribly mad one election day when I told him I was going to vote Ralph Smith, but I dropped it immediately I was transferred to the Dominion Government and since then have taken no active part in political affairs.

I hate to bother you with my troubles, as I am sure you are a very busy man, but I should be much obliged if you would be kind enough to write to the Minister on my behalf and I am sure that your recommendation would carry great weight with the existing authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation, and with kindest regards,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

W. T. Phillips

From Mr. W.T.Phillips,
R.C.E. Store Accountant,
519 Lampson Street, Esquimalt B.C.

To The Honorable, The Minister of Militia & Defence,
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

I have been notified that in accordance with H.Q.Letter, 1-57-1, M.S.D.34.P.372, dated Ottawa, 21st November 1922, that it is proposed to retire me from service in your Department from 1st January, next.

Feeling that the conditions of retirement outlined in the above-mentioned letter are not entirely fair to me for the reasons stated below, I mentioned the matter to Mr. W.E.Ditchburn who said that from what he knew of you he was quite sure you would give my case a fair and sympathetic investigation, which has led me to take the liberty of forwarding you a few facts in connection with my past service.

The enclosed statement of service shows that on January 1st. next, I shall have been employed in connection with military affairs for nearly 32 years, and over 30 years of this service has been in Canada.

So far as I am aware I have always had the very best recommendations from the different officers under whom I have served, and my proposed retirement is not for any shortcomings on my part.

It is now proposed to retire me with two months pay and a gratuity of $775.62, which I respectfully submit is inadequate to overcome the handicap I shall be under in searching for civil employment at the age of 51½ years and after 32 years Departmental Service.

I have a wife, and two children aged respectively 8 years and 11 years. I might also state that I suffered a severe breakdown in health (Neurasthenia), first in November 1918 and then more seriously in March 1919, as can be seen from my records, and although at the present time I am very much improved in health, I feel that I should be somewhat handicapped in seeking a new means of livelihood.

I have never been in receipt of more than a moderate salary and the sickness above referred to, together with other sickness in my family, has used up practically all the small capital I had been able to save out of my pay.

I am in receipt of no pension or allowance for my military or civil service under the Imperial War Department, but if I had been transferred to the Militia Department in 1906 as a serving soldier instead of a civil subordinate the whole of my former service would have counted for pension.

I feel that in view of the special features of my case, that I should receive a little more favorable consideration than that outlined in H.Q.letter of November 21st, above referred to. I therefore wish to bespeak your kind consideration and to ask you to recommend, as an act of Grace, that at least sufficient of my Imperial Service in Canada be included with my Canadian Service in computing my retiring category, to enable me to qualify for superannuation. If this cannot be done I would respectfully urge that I be permitted to continue in the service until I qualify for superannuation, that is to say, for 3 years and 4½ months.

I am,
Sir,
Respectfully yours,

Esquimalt B.C.
30th November 1922.

R.C.E. Store Accountant.

Statement of Service,

Mr.W.T.Phillips, R.C.E.Store Accountant, Esquimalt B.C.

Born, St.Mary Cray, Kent, England, 10th September 1871.

Enlisted Royal Engineers, 17th March 1891.

Served in R.E.at Halifax N.S. May 1892 to May 1894.

Served in R.E. at Esquimalt B.C. May 1894 untilcompletion of first period limited Army Engagement, 16th March 1899.

Military Service, 8 years.

Appointed to R.E.Civil Staff at Esquimalt 17th March 1899 and served in this capacity until Station was closed down by Imperial Government, April 1906.

R.E. Civil Staff Service, 7 years.

Appointed to Royal Canadian Engineer Civil Staff on Dominion Government assuming control of Garrison 16th May 1906 to 1st January 1923.

Service on R.C.E.Civil Staff, 16 Y.7½ M.

Total Departmental Service, 31 Years 7½ months

Esquimalt B.C.
30th November 1922.

R.C.E. Store Accountant.

COPY.

H.Q. 1-57-1
11.M.D. 34-P-372

Ottawa, Canada.

November 21, 1922.

The Colonel Commandant,
M.D. No.11
Victoria B.C.

Retirement, Clerk & Store Accountant,
Mr. W.T.Phillips

I am directed to inform you that it has been decided to retire Mr. W.T.Phillips, Clerk and Stores Accountant in the R.C.E.Office M.D.No. 11, with effect from 1st. January, 1923. From that date it will be necessary for you to have this position filled by a man of the R.C.E.

In connection with Mr.Phillips' retirement, the following data has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, asking him to arrange for his retirement.

Date of Birth	September 10th. 1871
Age on retirement	51 years, 3 months.
Date of Appointment	(To Canadian Service) May 16, 1906.
Date of Retirement	January 1st, 1923.
Length of Service	16 years, 7½ months.
Salary on Retirement	$4.25 p.d. or $1551.25 p.a.
Gratuity Sec.3 (1)	2/12th x $1551.25... $258.54
Gratuity Sec.3 (3b)	6/12th x $1551.25... $775.62

Will you please arrange to have Mr Phillips notified accordingly.

Sgd.Clyde Caldwell,
Colonel D.E&S.
for Quartermaster-General.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE
CANADA

Minister's Office,
Ottawa,

16th December, 1922.

Dear General Currie:-

I have been out of town for a few days, and on my return find your letter of the 11th instant, written on behalf of Mr. T.W.Phillips, of Esquimalt, B.C.

I quite appreciate your interest in Mr. Phillips, but it was decided some time ago to have a permanently enlisted man look after the duties which Mr. Phillips has been performing. I understand his retirement was recommended two years ago, and in the present circumstances, whilst I would like to meet your recommendation in this matter, I really do not feel justified in retaining Mr. Phillips, as the work upon which he was employed can easily be done by one of the men in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Yours very truly,

Geo. P. Graham

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

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December
Eleventh
1922.

W. T. Phillips, Esq.,
519 Lampson Street,
Esquimalt, B. C.

My dear Mr. Phillips:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th November with enclosures as stated.

I suppose your case is being dealt with in strict accordance with the regulations and I should imagine that it would be difficult to induce the Government to put through a Special Order-in-Council making a special case of you. I have no political influence with the Government as I have taken no part in politics since my return to Canada and am generally regarded as being very independent in my views. However, I shall write to the Hon. Mr. Graham and say what I can in your favour. It is too bad that after thirty-two years of Government service you should be turned off just at the age wneh it is difficult to start anew.

With all good wishes and assuring you that I shall do my best, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December
Eleventh
1922.

Hon. George Graham,
Minister of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

I have received a letter from Mr. W.T.Phillips, 519 Lampson Street, Esquimalt, B.C., to which is attached copy pf one addressed to you on November 30th last.

I do not know what I can say on Mr. Phillips' behalf, because I suppose the Department is dealing with his case strictly in accordance with regulations. However, I have known Phillips for 25 or more years. He was a member of the permanent force stationed at Work Point and when I was a non-commissioned officer in the old 5th regiment, he, I think, was also Corporal in the Royal Engineers, afterwards transferring to the Royal Canadian Engineers. Since that time he has always been employed around the barracks, though in a civil capacity. He points out that he is in his 52nd year and that it is very difficult to start afresh. The fact that he has given thirty-two years of service to the Government should entitle him to special consideration.

I note that if he continues in the service for another three years he will qualify for superannuation. Governments, I know, often have a way of getting rid of a man in order to avoid that superannuation. I hope the dismissal of Phillips is not for such a purpose. He is a decent fellow and I hope that you will reconsider his dismissal.

Yours faithfully,

UNITED SERVICE LODGE

NO. 24. A. F. & A. M., B. C. R.
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

W. T. PHILLIPS
TREASURER

519 LAMPSON STREET
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

21st December 1922.

Sir A.W.Currie, G.C.B.
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear General Currie,

Thanks very much for your favor of 11th instant promising to write to Hon. Mr.Graham on my behalf. Immediately after I had written to the Minister and yourself I received a letter from the Civil Service Commission, stating that I had the right to appeal if I was not satisfied, so I have now submitted an appeal to the Commission very much along the lines of my letter to the Minister.

In regard to politics, I wasn't thinking so much of your political sympathies, but rather of your prestige in military matters, and the fact that you had known me personally as an N.C.O. as well as a member of the Civil staff under the Imperial Government.

I suppose this will reach you about the time I am assisting to install your successor in the O.C. of K.S. I havn't heard much of your masonic activities, but may say that lately I have been fairly busy again. At the present time I am Grand Supt. R.A.M. for Vancouver Island, besides taking a considerable interest in the Victoria Lodge pf Perfection A.& A.S.Rite. And of course am still in office in United Service.I think you once prophisied something to the effect that I was in office for life.

With kind regards, and Best Wishes of the Season,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W.T.Phillips

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December
Nineteenth
1922.

W. T. Phillips, Esq.,
519 Lampson Street,
Esquimalt, B. C.

Dear Mr. Phillips:-

In further reference to your letter of November 30th, the following is an extract from a letter I have just received from the Hon. Mr. Graham:-

> "I quite appreciate your interest in Mr. Phillips, but it was decided some time ago to have a permanently enlisted man look after the duties which Mr. Phillips has been performing. I understand his retirement was recommended two years ago, and in the present circumstances, whilst I would like to meet your recommendation in this matter, I really do not feel justified in retaining Mr. Phillips, as the work upon which he was employed can easily be done by one of the men in the Royal Canadian Engineers."

I am very sorry indeed that I have not been able to help you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

PHILLIPS, W. T.

DOCKET STARTS:

POOLEY, T.E.

March
Twenty-first
1 921.

T. E. Pooley, Esq.,
Agent, Vickers Limited,
P. O. Box 300,
Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Mr. Pooley:-

I was glad indeed to receive your letter of the 28th of February, and have to-day written to Sir George Foster in accordance with your wishes.

I hope the Canadian Government will see its way clear to give you the appointment, because I consider it highly desirable that Canada should have a direct representative in Egypt.

I am interested in what you tell me concerning your life since I last saw you in France. On two occasions since returning to Canada, once in the Fall of 1919 and again last June in Ottawa, I saw your brother Harry. He was looking very well I thought, and judging by the result of the elections last Fall in Esquimalt district, still retains a very firm hold on the regard of the people who know him best.

I thank you for your good wishes and may say that I enjoy my work in Montreal and also that next to Victoria I prefer living here to any other place in Canada.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

March
Twenty-first
1921.

The Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, P.C., K.C.M.G.,
Minister of Trade & Commerce,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir George Foster:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Mr. T. E. Pooley, who is the Agent for Vickers Limited in the area of Egypt, Palestine and the Soudan.

Mr. Pooley states that he has written to you asking that he might be appointed Consular Agent for Canada at Cairo. All I can say about him is that I knew him many years ago in Victoria, B.C. He is a qualified Barrister of that Province and comes of exceedingly fine English stock. He would be a creditable representative for Canada as far as integrity and social standing are concerned. He has always shewn commendable zeal for public service.

I know that he served in the South African war with Lord Strathcona's Horse and also served with the Canadian Railway troops in the late war. I do not think he can ever be classed as a brilliant man, but I do know that he is honest, fearless, and incapable of doing an unworthy action. He is well known, of course, to the Hon. Dr. Tolmie.

If Canada has no representative there and considers such representation desirable, I believe Mr. Pooley can acceptably fill the position.

I am, Sir,

Ever yours faithfully,

VICKERS LIMITED.

T. E. POOLEY,
AGENT FOR
EGYPT PALESTINE AND SOUDAN.

P.O.B. 300,

Cairo.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO

Enclosures 1.

28th February, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have written to Sir George Foster and I feel that it fully speaks for itself. I am writing to ask if you can see your way to put a word in for me to the Canadian Government. I would indeed esteem it as a favour if you would do so, as I know it would go a very long way towards securing me the appointment.

I am firmly of the opinion that if we wish to develop Canadian Foreign Trade we must have Canadians appointed in various parts of the world to foster and encourage it. The United Kingdom besides having its Consuls has also a special Overseas Trade representative here to look after trade interests. America has also representatives in addition to their Consul & the Australian & New Zealand Governments have as a result of their representation done considerable trade direct with the Egyptian Government.

NO TO General Sir Arthur W. Currie. DATE 28.2.21.

I consider the individual appointed must be a Canadian and as I have had considerable trade experience in this territory and of course am very anxious to keep myself in as close connection with Canada as possible, I am of the opinion I am well suited to the position.

On leaving France in 1918 with an injured knee I was kept 5 months in hospital, mostly in bed. On coming out they would not let me return to France and I was given a job in the Ministry of Munitions & from there into Vickers Ltd. At the termination of the War I was asked to come to this country by that firm as their General Agent. This was owing to my past experience in this country, and I have been here now since early 1919.

I hope you are in the best of health and that you like your new appointment, which none more delighted than I to hear you have received.

Yours sincerely,

J. E. Loosley

To:-
General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B. etc. etc.
McGill University,
MONTREAL,
Canada.

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T. E. POOLEY,
AGENT FOR
EGYPT PALESTINE AND SOUDAN.

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P.O.B. 300,

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24th February, 1921.

Enclosures 1.

To:-
The Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster
. . . . . G.C.M.G., P.C.
Minister of Trade & Commerce,
OTTAWA,
Canada.

Sir,

I have the honour to herewith make application to you for appointment as Official Commercial Agent or Trade Representative of the Dominion of Canada in this territory viz: Egypt, Soudan & Palestine.

I enclose herewith a statement giving information concerning myself and by which you will notice I am the General Agent & Representative of Messrs. Vickers of London in the territory mentioned. I can perhaps recall myself to your memory in referring to your kindly interest at the time of my obtaining a Commission in Lord Strathcona's Horse in 1900, when I was staying with Maj. Genl. Sir Edward Hutton in Ottawa.

Being Canadian born and naturally having the interests of Canada very much at heart, I am fimmly of the

opinion that an individual should be appointed in this territory to assist and develop Canadian trade interests. Particularly so with the approaching Palestine and Soudan development. It is absolutely essential that such Representative should be well acquainted with this territory and preferably a Canadian. As I have over 10 years experience here in important work and trade, I consider I am well suited to fill the position.

The American trade is, under the active assistance of the American Consul, making great endeavours here and I am convinced that Canada can also find a good opening. Especially will this be the case so long as Canadian exchange remains more favourable to this country than America. The American trade is also doing considerable local advertising, some of which I understand is the direct expenditure of their Consulate.

Other countries also have their Commercial Representative here & in some cases in addition to their Consulates.

It is surprising to me as a Canadian how little Canada and matters Canadian are known in this territory. Australia and New Zealand trade is developing since the war. If there was some recongnized Representative here and a source for information & advice opened up, some of the trade

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that is going to Australia, New Zealand & America could be diverted to Canada. In addition, responsible Canadian Houses could be brought into connection with responsible firms here and vice versa. The need of such a Representative here is shown by the fact that as I am well known to be a Canadian, I am constantly receiving enquiries regarding Canada and its possibilities of trade. I am in most cases unable to answer the latter or at least not as fully & confidently as I would wish. This is on account of lack of up to date information and close official connection with Canadian interests. Firms having Canadian enquiries for sugar, oranges from Palestine etc. have approached me and recently the Government have enquired regarding the supply of Railway Sleepers. I have also lately at my own expense been cabling to Canadian Contractors in the possibility of getting them interested in certain projected contracts here.

There will shortly be following on "Lord Milner's Report" a number of Englishmen leaving Government employ with a certain amount of Capital, they have been enquiring from me regarding Canada and as they would become good citizens, I have advised them accordingly. This year alone I have already issued 5 letters of introduction to people going to Canada, so that they may fall into the

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right channels.

Recently there appeared in the local press certain articles concerning Canada and particularly British Columbia, which in my opinion were not only misleading, but the advice conveyed was incorrect, and which, if followed by certain people, would probably have left them stranded & disgusted on arrival. Had I been in an official position I could have corrected these articles with more weight.

Although I have not yet received official sanction from Messrs. Vickers Ltd. to accept an additional appointment, yet unofficially I am informed that they would not object provided their interests were in no way neglected. I am firmly of the opinion that the two appointments could be very favourably worked together and in no way conflict. If I was not of that opinion I would certainly not make this application.

There are cases existing in this part of the world of Englishmen representing English firms and at the same time being Consuls or Vice Consuls of Countries outside the British Empire. I mention this as it might appear that I could not hold the position of Canadian Trade Representative and at the same time represent an English firm. I however consider I should be more favourably considered for that very reason as my work would be strictly

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devoted to trade within the Empire & opposed to foreign interests. I also would be able to undertake the representation on a suitable footing at a smaller remuneration than that which would be necessary for a Special Representative devoted solely to that work, which I do not consider the market at present warrants. He would have to be a very high salaried official in order to keep on an equal footing & coordinate with those holding a similar local position. This being almost a new market for Canadian trade, it will require considerable cultivating and in order to do so, some individual must be appointed here as a center from which reliable information can be obtained and Canada's productions brought to light and interests kept to the fore. In general trade which America, Australia & New Zealand & countries outside the Empire find beneficial could largely be competed for by Canadian firms, if they were only given an opportunity or a channel.

As regards remuneration for my work I am quite prepared to accept such terms as you may consider fair and just, believing that the Government will take into consideration further increase in such remuneration as results may justify.

As a guidance to you in settling this question, and showing expenses that would be incurred outside

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remuneration, I would point out that wages for Europeans, Office accommodation and living expenses here are much higher than in Canada. The appointment would necessitate my adding at least one clerk or typist, probably both to my staff according to the amount of work entailed through necessary reports and correspondence. Such clerk or typist should be European owing to the necessity of confidence, which cannot be guaranteed in an Egyptian, and British nationality for preference. A young European clerk gets from £20. to £30. a month and a girl typist from £15. to £20. These are the reduced scale, recently they were much higher. I would require extra office room, amounting to one or two extra rooms, the rental for which amounts to £4. or £5. each a month. There are also the expenses connected with occasional hire of carriages and travelling to various centers in this territory, making the round two or three times a year. Local travelling could always be done in connection with my other work and therefore at reduced rates. This would be particularly applicable to Soudan & Palestine.

In addition to the above there would be the cost of official advertising and Office stationery and supplies and printing when necessary, also cables and postage.

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There would also be the cost of advertising for Canadian firms to enable them to establish suitable connections with those interested, amd cables to them, these would be payable by the firms concerned.

From the above I estimate expenses here would be as follows:-

Clerk	£30.
Typist	20.
2 Rooms office	10.
Carriages & travelling etc.etc.	15.
Total per month about...	£75.

or £900 the year. This does not include office stationery, printing, telephone rental, postage, official advertising as distinguished from that for private firms. Also to suitably furnish 2 extra rooms and extra typewriter would cost about £100.

Further as I am a qualified Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, it might be convenient to the Canadian Government to appoint me either as a Notary Public or Commissioner for oaths for Canada.

In giving the above estimates for expenses I am making full provision for coping with the work I consider will probably have to be undertaken. As however I am not aware of the general Conditions governing your Commercial Agents and what is required of them in the way of reports etc., there may be less work involved than I am assuming

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to be the case and in which event the services of an extra clerk might be dispensed with. I will of course be fully informed of your requirements and leave the question of my remuneration to be decided by you in accordance therewith.

You are no doubt aware that the United Kingdom has residing here, besides Consuls & Vice Consuls in various towns, a Special Representative appointed by the Overseas Trade Dept. In addition to the American Consuls, there is the American Foreign Trade Corporation Offices being opened up. Australia & New Zealand have also made a local appointment to look after their trade interests.

In placing this application before you I hope it may meet with your early & favourable consideration & should there be any further information required regarding myself, or matters in this territory I shall be very pleased to supply it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. E.

Representative,
Messrs. Vickers Ltd.

Re T.E. Pooley.

Son of the late Hon. C.E. Pooley, K.C., Victoria B.C. Born in Victoria B.C. Aug. 18th 1876. Educated Bradfield College, England. Barrister & Solicitor, Supreme Court of B.C. 5 years officer, 5th Regt. Canadian Artillery, 1900 to 1903 Lt. Lord Stratheona's Horse, direct commission Royal Horse & Field Artillery 1900, while serving in South Africa. King & Queen's Medal and 7 clasps. 3 times mentioned in dispatches. Retired from Army 1905 and appointed Assistant Manager Egyptian Delta Light Railways, Egypt, resigned 1910 to look after interests of London Financial Group in Egypt. Returned to B.C. in 1912 on death of father. Manager Twine & Cordage Mills, Philadelphia U.S.A. and retired in 1915 to join the Army. On account of injured knee failed in Medical examination for Royal Artillery; Engaged in recruiting in Eastern Canada by the Canadian Government and finally obtained Commission in Railway Troops (3 C.R.T.) and crossed with them to France. On account further injury to knee in March 1918 while in France was 4.1/2 months in hospital. On release was attached to Munitions Dept. at War Office for inspection of Ammunition & fuzes and appointed to Vickers Ltd. On the signing of peace appointed by Vickers Ltd. as their General Agent & Representative for Egypt, Palestine & Soudan. Married 1912 Jane Rosalie only daughter of late J.H. Morice of Philadelphia, two children.

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Dear Sir Arthur.

I have to thank you for your kindness in giving me a letter to Lord Byng, which will certainly assist me considerably.

I wish to explain that it was not my original intention on calling on you in Montreal to ask for this letter. I wished to pay my respects in congratulations etc and at the same time to confidentially communicate something which might be of interest to you regarding B.C. I hope however to be in a better position to do so on my return from there. At any rate between here and there I hope to accomplish something which may be of considerable benefit to the good old Province.

Please give my kind regards to Lady Currie and I regret that I was unable to have the pleasure of calling on her. Again thanking you for your kind response to a request which I fear was somewhat hastily and abruptly made.

I am Yours sincerely

T.E. Cooley.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

MINISTER'S OFFICE

CANADA

C.
OTTAWA
March 24th, 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have yours of the 21st in regard to Mr. T.E.Pooley and note what you say with reference to him.

I shall be glad to make a note of this for consideration in respect to the appointment he seeks.

Yours very truly,

Geo. E. Foster

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Gen. Sir Arthur A W Currie.
595 Sherbrooke Street. W.
City.

Dear Sir:-

You must forgive the presumption but desperation causes one to resort to desperate measures. My reason for coming to you is that, as we were both members of the original Second Brigade, sentiment may cause you to help us out of the fix we are in.

I tried to see you personally but an interview was denied me.

This is the situation. Memory and myself embarked upon this business a short time ago expecting success. We now find that it takes time to work up a business and although there is no doubt of ultimate success, yet, we find ourselves unable to meet our expenses.

I am perfectly frank with you. Neither of us can raise any money and the immediate future looks very black.

Will you please help us?. There are so many ways. Your influence could secure work for us. That is what we want. Not charity. The University of which you are the head must give out a deal of work. Some was promised us but we cannot wait. Immediate help is needed and as in those dark days of war we look to our General for assistance.

If my presumption annoys, try to realize the desperate position we are in and you will fully understand my motives.

Hoping you will favourably receive this communication.

Yours truly.

J. W. Powell.

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Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I am very anxious to ascertain something about the character and ability of Captain H. S. Quigley. I am informed that you are acquainted with Captain Quigley and are familiar with his activities during the War, and it has also occurred to me that you may have some knowledge of his activities since the War as a flying pilot and director of flying operations.

Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated and treated as strictly confidential.

Yours truly,

Harcourt Ferguson

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March 30th, 1926.

Harcourt Ferguson, Esq., K.C.,
Crown Life Building,
59 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 27th of March asking my opinion of the character and ability of Captain Quigley, let me say that it gives me pleasure to testify favourably in his behalf.

When I first knew Quigley he was a Corporal in the Signal Section of the 2nd Infantry Brigade which I commanded at the beginning of the war. He did exceptionally well at the 2nd Battle of Ypres, shewing that he possessed all kinds of pluck, outstanding cheerfulness and dependability. It was with pleasure and confidence as to his future success that I recommended him for a commission in the Flying Corps, where I believe he had an equally splendid career. Since the war I know that he has continued in the Flying Service, flying for large commercial interests and giving, I believe, every satisfaction.

I have not seen him for a year or so, but I always liked him, had confidence in him and am happy to recommend him to you.

Yours faithfully,

Request.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W. J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

March 29, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 27th instant, recommending Col.J.G.Rattray D.S.O., of Winnipeg, for the advertised position of Emigration Agent, Great Britain.

There are two vacancies of the above nature and a written examination in connection with same was held last week, at which I presume Col.Rattray wrote. It will largely depend upon the result of this examination as to who will be appointed to the two positions in question, but I can assure you that every consideration will be given Col.Rattray's qualifications before an appointment is made.

Yours very truly,

W J Roche

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

March
Twenty-seventh
1923.

Colonel J. G. Rattray, D.S.O.,
58 Horne Street,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Colonel:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd and note that you are applying for the position of Emigration Agent in Great Britain.

I shall have much pleasure in writing to the Hon. Dr. Roche of the Civil Service Commission saying what I can in your favour.

With all good wishes and hoping that you will get a start again soon, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

5-8 Home St
Winnipeg
March 22nd 1923

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

Dear Gen Currie.

I am still on the look out for a job. I have got base [illegible] me - that is Immigration Agent in Great Britain.

I thought the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa I have written on the prescribed examinations for this position. But there are a great many applicants so I will need some help at the proper place.

If you are not too busy and have the inclination would it be too much to ask to drop a line to some person whom you think could do something for me?

I have been out of a job too long now and nothing definite in sight as yet.

Spring is very slow in coming. Expect very cold and stormy.

With kindest regards

Sincerely Yours
J G Slattery

March
Twenty-seventh
1923.

Hon. Dr. Roche,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Roche:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Colonel J. G. Rattray, D.S.O., of Winnipeg.

You probably know Rattray as well as I do but he has written to me saying that he is anxious to get a position in the Emigration Service in Great Britain. Rattray is a decent fellow. He is honest and capable and I would like very much to see him get a position.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Evidence submitted by

G.R. McNicol in support of Re-Establishment Resolution, presented by the Dominion Veterans Alliance and Suggestions of Bonus by Grand Army United Veterans.

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Honourable Chairman,

Honourable Lady & Gentlemen,-

86,811 Disabled Men Need Further Assistance.

I wish to submit for your kind consideration the general condition of disabled ex-service men who have been recognized by the Board of Pension Commission as attributable to War Service. This class affects, approximately, 86,811 men or 18% of all discharged ex-service members of the C.E.F. The above also, includes the category of which entitles them to vocational training of which figures prove 51,000 took advantage.

These men have suffered considerably and readily realize that it is beyond the Government's power to completely recompense them for their loss through War service. Their pensions range from $5. to $100.00 per month. according to percentage of disability. Such pensions are not awarded for service or wounds but for the loss or lessening of normal abilities, such as walking, stooping, hearing, seeing, etc. While they are thus recompensed, it is not sufficient to overcome the handicap and disadvantages in not being able to accept opportunities that arise from time to time.

Over 90% have to seek employment in the labour market; they are continually breaking down and not able to work steadily; therefore it is only the sympathetic employer that will employ them and the average employer does not come under this category.

The Vocational Training has proven quite inadequate and been admitted by Officials of D.S.C.R. Then, Honourable Lady and Gentlemen, the question arises how these men can be re-established to sufficiently earn and maintain a liberal standard of living, to guarantee health, education and all necessities which go to make up a standard of living worthy of Canadian citizenship.

Therefore, if these men were given a re-establishment bonus, it would enable them to start a small business of their own, in which their wife or dependents could assist when health did not permit activity; or they could purchase a small home and in spare time or while unemployed, could assist themselves considerably by gardening or raising other commodities of life, and thus cut down living expenses.

27,000 Land Settlers Need Assistance.

Then, there are approximately 27,000 ex-service men who have taken advantage of The Land Settlement Act. These men are worthy of further consideration as has been proven beyond a doubt by other witnesses. Therefore, if a re-establishment bonus was paid it would take considerable off the pricnipal, thus encouraging the settler by making his payments and interest lighter at a time when general conditions are bad; which would overcome the difficulty, The Land Settlement Board is confronted with, at present, Depression and crop-failures, make the settleer believe he has lost his equity and is therefore discouraged and ready to quit.

The above figures, namely 27,000 (Land Settleers) and 86,811 (Pensioners) making a total of 113,811 or 24% , which according to summary of D.S.C.R.'s activities to Dec.31/21 have received assistance.

419,916 Discharged as Al not Adequately Re-established

Then, the third class, which require your earnest consideration and assistance is the ex-service man, discharged physically fit, which represents 419,916 or approximately 76% of the men who come under the purview of your committee. The only assistance available for these men was the original gratuity and the un-employment fund of the Winter of 1919, which in several ways was a detrement to the industrious ex-service man; as the employer was fully cognizant of the facts that should he lay off ~~an~~ ex-service employees, they would receive from $60.00 to $100.00 per month while his civilian employees would not receive any assistance. These conditions had a tendency to encourage the employer to discharge ex-service men and retain civilians.

Several cases were brought to the attention of Soldier's Organizations, where men who had been promised steady work were discharged and this was the only apparent reason. Not more than 20% this victimized have been able to locate a permanent position.

Honourable Members, please allow your memory to drift back to 1919 and follow conditions from then; 419,916 men were placed on the labour market, when general industry was disorganized throughout Canada, in changing from implements of destruction to industries of peace.

Then we must quote the statments of our late Government

officials and in their own words.

"Shortly after the Armistice, it was recognized that treatment might have to be provided for former members of the forces who were suffering from disabilities not directly attributable to War service, but which might have been indirectly caused thereby. Owing to a temporary lowered physical resistance to epedemic, or other conditions, power was thefefore taken to grant free treatment and medicine to all former members of the forces who might fall ill during twelve months following the date of retirement or discharge. Some thousands of men have in this way secured free medical treatment and this concession has been much appreciated No pay and allowances were granted."

The Medical Officials state that the thousands of men referred to, were suffering indirectly from War service. But what of their dependents? The bread-winner in hospital perhaps for 2, 6 or 8 months, no pay and allowance and the high cost ofliving that existed in 1919. A few weeks illness would put them several hundred dollars in debt and they have had no chance to redeem themselves since.

Surely there is a justifiable reason to ask for assistance on behalf of these men. Then we ask you to consider the need of assistance to those who have returned physically fit but with prospects greatly damaged by their absence on War-service. This is a very real problem. If a large number of men are prevented by lack of means from continuing their training for professional or industrial life, not only will they suffer themselves, but the country at large, from lack of services they would, if qualified, have rendered. It is also likely to suffer if there are many, who

from want of a little help at the start, are prevented from becoming independent in industrial or commercial occupations, for men with a permanent grievance are a menace to any community, and also there is no more valuable class of citizen than the man who is working for himself in however small a way.

There is not the slightest doubt that many men who were fortunate enough to escape disablement suffered greatly in their prospects because of their patriotic action in enlisting. Businesses were given up in some cases, which it is well nigh impossible to start again. Chances of partnership were lost. Situations were left, which are not now open. Young doctors and lawyers abandoned their practices, which they find very hard to gather again. Students, both at universities and in industrial schools, gave up their studies to enroll themselves and unless they did so under the age of eighteen find themselves now in the position of not only having lost very valuable years, but in many cases of being without ~~en~~ the necessary means to continue their interrupted studies. Also, there is no doubt that in spite of separation allowances, debts and mortgages on homes were often inevitably incurred as a result of the reduced earning capacity and absence of the bread winner.

Those, too, who were in training for commercial, industrial or professional careers, suffered heavily by having that training interrupted for several years at a most crucial period, so that whatever allowances are made or extra courses arranged, they find themselves somewhat handicapped from the loss of time. It is not difficult to realize the acute disappointment therefore, of men who, while prepared to face the severe handicap entailed by the interruption of their training, now find themselves obliged,

through lack of assistance they should have, to abandon all hope of completing their training. To have put themselves voluntary behind in the race, for patriotic motives, is, we claim a sufficiently heavy sacrifice; but to have lost their chance altogether is very hard to bear.

Thousands of men sacrificed positions, businesses, farms and other enterprises in which they had sunk the savings of a lifetime to develop, and now upon their return to civil life the former threads must be picked up if possible, but with little hope of real success, unless by financial assistance which would accrue if the bonus project becomes adopted.

The great need for further re-establishment has always been recognized by the three major soldiers' organizations, namely, Army and Navy Veterans, Great War Veterans, and Grand Army United Veterans, and during the past year each organization at their annual convention, passed resolutions requesting adequate re-establishment for all ex-service men.

Public opinion throughout Canada supports the ex-service men in their requests for adequate re-establishment, and we submit the following evidence to support this fact.

In 1920 Organized Labour held their Dominion Convention in Hamilton, Ontario, and unanimously endorsed a resolution in favour of further re-establishment for our ex-service men and in this they still concur. The above statements prove the toilers of Canada wish just treatment on behalf of our returned men and are ready to contribute their share to same.

We next draw your attention to the resolution passed at the Liberal Convention in the City of Ottawa, August 8, 1919.

1. "Whereas, it is considered that the guiding principle

for a permanent settlement of the problem of civil re-establishment should be equitable treatment to soldiers in all vocations, having regard to length and nature of service.

"Resolved that this convention declares that the adoption of a system of cash grants to the soldiers and dependents of those who have fallen is the most satisfactory and effective means of civil re-establishment, such grants to be in addition to any gratuity and to any pension for disability resulting from service.

This Convention represented a large percentage of our leading and most esteemed citizens gathered together to represent their followers from all parts of the Dominion. Therefore, the opinion of such a great and representative body cannot be lightly passed over without realizing the need for further re-establishment.

In view of the fact that over 400,000 of the ex-service men have not received any assistance since 1919, the indisputable fact is that if the re-establishment refered to in above paragraphs was necessary in 1919 it is of greater necessity now.

Therefore, we feel we can give your committee the assurance of this great party as they would not be-little themselves to withdraw such a glorious resolution based on such justifiable grounds.

The following are questions sent to the Honourable Leaders on November 22/21, by Grand Army United Veterans, and we feel justified in quoting our Honourable Prime Minister's letter as proof of him being in favour of further re-establishment. Had he not considered Clause (1) justifiable no doubt he would have stated frankly that in this clause he did not concur.

QUESTIONS: 1. The re-establishment of ex-service men and women by the payment of a re-establishment bonus, based on the length of service, which, when added to the gratuity already

received, would be at least equal to the highest amount paid by any country to its ex-service men and women who served in the Great War.

2. Pensions sufficient to completely compensate for loss of earning power on the basis of one dollar per month for each per cent of disability, and in the meantime present bonus on Pensions to be made permanent.

3. Pensions for the widows and orphans sufficient to enable them to live up to the Canadian standard of living.

4. Pensions to be paid to parents of deceased ex-service men and women.

5. That an amount equal to one year's pension be made payable on the death of pensioner, to compensate those who have assumed responsibility for sick and funeral expenses of said deceased pensioner.

6. Preference to be given in appointments to Civil Service (qualifications being equal) to ex-service men, and such appointments to be made permanent after six months' satisfactory service.

7. Insurance against sickness and unemployment.

8. Restriction of immigration and rigid exclusion of all Asiatic and alien enemies.

9. The erection and maintenance of Homes by Federal Government for aged and indigent Veterans.

10. Apportionment to be made forthwith to all ex-service men and women of the amount due in cash owing to the loss due to exchange of army pay and allowances during overseas service.

11. Employment to be found in Government service for all pensioners instructed by medical boards to obtain light employment.

12. That all ex-service men and women who have received gratuity in lieu of pension be entitled to re-board on application.

Answers to above questions:

Ottawa, November 26, 1921.

Mr. J.F. Marsh,
Dominion Secretary, G.A.U.V.,
19 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Marsh,-

I received only at midnight on Saturday, your letter of November 22nd requesting on behalf of the Grand Army of United Veterans, a statement from me as the Leader of the Liberal Party regarding re-establishment proposals of the Grand Army of United Veterans, authorized by the Dominion Board of Directors at a special meeting held in Toronto on Sunday, November 13th and submitted to the leaders of all political parties and to individual candidates for Federal elections.

In considering the reply I should make to each of the several proposals, I am obliged to recognize that it is impossible for me to expect any dissociation, in the public mind or in the mind of any of the members of your association, of views expressed by myself as an individual candidate on the present elections from views expressed by me as one who also carries the responsibility of a leader of one of the political parties. I presume it is primarily as the Leader of the Liberal Party that you wish me to reply. If, therefore, in the reply I am making, I find it necessary to speak in general rather than in specific terms with respect to the proposals submitted, I hope you will not feel that this is owing to any desire to evade clear and definite responsibility, but rather to be perfectly sure in my own mind that, in the expression of views I am making, I may rely with confidence upon the wholehearted and active support of my fellow Liberals in all parts of the country.

I believe that the whole matter of further re-establishment of soldiers, and all questions incidental thereto, should be reopened and reconsidered by the new parliament, which fortunately will be more representative in its character than the parliament which has just been dissolved. In this connection, I would favour the appointment at the next session of Parliament, of a committee of the House of Commons, empowered to take into consideration all of the suggestions contained in the re-establishment proposals submitted. I would further favour the committee being given the widest powers to consider all matters relevant to these proposals and having no restrictions placed upon its findings by the Government.

I should like to add that, speaking for myself personally, I should not hesitate to endorse the principles underlying practically all of the several resolutions and that any influence I may have with respect to these or kindred matters will be gladly exerted at any and all times with a view to seeing that the returned men and the dependents of those who sacrificed life or health in the Great War are dealt with not only justly but generously.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) W.L. Mackenzie King.

The evidence submitted by Sir Thomas White to the Parliamentary Committee of 1919 re Canada's inability to finance further assistance to re-establish her ex-service men, was quoted by Committee as their reason for refusing such assistance as was requested at that time.

Please allow me also, Sir, to include in my evidence, quotations of Sir Thomas White in a book entitled "The Story of Canada's War Finance," By Sir Thomas White in 1921.

The Three Victory Loans were the greatest financial achievement of Canada during the War. They were floated in 1917, 1918 and 1919 respectively, and raised an aggregate of more than ~~Seventeen~~ Seventeen Hundred Million Dollars. That this astounding sum, which was almost twice the amount of all the deposits in all the chartered banks before the War, should have been made available for the purposes of the Government from the savings of the people of Canada, was probably as surprising to ourselves as to the outside world. Suggestions have not been wanting that Canada could have raised as large sums through public issues made to her own people before the War, but that we never suspected our ability to do it, and

consuequently always did our national borrowing in London and New York. This view overlooks the fact that our War loans were really subscribed by the public from the savings made during the War itself. There is real truth in statements which were made frequently by economists that nations pay for wars as they go along. Productive enterprises are of necessity greatly stimulated. This, coupled with the constantly increasing rise in wages and in the price of commodities, produces an enormous amount of credit, or money so called, which finds its way into the pockets and savings accounts of the public. This money is available for subscriptions to Government loans.

The business which Canada obtained through the financing afforded by Victory Loans enabled us to pay our War expenditures abroad as we went along and finish with a large balance to our credit.

Canada's people saved from the earnings of the War $1,700,000.000 besides land and other investments. We ask you Honourable Lady and Gentlemen, are not the men who made this achievement possibly justified in requesting a small portion of all war prosperity? In other words, the interest paid to the people of Canada annually for money loaned, is over $93,000.000 and in 3 years would finance requests which we submit for your consideration.

The argument so often used that the soldiers won the war and then pay the cost is returned to amply proved by these figures.

One of the noblest memorials Canada could erect to memory of her heroes would be to care for the widows, orphans and dependents of our dead comrades, and to re-establish in civil life those who have been spared to return.

DOCKET ENDS:

RE-ESTABLISHMENT BOARD

DOCKET STARTS:

RICHARDS, A. R.

Harbour Commissioners of Quebec,

Office of the Chief Engineer

Re 1st

Quebec, ~~May 9th 1925~~

Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
M o n t r e al.

My dear Colonel,

In pursuance to my letter of 6th instant, I am forwarding copy of a letter received from Hon. E.L. Patenaude, President of the Golf Club Laval sur le Lac, with reference to the veteran Richards who wrote Sir Arthur Currie.

I know Mr. Patenaude and I am writing him that I hope it will be possible for him soon to satisfy the desire of Richards.

Yours very truly,

P. D. Lumsden

PATENAUDE, MONETTE, FILION ET BOYER, AVOCATS,

329 Avenue Viger,

MONTREAL, 7 mai 1925

COPY

Monsieur T.L. Tremblay, Brigadier Général,

A/s Commission du Port de Québec,

Q u é b e c.

Mon cher Général,

Je recois votre lettre.

M. Richards a travaillé au chalet du Club de Golf Laval sur le Lac, dans le cours de l'année derniere, et il a du quitter le service comme tous les autres employés le 1er novembre, à la fin de la saison.

Le gérant du Club est chargé de recruter le personnel requis pour le service, et nous avons cette année un nouveau Gérant qui a déja recruté son personnel. M. Richards aurait écrit dans le cours de l'hiver à l'ancien gérant qui a omis de transmettre au nouveau les lettres qu'il aurait recues de M. Richards.

Je n'ai pas de doute que le nouveau gérant aurait engagé M. Richards s'il eut connu qu'il était pret a revenir à Laval au printemps. Mais il n'avait aucune nouvelle de lui, et il ne connaissait même pas son adresse.

J'ai communiqué avec le gérant en recevant votre lettre, et je lui ai expliqué le cas de M. Richards. Il m'a dit qu'il avait eu la visite de M. Richards, il y a quelques jours, et qu'il l'aurait alors employé s'il avait pu lui donner de l'ouvrage, ajoutant qu'il lui paraissait impossible de congédier un employés pour accommoder M. Richards. Je lui ai alors demandé de se rappeler son nom et de tacher de l'accommoder si c'était possible, dans le cours de la saison.

Veuillez agréer, mon cher Général, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleures.

ELP/VM (SIGNE) E.L. Patenaude.

St Gregoire
30 April 25

Sir Arthur Currie
Sherbrooke St. West

Dear Sir

I trust you will extend to me your courteous indulgence for this trespass upon your valuable time

Referring to your good humour for the return Soldiers I will ask you to help me

Last summer I was employ at Laval sur le lac Golf club, and having made and application for my job this summer again I was refuse by the new boss Mr Gagnon Last Monday and he give my job to a man without army service and he turn me out, I base my letter on the fact I am 28 years old and married with three little girl and having served with the 22 Batt and send home disable on october 1918 at present out of employment; please help me to have my old job again

My record and habit are above reproach, and my reference are among the best

Hoping to received a favorable reply Sir
one of your old boy

Aggee Roger Richards
St Gregoire.
Box. 92. Co nicolet

Harbour Commissioners of Quebec,

Office of the Chief Engineer

Quebec, ~~May 6th 1925~~

Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel,

I am returning Richard's letter to Sir Arthur Currie.

I do not remember the man by name, as several Richards have served in the 22nd batallion. The man gives no reason as to why he was refused re-employment, so I have taken the liberty of sending to the President of the Club, Honorable E.L. Patenaude, copy of Richard's letter to Sir Arthur. When I receive his answer, I will communicate with you.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Rumsay

DOCKET ENDS:

RICHARDS, A. R.

DOCKET STARTS:

RICKARD, E. E.

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April 3rd, 1925.

Captain E. E. Rickard,
2126 - 5th Street W.,
Calgary, Alta.

My dear Captain Rickard:-

Replying to your letter of March 6th let me say that I have to-day written the Hon. Jacques Bureau saying what I could in your behalf. I hope my letter does you no harm but I have a most positive impression that the Civil Service distinctly forbids any one on the outside writing to them to influence the promotion of one in their employ. I know this to be so because it came up in connection with a letter I wrote for a man employed in the Post Office Department.

I am very glad to hear of you again. One if not likely soon to forget those who were comrades in the second battle of Ypres. Just ten years ago now we were out training at Estaires I remember very well where the 10th Bn. were billetted. After I got to know them I always had the highest regard for the 10th and there was no finer fighting unit in the Canadian Army.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully.

April 4th, 1925.

Personal

Hon. Jacques Bureau,
Minister of Customs and Excise,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

I hope you will pardon the liberty I am taking in writing to you on behalf of one E. E. Rickard, now in the Customs Department at Calgary, who is, I believe, applying for the position of "Investigator of Values" at Vancouver.

Of course, I have no knowledge of Mr. Rickard's qualifications for such a position because I do not know just what it involves, but I do know that he is an old servant in the Customs Department, that he served overseas with the 10th Battalion, which was in my old Brigade, and that he was promoted by myself on the field after the second battle of Ypres for meritorious and gallant conduct during that battle. I know, therefore, that he possesses some good qualities and I hope his service will be regarded with sufficient favour to justify you giving him promotion, if that is possible.

I know that departments do not care to receive letters from the outside with reference to the promotion of their own staff and if I have been too bold I hope you will not hold it against Mr. Rickard.

Yours faithfully,

April 3rd, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel Eric MacDonald,D.S.O.,
106 Spadina Road,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Eric:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 1st of April with reference to Rickard. I dare say I would know him if I saw his photograph but his name did not call up anything to my mind.

I was glad to learn lately that you had taken on with the Permanent Force. I hope you are happy in it and I know they are fortunate in having you as a colleague.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

106 Spadina Road,
Toronto, Ontario,
1st April, 1925.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Colonel Robinson, the D. S. & T. O. of this district read a letter to me over the phone, written by you and addressed to General Bell, in which you asked if I could furnish any information about Mr. E. E. Rickard, late of the 10th Battalion. It was suggested, in view of the fact that your letter concerning him should reach its destination by the 7th instant, that I should write you direct.

My recollection of Rickard is that he was "an original" N. C. O.; that he received his commission immediately after the Ypres, (1915); show; acted as a Company Officer for a short period; (and, if I remember correctly, also, as Quartermaster.) He left the Battalion at "Plugstreet" and served the rest of the war period either in England or Canada. He would be, I think, about fifty years old now. My associations with him were very limited, but the impression he left with me is rather favourable and I feel sure you need have little hesitancy in recommending him.

With many kind regards, I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Eric MacDonald.

March 31st, 1925.

Brigadier-General A. H. Bell,C.M.G.,D.S.O.,
G.O.C., M. D. No. 2,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear General:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from one E. E. Rickard who signs himself "Captain, late of the 10th Bn". He asks me to recommend him for a position and reminds me that he was a Sergeant-Major with the 10th Bn. and was promoted by myself in France.

I am sorry that I cannot recollect Rickard and it is too late to write to Dan Ormond at Regina. I believe Lieut.-Colonel Eric McDonald,D.S.O., has joined the permanent force and is now attached to the Army Service Corps in Toronto. If this is so will you send for Eric and ask him to give me a report on Rickard. He is now employed in the Customs Department at Calgary and is applying for a position as Investigator of Values in the Customs at Vancouver. He asks me to write to the Minister of Customs before April 7th, so if Eric can give me any information he must send it to me at once.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

2126. 5th Street W.
Calgary
Alberta
March. 26. 25.

Gen Sir Arthur Currie.

Dear Sir!

I am asking your indulgance for taking the liberty of seeking a favour of you.
In the first place, I will explain who I am, and then the nature of my request.

I have no doubt, my name will have passed from your memory, taking into consideration the vast amount of men you were continually meeting; however, I will ask you to go back to May 1915. just after the Second Battle of Ypres, I was then a Sgt major in the 10th Battalion 2nd Brigade, and had the honour of being given my commission in the Field, by yourself. an incident I shall never forget, together with the remarks you expressed at that time.

... Before enlisting for overseas, I was in the British for years, and worked in the Customs at Calgary, to which I returned on the expiration of the war. My prolonged absence naturally effected my chance of promotion, and now, I am still holding the same job as I did 10 years ago; now there is a chance of advancement as "Investigator of Values" at Vancouver, which position I am applying for, and very anxious to obtain; what I feel I need, is a recomendation from an extra influential source, and so I am asking

you to do, what I shall esteem a great favour, by writing the Hon Jaques Bureau, Minister of Customs and Excise, a letter, boosting me a little. I feel, men who have been Soldiers, should receive a little preferance, sometimes, and I am also certain, a good word or two from you just at this time, would help my chance of obtaining this position very materially.

I regret bothering you Sir, but hope you will be good enough to grant my request, by putting in a good word for me, and also ask you to please get the communication away without delay, as the applications close on April 7th, and will be dealth with, without delay.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to remain

Your obedient servant.

E. E. Rickard.

late Capt. 10th Batt.

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY DISTRICT No.2
TORONTO, ONT.

2nd April 1925.

My dear Sir Arthur;-

As requested by you, in your letter of the 31st ultimo., I took up with Lt-Col.Eric McDonald the matter of reporting upon Capt.E.E.Rickard. As time was short Colonel McDonald mailed his report direct to you. Trusting that you have received the information you require, and with very kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A.H.Bell

General Sir Arthur W.Currie,G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

MINISTER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
CANADA

Ottawa, 6th April, 1925.

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Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

W. W. Foote

Private Secretary.

ZC.

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RICKARD, E.E.

DOCKET STARTS:

ROBERTS, E

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Re est

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL December 21st, 1921.

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant and enclosed extract from letter to you from Lieut. Roberts.

I quite appreciate Lieut. Roberts' desire to escape from the enervating climate of Wilmington, N.C., but if I were in his place I would not contemplate a change during the present time when climatic conditions are less disagreeable than they will be in the Spring. I am moved to this conclusion probably by the difficulty in placing a man of his experience in Canada in view of the pronounced commercial depression here. He suggests that he may be useful in connection with the University's affairs but as to this you will know better than I. In any event, he could not secure if he came to Canada anything better than a clerkship, and that, I do not suppose, would be attractive.

I have referred your letter to our Comptroller and have asked him to let me know if anything turns up which he could consistently recommend for Lieut. Roberts.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Beatty

December
Thirteenth
1921.

George C. McDonald, Esq.,
C/o. Messrs. McDonald & Currie,
179 St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear George:-

I am enclosing herewith an extract from a letter I have received from Lieutenant Edward Roberts. He looks as if he might be a useful man.

If there is anything that you can do for him, I am sure, he would be very glad to hear from you. I have spoken to Professor Tait who most cordially recommends him. I am told that General Dodds also thinks very highly of Lieut. Edwards.

Yours faithfully,

December
Thirteenth
1921.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C.,
President, Canadian Pacilif Railway,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

I am enclosing herewith extract from a letter I have received from Lieut. Roberts. It looks as if he might be a useful man.

Will you please pass this along to whatever Department might be interested, and greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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December
Thirteenth
1921.

Brigadier-General J.G. Ross,
142 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal.

Dear General Ross:-

I am enclosing herewith extract from a letter I have received from Lieutenant Edward Roberts. It looks as if he might be a useful man.

If there is anything that you can do for him, I am sure, he would be very glad to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

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December
Twenty-first
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,
Royal Victoria College,
McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

Herewith please find Mrs. Swainston's letter.

Mr. Glassco has undertaken to send her what she asks for.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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16th. December, 1921.

General Sir Arthur Currie, KCB., GCMG.,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have your letter of 13th inst. in regard to Lieut. Edward Roberts, and am to-day writing him. When I find out just what his ideas are and what salary he is looking for, I will be glad to see if we can make any suggestions to him, as we are very often called upon to make suggestion for different positions.

We are to-day looking for one or two men to fill positions requiring somewhat similar qualifications, but whether the salary would be attractive to him or not we shall endeavour to find out.

Yours sincerely,

Jas. T. Ross

JWR/A.

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Post Office Box 1081
Wilmington, North Carolina
United States America
February 10th. 1922

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I want to thank you for your letter dated December 6th., and your kind interest on my behalf in writing to Brig-General Ross.

I note that there is no vacancy at the University to which I could be appointed, but I am hopeful that through your kind offices, some definite proposition may be made to me at no distant date.

It is not my intention to burden you with correspondence on my behalf, but I do appreciate whatever you will do in my interest by word or deed.

Pay Master General Ross wrote for full particulars of my experience, and I am sure that a word from you will be of more help to have me located early in Canada than anything else, I feel that I shall do credit to every word which you may give in support of my appointment, accept my grateful thanks for all that you have done .

Yours faithfully

Edward Roberts

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December
Sixth
1921.

Edward Roberts, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1081,
Wilmington, N.C., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Roberts:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st December, and would be glad to help you return to Canada to engage in some congenial work.

There is no position at the University open at the present time. I am having copies of parts of your letter struck off and am sending them to the Canadian Pacific Railway, McDonald, Currie & Co., an important firm of Chartered Accountants, the two principal members of which both served in the Princess Patricia's. I am also sending a copy to the firm of P.S.Ross & Sons, one of the principal members of which was the Pay Master General of our Overseas forces. McDonald, Currie & Co., and P.S.Ross & Sons, are two of the largest firms of Chartered Accountants in Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Post Office Box 1081
Wilmington,N.C.
United States America
December 1st.1921

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

Knowing your keen interest in the welfare of those who have served under your command in France and Flanders,I am very anxious of meeting you and having the opportunity of trying to enlist your kind offices to assist me in being located in Canada,where I shall be under the British Flag.

Since I was struck off the strength of the C.E.F.,in January 1919,I served throughout the period of demobilization,as Field Secretary under the direction of Professor W.D.Tait on the Advisory Council to Repatriation Committee,and I have been assured that my services in that capacity was a credit to myself and those who elected me to represent them in that work.

My qualifications are briefly as follows,-a graduate of the University of Wales with the degree of B.Sc.,considered a thorough Accountant and Auditor,having served the British Government in that Capacity on Railways in South Africa and in Australia,besides having held other very important positions in Government and Civic life,in England and the overseas Dominions.

I am 44 years of age,have served through 3 campaigns,the Boer War,the Zulu Rebellion,and in the World-war from 1914 till I was invalided(after being gassed and wounded several times)in January 1919 from M.D.#6 (Halifax).

At present I am employed as Accountant and Assistant Treasurer to the Tide-Water-Power Company in this City,a very large public-utility corporation having Gas,Electric-power and Street Railways,I have the supervision of a large Office force and the care of the General Ledgers and Statements of the Company,but I am finding that with my disability,(which is above the average) that the enervating climate of the South is doing me more harm than good.

May I not therefore ask that you interest yourself on my behalf, it is just possible that you may require the services of a man of Education and with a world-wide knowledge of men as Bursar, or you might perhaps suggest my usefulness to some business-man needing a man with my qualifications.

I shall be very glad if you will refer to Professor W.D.Tait, General Dodds,and Colonel A.T.Ogilvie for any information regarding my personality and moral character.

Your kind consideration and reply at your convenience will be greatly appreciated,

Yours very truly

Edward Roberts

(late Lieut R.A.,and C.F.A.)

DOCKET ENDS:

ROBERTS, E

DOCKET STARTS:

ROLSTON

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December 23/20

Hon. John Oliver,
Victoria, B. C.

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I would like to support most cordially application of Lieut-Col. J. M. Rolston for position Chief Engineer Public Works, British Columbia. From the standpoint of academic training, practical experience and sterling character his application is worthy of serious and I believe favourable consideration.

Offer you congratulations on having again

W. J. CAMP, Assistant Manager, Montreal, Que.
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DATED MARCH 30, 1916.

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TELEGRAM

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

The confidence of people of British Columbia and desiring your able and joyous of the season

A W Currie

W. J. CAMP, Assistant Manager, Montreal, Que.
D. H. BOWEN, Supt., Sudbury, Ont.
C. L. LEIGHTY, Supt., Toronto, Ont.
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Night letter

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December 23/20

Fred A Pauline Esq
Oak Bay, B. C.

Desire to endorse most cordially application Lieut-Col. J M Robson for position Chief Engineer Public Works British Columbia. This officer served under me through the War his an Engineering capacity. From the particularly high appreciation I have of his training, ability and character I do most worthily recommend his application

W. J. CAMP, Assistant Manager, Montreal, Que.
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for your favourable consideration-
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and all good wishes

A. W. Currie

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PRIME MINISTER

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA
1 9 2 0
Dec. 27th

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
c/o McGill University,
MONTREAL, QUE.

My dear General:

Your wire of the 24th inst. received on Christmas Day and I wish to express my thanks for your kind wishes. Will you accept the best wishes of Mrs. Oliver and myself for your future happiness and prosperity.

In respect to the position of Chief Engineer of Public Works, I shall forward your message to the Hon. the Minister for his consideration. It has been the policy of this Government that, other conditions being equal, there should be promotion in the service, and in discussing the position of Public Works Engineer with the Minister a few days ago, he advised me that he had three men in the service, any one of whom he thought would be competent to fill the position. However, your recommendation will receive very careful consideration.

I am,
Yours very truly,

J. Wm. Oliver.

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MINISTER OF WORKS

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA

December 28th, 1920.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, QUEBEC.

My dear General:-

Your letter of the 24th of December addressed to the Honourable, the Premier regarding Mr. J. M. Rolston's application for the position of Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has been referred to me for reply.

I would state that Mr. Rolston's application has been received and will be given consideration along with many others when the position is being filled. The filling of this position will in all probability be by promotion of one of the men already in the service.

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. H. King

Minister.

DOCKET ENDS:

ROLSTON

D

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE

CANADA

Ottawa, July 9th., 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Some little time ago, in filing an application with the Civil Service Commission in connection with my official position, I was required to furnish the names of three persons for reference as to character; and took the liberty of submitting your name.

I am acquainting you of this fact in case you receive a communication from the Commission on the subject,- so that you will understand its purpose.

With very kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

H. H. Cowle

Accountant of Customs and Excise.

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September
Ninth
1921.

Colonel H. V. Rorke, D.S.O.,
Dept. of Customs & Inland Revenue,
OTTAWA.

My dear Rorke:-

On my return from England I found awaiting me your letter of July 9th.

It will always be a pleasure for me to answer any enquiries regarding your good self.

I hope everything is going well with you, and with kindest wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Rest

February 19th, 1925.

T. C. Sandell,Esq.,
166 Clapham Rd.,
London, S.W.
England.

My dear Mr. Sandell:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th of last month.

I wish I could do something to help you get a congenial position but I know of no quarter in England where I have any particular influence. All my friends there were made during the war and were men in the Army. I do not suppose they would be of much value in helping you to get placed.

While I do not suppose there is nearly as much unemployment in Canada in proportion to our population as there is in England still we have had a great deal. I am told there is more unemployment this winter in Montreal than there has been since the war. We are continually looking for better times and hope that general prosperity is not far away. In the meantime there is a good deal of want and suffering.

I wish I could help you, Mr. Sandell, but I do not know just what I can do. I do not know who will be in charge of Canada's exhibition at Wembley. If I did and knew him I

would have no hesitation in asking him to help you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

166 Clapham Rd.
London. S.W.
28/1/25.

Sir,

Once previously I took the liberty of writing you. It was about the time of my beloved old Colonels' death – in September 1918, & having just been repatriated from Germany. I desired your influence to enable me to have another shot at the enemy & get my own back for frequent spells of solitary confinement.

Over six years later, when the "tumult & the shouting has died," I am respectfully requesting you to pull one solitary wire on my behalf.

2/ Early in 1920, you granted me an interview at your offices in Ottawa & promised me support when I was demobbed.
Shortly afterwards, I had a nervous breakdown & was incarcerated in a 'nut-factory' at Kingston. The authorities there took 3 weeks to discover I was sane, & transported me to England with no pension.
Your A. D. C. very kindly gave me a letter to the Canadian Commissioner, then Sir G. Perley, asking for an introduction to Lord Beaverbrook with a view to work. This did not materialise.

The time for bemoaning the past is over, Sir, otherwise I could fill these pages detailing the bitter miseries of unemployment. What does matter most vitally to my wife & me is the future. I am now fit & prepared for anything. There may be a chance for me in connection with Canada at Wembley, or again there may be some influential Canadian in London who would assist me to a job — not financially, I can write for a living, or speak in public, or do any hard work requiring education,

tact, or muscle.

If by any possible chance, Sir, you can put me in the right direction to obtain any kind of work, I should be your lifelong debtor.

My army record was, in it's way, as good as any.

I am, Sir,

Yr. respectfully

T. C. Sandell. 1297

ex. A/Gpl. 1st Contingent

L. B. D's.

Robert Maxwell Scott Wallaceburg Ont.

Re. est

R. M. Scott,
564 Talbot St.,
London, Ont.

The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Monday, July, 12th. 1920

Dear Sir:-

You will perhaps remember me if I recall a little incident that happened between Brighton and London. I was driving your car one morning from the former to the latter city when the upper part of the windshield suddenly caved in, fortunately doing no other damage. I am writing this letter Sir. to see if you could possibly get me into McGill this fall on a five year medical course. I started a combined Arts and Science course at Queen's University but went overseas at the completion of my first year, in the spring of 1915. On my return last October I applied for admission to the faculty of Medicine but on acc-

ount of the number already admitted and my lateness in getting back, I was unable to enter. I am very anxious to enter Medicine but would find it rather hard to finance a six year course and another thing is my age which is twenty seven. I am not expecting the impossible but sincerely hope you will give my case a little consideration. Please accept my best wishes for the excellent position you now hold.

very sincerely,

R. M. Scott.

To col.

September
Sixteenth
1920.

Colonel Webb,
Manager Windsor Hotel,
Montreal.

My dear Webb:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Fred Selby, now employed by the Chateau Laurier as Chief of the Bell-boys. I knew him overseas as General Macdonnell's servant. Last winter I lived at the Chateau for seven weeks and again for four weeks in June and July this year. As far as I could observe this boy was active, attentive and polite. He still retains his military bearing and discipline.

He says that some of his friends have recently moved to Montreal and he would like to get a position here. He must give ten days notice before giving up his position in Ottawa. I wonder if there is anything that you can offer him.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you soon, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

CABLE ADDRESS "TRUNKCHAT"

ANGUS GORDON, RESIDENT MANAGER.

Chateau Laurier

OTTAWA, CANADA.

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THE FORT GARRY, WINNIPEG, MAN. THE MACDONALD, EDMONTON ALBERTA.

253 Metcalfe St
Ottawa
Sept 9th

To Gen Sir Arthur Currie K C B C M G D S O.

Dear Sir Arthur

I thank you very much for your letter & the kind interest you have taken in helping me on a position in Montreal. Most of my time in private life I was working in private service & Hotels in different capacities, I should like to get something outside of the Hotel work but it seems to me, that being so much at the game I can do just as well by staying with it. I should appreciate very much if you would see Col Webb & ask him to get me in as Bellman, I will have to give ten days notice here and as soon as I hear that he will give me a job I will give my notice in & report for duty as soon as possible. thanking you again for what you are doing on my behalf I Beg to Remain

your obedient Servant
Fred Selby

DOCKET STARTS:

SELBY, J. B

J. B. Selby. Dec. 11th. 1921
St. Joseph Station
Prov. Que. 62

For
Sir A. W. Currie.

Dear Sir. I am in the receipt of your letter. 9th. Dec. Thanking you very much for your kindness towards me but I regret to state that the S. S. Board as told you all lies which can be proved to you by the Agreements of Sale. that is in the possession of
J J Gleagher. K.C.
232 St James Street.

I have wrote to him and ask
for an early settlement & as
for them helping me, they did
not dot anything at all for me
untill they had sold all that I
had, & they would not have done
then if it had not have been for
Mr. Innes. Chief Inspector of the
R. C. S. A, I am still out of work
& dont no where to get any, it
is of no use me coming to the City
as there is plenty of Unemployment
now without me making another
this is after 20 years. in the Army.

Thanking you once again for your kindness.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. B. Selby.

Sir.

I wish you & Lady Currie A. Bright and happy Xmas with the best of Health. for the Comming year

Ever ready to go into Action with you.

X war re. cal

December
Seventh
1921.

J. B. Selby, Esq.,
St. Jovite Station, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I have now received a reply from The Soldier Settlement Board with reference to your relations with them.

Apparently, the matter is now being dealt with by the Department and your solicitors. That being the case I do not think there is anything that I can do. The Department inform me that their records disclose that you were unable to make a success of the farm largely on account of your failure to cultivate properly the land, to your habit of making unnecessary purchases, and to certain other factors for which you yourself were to blame. They claim that they have done everything possible to assist you. They inform me that you were granted the full amount of the loan permitted under the Act; that your case received particular attention on the part of the District Office officials, and that the Head Office has on two occasions sent parcels of clothing for the use of your family, and have also expended a grant of $100., for your benefit, which they induced the Canadian Patriotic Fund to contribute.

In your letter to me you say that you bought lots 46 and 47 in a certain district, constituting 200 acres. The Board deny this and say that it was always well understood by you that lots 46 and 47 comprised only 97 acres. They say that your own application for the land led the District Office to believe that certain other areas would be given free to the Board, and that there was no authority for this statement being made and that you had never any right to expect more than the 97 acres.

They also point out certain other irregularities on your part, mentioning that you sold some stock which you had no right to sell and bought other stock. However, as it has now become a matter of settlement by law between you and the Department, I think I had better let the case take care of itself.

I am sorry that you have been unfortunate in your efforts to get placed on land.

Yours faithfully.

S.S.B. File No. 25528.

The Soldier Settlement Board.

Canada.

Office of the Chairman.

OTTAWA, December 6th, 1921

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a letter from Mr. J. B. Selby, in which he complains of his relations with the Board.

In reply I may say that Mr. Selby's case had been taken up with us by his solicitors, and all the circumstances complained of were fully gone into by the Board. I enclose herewith a copy of our letter of October 17th last, addressed to Messrs. Chauvin, Meagher, Walker, Stewart & Crepeau, his solicitors, which sets forth our position in the matter.

I may add for your information, that according to our records this settler's inability to make a success of his farming enterprise was due largely to his failure properly to cultivate the land, to his habit of making unnecessary purchases, and to certain other factors contingent upon the settler himself. So far as the Board is concerned everything possible was done to assist the settler. The full amount of loan permitted by the Act was disbursed in his favour; his case received particular attention on the part of the District Office officials, and our Home Branch has, on two occasions, sent parcels of clothing for his family contributed by private individuals, and also expended a grant of $100.00 for clothing given by the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Yours truly,

John Bennett

Chairman.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, QUE.

- C O P Y -

OTTAWA, October 17th, 1921

Attention Mr. Meagher.

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of the 4th instant with further reference to the case of Mr. John B. Selby.

As pointed out in our letter of the 11th August, if any surplus will be realized on resale of the property which reverted to the Board pursuant to rescission proceedings, such surplus will be refunded to Mr. Selby on completion of adjustment operations. The Act provides also that should, instead of a surplus, a deficiency arise, that deficiency shall be paid by the settler to the Board which shall have a right of action against him therefor.

You now bring to the attention of the Board certain additional considerations which, in your opinion, should be taken into account in dealing with Mr. Selby's case, namely, (a) that agreement for sale of land to Mr. Selby calls for 200 acres and that having acquired stock which he could feed from 200 acres, he lost certain animals from starvation, inasmuch as he secured possession of 97 acres only, and (b) that pursuant to rescission proceedings certain stock and equipment was seized by the Board which Mr. Selby purchased with his own money.

In consideration of the above you request that in addition to refunding Mr. Selby whatever he paid on account of the land, the Board should, (a) return to Mr. Selby the amount of cash he had paid for the animals, and (b) immediately pay him for such work as he has done on the farm.

In so far as the discrepancy in acreage is concerned, we would point out that the agreement only calls for Lots 46 and 47 and the area of these lots is about 97 acres. Mr. Selby's own application led the District Office to believe that certain timbered area will be given free to the Board. In his application he states: "There is 100 acres timber 'Canon land' which will be given with the land." As Mr. Selby conducted the preliminary negotiations with the vendor and was familiar with the land and the circumstances surrounding the purchase, he should have known that the vendor was not in a position to give clear title to the Board for the timbered area. Furthermore, this additional area is reported to be mostly all covered with scrub and dead trees and is ¾ of a mile from the farm which was sold to Mr. Selby by the Board. It is of no value for any other purpose other than cutting fire wood and could have been of no assistance to Mr. Selby as far as feed situation was concerned. The information on our files points to the fact that certain loss of stock which occurred was

(due to disease)

due to disease caused by the settler's lack of proper attention to his stock.

As far as your statement is concerned that the Board sold certain livestock and equipment which was purchased by Mr. Selby's own money and that Mr. Selby holds receipts for purchases made, it appears that Mr. Selby on several occasions sold stock which he purchased from the Board under agreement for sale and which he had no right to dispose of. With the proceeds he apparently bought other stock, but a number of animals have not been replaced. Our file does not contain full particulars in this regard, but we are having the matter investigated with a view to taking further proceedings against Mr. Selby.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) S. Maber

Secretary.

Messrs. Chauvin, Meagher, Walker, Stewart & Crepeau,
Advocates,
Commercial Union Building,
232 St. James Street,
MONTREAL, QUE.

November
Twenty-ninth
1921.

J. P. Selby, Esq.,
St. Jovite Station, Que.

Dear Mr. Selby:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th of November, and I am sorry to learn of your misfortune in connection with the farm purchased through the medium of the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

I am writing to Headquarters at Ottawa about it and when I hear from them I shall take the matter up again with you.

I hope that you have good luck in getting employment in Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

November
Twenty-ninth
1921.

The Chairman,
Soldiers' Settlement Board,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching herewith a letter which I have received from one, Mr. J.B. Selby.

It seems to me that he has been particularly unfortunate and I would like to have the other side of the story. Will you please do me the favour of examining your records and letting me know just what the circumstances are from your point of view.

Thanking you in anticipation for the trouble this will necessitate, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

COPY

St. Jovite Station,
Prov. Que.

27th Nov., 1921.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. Currie.

Sir,-

I regret to have to bring to your notice the way I have been treated by the Soldiers' Settlement Board in connection with a farm I purchased from them on the 15th day of Nov.1919 at Conception, County of Labelle.

After having three farms turned down by the Appraisers for some reasons unknown to me, I wrote them a letter stating that it was impossible for me to proceed to look after any more farms, as I had not got the means to do so, as I had a small family, six in number, which I am proud to say all born under the Colours of the Union Jack. I further told them that I was quite willing to take over one of these farms that had been pass by the Government to save me any further trouble, as this is how I was treated at the finish.

Sir, I signed the deeds to purchase a farm located at Conception in the County of Labelle and the Township of C Parts Lots 46 and 47, constituting 200 acres, with stock included for the price of six thousand dollars - Land $4,800, stock $1,200 - $6,000. in all.

After me taking possession of the said place on the 18th day of Nov. 1919 I was unable to tell what sort of land I had bought. But in the Spring of 1920, the first thing I did was to look round my line fences. After doing so I failed to find the amount of land by half that I agreed for on my Agreements. I reported the matter to the S.S.B., Ottawa, and they failed to look into the matter for me until Dec. 1920, and they then sent an Appraiser down from Ottawa to take the measurement of the land and he found only 97 acres, leaving a difference of 103 acres

short. I had renewed all the stock that was on the place, replacing them by first class stock that I paid as high as 80 dollars per head. I bought four horses, ranging from $150. to $200. Owing to the shortage of land it was impossible for me to grow ¼ enough feed for my stock for the winter as what land I had got was covered in pine stumps. I had to purchase feed for my stock the best way I could, and I did so until I had not got one cent in the house to live on. I reported the matter to the S.S.B. and applied for a loan to purchase feed for them, and I was refused and told that I would have to get feed out of my private funds. It was impossible for me to do so. During the winter I had very hard luck with my stock. I had three of my horses died, 2 two year old cows, 1 bull calf 5 pigs and about 40 heads of hens, all within a month.

The S.P.C.A. Inspector got to hear of my case and they paid me a visit, finding me in a very bad state for food in the house for my family and feed for my stock. They at once reported the matter to the S.S.B. Toronto and they at once sent down an Appraiser to my place and gave me 7 days notice that they were going to sell me up on the 3rd day of February 1921, after me spending every cent I could get in clearing land for my use the coming year. After buying about $150. dynamite to blast up the pine stumps and leaving me centless after the stock and implements were sold. They left me on the farm without one cent to live on with a family of little children. So, on the 15th day of Feb. I proceeded to Montreal and put the matter in front of Mr.J.J. Meagher, Advocate, 232 St. James St. and left the case for him to go through with it as I am trying for nothing but my rights. The expenses that I paid whilst on the farm and my wages for every day I worked on the farm, that totals $4,000 Dollars. But they seem as if they will do nothing at all in the matter for me. I am out of employment at the present time, not knowing where the next bit of food is coming from for my family.

Sir, I would thank you very much regarding this case as I have in my possession all documents to prove that that land was sold to me on misrepresentation and I fully intended to fight the case through.

Thanking you for an early reply and if it is possible I could tell you more if I could get an interview with you.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

748331 J.B.Selby, Sgt.

Late 117 Eastern Township Regt.

DOCKET ENDS:

SELBY, J.B.

Rest

April
Sixteenth
1923.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in stating that the bearer, Major Wendell B. Shaw, has been well known to me for many years. Before the opening of the Great War in 1914 we were citizens of Victoria, British Columbia, engaged in the same kind of business and associated together in the same regiment of Militia. Knowing him as I did it was no surprise to me that he volunteered for service at the outbreak of the war and left Victoria with the first contingent from that city. He was a very valuable officer disclosing qualities of devotion to duty, courage and determination of the highest order. He steadily won promotion in the field until the time he was severely wounded.

I can sincerely testify that he is a man of ability, of loyalty and capacity to get along well with others. He deserves to succeed and I most cordially commend him.

Yours faithfully,

PACIFIC CLUB

VICTORIA. B.C.

March 30/23 192

General Sir A W Currie, G.C.M.G. etc.
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear General Currie —

They to thank you for your letter received a fortnight ago. It was very good of you to reply so promptly.

I have finally decided to go to California for a while and try my luck — much as I do like doing so.

Would you mind writing ~~me~~ me a few lines that might help me in finding a position? If so, I shall ~~very~~ greatly appreciate your kindness

Mrs Shaw joins me in kind regards to Lady Currie and yourself

Yours faithfully
Mendell B Shaw

April
Sixteenth
1923.

Wendell B. Shaw, Esq.,
Pacific Club,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Wendell:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th of March.

In one way I am sorry to hear of your going to California, but I hope your loss to Canada is but a temporary one. Too many Canadians are finding it to their advantage to cross the line. It is a great pity that conditions in Canada are not prosperous enough to keep them here.

I have much pleasure in attaching herewith a memorandum which I hope may be of some service to you.

My wife, who has always been greatly interested in your plans, joins me in all good wishes to Mrs. Shaw and yourself.

Yours faithfully,

February
Twenty-first
1923.

Wendell B. Shaw, Esq.,
208 Pemberton Building,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Wendell:-

The delay in answering your letter of January 26th has not been due to indifference on my part at all. I should have acknowledged your letter at once, but I hoped that I might be able to find something congenial to you and which would be worth your while accepting. It would have been so much nicer to have told you that when answering your letter.

I am sorry I cannot give you that good news or much encouragement of any kind. Business on the whole in Canada is improving, but very slowly. Business men tell me that there is little occasion to add to their staffs and, personally, I believe that you are better off at the coast than here, Montreal being, I consider a more expensive place in which to live than Vancouver or Victoria, while your climate is not at all to be despised. I do not mind the cold so much, nor has the heat been particularly excessive, but the winters are very, very long and we have practically no spring at all. I consider that the improvement in business will be just as great in Vancouver as anywhere else.

I should be sorry to see you go to California. Too many tens of thousands of the young men of Canada have gone to the States, where they are welcome and usually succeed. The necessity for increased immigration in Canada is probably the most pressing matter of the hour and closely connected with that is the desirability of keeping Canadians at home.

It is really too bad that a country as rich naturally as ours is has so failed to hold her young men. In the last ten years, I believe, we have lost a number greater than those who came in by immigration. That is much too high a percentage and the loss is very severely felt. However, a man must make a living and nobody can blame him for going to the place which best suits him.

I am sorry your health has been so indifferent and I most sincerely hope that in time you grow completely out of your disability. The war took out of most of us a great deal more than appears on the surface. It is hard enough to re-establish oneself at any time, but to suffer from indifferent health at the same time is to be doubly handicapped.

I am very grateful, Wendell, for the staunchness of your friendship. I have always been fully aware of that and believe that as time goes on and things are better understood you will have the continued satisfaction of not having put your money on the wrong horse. I was very glad to see you all last Fall, though sorry that my time in Victoria was so very short. I hear good reports of the old regiment.

I most sincerely wish you the best of good fortune and am sorry that I cannot help in a positive way. I know, though, that you will stick to it and I believe that all will come right again. My wife and sister join me in most cordially reciprocating your good wishes and we would like to be kindly remembered to Mrs. Shaw.

Yours faithfully,

AGENT FOR
FIRE: HUDSON BAY INSURANCE CO.
OF VANCOUVER, B. C.
"GUARANTEED" BY
ROYAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.
OF LIVERPOOL
LIFE: AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO.
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208 PEMBERTON BUILDING

VICTORIA, B. C.

OUR FILE NO.....

Feb 10th/23

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear General Currie:

I wrote you a fortnight ago a rather ambiguous letter which I have since regretted having written, - as I should not have bothered you.

I mentioned that I would not likely see you for some time, which was a rather ambiguous statement in view of my request for ~~for~~ you to look out for a job for me. The fact of the matter was, that I wrote you on impulse, having ~~---~~ previously made up my mind to go to California. I did not have much confidence in being able to obtain a job in the East - even when I wrote you; ~~as~~ I realize that conditions are bad throughout Canada.

I intend to go to the States if I can dispose of my business. Otherwise I may have to remain on for a time.

I regret very much having bothered you - realizing as I do, that your time is very fully occupied.

Yours faithfully,

Wendell Shaw

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OUR FILE NO.....

Jan 26th/23

Gen Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University.
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear General Currie:-

It occurred to me that you might be able to advis me, and I am taking the liberty of bothering you.

I have tried hard to re-establish my business since ~~re~~ the war, but what with a lot of ill-health and the general depression I find myself quite unable to do so. My health is just about all right since the new year, but I have suffered so financially trying to expand my business that I must take some action without delay, -- having dropped considerable money and property during and subsequent to the war. You see I am expressing myself plainly.

The only thing I can see (this is of course very confidential) is to go to the States and start all over again, pay off liabilities, ~~etc~~ which I have incurred in the belief that ~~things~~ conditions would have imrpoved. Unfortunately I got ill last year, and while able to walk about most of the time, I have not been able to give attention to business.

I have always been fairly successful with administrative work of different kinds, and it occurred to me that if ~~there~~ might be a friend of yours at Ottawa or elsewhere who would be able to place me. I am willing to go anywhere. Of course I fully realize that jobs of $250. or $300. a mo are not easily found just now, but I thought it would do no harm to write you, and I felt certain you would not mind me writing you on the subject. You do not need any boosting of course as History will record your great achievements, but I do not hesitate to say that no person in Canada has more enthusiastically boosted you at all times, ~~and~~ than has myself. I say this now because the need for boosting (excuse ~~th~~the word) has dissapeared but there was a lot of backbiting subsequent to the war. You had many loyal friends here, but there were some who because of your success were anxious to pick flaws.

I know quite well that referring to the above is not necessary to secure your assistance, but inasmuch as I plan on going to the States very shortly if something does not turn up (that has some promise to it), it is ~~probably~~ very probable that I will not see you again. I therefore referred to the above, so that you might know that from the day you first offered me a commission in the Fifth, I have always been one of your greatest admirers. It is

no extravagance to say that I have admired you more than any man I ever knew. Not having received any decorations, the only satisfaction I have is that in one or two of your letters to Victorians during the war, you kindly mentioned me.

Having perused the letter thus far you ~~will~~ may be inclined to throw it in the waste basket, as being rather flat and mushy. However, I hope you will read it as I mean it to be read - as an expression of my deep personal regard.

To return to the matter of a job, (or advice as the case may be) I do not wish you to go to a lot of trouble. Just drop me a line if you find time and I will greatly appreciate it. I can if necessary go to Los Angeles (where my brother is)but I wish to stay under the old flag if it is possible.

Give my regards to Lady Currie and to your sister.

Yours faithfully,

Wendell Shaw

DOCKET STARTS:

SMITH, W. C.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

MONTREAL,

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PRIVATE

On Line - 14th February, 1921 c

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My dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of 31st January, in reference to Mr. W. C. Smith of Kamloops.

Mr. Smith is at the present time in the service as a trainman out of Kamloops and it is the intention, at his request, as soon as business increases, to make him yardmaster at either North Bend or Coquitlam, which arrangement he is satisfied with. Of course, on account of the unfortunate slump in business, he may not be doing very much work at present and it may be sometime before above mentioned arrangement can be carried out.

It might be possible that Mr. Kelley could do something for him, but, under present conditions, I very much doubt it. However, I would have no objection whatever to give him a letter of recommendation, should you wish it.

Yours very truly,

Grant Hall

Vice-President

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

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

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MONTREAL, 1st February, 1921

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

Sir:

Your letter of January 31st to Mr. Hall has been received by me in his absence in the West, and I am forwaring same to him.

Mr. Hall will no doubt look into this matter personally while in the West.

Yours truly,

W. B. Lee

Chief Clerk

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January
Thirty-first
1921.

W. C. Smith, Esq.,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 23rd and have to-day taken the matter up again with Mr. Grant Hall.

I hope that he will be able to do something for you in the way of one of the permanent positions you suggest.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

January
Thirty-first
1921.

Grant Hall, Esq.,
Vice-President, Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

You probably remember Mr. W. C. Smith of Kamloops, B.C. I believe you expressed yourself as willing to reinstate him in your service, giving him his previous seniority, on condition that the employees of his division were agreeable.

I am informed that they were not agreeable and that, apparently, nothing further could be done. Mr. Smith was a member of my old regiment in Victoria at one time and also served Overseas. Apparently, he would like to return to the employ of the C.P.R. and feels that his four years' service Overseas has spoiled his chances for promotion. He seemed to have the necessary qualifications for a good position, as far as I can remember, and you are in a better position to judge of his loyalty and experience, his initiative and executive ability.

Is there anything that you can do for him? If a place can not be found for him with the C.P.R., is he a man whom you could recommend to Mr. Kelley?

I apologize for troubling you, but I believe that the circumstances of this man's family are such that it would mean a great deal to them if he were to get a permanent position.

Ever yours faithfully,

Kamloops Jany 23-21

To
Genl Sir Arthur W. Currie K.C.B., K.C.M.G., LL.D.
President McGill
Montreal

Dear Genl Currie

In reference to previous correspondence in regards to my seniority standing & your kindly efforts in my behalf with Mr. Grant Hall I can fully appreciate the spirit shown by Mr. Hall in being willing to re-instate me in my previous seniority standing on the condition that the employees of my division were agreeable, this I am sorry to say was not obtainable by one class of employees through selfish & narrow minded motives.

Taking into consideration the kindly interview Mr. Hall gave me when I called at his office on my return from Overseas & his willingness to re-

instate me later I do not feel inclined to go any further in the affair as I can fully realize the feeling it would create with the employees effected.

Previous to my proceeding Overseas I was acting as relieving yard master on this division & was naturally in line for promotion to a permanent appointment & would of secured one of the two positions created during my four years absence overseas, but on returning I was unfortunate enough to find a changed staff of local officials on my division who did not recognize or at least did not feel disposed to give me my natural promotion as yard master.

In recognition of my long service with the company in addition to my excellent overseas record I feel as if my life & service has really gained me little & my four years service spoiled my

chances for promotion in civil occupation

On such a large system as the Canadian Pacific available material is always required and sought for in the rank & file to fill official & semi-official positions such as Trainmasters yardmasters & etc & loyalty experience initiative & executive ability are the necessary qualifications required in making the selection for these appointments.

I have all of these coupled with the educational qualifications having graduated from Upper Canada College Toronto

Owing to your willingness & the interest you have taken in my behalf in the past & being a member of your old militia unit for many years in addition to serving under your command in France. I feel as if you could help me secure one

of these positions with the C. P. R.
if at your convenience you
could have an interview
with Mr. Grant Hall.

I am not particular
to what division I may re-
ceive an appointment & I
would be willing to present
myself at any time for an inter
view

In the event of the
C. P. R. not having any to offer
I would gladly go to the Can.
National or proceed to India
with Genl. Stewart if anything
can be done in that direction

I hope you will pardon me
for taking up your time but I am
really deserving & it means every-
thing to myself & family

I have the honour to
remain your obedient
W. C. Smith

DOCKET ENDS:

SMITH, W. C.

DOCKET STARTS:

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

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S.S.B. Form No.225

The Soldier Settlement Board.

Canada.

Our File No. B-380-VI.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Central Building,
Victoria, B. C.,
5th October, 1920.
(District Office)

Re Percy Blizard, "Elvorness," Salt Spring Island,
(Name) (Address) B. C.

Dear Sir:-

The above named man is an applicant for benefit under the Soldier Settlement Act. As it would be neither in his interest nor in the interest of the state to assist him in becoming established on land unless he would have a reasonable chance of success, we are anxious to satisfy ourselves in this respect before qualifying him for a loan.

It has been suggested that you would be able to supply some useful information regarding his fitness to farm and his agricultural experience.

I am enclosing an addressed and stamped envelope for your reply and would greatly appreciate your writing me confidentially, stating whether or not you consider the applicant is generally fitted to engage in farming and if in your opinion he would be likely to make a success of the operation of a farm of his own.

Yours faithfully,

F. Bradley

To ..... District Agriculturist.

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Re ect

October
Twelfth
1920.

F. Godfrey, Esq.,
The Soldier Settlement Board,
Central Building,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of recent date re Percy Blizard, "Elvorness", Salt Spring Island.

If this man is the son of Mr. George Blizard who formerly lived near Cedar Hill, and if he is the one who joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a Gunner, gaining his commission overseas, I would have no hesitation in recommending him as a fit and proper person to receive whatever aid it is in the power of the Soldier Settlement Board to give.

He ought to have had considerable experience in farming with his father near Cedar Hill and afterwards in Salt Spring Island. He is a young man of steady habits and good character.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

DOCKET STARTS:

STODDART

Re - ret.

29 Madison Avenue, Toronto.
March 13th--1923.

Gen. Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,L.L.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 9th., instant and am very pleased indeed to give you the following information:-

I went overseas in 1915 with the 74th., Toronto Battalion. This Battalion was broken up in England and I reverted to the rank of Lieutenant in order to proceed to France. While in France I was attached to the Canadian Engineers and later, had command of the French Army Corps.

General Turner is interested in my behalf, also General McDonnell.

Thanking you for anything you may be able to do in helping me to secure this position, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

G. W. Hendrie

March
Ninth
1923.

Dear Major Stoddart:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th of March.

I shall be very glad to do what I can to help you get the position you seek with the Immigration Department. Before writing to the Hon. Mr. Stewart will you please tell me with what unit you served in France. I wish this information in order that I may get you more clearly fixed in my mind.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Major G. W. Stoddart,
29 Madison Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

29 Madison Avenue,
Toronto.
March 6th., 1923.

General Sir A. W. Curry, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,-

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters which I have received from General A. C. MacDonell and General R. E. W. Turner; also a copy of my letter written to Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior.

I should be very grateful if you could see your way to give me some assistance in securing this position as Immigration Agent in the United Kingdom.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Enclosures.

C O P Y

Quebec, 27. 2. 23.

My dear Stoddart,-

I have forwarded the copy of letter which you are sending to Mr. Stewart, to Br. Gen. The Hon. W. S. Griesbach in "The Senate".

Griesbach and Stewart both come from Edmonton, although different shades of politics.

I have asked Gen. Griesbach to help in any way he can, and later will let you know his answer.

I believe General Rennie, in Toronto, would be a good man to ask assistance from, as he is interested in politics.

Reciprocating your kind wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) R. E. W. Turner.

COPY

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

KINGSTON

9th. February, 1923.

Major G. W. Stoddart,
29 Madison Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Stoddart,

In reply to your letter of the 7th., instant, I think you would make a real success as an Immigration Agent in the United Kingdom and I have written to the Minister of the Interior in accordance with your wishes. I sincerely trust that my letter may be of some help.

I was extremely sorry to learn that you were so badly disabled, but hope that all goes well with you in civil life.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) A. C. MacDonell.

COPY

29 Madison Avenue, Toronto.
February 7th., 1923.

Hon. Charles Stewart,
Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to apply herewith for the position of Immigration Agent in the United Kingdom.

I am a Canadian by birth, but have lived in England and have finished my education there, so am very familiar with English customs and methods of doing business, and feel that I am able to judge the prospective Immigrant who wishes to try his luck elsewhere. My army experience has taught me to be a good judge of character, and to my mind, the very best experience to be able to judge a true man.

Please allow me to state that I served with the Overseas Military Forces of Canada since June, 1915. My Battalion was broken up in England and was given the chance to revert from my rank of Major to that of Lieutenant, to proceed to France. I was promoted in France to that of Captain, and later to that of Major, and may say that I am now confirmed in my rank. I have a Victory Medal, General Service Medal, Colonial Auxilliary Decoration and the Croix du Guerre. I have also lost a leg and am also somewhat crocked in the other, and in receipt of about 50% disability.

I have had my application before the Civil Service Commission for some time, but have not obtained results, and therefore, you will please pardon me for taking the liberty of getting into communication with you direct.

Mr. Gregg of the Massey Harris Company is interested on my behalf, also Mr. Foran has some letters of recommendation, which I trust will be considered.

I would very much appreciate if you would grant me a personal interview, as I feel I could state my case more clearly than communicating my letter.

Yours sincerely

DOCKET ENDS:

STODDART

Ptest

February
Sixteenth
1923.

Sir Lomer Gouin,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Lomer Gouin:-

The bearer of this letter is Mr. William Thistle, who seeks a recommendation from you for a clerical position in the office of the Comptroller of the Montreal Harbour Commission. He informs me that Mr. Smart, the Comptroller, has told him that an addition is to be made to the staff.

I would like to ask you to recommend Mr. Thistle. I have consulted with those who know him well and they assure me that he is diligent, trustworthy, faithful and sober as regards his habits, while he bears recommendations to say that he is an efficient clerk and bookkeeper. He attended McGill University three years before the war, one year in Law and two in Arts. He enlisted in August 1914 and served in France with No. 5 Field Ambulance and No. 1 Canadian General Hospital. His service was continuous and he was demobilized in June, 1919.

He lives in your constituency and is a political supporter of the present Government.

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET STARTS:

THOMASON, W

June 22nd, 1925.

William Thomason, Esq.,
Box 474,
Port Colborne, Ont.

Dear Mr. Thomason:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of June 15th and can quite appreciate your feelings in view of the situation as outlined by you. To me it discloses most contemptible tactics on the part of politicians. It is just this sort of thing that makes all decent-minded people lose faith in those who are charged with the responsibility of of governing this country.

If I boldly make trouble about your case will it result in your being dismissed? That is an aspect of the situation that one must consider, but I shall at any rate try to move diplomatically in the matter. We shall see what the result will be. I shall keep you posted as to what I do.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

June 22nd, 1925.

Major W. D. Herridge, D.S.O.,
30 Goulburn Street,
Ottawa,Ont.

My dear Bill:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from an ex-soldier, William Thomason.

If the facts are as stated in the letter it discloses a most contemptible piece of business on the part of some one in authority. The first thing to do is to verify Thomason's statements. If one boldly makes trouble over this Thomason may lose his job, so whatever is done must be done in a diplomatic way. Will you take it upon yourself to see Major Bell named in the letter and find out what he has to say about it. Then our friend, Colonel Dubuc, has something to do with Railways and Canals now, hasn't he? I know that Dubuc is very fair and sympathetic to returned soldiers. Possibly he might do something. I am sorry to bother you about this but believe you will not mind the trouble.

I got back to the office this morning and can see that I shall be quite busy before I get away on Friday.

With all good wishes and many thanks for your kindness in coming down yesterday, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Box 474,
Port Colborne,
Ontario.
June 15th 1925

Sir Arthur Carrie,
Mc Gill University
Montreal.

Sir,

May I take the liberty of writing you a few lines? The other day I read an article by you in one of the papers in which you appealed to employers for returned disabled or partly disabled soldiers, and the article just described my own case.

Just more than a year ago, I was appointed Lock Master on the Welland Canal in Port Colborne. I had interviewed Major Bell, Deputy Minister of Railways & Canals in Ottawa, previous to my appointment who told me that he would investigate the case & finally I was given the appointment.

During the war Mr. E. Steele, a wealthy retired farmer got a position on the Lock here in Port Colborne. The former lock master was promoted last year, and Mr. Steele expected to get the Lock Master's position as he worked on the Lock before I did. Instead I was appointed after a thorough investigation. I might here mention that I received a gun shot wound in the left arm, and have only the use of the little finger on the left hand.

A few weeks ago I was reduced from Lock Master to seasonal Lock Master, which means that I am idle four months in the year and as I am in the prime of life I ought to be saving for my old age. My disability prevents me from carrying out my own occupation namely that of farming.

Mr. Steele was put in my place, although Mr. Hara, Superintendent of the Welland Canal assured me that my services as Lock Master had been entirely satisfactory, but

that a mistake was made when I was appointed, and that Mr. Steele should have been appointed as he was senior man after my interview with Major Bell. I know no mistake was made, but Mr. Steele and his friends used all the influence possible to have me reduced and they managed it, although he is a wealthy retired farmer, sixty six years of age and old enough to be superannuated.
For his services for the government during the war he received four dollars per day and was in a safe place and I only received $1.10 per day and that was overseas. He has an enlarged bank account to show for his services and I have a crippled arm.

Had I not been capable of doing my duty as Lock Master the blow would not have been so hard. The people here feel a great injustice has been done in my case, as it is influence only which has robbed me of my permanent position as lock master.

If promotion in the civil service goes by seniority I am sure my services for the country at the time Mr. Steele was placed on the dock here, were equally as important as his.

Hoping I have not trespassed too long on your valuable time, but trusting to let you see the injustice meted out by the government as well as by private employers

I remain Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm Thomason.

Re est

Box # 74,

Port Colborne,

Ontario.

June 29th 1925.

Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal and Vice-Chancellor,

McGill University.

Montreal.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of June 22nd and appreciate it very much indeed.

I don't see how any action you might take could result in my dismissal as both Major Bell of Ottawa and Mr. Ware, Superintendent of the Welland Canal at St. Catharines have written that my services as Lock-master were entirely satisfactory. The leading citizens of Port Colborne are also in sympathy with me.

I know you will move diplomatically and I have every confidence in you, as we all had overseas

Thanking you very much indeed for the interest you are taking in me

I remain Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm Thomason

February 8, 1936.

Colonel A.E. Dubuc, C.M.G., D.S.O.,

Chief Engineer, Department of Railways and Canals,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Colonel Dubuc:-

I thank you very much indeed for the attention you have given to the case of William Thomson and I am very pleased that you are looking after him so well. I am sure you will do everything you can to help him.

With best wishes both from Sir Arthur and myself.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

File 4862

DEPARTMENT OF
RAILWAYS AND CANALS

CANADA

AED/OF.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
OTTAWA, ONT.

A. E. DUBUC,
CHIEF ENGINEER

29th January, 1926.

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey, D.S.O.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Colonel:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, transmitting to me, upon request from Sir Arthur Currie, a letter from William Thomason, Port Colborne, returned man, asking for employment during the winter.

Thomason, who is employed during navigation season on Welland Canal staff as lock motorman, has, for some time, held a grievance against the Department on account of having been demoted from a position of lockmaster, to which he had been promoted by mistake, back to his original position as lock motorman. Thomason's attitude is unwarranted as fully explained in the correspondence herewith annexed.

As a seasonal employee, he ceased employment with the closing of the Canal in the middle of December last, and under normal conditions should not be employed until the reopening of navigation in the middle of April next. It is extremely difficult to find employment during the winter months, for such seasonal employees, as nearly all our works are then closed and only skeleton staffs kept.

I am enquiring.....

I am enquiring though, from the local Superintending Engineer, if some temporary job cannot be found for Thomason pending the reopening of navigation.

I return herewith Thomason's letter and, with kindest regards to Sir Arthur and yourself, beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Chief Engineer.

Encl.

COPY O.F. 28-1-26

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File 4862

June 13th 1925.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, with regard to Mr. Wm. Thomason of the staff of the Welland Canal at Port Colborne.

I quite agree with you that Mr. Thomason's services, during his incumbency of the position of Lockmaster and Canal Patrolman, was entirely satisfactory and the Department has no complaint whatever to make regarding the same. However, his appointment as such was based upon an erroneous recommendation, the Superintending Engineer having overlooked the fact that Mr. M.E. Steele was entitled to the position in question. The latter was a Lockmaster, while Mr. Thomason held a position junior to him, that of Lock Motorman. In addition, Steele had a greater length of service than Thomason and therefore was entitled to the promotion. When these facts were brought to the attention of the Department the matter was taken up with the Civil Service Commission and to remedy the injustice which had been done Mr. Steele it was arranged to place the latter in the senior position to which his rank and service entitled him and for the granting of his seasonal Lockmaster position to Mr. Thomason.

With regard to your reference to Mr. Thomason being a returned soldier, I would point out that the preference extended to returned soldiers does not apply in cases of promotion, but only in those of initial appointments to the Service.

With the above explanation, I trust that you will readily see that there has been no injustice done Mr. Thomason but that, on the contrary, we have done only an act of justice in granting to Mr. Steele the position to which he was rightly entitled in the first place.

Yours faithfully,

(S) G. A. Bell.

J. F. Wedderburn, Esq.,
First Presbyterian Church,
110 Kent Street,
Port Colborne, Ont.

COPY OF ORIGINAL O.F. 28-1-26

The Manse,
110 Kent Street,
Port Colborne, Ont.,
June 8th, 1925.

Major Bell,
Deputy Minister of Railways & Canals,
Ottawa, Ont.

Honourable Sir:-

I take the liberty to write you in the interests of one of my townsmen and a member of my church who, some time ago, was notified to relinquish the position he held for one year as Lock Master and Canal Patrolman of Port Colborne Lock. During the time in which Mr. W. Thomason held this appointment he carried out his duties acceptably and well - there was no complaint I understand. The gentleman to whom the post has now been given is now due for superannuation and is in much better circumstances than Mr. Thomason, who served his Country faithfully during the Great War and, as a result of which, is now permanently injured and therefore unable to do more laborious and strenuous work.

Mr. Thomason is much respected in this community and is an intelligent earnest industrious government servant. Anxious to get along during these years while health remains with him, Mr. Thomason built a home in Port Colborne and is endeavouring to pay for it. On the small salary he is receiving I know not how he can manage this. It seems hard that he should be set aside in this fashion, and I think in all justice to a returned man something should be done towards his reinstatement or provision in some way be made for the loss in salary to which he is now subjected.

There is, I understand, a salary attached to oversight of the Water Gauge. Would it not be possible for him to be given this duty?

I write asking your interest and help on behalf of Mr. Thomason because I have heard oftentime of your sound sense of justice and your unfailing demand for fair play for those who have done and suffered so much for our country and Empire throughout the trying years of war.

I am,

Yours most respectfully,

(SGD) J. F. Wedderburn,

Minister, First Presbyterian Church.

Box 474
Port Colborne
Ont
Oct 19th 1925

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

Sir,

Once again please pardon the liberty, I am taking in writing you. As I have not heard from you re my former position as Lock Master at Port Colborne. I take come to the conclusion that you have been unable to do anything in the matter.

However I am still hoping that something may be done for Winter is fast approaching & I hate the Idea of once again being idle four more months. Last winter was the first winter since returning from the War that I was not idle for with my disability I am unable to do many kinds of work.

I remain Sir,
Your obedient servant
Wm Thomason

January 4th, 1926.

Col. A. E. Dubuque,
Department of Railways and Canals,
58 Sherbrooke Street, West,
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Colonel:-

Sir Arthur asked me to send the enclosed letter on to you, to see whether you could suggest any way by which we could help this old lock keeper. He is very anxious to do anything he can.

Yours very truly,

Thomason

ENCL.

Wilfrid Bovey.

DOCKET ENDS:

THOMASON, W.

DOCKET STARTS:

TURNER, E. J.

March
Twentieth
1923.

Colonel H. H. Matthews,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much indeed for the trouble you have taken in the case of Mr. Turner of Vancouver. I knew you would not mind the bother.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th of April,

Yours faithfully,

CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

16th March, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I personally interviewed the S.C.R. people here today with reference to the poor blind chap, E.J.Turner of the 29th Battalion.

The policy of the Department appears to be that where the treatment or training can be effectively carried out in Canada, transportation to England is not provided. Turner's case has been dealt with recently, and he has been informed that if he so wishes, he will be sent to Pearson Hall (Blind Institute) Toronto, where he will be given the special training in Swedish Remedial Exercises and Medical Electricity which he desires. Captain Baker, referred to in the last paragraph of Turner's letter, has been intructed by the Department of S.C.R. to make all the necessary arrangements.

In my opinion the Departmental officials are entirely sympathetic as to granting his request to be allowed to complete his training, and state emphatically that the training he will get in Toronto will be up to date in every way.

I return Turner's letter as requested, and with very kind regards, ~~I~~ remain,

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Matthews

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

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8222 Cartier Street

Near 67th. Avenue West

Vancouver B. C.

Feb. 23rd. 1923.

To General Sir Arthur Currie,

Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon the liberty I am taking in writing to ask for your kindly assistance to get transportation to England for myself and escort, if after hearing my case, which I will put before you as well as I can you think that my application is entitled to favourable consideration.

I applied by letter yesterday to the Officer in charge Transportation S. C. R. Ottawa for transportation to England for myself and escort for the purpose of finishing my training as a masseur at St. Dunstan's hostel for blinded sailors and soldiers.

I went over-seas with the 29th. Battalion, was totally blinded at Courcelet in 1916, on leaving hospital I was sent to St. Dunstan's where I received training as a masseur, and returned to Canada in September 1918. I worked as masseur in Vancouver Military and S. C. R. hospitals from January 20th. 1919. till June 1922, with the exception of six weeks after the fire at Shaughnessy hospital in September 1919.

The training I received at St. Dunstan' was in massage only, shortly after I left Swedish Remedial Exercises and Medical Electricity were added to the masseurs course as experience showed these to be most necessary in either private or hospital practics.

Of all the Canadian blinded soldiers trained as masseurs at St. Dunstas one other besides myself did not receive S. R. E. or M. E. as he also left before these subjects were added to the course, and one

other who took S. R. E. in England and was trained in M. E. after returning to Canada. The first man has long since given up massage this leaves me as I believe the only blinded soldier masseur masseur without a complete training In saying this I mean that I am the only one out of the number trained in England, of the few who were trained later in Toronto I am not sure but believe they were given the full course the lack of S. R. E. and E. M. certificates are a severe handicap to either hospital or private work and it is to get training in these branches and obtain certificates that I wish to return to England.

In 1917 several Blinded soldiers were sent back from Canada to St. D Dunstan's for training in various lines of work and I am hoping that the government will now do as much for me.

During the last four months I have written four times to Captain Baker, General Secretary, National Institute for the Blind Toronto. asking for his assistance to obtain my transportation, but so far I have not been able to get anything definite from im with regard to Ottawa's decision as to my application, and as I have lately been advised by St. Dunstan's Secretary that to get the training I desire I must be there before the last massage course which is now in progress is finished, I am anxious if it is possible to get over while there is still an opportunity to finish training.

If after consideration of the facts given you can see your way clear to use your influence on my behalf I shall be very grateful.

I remain, Sir Arthur,

Yours respectfully,

E. J. Turner.

March
Fourteenth
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel H. H. Matthews, D.S.O.,
Militia Headquarters,
OTTAWA.

My dear Matthews:-

I am attaching herewith a letter which I have received from one of the old members of the 29th battalion.

I have not done anything with it as yet because, I regret to say, when I received it I put it in one of my pockets and forgot all about it. I dislike bothering you, but will you please see the S.C.R. Department at Ottawa and let me know if there is any chance whatever of their doing anything for this blind soldier. You will get more from them in a personal interview than I could get in a letter. Please return the letter to me.

With all good wishes and many thanks,

Ever yours faithfully,

re est

March
Twentieth
1923.

E. J. Turner, Esq.,
8222 Cartier Street,
Near 67th Avenue West,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Mr. Turner:-

I know you will think that I have taken a very long time to answer your letter of February 23rd, but I have been in communication with the Militia Department and with the S.C.R. at Ottawa.

The latter organization claim that the training you require can be as effectively carried on in Canada as in England and that under the circumstances they will not provide transportation to England. They tell me that they have offered to give you the training you seek at Pearson Hall, Toronto. I may say that I found the Departmental officials entirely sympathetic to you. They are also emphatic in their statement that the training you will receive in Toronto will be up-to-date in every way. I sincerely hope that such proves to be the case and that you will accept the offer of the Department.

With all good wishes and hoping that good health and prosperity will attend you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

TURNER, E. J.

January
Seventeenth
1923.

Chief Belanger,
Chief, Montreal Fire Department,
Montreal.

Dear Chief Belanger:-

The bearer of this letter is Walter James Wallace, who served in France in the Great War with the 24th Battalion, which, as you know, was a Montreal unit. Mr. Wallace bears an honourable discharge from the Army.

He appears healthy and strong, carries good references as to character and speaks both French and English. He is a married man and 27 years of age. Altogether it seems to me he possesses the qualifications out of which you can make an efficient fireman.

I would appreciate it very much if you would favourably consider his application for appointment.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Re. Ist

W. FORAN,
SECRETARY

Civil Service Commission
Canada

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO.....

Office of the Secretary,

Ottawa, 16th May 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant respecting Mr. J. Walton, an applicant for the position of "Inspector of Dairy Produce" in the Department of Agriculture at Vancouver,B.C. This recommendation will be duly attached to Mr.Walton's file for consideration when the rating of the applicants is being made.

Yours very truly,

W. Foran

SECRETARY

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

re. esh

May 14th, 1925.

J. Walton, Esq.,
P. O. Box 434,
Cumberland, B. C.

My dear Mr. Walton:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6th.

I gladly give you the assurance that I will forward to the Civil Service Commission a recommendation in support of your application.

I remember very well sitting with you in Vancouver at Quadra in the old days.

With all good wishes for your success, I am,

Yours faithfully,

GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

CUMBERLAND LOCAL

Phones 127, 138

P. O. Box 434

Cumberland, B.C.
Vancouver Island

May 6th 1925

Gen.Sir. A.W.Currie

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I have this day made application to the Civil Service Commission for the position of Inspector of Dairy Produce in connection with the Dept.of Agriculture Vancouver B.C.the chief duties being in connection with Butter Cheese and Margarine. I have had considerable experience in the Wholesale and Retail Provision trade and feel that I am able to fulfil the duties pertaining to that position.

I am areturned man having served with the 13th Field Ambulance under Col.J.L. Biggar also Secretary of the above Association. You may not remember my name but during my residence in Victoria previous to the war I was a Member of Vancouver Quadra No 2at the time you were there,therefore I am taking the libertyof asking you to kindly use your influence on my behalf. I may say that the closing date for applications is May 18th.

Thanking you

I remain ypurs Respectfully

J Walton

May 12th, 1925.

The Secretary,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from one J. Walton, who is applying for a position as Inspector of Dairy Produce, Department of Agriculture, Vancouver, B.C.

I am afraid I cannot say much in Mr. Walton's behalf other than that he served with the 13th Field Ambulance under Colonel J.L. Biggar. I also knew him in Victoria where he bore a good reputation.

I, of course, know nothing about his qualifications for the position for which he is applying.

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET STARTS:

WARREN, R.

Sept. 19th 1921

Mr. R. Warren
56B Lasalle Rd
Verdun
Montreal

Dear Sir

Kindly excuse me for writing you in this way but owing to the position in which I am placed as you know Sir employment is very hard to get at the present time in Montreal. I am writing to you Sir. to ask you if you will help me to find employment of some kind. as I have a wife and three children here in Montreal and having no friends or relatives I am at my wits end what to do

as I can assure we are in a very bad way especially with the winter coming on.

I am a returned soldier, and enlisted and was in France in 1914. and after serving 5 years 52 days overseas was discharged owing to demobolization. with a V.G. characters. I am strong active sober and willing, and a good time keeping man. I will be very thankful to you Sir if can help me to find employment of some kind. trusting that with your help I may be successfull

I Remain

Yours Respectfully
#1344. Pte. R. Warren
P. P. C. L. I.

September
Twentieth
1921.

R. Warren, Esq.,
56B. Lasalle Road,
Verdun, Que.

Dear Warren:-

This morning I received your letter of yesterday.

I shall do what I can to help get you a job. One feels very keenly that so many of our fellows are out of work, particularly as winter will soon be upon us. I hope that it won't be long before we can find something that will keep you going.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Re est

September
Twenty-second
1921.

R. Warren, Esq.,
56B Lasalle Road,
Verdun, Que.

Dear Mr. Warren:-

With further reference to your letter of the 19th instant, let me say that this morning I saw Mr. Cape, whose firm is putting up the additions to our buildings. Naturally, it is only on these jobs that I have any particular influence in getting men employment. Mr. Cape told me that you had worked for him here a short time ago, but that you had given up. He said that you had given every satisfaction and that he was sorry to see you leave.

Personally, I am sorry too, because at this particular juncture when jobs are so very, very scarce, it seems to me that a man ought to try and get along as well as he could in any sort of work that offers. I feel that a man like yourself who won his way to Sergeant's rank, could soon prove to a firm like the Cape Company that he was a valuable man. I believe that had you stuck with them you would have made for yourself, most likely, a permanent position. I do not know but what, if I were you, I would again take up the work.

Let me assure you, Mr. Warren, that it is going to be very hard indeed this winter for all our fellows to get work at all. If I were out of work I would be delighted to get on with the Cape Company. They are one of the busiest contracting firms in this city. The head of it, Major Cape,

is always most kindly disposed toward returned men. I do not think any other firm in Montreal is more likely to be busy, not only all winter but far into the future, than Cape's firm. I would suggest that you see him again and say that you would like to go back to work with him.

Yours faithfully,

Wr. R. M. Warren
1202. Lanonette Street
Verdun
Oct. 15th 1924

To

Sir Arthur Currie
Principle. McGill University

Dear Sir/

I trust you ~~not~~ will ~~not~~ think me in anyway impudent in writing to you in this manner. I am a Returned man having served five years overseas with the P.P.C.L.I Regiment under Col. Hamilton Gualt who knows me and would speak well for me if he was in Montreal. I am married with three small children and am at present employed by the Civil Service on the Lachine canal as a 1st class labourer. where I bear a good character. At present four vacancies are open for Bridge Masters

a position which I am fully competent to fullfill and I have put in today my application for one of them. This being my reason Sir Arthur for writing this letter to you to ask if I may get a few words of recommendation from you to Col Dubuc. which I am sure will help me a great deal. in securing one of these positions. I consider myself deserving. from the viewpoint of. My good character while employed by the Civil Service. My war Service. and having a family dependent on me. My number on the Lachine Canal is 277. R. M. Warren. for reference Major Mc Donald. C.G. knows me very well. I am an energetic worker on behalf of the returned men. in the G.W.V.A. Verdun Branch.

I was wounded three times in France. but my wounds were not serious. and I am not in receipt of a pension. I was night watchman in Mc Gill University but left with a good charater. to go to the Civil Service. The position of Bridge Master means a lot to me if I am successfull in getting it

Trusting you can do something to help me to get this position

I Remain. Sir

Your Respectfully

No 1344. Cpl. R.W. Warren

P. P. C. L. I

October 24, 1924.

Corporal R.M. Warren,
1302 Lanonette St.,
Verdun.

Dear Corporal Warren:-

Your letter of the 15th inst. arrived during my absence, and I took up the matter upon my return. I find that your record here was a good one, and I am writing to Colonel Dubuc, recommending your application. I hope that you will be successful.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 24, 1924.

Colonel A.E. Dubuc, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Superintending Engineer, Quebec Canals,
201 Lespellor St., Montreal.

Dear Colonel Dubuc:-

I understand that an ex-soldier, R.H. Warren, is applying for a position as bridge-master. Warren served for five years with the P.P.C.L.I. and had a good record. He states that he was wounded three times in France , but has no pension.

Since the war he was employed here and gave complete satisfaction, leaving the University to go into the Civil Service. He is at present employed on the Lachine Canal as a first class labourer.

I hope you will be able to give his application favorable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

WARREN, R.

DOCKET STARTS:

WARREN, T. H.

ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

TORONTO,
OCT. 3RD,
1 9 2 7.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,-

I have your letter of the 1st instant and note what you say in reference to the application of Major T.H. Warren for the position of Superintendent of Rondeau Park.

I am always very anxious to give a returned man preference in appointments of this kind, and have received many strong recommendations for Major Warren.

I hope to make an inspection of Rondeau Park at an early date for the purpose of disposing of this appointment, and I will be glad to see that your recommendation is given consideration.

Yours truly,

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

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GREENE-ROBERTSON BLDG. 53 METCALFE ST. OTTAWA.CAN.

OTTAWA

3rd October, 1927.

General Sir Arthur W.Currie, GCMG, KCB, LL.D,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur;

Many thanks for your letter of October 1st, and also many thanks for writing to the Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario on behalf of Major Warren. Warren left Canada with the 38th and, with the exception of about six months' absence from duty, served with the Battalion until its return to Canada in June 1919. His record was one of faithful service throughout. He enjoyed the confidence both of his senior officers and the men under him. I am sure that your letter to the Minister will help him, and I know that he will make good if appointed.

I am also very grateful to you for speaking to the C.P.R. about an appointment for my sister-in-law as a nurse on one of their world cruises. The youngster is very anxious to get such an appointment, so that I hope - while things do not look encouraging now - there may be a chance for her later on.

Yours sincerely,

K.A.Greene

K. A. Greene.

KAG:S.

October 1st, 1927.

K. A. Greene, Esq.,
53 Metcalfe Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Ken:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to Major T. H. Warren and I am to-day writing to the Honourable the Minister of Lands and Forests in Ontario.

There is not much that I can say because, and I am sorry to admit it, I do not remember Major Warren nor his service. Perhaps if I saw him I would recall him.

I spoke to the C.P.R. about the nurses, but did not receive much encouragement.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

October 1st, 1927.

Hon. W. S. Finlayson,
Minister of Lands and Forests,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

I have been asked to write to you and recommend for the position of Superintendent of Rondeau Park one Major T. H. Warren.

All I can say is that I knew Mr. Warren when he was a member of the 28th Battalion in France. He was one of those officers of fairly senior rank who did not hesitate to assume the duties of a Platoon Commander when he arrived in France. I have nothing but good to say of Major Warren's services, and from what I know of him I believe he would discharge all the duties of Park Superintendent with credit to himself and satisfaction to you.

I am, dear Mr. Minister,

Yours faithfully,

KENNETH A.GREENE

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GREENE-ROBERTSON BLDG. 53 METCALFE ST. OTTAWA.CAN.

OTTAWA 30th September, 1927.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMG, KCB, LLD,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur;

I am afraid that you will think I am a bit of a nuisance, but this time I am writing you on behalf of a chap whom you may remember, Major T.H. Warren, who served with the 38th Battalion all the time it was in France, coming over as a reinforcement Platoon Commander and doing good work all the time.

Major Warren has made application to the Ontario Government for the position of Superintendent of Rondeau Park and his friends are very anxious to see him get it. Although not a casualty during the war, Major Warren had a complete nervous breakdown on his discharge, and had to take up farming as an occupation. This, as is the case with many city men, did not prove very remunerative and, since he gave up farming a couple of years ago, he has been engaged in some brokerage business in grain and vegetables. The firm by whom he was employed are now going out of business.

For your information I may say that I understand Major Warren has rendered yeoman service to the political party now in power in Ontario. Knowing your desire at all times to do anything you can to assist those who served under you to become well settled in civil life, I am taking the liberty of laying all this before you in the hope that you will write a letter to the Hon. W.S. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests in Ontario, urging the appointment of Major Warren as Superintendent of Rondeau Park.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

K.A. Greene

K. A. Greene.

KAG:S.

DOCKET ENDS:

WARREN, T. H.

DOCKET STARTS:

Wharton, S

Apartment. 21.
220 University St
Montreal
March. 3rd. 1921.

Friday

General Sir Arthur Currie. G.C.B.
Canada.

Dear Sir

I delayed sending you this letter, hoping I might be able to secure some good opening without having to trespass on your valuable time, but find I am merely drifting, without anything definite on the horizon. I therefore have decided to request your assistance in helping me secure a position as Canadian Trade Commissioner, or any other opening that requires tact - commonsence - integrity & fearlessness. So I attach brief particulars of my career, having in view the possibilities of an opening as Trade Commissioner or any special commercial mission that requires commonsense and judgment. I crave your indulgence

regarding the apparent bulkiness of this letter.

My record in France I have stated very briefly, but I feel I must take this opportunity to state, that in France I volunteered for everything in sight, and never fell down. The last smash up I had in France ended up with a Board declaring me permanently unfit at home and abroad. (through wounds) That is how I managed to get with Col Gardner at Deaford, in order to save me from being sent back.

Like many others I could relate incident after incident in France, which never came to light, for instance although not in command of a company I have both taken and also had handed over to me the command of a company when apparently in a tight corner; also the last time I was wounded, June 3rd 1916 although not in command of the company I took charge of the Rear of the Coy whilst going across to join the Bn, and in that position, most certainly stopped

a retirement of the Company, at a critical time, due to repealed false orders, and when the Bn counter attacked I changed around & was leading the Company, when smashed up — Briefly in France I did all that was humanely possible.

Now as regards the Business side.

I was the youngest of a large family My father died when I was 2 years old. Owing to being the youngest I had to start commence at the age of 16. Joined a firm Manfg Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Chocolate, Confry &c — (They were family connections & I was eventually to become partner) Put one year in the Office — half a year in Factory, and then Travelled for them in various parts of Gt Britain — Received a very thorough training & experience — Came to Canada — put in 9 months at Farming Owned the Deed & ~~remained~~ remained until the harvest was gathered and the crops Sold & Money Collected. (Valuable Experience)

Did not continue farming because I hadn't

sufficient money to buy a farm & I did not consider my earlier training fitted me for a Homestead miles away from everybody - My farming was done at Fleming in the old province of Assinboia. Went to Winnipeg - Immediately joined Bulman Brothers Lithographers & Printers, and travelled for them for two years, covering the territory from Port Arthur to Victoria. Received a very much better offer from a Chocolate & Cocoa concern who were putting a factory in Montreal - Joined the Walter M Looney Co of Montreal Chocolate & Cocoa & was given the territory from Port Arthur to Victoria - Opened up Western Canada for them - remained with them for some years & during which time I was the star salesman for them - For very excellent reasons after a few years I left them, went to Europe & secured Agencies & started up for myself as Manufacturers Agent & continued up to the time War ~~Broke~~ was imminent & immediately on declaration of War, I being single and

born in Devonshire, England, enlisted —
Joined the 7th Bn, in which Battalion at
the start I knew neither officer & man,
but at the finish, both those who had
given their lives & those who remained to
tell the tale, were my real friends —
Until the War was over I stayed with
the B.E.F. & remained as close to the
fighting line as I could get —
On return my business had departed —
Instead of remuneration — obligations had
to be met — And I was never offered
a position nor yet given an opportunity —
I migrated to the U.S.A. joined the
Lavoris Chemical Co Minneapolis Minn U.S.A.
with the understanding that I was to
proceed to Europe & place their line on
the market there — Through the unrest
in Europe - this was delayed, and delayed.
I covered Minnesota, N Dakota, S. Dakota,
Wisconsin, Michigan, N.Y State, Ohio,
Pennsylvania, Kentucky &c calling on
D.D.S.' M.D's Who & Retail Druggist
&c &c, an altogether new thing for me

I made a complete success of it —
However I could get nothing definite
as regards going to Europe & also in
my heart of hearts I had no inclination
or desire to be the means of putting an
American Line on the market.
The Union Jack is good enough for
me, so on Decr 31st, I severed connection
with the Lavoris Chemical Co, (who in spite
of my being too British for them, would
give me the highest possible testemonial)
and arrived in Montreal the latter
part of January this year —
I am to an extent crippled — But
Not for Commerce, so once more I arrive
in Canada, to see if a man who has
given five years of his prime to Canada
& the Empire, cannot find some niche
that will give him this opportunity to
remain ~~a~~ under the Union Jack —
I have never failed in Commerce &
have never failed in the C. E. F.
In Canada — Gt Britain & the
U S A I have been in daily touch

with the different branches of Commerce
Every branch of industry & every
branch of commerce, also in close
touch with different commercial
representatives of the various countries.
All I ask is the opportunity.
I have never been in Politics — To-day
& through my life I have a tendency
towards what I call the Sane
Liberal Party —
I have recently moved into thes
Flat, it being cheaper than an Hotel,
and have not yet, a telephone
installed —
This possibly is too lengthy an epistle,
but I wished to give you details,
possibly Sir I may have the
privilege of another interview —
In closing I would state that the
Union Jack is good enough for me, &
if tomorrow War was declared & I had
no legs at-all, Yet, would I volunteer.

I am Sir
Yours very faithfully
Stanley WHARTON

Stanley WHARTON O.B.E.

late 7th Can Inft Bn & Hdqrs Deaford Sussex Eng

Brief particulars

Enlisted 6th D.C.O.R. Vancouver Aug 1914

Attestation Paper 7th Can Inft Bn Valcartier, Sptr 1914

Proceeded from Canada with 1st Contingent

Proceeded to France with 7th Can Inft Bn Feby 1915

Gazetted Lieutenant 1st Can Inft Bn July 10th 1915
(by error)

later transferred to
7th Can Inft Bn

Wounded Septr 29th 1915
(Multiple Shrapnell)

Returned to 7th Bn April. 1916.

Gazetted Captain May. 6th 1916.

Wounded June. 3rd 1916.
(Shrapnell - Right shoulder pulverised & lead still there)

After seven months in hospital reported
Jany 3rd 1917 at Hastings. Eng.

December 1916 Boarded permanently
unfit for service at home and abroad
(through wounds)

Feby 2nd 1917 I was transferred to
Canadian Hdqrs Deaford England and
appointed Officer I/C Reinforcements.

Shortly afterwards I did, what possibly no other Officer in charge of Reinforcements every thought of or was allowed to attempt. I became responsible for Reinforcements, Movement of Troops — Bands - Leave R. T. O. Work, calling & handling of Parades & other minor things. Very seldom away & on duty night & day - Had the satisfaction of a job well done, a hitch was practically unknown & perfect discipline prevailed during my period at Seaford.

Kitchiner Military Hospital July 1918
Brighton

Fractured Skull (Given up as dead)
Thrown out of Cadillac Car (Overturned)
whilst on Duty with G. O. C. Seaford Area.
Elected & re Elected President
Seaford Officers Club
Recommended for Appointment as Staff Captain
" " " A A G. Military District Canada
Twice " " majority by Col Gardner G.O.C. Seaford
Once " " " Col Anderson acting G.O.C. do
Twice " " " Brig Gen Dyer G.O.C. do

Offered second in command of the 1st Reserve Bn (B.C. Rgt)
remained at Hdqrs at the request of Brig Gen Dyer — my majority assured — But ded not eventuate.

Returned to Canada as Liason Officer for 7th Can Infy Bn, on arrival at Halefax, was informed same was cancelled.

Mentioned 1917

" 1918

Awarded O.B.E. vide London Gazette 3rd June 1919.

On leaving Seaford was given a Dinner and Presentation by Hdqrs Staff and Commanding Officers of all Units —

Organized & got in running order before I left Vancouver B.C. a 7th Bn Club. This was before the new Militia Units were formed & was intended to hold the men together - run itself - avoid charity - and assist those who required it to find positions - No Politics - I had to leave Vancouver about two years ago, but I understand the Club is still running.

Forward

Montreal Exc Fighting Men Association.

Yesterday March 2nd I was elected as a member of a new Committe formed to put this on a firm, strong & just basis, with the idea, that same will immediately be put in such a position that it will stand every investegation & the strongest searchlight. The New Committe comprises

6. Colonels
1. Captain
2. Civilians

It is merely my desire to assist in any way I can, whilst here & to endeavour to keep up the standard & reputation of the B. E. F. no matter where I may be located.

Stanley Wharton

CANADA BEHIND IN ADVERTISING

Dominion Publicity Commissioner in New York Urged More Propaganda Work

COMMENDED VISE FEES

Trade Representatives Too Few, Poorly Equipped and Not Adequately Trained, Said Col. Cooper

A strong argument was made by Col. John A. Cooper, of Toronto, before the Montreal Publicity Association, yesterday, that Canada, while it had greater potentialities than almost any part of the Empire for foreign trade, was the least advertised dominion of the Empire, with the poorest representation in trade commissioners, both in numbers and in their general individual capacity for making the Dominion known and getting trade for Canada. In fact, he went further, and showed that even in our own country there was little propaganda work to make known what we ourselves had. He argued that Canada ought to have at least 500 trade commissioners abroad, and that the system should be adopted of using the fee system for viseing invoices of goods, at $2.50 fee for every invoice over $100, as was being used by the United States and most other countries. In this way, he claimed, the trade commission system could not only be made self-supporting, but leave a balance for the Government, which was the case with the United States. Some members asked Col. Cooper if the Publicity Association could do anything to assist in getting a better trade commissionership representation abroad, and he replied that the first thing to do would be to persuade the Montreal Board of Trade, with its strong influence, to withdraw its opposition to the system of charging fees for the viseing of invoices on goods coming to Canada. Their opposition, he said, had been made on the ground that such a system would add further taxation to foreign trade, but his opinion was that the benefits to be derived would far outweigh any cost of the service.

President John Fraser occupied the chair, and introduced Col. Cooper, with a few words of appreciation of the work he had done for Canada during his service as publicity commissioner for the Dominion at New York, and the latter was given a warm reception by an unusually large attendance.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY.

Col. Cooper said the subject he had to discuss was Canadian publicity abroad. His audience knew the value of publicity, but unfortunately that could not be said of Canada as a nation. Previous to the war Canada was not even advertised to herself, and had not sold half a million of bonds to Canadian investors. Since the war this had been changed, and with a strong publicity campaign the Dominion Government had sold over two billions of Canadian bonds to Canadian investors, completely changing the investing habits of our people, which was a lesson for all time to come.

This change in methods must continue in order that we could sell ourselves as a trading nation among the trading nations of the world. This was necessary first for our own self-respect, to make Canada known as a nation with an appreciation of art and culture and not lacking in business, commercial or industrial intelligence. To do this, it was necessary to tell other nations what we are, what we have, and what we aim to become, and he quoted from The Gazette of that day several examples of the kind of publicity other nations were getting, even though some of it was not very favorable.

As an example of lack of publicity, Col. Cooper said that few Canadians knew that the Dominion had the greatest gold mine in the world, and was producing today more gold than any State in the Union, while her mineral progress was attracting attention throughout the world. It was such things that called for national publicity abroad, especially since last year Canada's foreign trade was $1,600,000,000, about evenly divided between exports and imports, a far greater per capita foreign trade than that of either the United States or Australia.

There were two methods of securing this publicity, official and unofficial, and in this connection Colonel Cooper paid a warm tribute to the foreign publicity service of the C.P.R. abroad, which, he said, was doing more for Canada, and incidentally the C.P.R., than any other element of foreign publicity, especially with their service in the United States under Max Enos at New York.

CANADA IN REAR.

As to the official foreign publicity, he said it was only beginning its work, under H. R. Poussette, in connection with the Department of Trade and Commerce. The way in which this was being done was shown by the fact that at New York there were 50 foreign trade commissioners, representing as many countries, each out for their own publicity, and getting it. In this work Sweden was easily the leader, and Canada badly in the rear, with one trade commissioner at New York, and twenty-five throughout the whole United States.

"But the difficulty is," said Colonel Cooper, "that our representatives are not well equipped to sell Canadian goods as are the other representatives. They are not properly trained or selected, while the importance of their work abroad is not properly appreciated. We need better trade commissioners abroad. When I was in New York I was the only Canadian representative who had power to invite a visitor to lunch and charge it up to the Canadian Government, and I still hold the Government's official authority that I might spend as much as $25 a month in this work." (Laughter.)

The United States, he said, had the greatest publicity bureau in the world, while its 1,200 trade commissioners throughout the world were trained and equipped for their work, and adequately supported through the system of charging fees for viseing invoices. They had 92 men in this service in Canada alone, who sent in regular and valuable reports as to conditions, as compared with Canada's 25 for the whole world. The vise fee system last year brought the United States $450,000, and their total expense for consular and trade commissioner systems was only $270,000, so it was clear that by adopting the same system Canada could easily support 500 foreign trade commissioners, which would make the Dominion and its resources known throughout the world, and greatly assist in increasing our foreign trade both export and import.

An excellent musical progra... was given by Mme. Eva ... Stopes and Messrs. Hercu... and Valade.

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Montreal, 13th. April 192 2

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LAVORIS CHEMICAL COMPANY

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Feb. 7th. 1922.

Purity Ice Cream Co.,Limited,
218 Mountain Street,
Montreal Canada.

Gentlemen,

Replying to your letter of February 4th.

We are very pleased to advise that while in our employ Mr. Wharton was a hard worker, conscientious and always attended strictly to business. As his work was entirely advertising,or missionary work, results can not be definitely determined but we are quite confident he will make you a splendid man as Sales Manager.

We might add that we employed him with a view of opening some new territory in England. Later our plans were changed,so we found we were unable to avail ourselves of Mr Whartons services, as he was unwilling to remain in the United States.

Yours very truly,

Signed Lavoris Chemical Company,

GL-FH. Greely Ladd

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March
Sixth
1922.

Captain Stanley Wharton,
220 University Street,
Montreal.

My dear Wharton:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 3rd, with enclosures as stated.

My advice to you is to make a formal application to the Civil Service Department at Ottawa for a position as Junior Trade Commissioner, giving my name as a reference. If they have any intention of increasing their staff at the present time they will undoubtedly write to me. This has happened on previous occasions. Only last week they asked me for a reference in connection with a young man who graduated from our Department of Commerce last year. They are not appointing him to a Junior Trade Commissionership at once, but they are taking him on in the Department of Trade & Commerce at Ottawa to see how he shapes up.

I shall always be glad to do what I can to help you in getting satisfactorily settled.

Yours faithfully,

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Apartment. 21.
220 University St
Montreal
March. 8th 1922
Wednesday

General Sir Arthur Currie. G.C.B.
Canada.

Dear Sir

I Beg to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst, for which I thank you most heartily.
Immediately on receipt of same, I forwarded my formal application to Ottawa for the position of Trade Commissioner, as Senior, — Junior, — or in any trial capacity that might be necessary. Taking advantage of your kind offer, I gave your name only as reference. If found necessary I can produce references and testemonials to suit the most fastidious, but your support is all that any good man should require. I gave you in my former letter

a rather lengthy account of myself, but considered it advisable, to give you fairly full details, in case you needed same for reference. I therefore add a few more I omitted.

Age . 41.
Born Plymouth, Devonshire, England.
Resident in Canada . 17. Years.
Religion Protestant
Heightth Five feet eleven inches
Single
Health Robust — In spite of being permanently disabled through wounds. My disabilities do not in the least interfere with duties of Trade Commissioner.

All I ask is the opportunity, as I have every confidence I would make a big success as Trade Commissioner, but to get the opportunity, your assistance is very necessary & might I state — imperative, to enable me to get the start. I surely have the experience, gained

in the hard field of commerce, and I can assure you, that you will never regret being my sponsor for Trade Commissioner. In closing, I would state that I have never in any way been associated with Politics — But - should you ever, in the future, by any chance, step out into the political arena, — Why Sir, that also will be my first attempt, as nothing will stop me from rallying around the old Flag.

I am

yours faithfully

Stanley Whitton

Apartment 21
220 University St.
Montreal. March 11th. 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie G.C.B.

Dear Sir,

Attached please find letters to hand from F.C.T.O'Hara Esq. Deputy Minister, Dept.of Trade and Commerce, in reply to my application for an appointment as Trade Commissioner,Senior, Junior, or any trial capacity.

My application was formal and brief together with a courteous request for any necessary forms to comply with regulations,in short, a brief polite letter ,searching for information as to the correct procedure to be taken by an applicant.

From the commercial standpoint,which has been my life work,I consider the letter of the 9th. inst. unworthy of a Trade and Commerce Department, it is tactless and by no means answers the polite request for the desired information,and in consideration being given as a reference it is lacking in the courtesy which the enquiry should have elicited.

of your name

You will notice the clause emphasizing the necessity of of a University education,this would disqualify me,but in Canada's History and also that of the Empire,records by no means indicate,that the glory,success,and achievements have entirely fallen to those with that qualification, much as it is to be desired.

Surely the experience gained in my many years of Commerce should be a very great asset to a department of this service,and one would think, that in the Industrial War close upon us,Canada's Commerce would be satisfactorily furthered by the selection of men of ripe experience,tried,seasoned,and disciplined, in preference to immature men without any actual commercial contact in trade affairs.

If necessary I would be prepared to take a course at Mc Gill university,to further my interests,if that would remove the disqualification or perhaps a letter from you to Hon.James A, Robb Minister of Trade and Commerce would overcome apparent difficulties, amd any efforts on my behalf as you so kindly indicated in your recent letter or suggestions as to the proper course to pursue will be very much appreciated and acted upon,

Yours very sincerely,

Stanley Wharton

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March
Fourteenth
1922.

Stanley Wharton, Esq.,
220 University Street,
Montreal.

My dear Wharton:-

I have your letter of the 11th instant with enclosures from the Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade & Commerce. These I am returning to you.

It is true that the letters are somewhat curt, but it seems to me that they give the information that you are looking for. They say that there are no vacancies for Junior Trade Commissioners and that the Civil Service Commission will not take steps to appoint any until the Department of Trade & Commerce say that such Commissioners are required. That being the case, there seems nothing further that they can do with your application other than to file it.

I fully agree with you regarding what you say re the necessity of a University education. I cannot see what good it would do for me to write to Robb. I cannot urge him to take you on as a Junior Trade Commissioner when no such vacancies exist. If you like I will be glad to write to Dr. Roche, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, in your behalf and ask him for advice as to the position for which you should apply.

Yours faithfully,

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220 University St.

Suite 21. March 16th.22.

General Sir Arthur Currie.G.C.M.G.,K.C.B.,L.L.D.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your kind letter of 14th.inst. and return of original letters sent for your perusal.

If you will be good enough to carry out your suggestion of writing Dr.Roche the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission I will be deeply appreciative, and his advice and possible help may be very advantageous to me in the matter, and may be the means of creating an opening in the Department.

The Bulletin of Oct. 10th. gives particulars of the examination of May 1921, which I understand was the only one held and was not considered a success, the writers apparently failing lamentably in the first rudiments of Commercial Knowledge, so runs the report by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission.

The opportunity presents itself of enclosing you a Photo of the late Col.Gardiner, it being one I took myself just before his final departure from Seaford Headquarters and may be an addition to your collection.

Again thanking you for the kind interest you have taken in my case and sincerely trusting that it will develop into an opening that will enable me to prove my worth,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Stanley Wharton

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220 University St.

Suite 21. Mch.17th.22.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B. L.L.D.,

Dear Sir,

Attached please find letter from Col.Brothers, which to say the least is somewhat pessimistic.

Someone,somewhere,said that a pessimist was he,who was faced with the choice of two evils and promptly grabbed them both,needless to say I am not a pessimist: it has also been quoted that the exception proved the rule and I see no reason Sir, why I should not in this case prove to be the exception.

It is with a certain amount of trepidation, that I further encroach on your valuable time,but as in many a tight hole before encountered I am filled with the spirit of the old Second Brigade "TO FIGHT ON".

Having served in the late War and particularly having been a 1914 man, has been a decided detriment, rather than an advantage in my efforts to obtain an opening, though all I seek is one opportunity, one chance is enough for me.

The question of being a University graduate still appears to pursue me, but Sir,I am from sound education and pratical experience, able I believe to hold my own as regards general knowledge, with any citizen of college training.

The fact that I responded to the call, gave the best years , am permanently handicapped through wounds,might be put forward as an exdellent reason for making me the exception to the rule, as my faculties and general health are absolutely unimpaired for work of this nature for which I firmly believe I am eminently suited.

Apologizing for infringing on your valuable time, and still being undaunted and hopeful that an opportunity will present itself,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Stanley Wharton

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205 Union Bank Building,
Ottawa, March 15th, 1922.

Captain S.H. Wharton, O.B.E.
Apt. 21 220 University ST.
Montreal.

My dear Wharton:-

I have just returned from a long talk with the Trade & Commerce people. I am afraid, old man, that there is not the slightest chance of your getting fixed up there. They have just made a hard and fast rule that they will only take men under thirty, and University Graduates with Overseas Service. There is no use beating about the bush, and having you waste any more time. Surely there must be openings in Montreal that would suit you.

Yours ever,

O F Brothers.

OFB/HL.

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Apartment 21
220 University St.
March 21st. 22.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B. L.L.D.

Dear Sir,

To enable you to have a fairly clear idea of my recprd, I attach a letter from my late Firm in the U.S.A. in response to an enquiry from this city.
As regards this particular enquiry,the manager had already been appointed before my arriwal here,but in the event of his not making good, I was to take his place, hence the enquiry.
The position was presumed to be worth $8000 per annum,but the manager is apparently still making good.

I forward this,with the idea in view, that failing to get an opportunity as Trade Commissioner, something else might be in sight, and this additional information might assist you in the event of anything coming to your notice.

Once more apologizing for trespassing on your valuable time,

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Stanley Wharton

Apartment. 21.

220. University St.

Montreal.

April. 8th. 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie.

G.C.M.G. K.C.B. LL.D.

Dear Sir

In a letter received from you of the 14th ult, you very kindly offered to write to Dr Roche, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, regarding the correct procedure to be taken in applying for the position of Trade Commissioner. I replied to your communication, my letter being dated March 16th, thanking you, and asking if you would be kind enough to forward suggested letter, but up to the time of writing, have not received a reply from you. In addition, I mailed a letter to you dated March 17th, and also another communication dated March 21st with enclosure, my reason for these

letters being, that you would have possibly on file a reasonably complete record of my career, which would be useful in the event of some opportunity presenting itself. I attach a cutting from the Gazette of the 6th inst, which does not appear to be very complimentary as regards the Canadian Trade Commissioners. I fully realize your time is very much taken up with more important matters + also that you haven't time for a lot of possibly idle correspondence; / But Sir, I did not receive any acknowledgment of the letters mentioned, am apparently as far removed from

Trade Commissionership, as when I started. If you hear of any opening at all, I shall be extremely grateful to get the opportunity. I have been assisting others in securing positions, have a call on my purse of an average of three a day, my Bank account is rapidly getting, what I might describe as threadbare. I am in a sense, cursed with the appearance of opulence and prosperity, whereas in truth I am close to the Rocks. There is hardly a day passes, when I am not finding a job or assistance for somebody, but haven't so far been able to assist myself. Perhaps Mc Gill University require

a Purchasing Agent.

I am forwarding thes letter, acting on the assumpteon that a letter from you in reply to my last three letters has gone astray.

In any case Sir, you can rely upon my going down with the Flag flying to the last.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Stanley W Carton

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April
Thirteenth
1922.

Captain Stanley Wharton,
220 University Street,
Montreal.

My dear Wharton:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and also of the other letters which you sent to me.

I was particularly glad to get the photos of Col. Gardiner, who I always regarded as one of the best soldiers and comrades serving in the Canadian Corps. I did not answer your other letters largely because I had no good news for you. In response to my letters regarding the Trade Commissionership I was told that it was not the present intention of the Government to increase the number. I could not quarrel with them over their decision, so there didn't seem to be anything further that I could do.

I would be very glad to have you here as a Purchasing Agent if there was a vacancy, but the man who holds the position now is an old and tried servant of the University and I am quite sure you would not suggest that he should be dismissed. I shall always be glad, Wharton, to put in a word for you if you think it would be of any use at any time you are applying for a position.

I am sincerely sorry that you have not before this secured congenial employment in Montreal and I hope that the time is not far distant when you will be satisfactorily placed. Whatever happens I know you will always keep up your courage and face the situation with a smile.

Yours faithfully,

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Apartment . 21.

220 University St

Montreal

Saturday, April 22nd, 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie.

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D..

Dear Sir

Thinking that possibly you are minus information regarding the Montreal Ex Fighting Mens Association, but feeling certain that you would be deeply interested, I herewith attach a few rough memos, that will possibly assist you in getting a fair idea of what has, and is being done.

I would respectfully suggest that you pay a personal visit, Monday's and ~~Tuesday's~~ Thursday's are the Ration days for the Married men, and I will take the opportunity

of telephoning you next Monday morning, on the off chance that you might have one hour at your disposal, 11 or 11.30 A.M., I would suggest as being the most suitable time. The spirit, discipline, cleanliness, and general appearance of the men under most difficult conditions, will I feel certain surprise you, and we have the Association running very smoothly under the management of Major Charles, that might well be emulated by other Towns, should similar conditions again arise.

As regards myself I am rapidly approaching dangerous Rocks, but am doing so with a stout heart

and cheerful countenance. All the same I shall certainly be much relieved to secure some position.

I shall telephone you on Monday morning, and I feel certain you will be amply repaid for any time spent on a visit to the Montreal Ex Fighting Men's Association.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Stanley Wharton

THE MONTREAL Ex-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION

TOTAL BY NATIONALITIES Week ending April 15th/22.

NATIONALITIES	Total	MARRIED	SINGLE	%
French Canadians	582	282	300	45.1%
"	27	6	21	
English Canadians	124	69	55	9.6%
"	181	125	56	14.5%
Scotch Canadians	29	13	16	
"	73	41	32	
Irish Canadians	92	38	54	7.1%
"	37	17	20	
Belgians	8	3	5	
Italians	17	13	4	
Jews	4	2	2	
Poles	6	2	4	
Russians	69	30	39	5.3%
Greeks	1	1		
Americans	21	7	14	
Swiss	2		2	
Hindus	4	0	4	
Scandinavians	4	1	3	
Dutch	2	1	1	
Australians	1		1	
Barbadoes	1		1	
Egyptians	1		1	
German Canadians	1		1	
Total	1288	651	637	

THE MONTREAL EX-FIGHTING MEN'S ASSOCIATION APRIL 18TH: 1922

Unit	Married	Single	Total
1st Bn.	1	4	5
2nd. "	2	5	7
3rd. "	1	6	7
4th. "	4	8	12
5th. "	1	4	5
7th. "	1	0	1
10th. "	1	2	3
13th. ""	10	15	25
14th. "	37	26	63
15th. "	3	3	6
16th. "	2	3	5
18th. "	0	2	2
19th. "	0	1	1
20th. ""	0	4	4
21st. "	1	3	4
22nd. "	74	74	148
24th. "	32	27	59
25th. "	0	2	2
26th. "	1	5	6
27th. "	0	1	1
28th. "	1	1	2
29th. "	2	3	5
33rd. "	0	1	1
38th. "	0	2	2
40th. "	0	1	1
41st "	1	9	10
42nd. "	12	7	19
43rd. "	1	1	2
44th. "	0	5	5
46th. "	2	1	3
49th. "	1	0	1
50th. "	0	1	1
52nd. "	0	4	4
54th. "	1	3	4
57th. "	2	1	3
58th. "	0	4	4
60th. "	9	4	13
72nd. "	1	3	4
87th. "	21	10	31
108th. "	0	1	1
P.P.C.L.I.	2	2	4
Jewish Inf.	0	2	2
Cyclist Corps	0	1	1

Unit	Married	Single	Total
War Graves D.	0	1	1
Belgian Army	0	2	2
R. N'f'l'd Reg.	1	1	2
Imperials	5	28	33
French army	0	15	15
" Navy	0	2	2
American "	0	4	4
Royal "	3	10	13
American Army	0	0	0
Italian Army	1	2	3
" " Navy	0	0	
Indian Army	1	1	2
R.C.D.	0	1	1
R.C.R.	1	3	4
R.A.F.	1	1	2
75th Bn.	0	1	1
1st D.T.	1	0	1
6th. S. B.	1	0	1
2nd. Pioneers	2	4	6
5th. "	2	4	6
2nd. C.M.R.	2	3	5
4th. "	3	0	3
5th. "	18	14	32
1st. "	0	1	1
3rd. M.G.	3	5	8
Can Forestry	15	30	45
2nd. C.F.A.	2	4	6
5th. "	2	4	6
6th. "	2	1	3
C.F.A.	23	14	37
C.R.T.	21	38	59
C.A.M.C.	23	20	43
C.A.S.C.	19	4	23
D.A.C.	7	7	14
C.E.	17	21	38
C.A.D.C.	1	0	1
C.V.C.	1	1	2
Service in Eng.	243	129	372
S.A. Horse		1	1
Australians		2	2
Total	651	637	1288
Grand Total		1288	

Summary, work done, present situation, and future policy.

PRESENT NUMBERS ON STRENGTH.

Married Men	653
Married Men's dependents	1,956
Single Men	644
Total, souls drawing relief.	3,253

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 per day. A Staff of 3 Cooks, 2 Assistants and 9 Fatigue men are employed in the Cook 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 1,526,952 single meals.

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

Q.M.STORES. All provisions and 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 9th. 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 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 in 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. 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 delivery, police, forest ranging, etc., etc., and the cost could be divided, pro rata, between Government departments concerned.

977, Craig Street East,
Montreal.

Manager.
Montreal Ex-Fighting Men's Association.

Apartment 21
220 University Street,
Montreal.
Thursday June 1st. 1922.

Dear General Currie,

This brief letter is to advise you that I have become associated with Messrs Robertson Bros. Manufacturing Confectioners, Queen Street, Toronto, who are the largest and strongest concern in Canada in their line.

The agreement I have made with them is excellent and should mean that at the end of the year, granted health and strength to carry on, my position should be an enviable one.

Although this position has been secured, it may be that enquiries will be made in your direction, and if so a letter from you will carry great weight and will have a distinct bearing on my future chances and I feel sure you will have no hesitation in doing what would be helpful.

I will be leaving Montreal on Monday next the territory to be covered being the Maritime Provinces, but should any exceptional opportunity present itself I trust you will keep my name before you.

Thanking you for the interest you have displayed on my behalf and wishing you health, wealth and prosperity,

Yours very sincerely,

Stanley Wharton

General Sir Arthur Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D..

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Montreal, June 5th, 1922.

Col. J.L. Regan, C.M.G.,
President,
Montreal Ex-Fighting Men's Assn.
142 Notre Dame St.West.

Sir,

As business compels me to move from Montreal to St.John, N.B., I am obliged to resign from the Board of the Ex. Fighting Men's Assn.

I am leaving the City today and will be unable to attend tomorrow's meeting.

Having taken a very active interest in the affairs of the Association and as my heart is still in the work I feel that I cannot leave the Board without making some suggestions for the future conduct of affairs and I hope that the Board will give them favorable consideration at tomorrow's meeting.

If the Farm scheme put forward by Major Charles proves impossible to carry out by reason of lack of funds, I think Charles should be encouraged to work out schemes for raising sufficient money for the purpose, as he thinks thathe might secure funds if his scheme is backed by the Board. I have seen thr farm that he speaks of and though I am not well qualified to judge of farm land, it is most attractively

situated and from inquiries made I think it to be suitable in every respect.

Next Winter is likely to produce a situation as bad as the past one was and I think that the Association must be kept alive to deal with it. To do this Charles should be kept on the job planning ways and means, looking for employment for men and arranging accommodation for the early Winter. He may think it necessary to retain some of his staff and I would accept any recommendation he makes in this regard.

Any of the staff whose services are dispensed with, should in all fairness be generously treated. They should be given a cheque for at least one month's wages.

I think that Charles deserves some recognition for the work he has done and ~~thank~~ I recommend that his salary be increased vy $50.00 per month and that be antedated to March 1st, the time at which this Board took over.

My resignation will leave two vacancies on the Board. I strongly recommend that these be filled at once. Sir Arthur Currie is greatly interested in the work and he is certainly the most logical, as well as the strongest man the Association could have on the Board. I recommend that he be asked to act, and that should he find it impossble to do so, he be

asked to nominate two ex-officers to fill the vacancies, and to lend his own name as an Honorary Patron.

Very very truly

Stanley Wharton

Forwarding address:

Royal Hotel,
St.John, N.B.

Minute II

Gen. Sir Arthur, G.C.M.G.,K.C.B., LL.D.
Principal McGill University,

Dear Sir

Copy for your information

Stanley Wharton

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June 6th, 1922.

Captain Stanley Wharton,
220 University Street,
Montreal.

My dear Wharton:-

I am glad to learn from your letter of June 1st that you have secured what is likely to be an attractive position with Messrs. Robertson Bros. of Toronto.

I note that your territory is the Maritime Provinces, which I believe you will find a congenial one. If you ever come to Montreal please come and see me.

It is a relief to me to know that your worries are over for the time being, for, believe me, I was concerned over your having to go so long unemployed.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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August
Fifth
1922.

Major Stanley Wharton, O.B.E.,
c/o Robertson Bros.,
103-125 Queen Street East,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Wharton:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 27th.

I am delighted to know that you are getting along well in the position you now hold. Frankly Wharton I do not see why you should worry about a position as Assistant Trade Commissioner. In that connection, I am attaching herewith a memorandum issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce. I note that they are calling for application from any one who would like to sit at the next Civil Service Examination. If a candidate is successful he has to go into training for one or two years, and after he has three years experience his salary is only $1,800. per annum. I also note that the Trade Commissioner's salary, a position which can only be reached after long years of serving, amounts to but $3,000. per annum. I am quite sure if you stick to your present position you will be earning far more than that in less time than would elapse before you would be a full fledged Trade Commissioner.

I can well understand the pleasure it gives you to meet old comrades of the C.E.F. You run across them everywhere, and always with the strengthening of the feeling that the spirit of comradeship generated over there was something really worth while.

You mention the Board or Special Committee which has been appointed by the Government to enquire into the truth or otherwise of the charges made by the G.W.V.A. re pensions. I know the personnel of that Board very well. The Chairman of that Board is Colonel Ralston, who commanded the 85th Battalion (Nova Scotia Highlanders) during the last year or so of the war. It was I who suggested his name to the Hon. Dr. Beland, who asked me to take the chairmanship. I was forced to refuse, because Dr. Beland intimated that the

Committee would be asked to enquire into the general question of re-establishment. If so, I knew it would take more time than I could afford to give from University matters. Ralston was one of the best officers serving in the Corps - he is a lawyer by profession, has been a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature for a number of years, and I hear his name mentioned as a probable successor to the Hon. H.H. Murray, Premier of that Province. He is a very straight, upright, independent man, and when asked to suggest names by Dr. Beland I could think of none more acceptable.

Colonel Walter McKeown, another member, did not serve in France, but was surgeon to the Kitchener Hospital in Brighton. He also is a very straight, upright man with a warm sympathetic nature.

The third member is Colonel Dubuc, who you will probably remember commanded the 22nd Battalion, was wounded several times.

All of these men, I should think would be regarded by the soldiers as sympathetic.

I have noted with interest what you have said about the Ex. Fighting Men's Association, and will bear the information in mind.

With all good wishes, I am, dear Wharton,

Ever yours faithfully,

Enc.

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T. V. Monahan, Proprietor
Fredericton, N.B.

July, 22nd, 1922.

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

Dear Sir Arthur Currie

I have only this date, received your letter of the 6th ult. Not having received my little Pension Cheque, I wrote a friend of mine & he unearthed same at my old quarters, together with your letter which he forwarded.
I advised the Post Office of change of address & received their acknowledgement. However I can understand that — As you will always be interested in the welfare of the old C.E.F. — I mention something that I fail to understand, viz, I have just received a communication from the Dpt of

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Soldiers Civil Re Establishment —
Addressed to Mr Stanley Wharton
C/o Lavoris Chemical Co., Minneapolis,
Minn.
U.S.A.

This has just found me — The
date of communication is June, 26th, 1922.
Subject — Re — Examination
Seeing that I have been drawing
a small monthly Pension, sent to
my address in Montreal, since January
last, it would most certainly appear
to me, that the departments are not
keeping in touch with each other —
My training in Seaford & the success
that I achieved, taught me very
clearly, the immense damage that
can be done, through lack of cohesion,
and everybody pulling the other way.

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There must be so many thousands affected by this branch of the service, who have a very limited horizon, cannot reason things out for themselves, that an error of this nature, would tend to make some of them Bolshy — I can sort of understand this thing myself, but if I were in charge, somebodys head would have to go — We cannot afford in these critical times to let the humble private think he is just a number — If they make many errors of that nature, its dangerous — Let them check up the Honours List also for those who receive Pensions, for instance I have the O.B.E, its a very small matter to me, but to many of them, it may appear different — I notice they are having a Board

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or special Committee to enquire into Pension Troubles — Have they anybody on same who served in the Banks, and by that method has been in close touch with the Other Banks — ? There are some injustices I am confident, also some drawing Pensions that shouldn't — In my own case two years ago I requested a Board, because I was leaving the Country, for a while — My board was a very poor job — I had a slight trouble with my hip — That was passed over, but afterwards through an M D friend I had an X Ray & found two small pieces of shrapnell legacy from 1915 —

Coming up on the Train a few days

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ago with a young French Canadian, from him I learnt, he served in France was smashed up, and became C category & was transferred to some other branch. He was discharged here as fit — He has very bad Varicous Veins & wears a stocking - I really believe he got that in France — He was buried & that leg was a legacy — He receives no Pension — He has 4 years service without a bad mark — He was forced to go to Maine U.S.A. to get a living - Was back for a visit — Had $1500 owed when he came back — Started first week as a Track Layer - got moved in as an Operator, had to make way for a married man & is at present in Maine earning $125 a month — Cannot tackle Rough

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Work on account of his leg —
I aged him up as having been a
good soldier & is stell a good soldier
in spite of No Pension & having to
leave his Country — Its cheering to
meet men with their chins up —
Now as regards myself — As I
feel sure you would expect, I have
met with a very good measure of
success — I am not boasting when
I state that I fully expect to
increase my firms business 100%.
This is supposed to be a very
difficult territory for a Newcomer —
I have found the people in the
Maritime Provinces — jolly fine people,
Very Loyal & I miss my guess
if they are not very staunch friends.

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The Fisheng has been good —
The Hay crop excellent, — and
Farming generally in excellent shape.
Lumber is moving — Mining shows
signs of improvement — In Cape Breton
things are brighter than they have
been for a long time — At Campbellton
I observed four vessels loading lumber,
two four masted sailing vessels, and
two Steam — Three Danish
& one ex German —
Last year Fisheng & Farming was bad
This year Fisheng & Farming is good.
Prohobition is here in name only —
Whiskey cans be obtained almost
anywhere — Very reasonable —

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The Province loses a very much need Revenue — Whiskey &c is here just the same But no Revenue & no Control — The younger generation are bound to learn a contempt for law — That is dangerous — This thorough covering of the Maritime Provinces just about completes my Canadian education — I am good enough to restore a Firms lost business in a difficult province for an Englishman & a stranger, but apparently not good enough for Trade Commissioner — Robertson Bros are Manufacturing Confrs — every branch — financially very strong, and with

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a wonderful reputation for absolute purity as regards products, an integrity in all business deals — My trade is all done through the Jobbers —

Col Mc Lee gave me letters of introduction & I was put up at the St Johns Club — I met an Adjutant there who was with the N B Reserve at Seaford — Met two M D's there who were both at Seaford — One is now President of some Medical Assn & lives at Edmonton, the other lives at Ottawa — At New Glasgow N.S. I met a Major Mackenzie who used to be G. S. O. 2 at Seaford, he left Seaford

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with the Secret Expedition for Northern Russia with Colonel Leckie, Mackenzie became Colonel received D.S.O. & about twelve foreign decorations He is now Colonel of the Local Scottish Bn & lives at Stellarton N.S., where he is Asst-Manager of some Coal Mine — I didn't know it before, but he told me he left France with an adverse report — Believe it was due to some difference between two Colonels, anyway he retrieved himself. He drove me over to Pictou & there I took my biggest order yet from a Biscuit & Candy factory there — I also found there a Major McArthur

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who presented me with a bottle of Rum – For a few weeks he used to be entrenching Officer at Deaford, and remembered me.

At Charlottetown P.E.I., I was walking up the street & a young fellow stopped me noticing my little Red Patch, finding I was an Orgenal he promptly got his father to put me up at the local Club – I could continue with my experiences, but won't weary you – Suffice it to say, that the Old Spirit is stell alive, no matter where you go, & as time rolls on, the old orginals will have a stell stronger feeling of friendship – I didnt expect to meet a soul I knew in thes

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part of the World —
I have a busted shoulder, filled
with lead — Shrapnell in my hip —
Lumbago in my back & Rheumatism
in my system, as a legacy from
the late War — No money and
on the constant move — But
I have one stell greater legacy,
learnt from experience in the late
war, vy — Stell keeping up that
indomenatable spirit, not recognising
defeat, chin up, and stell
~~having~~ having faith in our fellow-
men — Yours very sincerely

My Address

Stanley Wharton

c/o Robertson Bros. 103-125 Queen St East. TORONTO Ont.

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Please Destroy
After reading
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Regarding the
Montreal Ex-Fighting Men's Association

The following are merely my personal views, given to you in confidence —
I as you know had to resign, owing to leaving Montreal —
Since then I have been completely out of touch —
My idea was to close up for the Summer & Fall — Keep Major Charles & possibly a very very skeleton Staff To hold the threads together, to use every means to secure Money for the coming Winter & if possible to still assist the Married Men —
To hold the threads together, and

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to look ahead for the coming Winter (which should be the last) & make all possible sane arrangements. The Board of Directors to be entirely Re-constituted — in other words Changed —

Col Regan in my opinion is Not the right man for President.

Lt Col Chaballe would be alright for further service —

Lt Col Smith should Retire, he never attended a meeting & did nothing that I know of —

Col Dubuc, ded not go down to Hdqrs, inspect the place, or get in touch with the men. He did attend

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the meetings however & would be alright for further service.

Lt Col Magee A good man, the best of the lot — If I had stayed I would have selected him out of the lot we had for President.

Lt Col Todd Not the man to act as a Director of this organization.

W. A. Eden Although a Civilian, — a tower of strength — did yeoman service — gave real help — time & money — Re elected by all means.

W. E. Wood Should never have been on.

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DOCKET ENDS:

Wharton, S.

September
Twenty-seventh
1920.

Major E.A.C. Wilcox,
Roccabella,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Major:-

I have your letter of the 17th, and note that you have nothing in sight after the closing up of the S.C.R. I also note that you would like to get on the Air Board, and I am writing a short note to General Gwatkin at Ottawa, putting in a word in your behalf. He will, I know, do the best he can, but the Privy Council sit very tightly on all expenditures in connection with Military, Naval and Air matters.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

September
Twenty-seventh
1920.

Major-General Sir Willoughby Gwatkin,
Department of Air Service,
Ottawa.

Dear General Gwatkin:-

Attached is a letter I have received from Major Willoughby, whom I knew overseas as an officer in the 52nd battalion. You will note that he will be 50 years old next month.

He was a very decent chap in France, but not yet quite the man to put in command of a battalion. He is very loyal and conscientious and ought to be able to give a good many years of useful service.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

January
Sixteenth
1923.

Personal.

Robert Reford, Esq.,
20 Hospital Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Reford:-

I received a call this morning from one J. H. Williams, now living at 41 Masson Street, who is looking for work. He says that for a long time he was employed with the Robert Reford Company, but that he became addicted to taking drugs and was forced to leave your employ. He states that he has taken a course of treatment in the hospital in Ottawa and that he believes he is cured. He says he wants to make good again.

I thought I would bring his name to your attention in case his past record and his present circumstances would influence you to offer him some position.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

20, HOSPITAL STREET,
MONTREAL.

January 17th, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have yours of January 16th, in regard to J. H. Williams. I do not think he could have told you the whole story.

Williams occupied a very responsible position on our Wharf staff and I could not consider taking him back in any capacity whatever, as the effect of doing so would be very demoralizing on the rest of the staff.

Regretting I cannot meet your wishes -

With kind regards,

I am, Yours very truly,

Wm. M. Ryan

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University.
Montreal.

Portsd. March. 26th 23.
41 Wasson. St. Princes St Louis 9715

Dear Sir. Arthur Burrie. Esq.
M.C. Dal. University.

Dear Sir.

I don suppose that I could expect that you could hardly remember me and I trust that you will not feel that I am imposing on your very good nature. You will remember I called on you a couple of months ago regarding drug question and also in regard to obtaining employment of some kind. You told me at time that you would see what you could do in the way of assisting me in obtaining some sort of employment. but I quite realize that you must have many similar requests and that your time is much too valuable to devote much of it to such matters. I have tried hard to obtain something to do but have not succeeded as yet and I am at present absolutely in need of something to do and I can assure you that if you can assist me in this request that I will do all in my power to prove myself worthy and show my appreciation

I have just put in an application with C. R. Ry for position as pullman conductor, I have given in said application all the necessary references in regards to my past employment and also in regards to character and reliability. But although everything is in order in this respect. I have reliable information that apart from this there are so many applications, that it is almost out of the question to obtain this position at present without any influence. I am sure that if you would be so kind as to give me a word to Mr. F. M. Green. Supt Sleeping, Dining & Parlor Car Dpt. Just mount, that I could easily obtain this position, and I can assure you that if you can do this for me you will render me a great service for I am a widower with one boy of mine and I have not earned a thing since last August having laid almost six months ill-ness. and I have absolutely no means of support except what I can earn myself, I most sincerely hope that you will grant me this favor. and also I hope that I am not imposing too much, and I wish to thank you for the kind attention you have shown me in the past.

Sincerely J. C. Williams

West

March
Twenty-eighth
1923.

J. H. Williams, Esq.,
41 Masson Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Williams:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 26th and am truly sorry to learn that you have not yet got to work.

I hope that you are successful in the application you have submitted to the Railway Company for a position, but I am sorry that I cannot write to Mr. Breen as you suggest. I feel that I do not know you well enough to recommend you. I may say that I spoke to the Reford Company about you and received in reply anything but encouragement, nevertheless, I hope you are soon placed.

Yours faithfully,

October
Twenty-ninth
1921.

Personal

Hon. F. B. McCurdy,
Minister of Public Works,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. McCurdy:-

On behalf of Colonel John Wise of Truro I wish to write to you.

You may remember that Wise joined the 25th Battalion as a Private, winning his way to the command of the Battalion and being honoured by receiving a Military Cross and a D.S.O. He was an exceptionally fine soldier and, of course, was very badly wounded. I know that he is particularly hard up at the present time.

Some time ago he had hopes of receiving a position in the Fisheries Department, but the examination was held while he was undergoing further Hospital treatment and he was, for that reason, unable to write. I think he is trying to sell insurance in Truro and the surrounding country, but is not very successful. I understand that he is supporting the Government candidate in that constituency with all energy. I believe it would not take much to satisfy him and I know that he is worthy of anything that you can possibly do for him. He has got down to the state where he has to borrow money to live.

It is too bad that such a well-meaning citizen and splendid soldier should be so reduced. I hope that you may be able to do something for him.

Yours faithfully,

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ottawa 1st November, 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have before me your letter of 29th ulto.

No one can appreciate the military service of Colonel Wise morehighly than myself; I am fully familiar with the various stages of his admirable career; it is a matter of great pride to all Nova Scotians, and I regret greatly to hear of his present need.

It was for this reason that when an attractive vacancy occurred over a year ago, I interviewed the Civil Service Commission to ensure that Colonel Wise would have the opportunity of writing for this position and their examinations were postponed. Unfortunately, however, it was finally found by the Commission that he could not write.

I may say that I shall be on the lookout for any other suitable opportunity that may develop, and shall spare no effort to advance the interests of a man who deserves so highly of his

country as does Colonel Wise.

With kind regards, and thanking you for writing me, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Kennedy

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Hon. F. B. McCurdy,
Minister of Public Works,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. McCurdy:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 1st of November and for the assurance that you will do the best you can for Colonel Wise.

Yours faithfully,

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W. H. Clark-Kennedy, Esq.,
157 St. James Street,
Montreal.

My dear C.K.:-

I have had a reply from McCurdy stating that he will spare no effort to advance the interests of Colonel Wise.

I hope some favourable action follows.

Yours faithfully.

August
Sixth
1920.

Major R.G. Wolfe-Merton,
933 Ridgeway Ave.,
North Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Major:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 24th, and have this day forwarded it to Ottawa to Major-General J.H. Macbrien, with a request that he give it immediate and all possible attention.

I am quite sure he will do all that possibly can be done to meet your wishes. I am sorry that you have found it difficult to get satisfactorily re-established, and I hope that prospects will grow brighter in the future.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,