

**FILE 153**

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January 3rd, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel L. F. Page,  
1411.- 7th Street West,  
Calgary, Alta.

My dear Colonel:-

On my return after a Christmas vacation spent in my old home in Ontario I found awaiting me your letter of last week.

I am very glad indeed, Page, to hear from you again as I always looked upon you as one of my most valued officers in the days of the war. We were together from the days of Valcartier and I was in a position to appreciate and value your qualities as a soldier and as a man. I shall be very glad indeed to be Godfather to your boy. It may not do him much good but I hope it won't do him any harm. Please let me know when the christening ceremony is to take place.

I know what a pleasure it would be for you to have old Paul Tudor with you for a few days. I saw him last winter on his return from New York where he was married. Mrs. Tudor seemed to be a most charming woman and I hope they are very happy.

To-day at lunch I met another old friend of ours in the person of John Peter MacKenzie, who is now a resident of Seattle, Washington. He is looking very well indeed and I think is getting along all right.

Please remember me kindly to all my old friends in the Strathconas and at Calgary, give my love to the boy and with all good wishes to Mrs. Page and yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,

1411 - 7<sup>th</sup> St W.  
Calgary, Alta  
27/12/23.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Though this will arrive  
too late for Xmas greetings  
may I hope that all that  
you wish may be yours  
in the coming year.

I am afraid after  
reading this you will be  
inclined to think that  
I never write you except  
when I want something

Last July we had a boy  
& now when our thoughts  
are turning to christening  
him there is nobody the wife  
& I would like better for  
one of his god fathers than  
you. Is it asking too  
much? We have had  
rather a bad year. A  
great deal of sickness.

I was rather seriously ill  
in September but am  
alright now & we only just  
managed to get clear of

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Chicken pox in time for Xmas.

Paul Ludor was up here  
for a few days. Just the same  
old Paul. Ludford also  
was in Calgary but I did  
not see him.

Again wishing you & yours  
the best for the coming Year  
& hoping for a favourable  
Reply

Believe me

Ever yours sincerely

C. F. Page.

Is this the Arthur Currie  
I used to know at the  
old Shaker Colledge?

Saw the in class  
illegible a few days ago - and  
am wondering -

Do you remember me?

Henry Holmes  
then - Now Henry Holmes Fair.

35- N. 8th St.

Jacksonville.

Florida.



FORT OSBORNE BARRACKS,

WINNIPEG

16 - 1 - 25.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I hope you will excuse my laxity in answering your letter & thanking you for the beautiful cup you sent Michael. He is delighted with it & insists on drinking out of it on every possible & impossible occasion.

I enclose a photo of him taken in B.C. last summer. As you will see by the address

I have been moved to  
Winnipeg. I must say  
I did not like the move  
as I have lived so long  
in Alberta & had so  
many friends there but  
it's all in the seven.

The wife joins me in wishing  
you & yours every happiness  
for the new year & hope  
that it will not be too  
long before you visit  
the West again & have  
a chance of seeing your  
godson in person

Yrs respectfully

L. J. Hall

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Michael Page, born July 1923 - Godchild  
of Sir Arthur Currie, 1925.

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**DOCKET STARTS:**

PALMER

Nov 19 1920

Fred Palmer  
c/o Post Office  
Newport Ontario

Dear Sir Arthur

as former C. O. of the Canadian Army Corp's  
I ask you if you would please favour me with  
your influence to get assistance from the  
Soldier Settlement Board

I wrote to them sometime ago but because  
I had not 5 acres I could not get the loan.

I had the pleasure of knowing you pretty  
well by being the Chef in the 1<sup>st</sup> D.A.C. under  
Col J. J. Penhale to whom you paid several  
visits.

Now when I came home I did my best to re-  
establish myself by taking a 4 acre farm  
buying <sup>it</sup> on terms now I have had to work in  
town ever since because I could not get

assistance and now we have the winter again which finds me in a poor way I have struggled along till I got a horse and two pigs and a few chickens and ducks and the struggle is to keep them for I have a family of three and a meagre \$24<sup>00</sup> per week to pay for the place, keep my small stock, and exist myself, and my wife expecting an increase in about 2 months I consider myself if a man is entitled to a loan to buy tools surely a man like myself that is trying to get along is worthy of some assistance we cannot afford to buy coal all we have is green willow to warm the place if I could get sufficient assistance only to buy feed for my small stock I could get along, but I ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> think I should be eligible for that loan of \$500. I owe \$526

on my place and if I cannot pay why  
 what I have worked hard for I will  
 have to sell to pay my way I can assure  
 you it is very discouraging now please  
 Sir Arthur if you can help ~~me~~ me in any  
 way with your influence to get assistance  
 from the Soldier Settlement Board I should  
 esteem it the greatest favour for I put  
 in all my property into the place and I  
 should feel pretty hard hit if I had to sell  
 even a chicken

Thanking you

Sir Arthur

Sam Jones

Very Sincerely

Fred Palmer

Late Gunner 1<sup>st</sup> Contingent.

November  
Twenty-sixth  
1920.

Fred Palmer, Esq.,  
Newport, Ont.

My dear Palmer:-

I have your letter of November 19th and am to-day writing to the Soldiers' Settlement Board at Ottawa, urging upon them the necessity of doing something to help you to become re-established.

I wish I were in a position to help you personally, but that is impossible. I will let you know immediately I hear from Ottawa, and I hope that I can give you some good news.

About two weeks ago I was in Sherbrooke, Que. and saw again your old Colonel, J.J. Penhale. He looks just the same as when he was in France.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

November  
Twenty-sixth  
1920.

C. G. McNeill, Esq.,  
Secretary, G.W.V.A.,  
Ottawa.

My dear McNeill:-

I am attaching herewith a copy of  
a letter I have received from an old gunner of the  
1st division.

You are somuch more familiar with  
the workings of the Land Settlement Board than I  
am that I am taking the liberty of sending the  
letter up to you and asking you to take it up with  
the Land Settlement Board and let me know just what  
they will do, and their reasons, if any, should  
they turn Palmer's request down.

If you think a letter from me will  
do any good, I shall be only too glad to write.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Encl.

Principal

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3rd December, 1920.

C. G. MacNeill, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 384,  
Ottawa,  
Canada.

My dear MacNeill,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 30th with reference to the case of Fred Palmer. Is there likely to be any Parliamentary Committee appointed at the next session for further consideration of matters re the re-patriation of returned soldiers? I think we ought to press for such a committee because some good has resulted in each case when such committee was appointed.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

AWC/W.



# THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

OF CANADA INCORPORATED

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

DOMINION COMMAND

P.O. BOX 384  
PHONE Q 3263

CITIZEN BUILDING

OTTAWA  
CANADA

November 30th, 1920.

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

Re:-Fred Palmer,  
c/o Post Office,  
Newport, Ont.

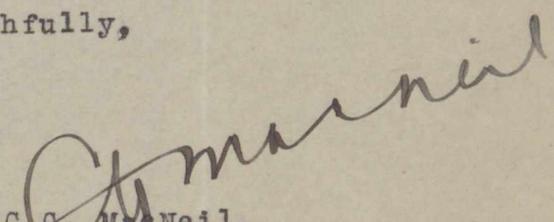
Dear Sir Arthur:-

In consultation with the Officials of the Soldier Settlement Board, with regard to the circumstances of the above noted returned soldier, I find that last April his application for a loan was refused as the regulations at that time did not admit of his eligibility. This decision was apparently based upon his own statement of his circumstances. It has been considered necessary, for agricultural reasons, to demand a minimum of five acres in granting loans upon small holdings.

I have the assurance, however, that a further investigation will be made of his present circumstances, in an effort to more definitely determine his standing under the Act. A supervisor will be instructed to visit him and obtain all the details that will be necessary in the further consideration of his application.

I trust that this will be satisfactory to you. I shall be pleased to give the matter close attention and further advise you in regard thereto.

Yours faithfully,

  
C.G. MacNeil,  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
G.W.V.A. of Canada.

CGM/LS.

December  
Twenty-third  
1920.

Fred T. Palmer, Esq.,  
C/o. Newport P.O.,  
R.R. Brantford, Ont.

My dear Palmer:-

As a result of taking your case up further with the authorities at Ottawa, I am advised that the best thing for you to do now is to make application for a loan.

This, I think, will result in more definite investigation being made and I hope your just claim may receive favourable consideration.

Wishing you all the joys of the season, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



# THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

**DOMINION COMMAND**

P. O. BOX 364  
PHONE Q 3263

CITIZEN BUILDING

**OTTAWA**  
CANADA

December 21st, 1920.

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

Re- Fred Palmer.

Sir:-

A report has been received from the Toronto District Office of the Soldier Settlement Board, with regard to the above noted soldier, setting forth the circumstances of his application and his present standing.

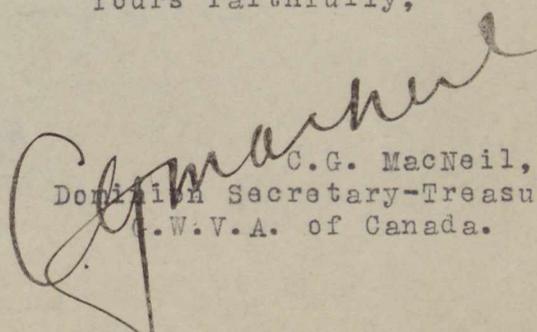
Mr. Palmer submitted Preliminary Information Form August 1st, 1919 but an application for loan has not yet been received from him.

Attached is copy of a communication addressed to him by the Provincial Superintendent of the Soldier Settlement Board in Toronto, dated August 7th, 1919.

It is stated that if his holding only consists of four acres, it would be impossible for the Board to assist him in any way. I would suggest, however that you advise Mr. Palmer to submit an application for loan, following which more definite investigation may be possible.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

  
C.G. MacNeil,  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
C.W.V.A. of Canada.

CGM/MM.

COPY.

32 Adelaide St., East.,  
Toronto - Ontario,  
Aug. 7th, 1919.

Dear Sir -

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Aug. 1st, enclosing your Preliminary Information Form. In order that your case may be dealt with as rapidly as possible it will be necessary for you to send us your actual Discharge Certificate. This will be returned to you by registered mail.

To save you the trouble and expense of coming to Toronto in order to appear before the Agricultural Qualification Committee here, you should communicate and obtain an interview with the Agricultural Representative for Brant County, R. Schuyler, Esq., Paris, Ontario, who will send us a confidential report on your case.

When you have a definite proposition in view which you wish to purchase you should fill in the enclosed Form Application to Purchase Land for Agricultural Purposes, and return it to this office. The description of the farm must include the lot, concession, township and county. You should also obtain a note from the owner stating the lowest cash price he will take for the place. You should not enter any definite agreement to purchase a farm until after the place has been inspected by one of our appraisers.

Further information desired will be gladly furnished upon request.

Yours very truly,

Provincial Superintendent.

Fred T. Palmer, Esq.,  
c/o Newport P.O.,  
R.R. Brantford, Ontario.

May  
Twenty-fifth  
1921.

Fred Palmer, Esq.,  
Newport, Ont.

Dear Palmer:-

I have your letter of May 19th and regret to learn that the Dominion Government did not see fit to meet your wishes in the matter of assistance.

I know that you will not lose heart but that you will continue to do the best you can. All the sacrifices you made were not made during the war. It seems that we must still continue to feel the effect. A stout heart is just as necessary to-day as it was when the struggle was at its height.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

May 19 1921

Fred Talbot  
c/o Post Office  
Newport. Ont  
Canada

Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir Arthur

You will remember me writing to you some time ago asking you to use your influence to get me a loan and I am sorry to say they will do nothing whatever because I have not 5 acres I have now put it in the Great War Veterans hands for as I predicted I have already started to sell what I have for employment being so bad and the misfortune I had to injure my ribs which incapacitated me from working if I could have found it, I feel it very hard after doing my best to re-establish myself without assistance, I trust you will not think I am intruding by writing to you again but I am sure you would like to know if using your influence was a success but am sorry to say it was not and now to exist I must sell I am sorry to say. If I could get vocational training in the kitchen of your work it would certainly help some forgive me if I am intruding please

Yours Very  
Sincerely

F. J. Talbot

**DOCKET ENDS:**

PALMER

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# NAVAL AND MILITARY TOURNAMENT

To be held at THE MOUNT ROYAL ARENA, on SATURDAY, MAY 26th,  
(Afternoon and Evening)

Under the Patronage of  
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His Honor The Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec,  
and the Honorable the Minister of National Defense

The Profits will go to Local Charities.

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Major S. B. Coristine.  
Lt. Col. O. F. Brothers, O.B.E.,  
(Chairman, Publicity Committee).

Montreal, May 29th, ..... 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie, C.M.G., KCB., LL.D.,  
Mc Gill University - Montreal.

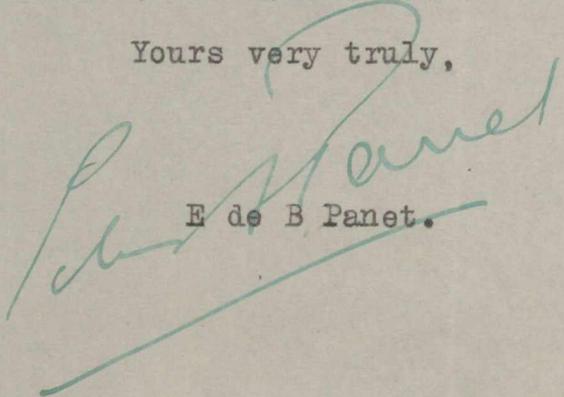
My dear Sir Arthur,

I have received yours of the 25th inst., enclosing a letter from the Royal Edward Institute requesting that a portion of the funds derived from the Naval and Military Tournament be allotted to that Institution.

The Committee has already decided on the allotment of any profits to the General Hospital and Notre Dame Hospital, and a small portion to the Last Post Fund.

I will, however, bring this matter up again before the Committee.

Yours very truly,

  
E de B Panet.

B.

May 25th, 1923.

Brigadier-General E.deB. Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
70 Cedar Avenue,  
Montreal.

My dear General:-

I am attaching herewith a letter  
received by me this morning.

I do not know exactly what dis-  
position you intend to make of any proceeds of the  
Military Tournament. I know that sometimes these  
affairs result in a deficit rather than in a  
surplus. It seems to me, though, that this school  
is a very worthy institution and might well hope  
to receive a small donation from you if there is  
anything left over. Will you please bring it  
to the attention of your committee.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

May 25th, 1923.

Miss Amy K. Hutchison,  
Royal Edward Institute,  
47 Belmont Park,  
Montreal.

My dear Principal:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 23rd asking that a certain share of the proceeds of the Military Tournament be given to the Royal Edward Institute.

I am very much interested in what you tell me about the school and consider it has very worthy claims. I am not the Chairman of the Tournament, as you suggest, but I shall bring your letter to the attention of the Tournament authorities, at the same time expressing the hope to them that they may meet your wishes.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

July 21st, 1925.

Major-General H. A. Panet, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

I am enclosing you herewith the second page of a letter from the General to you, which in some way was mislaid. You already have a copy of it but you might want to have the original.

I am also enclosing a letter which the General apparently received while in England and which he has asked me to send on to you, saying that he would be much obliged if you would have it answered.

We are all very pleased about Edouard's new job and I hear very nice things about him from the C.P.R.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.



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*Parker*

49 EAST 33D STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 19, 1925.

Dear Sir Arthur,

On September 24th we shall publish Sir Gilbert Parker's fascinating new romance of La Salle called "The Power and the Glory". In talking with Sir Gilbert he felt that you might be interested in the book and asked us to send you an advance copy with his compliments. The book is going forward to you today.

We shall be glad to know your feeling about the story after you have read it. Should you write us you may be sure of our appreciation of your kindness, and it may be that you will let us quote your views.

Sincerely yours,

*Harper Brothers*

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

William H. Briggs...GM.

October 1st, 1925.

Messrs. Harper Brothers,  
49 East Thirty-third Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs-

I have just received the  
copy you so kindly sent me of Sir Gilbert  
Parker's latest book "The Power and the  
Glory".

I look forward with much  
pleasure to reading it and will be glad  
to write you further after I have done so.

Will you please convey to  
Sir Gilbert my appreciation of his thought-  
fulness.

Yours faithfully,

June 25th, 1925.

Miss Erma Patterson,  
C/o. Border City Star,  
Windsor, Ont.

My dear Erma:-

I have often thought that you might consider me a very rude person for not making any acknowledgment of your kindness in sending me the May 2nd copy of the Border City Star. I should have acknowledged it at the time but May was a particularly busy month.

On the 29th I went to the hospital for an operation on my jaw. I was there for a couple of weeks and only got back to the office last Monday.

We are all leaving tomorrow for the Old Country. This morning we had letters from Ethel and May, giving us all the news from home. One thing which I was sorry to hear was that Jack was not feeling quite as well as when I saw him in Montreal last winter. Please remember me most kindly to him, to Dick and to the girls. I hope your mother keeps well. I am sorry we missed her last summer. I believe we got to the Eau a day or so after she had gone back to Windsor.

Give my love to her, to Nyle and Ruby, to Tom and a generous portion for yourself.

Yours ever,

**DOCKET STARTS:**

JOHN PATTERSON

Alexandra Apts.  
London Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Arthur,

I have just returned from the Eau. The hunting was good but the ducks were scarce. Dick had a few days good hunting got 40 duck one day and 37 the next, that was not bad.

We were disappointed that you and Jack did not get out for a few days. We could have had a shoot in the morning, golf in afternoon and bridge at night.

May please me about some linen you wanted, I see Arthur my connection with the Dry

Goods trade in Montreal is slight, but should you come to Toronto I could get you such as shirting and pillow cotton and etc. in fact anything that Gordon Mackay or W R Brock have in that line that you want and they are the best in Toronto.

I could meet you in Toronto on any Monday or Friday. I will be in <sup>Toronto</sup> Monday and will find out if Gordon Mackay has a permanent sample room in Montreal and if so will forward you a letter of introduction then you could go down and look the samples over and have what you

Want shipped direct to your Montreal address  
will let you know Monday eve if they have a  
ample room in Montreal

Hoping to be of some service to you  
and with best wishes for yourself and  
dear family I am as ever

Yours affectionately  
Jack.

HERBERT M. (DOC) MCCARTHY  
MANAGER

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TORONTO, CANADA

Monday P. M.

Dear Arthur:

I saw Mr Woods of  
Gordon Mackay and they have  
no sample room in Montreal  
but have one in Ottawa and  
would only be too pleased to  
supply you with anything  
you want either for yourself  
or the bill. Mr Woods has  
written their representative  
in Ottawa to look after you  
should you call

How Arthur if  
this is not satisfactory  
I will meet you anytime

HERBERT M. (DOC) MCCARTHY  
MANAGER

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PAID TO THE COMFORT OF  
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PROPRIETORS

TORONTO, CANADA

in Toronto, but make it  
Thursday or Friday of any  
week if possible.

Hoping this will prove  
satisfactory for you  
I am as ever

Yours affly  
Jack.

December 3rd, 1924

John Patterson, Esq.,  
Alexandra Apartments,  
London, Ont.

My dear Jack:-

Thank you very much for both your  
letters.

I do not think that I shall be able to see you in Toronto before the Christmas holidays and possibly not then. It would appear, therefore, that I shall have to make other arrangements to get the linen. Thank you very much, though, for your kind offer and it may turn out that I shall be able to avail myself of it.

I am glad to learn that you and Dick have had good luck with the ducks. You will remember that I counted on going down to the Eau some time in October. I visited London about the 16th and 17th at the time they opened their new university building. I had intended going on to Chicago about the 27th of the month to attend the meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, but found myself unable to make that trip, so I did not remain in Strathroy as long as I otherwise would have done. We may be up at Christmas but I am not quite sure yet.

I hope that Lawson and Margaret are well and that your own health becomes better every day. Give them my love, and with all good wishes and many thanks, I am,

Yours ever,

**DOCKET ENDS:**

JOHN PATTERSON

RICHARD E. PATTERSON, D. D. S.  
901 STROH BUILDING  
DETROIT

My dear Arthur :

A few days ago I saw in the papers where you were given a degree by Harvard University. Harvard has the reputation of being very particular about who they honor. It must be very gratifying to you to know they deem you worthy, congratulations.

We are wondering when to expect you people at Indian Park, we will all be pleased to hear you are coming very soon. Jack and I played Golf at the Ridgeway Club, on Saturday and again on Sunday. There is plenty of room for improvement in the course yet, it is much improved from the time

RICHARD E. PATTERSON, D. D. S.  
901 STROH BUILDING  
DETROIT

you and I played two years ago.  
Tell Lil and Margorie there are three  
dances a week and there is talk of  
another one on Saturday night, you  
might also tell Garner that the bathing  
is good in either the bay or the lake!

The girls have been there for  
a month. They like it there. Lou is very  
good and seem to be full of pep. Ethel  
and Gertrude are just fair but hope the  
fresh air and sunlight will help them, have  
seen Tom only once since you were here,  
Lucie is not well at all, don't think she  
has much chance to get well. She is better  
right now than she was a week ago  
and that is some encouragement.

Any time that is convenient  
with you will be fine with us, just

RICHARD E. PATTERSON, D. D. S.  
901 STROH BUILDING  
DETROIT

Let us know when to meet you and  
we will be there.

Please remember me to  
Lil. Majorie and Garner.

With kind regards, I am  
Most Sincerely,

Dick Patterson.

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1926.

July  
Nineteenth  
1926.

Dr. Richard E. Patterson,  
901 Stroh Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Dick:

On my return to Montreal this morning I received your letter of the 14th instant in which you were kind enough to renew the invitation to visit you at Rondeau Park.

I am afraid that we cannot very well do that this year, as the family are now down at York Harbor, Maine, where I am going to join them tonight. I took them down last week and am only in Montreal for the day. You know Lily lived all her life by the sea and is always anxious to spend any vacation we take on the sea coast. I believe I could enjoy myself very much at Rondeau Park, but York Harbor is also a very pleasant place. I had a swim in the sea each day I was there and found the water very pleasant. There is also a splendid golf course, beautiful scenery and apparently a very decent crowd of people congregate there.

This morning I was very much shocked and grieved to receive Tom's telegram <sup>saying</sup> saying that poor Lena had died last Saturday. The end always comes very unexpectedly in these high blood pressure cases. It will be a great grief to you all and my heart goes out to Tom particularly. I am so glad I went up to the wedding in June. I thought she was looking particularly well then - as well as I ever saw her. Many times since we have remarked how pretty she was. I know my people will be very sorry when I give them the news tomorrow.

With kindest wishes to all,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

May 26th, 1926.

Thomas Patterson, Esq.,  
C/o. Massey Harris Company,  
Windsor, Ont.

My dear Tom:-

It was very good of you to write me as you did on the 24th asking us to stay with you when we go up for Irma's wedding. That is very nice, of course, and just what I would expect you to do. At the same time I am sure my wife would feel that we ought to go to the hotel and I am writing to them for accommodation. I know just how busy Lena and all the rest of you must be just now and our being there would only add a little to your troubles and do no good whatever.

At the present time Marjorie is confined to her room by the Doctor's orders and because she has been suffering lately from earache. She is going up on Friday night next by the C.P.R. and will arrive in Windsor on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock standard. The other members of the family who go up will leave on next Tuesday night and arrive at 2 o'clock standard on Wednesday. I am so busy that I shall have to return the next day, though while there I would like to run across to Detroit and pay a visit to Henry Ford's factory.

Just now Lily and Garner are at Atlantic City, where they went about a fortnight ago to find warmer weather, for we have had a very backward Spring. Garner, as you may have heard, was laid up for nine weeks from Scarlet Fever, while Lil has had

Thomas Patterson, Esc., - 2 -

a lot of Tonsilitis this winter. I am glad that Lena is feeling so much better. She will be better still when relieved of the worry of the wedding.

Thank you very much again for the invitation to stay with you, but I think it better for all concerned if we go to the hotel. We shall, of course, see as much as possible of you while there.

With love to all, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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July 4th, 1922.

Hon. T.D. Pattullo,  
Minister of Lands,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pattullo:-

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me your report for the year ending December 31st, 1921.

I was very disappointed in not being able to visit British Columbia this year. I had counted so much on being there. I hear constantly good reports of the old Province - that the lumbering industry is very active, new and rich mines are being discovered and that a steady inflow of farmers is taking place.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

September  
Ninth  
1921.

E. P. Paul, Esq., M.A.,  
C/o. Pacific Club,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Paul:-

I am returning herewith a letter which was sent to Victoria and found its way back to me. I regret that I could not at the time give a more extended address.

Since reading it over I have been wondering whether I made a mistake in referring to your daughter-in-law as having married "Tod". I am ashamed of myself, but I have forgotten whether it was Tod or Budge who fell at Vimy. I hope you will give the letter to your daughter-in-law and trust that I have not made such a mistake.

I hope, old man, that all goes well with you.

I have just come back from spending a few months in the Old Country and while there visited Aberdeen. I remembered that the University there was your Alma Mater. I met a great many of the staff and received a most cordial welcome. I became so enamoured of Scotland that I spent some three weeks there, having intended to spend only a few days. I liked Scotland and I liked the Scotch people very much. I was ten days in Edinburgh and Victoria never showed her visitors more perfect weather. Stevenson, I know, has referred to Edinburgh as "a meteorological purgatory", but I did not find it so. I hope that next year I can afford a trip to the coast during the summer vacation.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

September  
Twenty-third  
1921.

Sir George Smith,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
Aberdeen University,  
Aberdeen, Scotland.

Dear Sir George Smith:-

I have received a letter from Victoria, British Columbia, which tells me that there is a movement on foot to ask Aberdeen University to confer upon Mr. E. V. Paul, M.A. the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

From 1894 to 1914 I lived in Victoria, B.C., and Mr. Paul was one of the first men I met. He was at that time Principal of the Victoria High School. Later on he became Superintendent of the City Schools of Victoria and now holds the position of Principal of Victoria College. I knew Mr. Paul rather intimately, because for nearly six years after going to Victoria I was engaged in the teaching profession, and after leaving that work I saw a great deal of him.

Since Mr. Paul came to Victoria he has been engaged altogether in educational work and I consider that it can be held that he has made a positive contribution to the cause of education in British Columbia. I know that he is a graduate of Aberdeen, and, if it is not impertinent for me to say it, I would like to express the opinion that he is one well-worthy of the suggested honour from his Alma Mater.

Sir George Smith

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I am sorry that during my visit to Aberdeen last July I did not have the pleasure of meeting you, as you were away from the city. Others, however, were very kind to me and I enjoyed very much my three days stay there. If it is not too much trouble I would like you to kindly remember me to Professor Harrower, Dr. MacIntosh, to Mr. Perry, to Dr. Cowan, to Professor Thompson and to the Minister of the old church near King's College.

With all good wishes

I am, Sir,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

September  
Twenty-third  
1921.

Alex. G. Smith, Esq.,  
Victoria Business Institute, Ltd.,  
Cor. Douglas & Broughton Street,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of September 17th and am delighted to learn that a movement is on foot to secure for my old friend Mr. Paul, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Aberdeen University.

I shall be very glad to write direct to Sir George Smith, the Principal of Aberdeen. I spent three days there last July but Sir George was away. I did see a number of the other professors and went through the Colleges.

With all good wishes to you and to my old friends in educational work in Victoria,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Sept. 17, 1921.

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

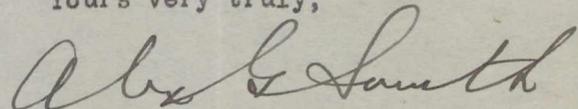
Dear Sir:

A movement is on foot in Victoria, aiming to secure the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Aberdeen University for Mr. Paul, Principal of Victoria College here. I have the matter in hand and knowing your long and intimate acquaintance with him, I am making bold to ask you to favor me with a letter dealing with your knowledge of him as an educationist in British Columbia.

I will leave it to you to decide whether you will forward that letter direct to Sir George Smith, Principal of Aberdeen University, or to me, to be included with others of like tenor which I am forwarding to Mr. Paul's brother in Scotland for action.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain

Yours very truly,



Principal, Collegiate Dept.

AGS-M



Château de Blois  
TROIS-RIVIÈRES, P.Q.  
CANADA

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1921

St. Gen Sir A C Currie  
Ottawa,  
Ont.

Dear Sir

would you kindly give  
me a report on the number  
of returned soldiers in  
Canada I have read  
in your reports regarding  
the Canteen fund. And I  
have a plan I would  
like to put before you  
in regard to creating a  
Institute such the money.



Château de Blois  
Trois-Rivières, P.Q.  
CANADA

and I feel would be a  
wonderful success if  
property handled by a  
group of good strong  
men - Hoping I may  
see the forwage of meeting  
you on this matter  
I am yours Sincerely.

Mrs B. C. Paton

Château de Blois  
Trois-Rivières  
P.Q.

December  
Thirteenth  
1921.

Mrs. B. C. Paxton,  
Chateau de Blois,  
Three Rivers, Que.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of December 11th asking me for a report as to the number of returned soldiers in Canada.

It is now nearly a year and a half since I severed my connection with the Militia Department and I have not this information at hand. I would suggest that you write to Mr. C.G. Macneil, Dominion Secretary G.W.V.A., Ottawa, who, I am sure, will be glad to give you the information.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

PACIFIC CLUB  
VICTORIA, B.C.

June 13. 1923.

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have just received your letter dated May 25<sup>th</sup>. My absence in Saanich, where I was enjoying some fishing, prevented my calling at the Club and receiving it sooner.

I think the school at Brentwood will be a great success. Its surroundings as you know are very beautiful, the boys will have the great advantage of facilities for boating as well as other sports, and Mr. Hopis' appointment as Principal is a ample guarantee that their mental and moral training will be excellent.

Mr. Hope is a man in every sense of the word, and his experiences in High Schools of this Province have given him a Canadian outlook which seems to me to be invaluable for the training of young men destined, as I have no doubt on any of them will be, to fill high positions in the Dominion and Provincial services, and all of them for Canadian citizenship.

I am full of sympathy with the promoters of the new School, and hope for its success, and I do not think you would ever regret lending the influence of your name to assist them in establishing near Victoria a school which I am in hopes will in time rival the similar schools

3.  
in the last mentioned in your  
letter.

While not so young as when I  
knew you first, I am still "going  
strong". My little College is increasing  
in numbers, and, I think, in usefulness,  
and I do not let my students forget  
their descent from the old Mc Gill  
University College. My time is well  
occupied, as I am Principal, Registrar,  
and Associate Professor of Classics -  
a modum Poo-Bah!

With kindest regards to  
Lady Currie and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Edward B. Paul

Cy Peck

January  
Ninth  
1922O.H. Nelson, Esq.,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

My dear Nelson:-

Thank you very much for your kindness in writing to me, for I assure you I was glad to hear from you.

I was indeed sorry to learn that Colonel Cy Peck had been defeated. To my mind he was a most useful member of Parliament. I am sure the interests of his constituency were always jealously guarded, and I know he was one of the most outstanding champions of the returned man in the House. Altogether, I think he was a most wholesome influence there, and aside from any feeling of gratitude which his constituency might be expected to have on account of his outstanding war service, I cannot see that they have acted wisely or well in turning him down.

I consider that the old Government treated him very shabbily in the matter of the Senatorship from British Columbia. I do not know whether Cy was an applicant for such a position or not, but I consider he was far more entitled to it than Crowe of Vancouver. Before the War they were both Liberals and they were both elected to support Union Government. Cy's record in the House was one of great usefulness to the country and besides, I think, his splendid war record should have counted for something. Long ago I came to the conclusion that there was no such thing as gratitude for war service. People do not care to hear about the War any longer, and the old talk about making Canada a place fit for heroes to live in was after all only talk.

O.H. Nelson, Esq.

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I hope the people of Prince Rupert are not disappointed in what they expect from the Liberal Government, but if they ever want the Grand Trunk Pacific to pay they must adopt a very active immigration policy. I think many years will elapse before we will get rid of the awful debt under which the country is now labouring, owing to the taking over of the railways. I suppose, Nelson, that you are a Government ownership man, as most of the people in the West are, but I believe we shall curse for many years the day when our Government embarked on the railway building programme.

Please remember me to Cy, and most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Prince Rupert, B.C.  
December 29th., 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,-

You will probably have noticed in connection with the election returns that Col. C.W. Peck went down to defeat here. It would at least appear that he will be numbered with those who were defeated but a recount will likely be held after the official count has been made and there is the chance that he may win in consequence of that. The majority in any event will be less than fifty.

It seems too bad that one who has served as well as old Cy has at the front and again as a representative in the House should go down to defeat but that is the chance that is taken in politics. The old Colonel needed the position also as the war left him in anything but good shape financially.

In this riding there was a decided feeling against the Government and in favor of the Liberals, the feeling being that because the Liberal party had conceived the G.T.P. that therefore a Liberal government would put everything in the way of Prince Rupert the terminus of the line.

Cy ran as an Independent and made a good running under the circumstances. He was defeated by a weak selfish party man, "red Stork" whom you may know.

Most of the returned men stayed with the Col. But after what he has done for returned men there should have been no division among them. It is an ungrateful world however and no one learns this better than the one who takes a part in politics.

We have a very disturbing question in the railway proposition in this country. I suppose time will solve it. Living here where everything depends upon the railway development, especially that connected with the old G.T.P. it becomes a very live issue.

I have written too long I fear but felt that you would be interested in knowing the situation as it developed during Col. Peck's campaign, for your experience with him I feel sure has impressed you with the merit of the old Col.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

O. H. Nelson



Sidney B.C.  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 26

Dear General Currie.-

I have to thank you very much for your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. and for the very kind expressions of appreciation regarding my article on Jimmy Gosh.

It is my intention to contribute these articles not only to help the "Brayer", but to record acts of heroism and unselfish service that came under my notice and that would be lost to the world otherwise. If we who know don't tell, nobody else will.

Be glad you are subscribing to the "Brayer" or joining the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, for it's all the same thing, I understand. It will encourage the boys at Moose Jaw and they are certainly entitled to it, for they have

do more to keep up the battalion traditions and keep the boys together than all other agencies combined.

We had some drafts from there, notably one of 150 from (I think) the 46<sup>th</sup> Batt.

They were prime recruits and equal to any who ever belonged to the Battalion.

One of them was a U. C. (posthumous) - Milne.

These boys have always shown great pep and spirit and are an inspiration to all of us.

And we need some inspiration, at least I do.

The way everybody has forgotten about the service and sacrifice of the boys at the front is tragic and sickening, and I can't think of it without shame.

We had our third little boy in July, but my dear little wife has not gotten over it yet (let's hope) and is still in the hospital, and God knows if she'll ever be quite well again or not.

With kindest regards to you and yours and  
best Christmas wishes  
yours very truly  
C. P. P.

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December 1st, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., M.P.P.,  
Sidney, British Columbia.

My dear Colonel:-

Some time ago some one sent me a copy of the October number of "The Brazier". In it I read with the greatest possible degree of pleasure and interest your story "A Prince of Pipers". I rejoice to note that it is labelled No. 1 and so I presume that many other tales of the same character will follow. I congratulate you most heartily on your style of writing - it is most vivid and fascinating.

I am subscribing to The Brazier for two reasons,- one for the news it contains of fellows I once knew, and the other is I want to read these stories which, apparently, you are going to write.

I am very sorry I did not see you when in Victoria a little over a year ago, but I often hear from others about you and hope that all goes well.

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

Yours faithfully,

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sidney B.C.  
May 30<sup>th</sup> - 27

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have to thank  
you very kindly for  
your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
inst. together with  
clipping about Morris Jenkins.

As years go by I get  
much stupider about  
remembering names, and I  
can't recollect Jenkins  
particularly.

<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless I appreciated  
extremely reading of his  
deed of heroism, and I  
hope you will let him know  
how interested I was, if  
you have occasion to write him.  
You are altogether too  
kind in your estimation  
of my poor services, still  
I am very much gratified  
to have especially your  
good opinion.

I shall look forward  
to seeing you when you  
pass through Victoria.

With affectionate Regard  
yours very truly

(over)

Cy Peak

P.S.

On looking over your letter  
I notice you gave me Mr  
Jenkins address, so I shall  
take pleasure in writing to  
him.

C.P.

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TORONTO ONT MAY 12TH 1921

GENL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE,

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

I HAVE TO BE IN MONTREAL SATURDAY IF YOU WOULD GIVE US AN HOUR  
 DURING THE DAY OR EVENING WILL BRING WICKSTEED AND PEAK WITH  
 ME PLEASE ANSWER.

H M PELLATT.

1232P

GREAT NORTHWESTERN

WIRE.

Montreal, •

May 13th, 1921.

Sir Henry Pellatt,  
Toronto, Ont.

Regret that on both Saturday and  
Sunday I shall be at Shawinigan Falls. Will be  
in Toronto latter part of month.

A. W. Currie

53  
May  
Thirty-first  
1921.

Hon. Sir George Perley, K.C.M.G.,  
High Commissioner for Canada,  
19 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W., England.

Dear Sir George:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of  
your cable of the 30th, in which you have done  
my wife and me the honour of asking us to lunch  
with you on the 17th of June.

I have found myself so busy here  
that I have had to cancel my sailing on June 7th  
and am now leaving on the Empress of France on  
the 21st. It will probably be about the 28th or  
29th before I reach London.

My wife joins me in cordial good  
wishes to Lady Perley and yourself.

Yours faithfully,



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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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London May 30th

Sir Arthur Currie

McGill University Montreal

Having luncheon June seventeenth hope you and your wife will  
join us

Perley 947am

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Office of the Commissioner,

Ottawa.

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Ref. No. ....

Sept. 27th 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

You will recall that you handed over to our care, last March, two horses. One of these you were generous enough to transfer to the Force, for which we were very deeply grateful. Have you any instructions with regard to the other animal?

Kenneth was here the other day, and told me that if you had no plans for the care of the animal this winter, that he would be very glad to keep it for you, as he can make arrangements for stabling in the R.M.C.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. etc.  
President of University McGill,  
Montreal,  
P.Q.

*A. Macmillan*

ABP/PLS

September  
Thirtieth  
1920.

Colonel A. B. Perry, C.M.G.,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Ottawa.

My dear Commissioner:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 27th, and I would be very glad indeed if Kenneth would arrange for the care of Lady Nicholas, the black mare of mine left with the Mounted Police last March, and which they have so very kindly looked after for me. I will write to him this afternoon with reference to it.

I hear the other horse has entirely recovered from his illness and that he is turning out a useful animal.

Let me thank you for your great kindness in arranging to take care of these horses for me.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

53  
September  
Thirtieth  
1920.

Lieut.-Colonel Kenneth Perry, D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Kenneth:-

I have a letter from your father asking what disposal I would like made of Lady Nicholas, a black mare I left with the Police last spring and which they have looked after for me since that time.

He tells me that you can arrange for her at Kingston. This will give you full authority to take her from the Police to Kingston. I think I can promise to leave her with you all winter at least, and if in the spring I find that she is of no further use to me, I shall give her to the College. She is a nice mare to ride and used to jump very well. I found that you had to be careful of her shoeing, because she is susceptible to corns.

I hope you are getting along well at Kingston, and with all good wishes to yourself and my friends there, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON.

October 8th, 1920.

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

Dear General Currie.

Regarding Lady Nicholas, I shall be very glad to take her and am grateful to you for the offer. I am asking the Police to ship her to Kingston next week. She will have the best of care. I saw the horse in Ottawa last week and she is in excellent shape. The Police tell me that there has been no trouble with her feet this summer but they advise pads if she is to be used on the roads.

With kindest regards, I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature*

*Carrie*

September 4th, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel K. M. Perry, D.S.O.,  
Royal Military College,  
Kingston, Ont.

My dear Ken:-

It is still my wish that Lady Nicholas be turned over to the R.M.C. Riding Establishment. It is possible that I may bring her to Montreal in order that I may get some exercise during the winter, but the R.M.C. may count on having her for a year at least. I was very glad that you found her useful to you while you were part of the College staff.

Let me assure you of a warm welcome to Montreal. You have many friends here who will be delighted that you are coming to live permanently amongst them.

Yours faithfully,



ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,  
KINGSTON,  
ONTARIO.

August 30th, 1924.

My dear General.

I am being moved to Montreal on  
September 7th as G.S.O.1., replacing Alexander.  
What would you like me to do with Lady Nicholas?  
At one time you mentioned leaving her with the  
R.M.C. Riding Establishment. Is this still your wish?

I am grateful to you for allowing me  
to use the mare during my stay at the College.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

**DOCKET STARTS:**

PHELAN

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**FINANCIAL SERVICE  
LIMITED  
MONTREAL**

November 19th, 1920.

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

My dear general;-

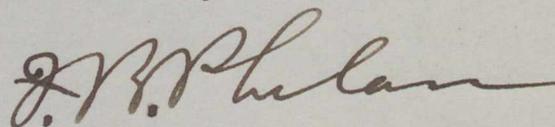
Thank you very much for 'phoning Mr. Ross. I called on him and he arranged to give me the information I wanted, the result of which you will see on the attached copy of bulletin, we issued on the subject.

I noticed in the paper the other night that McGill intends to have a partial course on Banking and Finance.

As my work requires me to post myself on these questions, do you think it possible for my name to be enrolled for the course though I am not connected with any bank.

If you would recommend my name for the course, would appreciate it.

Yours respectfully,



Encl.

*Dr. Nicholson:*

*Please notify time & place*

53  
November  
Twenty-second  
1920.

F. R. Phelan, Esq.,  
58 St. Francois Xavier Street,  
Montreal.

My dear Phelan:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant and have asked the Registrar of the University to enroll you as a member of the Extension Course in Banking, which is being given by Dr. Leacock and others.

Dr. Nicholson, the Registrar, will notify you when the classes commence and where they will meet.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

167  
March  
Twenty-first  
1922.

Hon. W. S. Fielding,  
Minister of Finance,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I have pleasure in stating that during the war I learned to know Mr. F.R. Phelan. I had unusually good opportunities for estimating his ability and character, for both of which I can unhesitatingly vouch.

Mr. Phelan is a man of high ideals and stands for clean and reliable journalism. With reference to the subject matter of the enclosed letter, I believe that any mission entrusted to him by the Government will be carried through, not only in a highly honourable way, but to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK · R · PHELAN

MONTREAL.



Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1924

My dear General:-

Have had to leave for Ottawa & wished to advise you of progress with Sir Vincent. I saw Mr. Sharp & he told me that the President was very busy this week & would see me at some later date.

At the same time Mr. Sharp wants me to furnish guarantees that the press on the other side would use the material we would send them.

I am afraid that he is asking over-roughly; from experience I know that the press will use our items but it is another question to get them to say definitely that they will; I know that as an editor I would give no such assurance. The use of the articles sent depends entirely on their

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interest, reliability and space available.

I am writing, however, to twenty-five papers in Great Britain and will endeavour to get some sort of a promise out of them.

Mr. Sharp also suggested that it would assist me materially if Mr. Beatty would speak to Sir Vincent; would you care to put forth that suggestion to him at the meeting to-morrow.

I hate to think of the month's delay to my plans which would be necessitated by awaiting replies from that side and would like to go ahead and put my plans into operation. Once we start giving the press a constant supply of news we will have no difficulty in securing and

FREDERICK R. PHELAN

MONTREAL.



retaining their co-operation. Thursday  
I expect to be back in town when,  
if I may, I would like to be able to see  
you.

Trusting this will not place you to  
too much trouble, I remain,

Yours faithfully

Fred R. Phelan

October 1st, 1924.

Major F. R. Phelan,  
Financial Service Limited,  
Montreal.

My dear Major:--

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of September 25th with enclosures, let me say that yesterday afternoon I had a long interview with Mr. Versailles who has a very good story to tell. Something, of course, must be done to clarify the present situation and I suggested that he get in touch with Mr. Magee and tell the story to him.

While I am in fullest accord with anything that can be done to protect the public from being victimized, I hope Mr. Versailles' charges that the Financial Service's campaign against the National Cement Company is being financed by the Canada Cement Company are wholly untrue. I think if he can substantiate that charge he has done something which will weaken very much your position. I shall be very glad to have a chat with you about it.

Yours faithfully,

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MONTREAL, September 25th, 1924.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

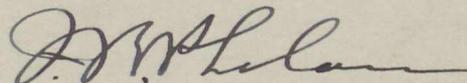
Our endeavours to protect investors by pointing out weakness in forthcoming bond issues will usually arouse the anger of those whose interests are affected by our comments.

We have a case in point at the present moment in a rather virulent attack from the National Cement Company whose financing methods we have criticised as have such papers as the Financial Post and the Toronto Saturday Night.

Whilst we consider the attack and threats pure bluff we have answered them after consultation with our solicitors. Our comments on this company are all backed by reliable information fully proving our points, and we feel that they would hesitate to have their affairs given the publicity that would result from a legal action.

I am attaching a copy of the attack, which appeared in the press and our reply thereto.

Yours sincerely,



FRP/SD

# A PLAIN REPLY

FROM

FINANCIAL SERVICE LIMITED

TO THE

NATIONAL CEMENT COMPANY

Montreal, September 25, 1924.

NATIONAL CEMENT COMPANY,  
90 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Sirs:—

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., and note that same appeared simultaneously in the advertising columns of the local papers.

Our first reference to the proposed National Cement Company's Bond Issue appeared August 22nd, 1923. On the date of publication, your representative called upon us and claimed that our statements were incorrect, and promised to send us a statement of the Company's affairs within ten days. Since then, we have not had any communication whatever from you until your letter of the 22nd inst., nor have we received any statement.

The information we published about National Cement was based on your own sworn statements to the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts and various printed circulars issued by your financial agents.

Inasmuch as you did not deliver your promised statement, we felt justified in assuming that the information we had concerning your Company was correct, and, accordingly, from time to time we have referred to your issue in our publication, and so continued our policy of giving to the public information relative to issues that come to our attention, in order that prospective investors may be in a position to judge of the merits of the same.

That we were correct in our views and justified in our comments is, in our opinion, confirmed by the editorials to the same effect which have appeared in some of the leading Canadian financial journals.

To refer to specific points to which you have taken exception in your letter:—

1. The figure of \$35,000, stated by us as being the land assessment value, was obtained from the 1922-23 assessment roll of Montreal East. This valuation may or may not have been recently increased, but it is still noted that your balance sheet of March 1st, 1924, gives land, raw material (quarries) as valued at \$2,949,575, so that your own valuation of \$121,650 for rock deposits would not appear to affect our previous comments as to the value represented by the land and the consideration given for the issue of \$317,000 preferred and \$2,500,000 common fully paid.

2. In connection with the amount received by you for your preferred stock, we stated that the Company would net \$75 per share from its public issue, and this statement was based on your letter of April 17th, 1923, to the Department of Public Utilities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also on the information contained in a copy of contract dated March 2nd, 1923, between the New England Building and Development Corporation and the National Cement, filed with the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

We think it a fair deduction to assume that your figure of \$86.50 per share is arrived at as follows:—

4,455	shares sold at par, of which 3,170, together with 25,000 common shares, were issued fully paid as consideration for lands, services, etc., transferred to the company by the promoters.....	\$445,500
5,795	shares sold at \$75 per share.....	434,625
10,250	shares .....	\$880,125

The above represents, we understand, shares sold prior to March 1st, 1924, which would accordingly average approximately \$86.00 per share, but in arriving at this figure, 3,170 shares issued fully paid-up have been included, and it cannot be claimed that \$86.50 was the amount received from the public issue.

3. Your third exception is not sufficiently definite to permit of an answer, and the amount of the proceeds from the sale of your bonds and preferred stock would depend on the method of calculating the proceeds from the preferred stock, with which we have already dealt.

With respect to your offer to satisfy the auditing firms named in your letter in regard to the above, it would seem in the interest of the public that you do so. We note, however, that your offer is limited to the three points mentioned, and which we have already dealt with. It would be more in the public interest if you satisfy the firms mentioned on all matters relating to the company's affairs and its promotion, in order that they may report on the soundness of your securities as an investment.

In all our published statements, we are at all times actuated by the sole desire to serve and protect the investing public, and your erroneous and malicious assertion that we have been abetted in publishing our articles is denied, and your statement to this effect, together with other statements of a similar nature in your letter, are deserving of no further comment.

We note you threaten legal action, which you are at liberty to take as you see fit, and, if taken, service will be accepted at this office.

This letter will be published tomorrow at our expense.

FINANCIAL SERVICE LIMITED

# A PLAIN CHALLENGE

from the NATIONAL CEMENT COMPANY to the  
FINANCIAL SERVICE, LIMITED

NATIONAL CEMENT COMPANY  
90 St. James Street, Montreal

September 22, 1924

TO THE PUBLISHERS OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICE, LIMITED,  
MONTREAL.

Sirs:—

Your Service has existed since 1920. During those four years, wildcat promotions by the dozen, outright swindles now and then, have stared you in the face without your lifting a finger to warn the public. The National Cement Company was organized in the open and above board by well-known citizens, not one of whom is known to have shared in dishonest transactions. Its promoters have put close to \$1,000,000 of their own money in the enterprise. The business they are engaging in is a legitimate one. It is notoriously a prosperous and paying one, with prospects not a whit inferior to those of water power development itself. The Province of Quebec market, which they are making a bid for, is one where figures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics — an undisputable authority — show that the sales exceeded production in 1923. Nothing that they have done in this affair could be called other than straightforward and honourable. What was your motive in dogging every step of theirs from the start? Who urged you to hound them like swindlers, at an expense of time and money, not at all consistent with your past policy?

A protracted and detailed controversy would no doubt fit in with your plans. The red herring you are dragging across the trail too nearly approaches the size of a small whale, however, to draw even the simple-minded people that we are. Allow us instead, without prejudice to legal recourse, to make you a proposal which will enable the public to form an accurate opinion of both you and us at one and the same time.

In a quite recent circular, which was sent from Halifax to Vancouver by the ton — at whose expense we can only surmise, since your normal service would only call for a few hundred copies — you assert or give it to understand:

1. That the municipal valuation of our rock deposits is less \$35,000;
2. That our preferred shares have only netted us \$75 per share;
3. That the proceeds of both our bond and preferred stock issues combined (\$3,000,000 at par), not to speak of the common stock, will only amount to \$1,800,000 besides the price paid for the rock deposits.

Now, we offer to show to the satisfaction of Messrs. Marwick, Mitchell & Co., a firm of auditors of international reputation, and of our own auditors, Messrs. Hurtubise, Pelletier and Gravel:

1. That the valuation of our rock deposits has been \$121,650 ever since they ceased to be taxed as farm land, as some of the most valuable land in Notre Dame de Grace still is;
2. That the proceeds of the \$979,300 preferred shares sold has exceeded \$86.50 per share as the average;
3. That your estimate of the proceeds of the bond and stock issues is short by several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

And we also make bold to prove that those errors of yours were made in the face of official or authorized statements which you were aware of and had no reasons to doubt, or of municipal figures which were at all times available.

Should our proof be deemed insufficient on one single point, we shall accept to publish the auditors' report in the press at our expense.

This letter is being forwarded you to-day by registered mail.

We shall await your answer till Thursday, Sept. 25, at noon. Whatever it be, we pledge ourselves to publish in the press, at our expense, so much of it as is deemed pertinent by Messrs. Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Should you ignore our specific challenge, or side-step it in any way, or should our evidence be found conclusive, the public will draw its own conclusions as to the motives of your attacks and the name you deserve.

In the meantime, we have instructed our lawyers, Messrs. Geoffrion, Geoffrion and Prud'homme, to sue you for libel. Your financial means being unknown to us, and our sole purpose being to expose you in your true light, we have set the amount at \$500. A modest sum indeed. If the abettors of your campaign will come out of the bush, however, we shall have a duty to take care of them properly.

All particulars concerning the bonds of the National Cement Company may be had from the following firms:

VERSAILLES, VIDRICAIRE, BOULAIS,  
LIMITED, Montreal.

POND & COMPANY INC., Boston.

CREDIT-CANADA, LIMITED,  
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W. R. FLEMING & COMPANY,  
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MONTREAL, October 22nd, 1924.

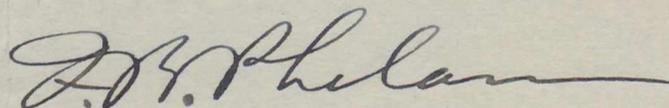
Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Col. Magee advises me that the National  
Cement Company have decided that they do not wish us  
to publish any certificate from their auditors and  
desire us to consider the incident as closed.

May I take this opportunity of thanking  
you for the very kindly interest you have taken in  
the matter.

Yours faithfully,



FRP/S

November 20th, 1925.

Major F. R. Phelan,  
114 St. Francois Xavier St.,  
Montreal.

My dear Major:-

Thank you very much for sending  
me Krassnoff's work on the Russian Revolution.

I have read the first book and  
look forward to reading the others with much interest.  
I shall return them immediately I have finished.

Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK · R · PHELAN

MONTREAL.



My dear Sir Arthur:

As promised, I am leaving  
Krassnoff's work on the Russian Revolution.  
It is a terrible picture that he paints  
but is a viewpoint that one should have  
the opportunity of considering.

Yours faithfully

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York Harbor, Maine, August 2, 1926.

Mr. Fred Phelan,  
144 St. Francois Xavier Street,  
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Mr. Phelan:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of the  
21st and 28th ultimal.

Both Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bennett would be accept-  
able directors on any board.

Why not see Holt and Julian Smith or representative  
of the hydroelectric field and I also think it would  
be a good thing to enter Frank Jones of the Canada  
Cement Company.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

AWC:DP

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MONTREAL, July 28, 1926.

Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Marshall House,  
York Harbour, Me.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Further to my letter of the 21st inst.

I saw Gen. Meighen on Monday and he was much interested in the proposals as his company's Keewatin engineer, a Mr. Cornish, had already reported to him in connection with the invention. He showed me Mr. Cornish's report which was very favourable and said that he would be quite satisfied with that report without any other as Mr. Cornish was very conservative.

I have not, as yet, been able to get in touch with either Mr. Fred Molson or Mr. A. J. Brown. I also thought of approaching Mr. Jas. Richardson of Winnipeg whose grain interests are very great and Hon. R. B. Bennett who was associated with Alberta Pacific Grain; the latter of course might decline for political reasons. Would both of these gentlemen be acceptable to you?

I would also like to approach someone interested in the hydro-electric field as there are big possibilities there; any suggestion or help in this connection would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Phelan". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping underline.

FRP/D

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P.O. BOX 630 MONTREAL, July 21st., 1926.

Sir A.W.Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Marshall House,  
York Harbour, Me.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Just a line to report to you on the subject of our interview of Monday afternoon.

I saw two of the C. P. R. officials, Mr.E.Moore, Commissioner of Insurance, and Mr.Armstrong, Assistant to J.M.R. Fairbairn, the Chief Engineer. I found them conversant with the Canavan systems as Mr.MacTier has been looking into its possibilities with reference to the C. P. R. elevators at West St.John and Port McNicoll.

Mr.Moore told me that he was very much impressed with Canavan and that from an insurance standpoint his invention, whether perfect or not, represented a step in the right direction as it helped to minimise the hazard from dust explosion and save human life. He expressed the opinion that if the insurance companies would bring out a schedule of reductions where the System was installed it would be the main factor towards successful merchandising of the systems. To use his own words, he "was absolutely sold on the possibilities of the invention".

Mr.Armstrong, whom I saw as Mr.Fairbairn was away, was more canny; being a professional man he did not wish to express a definite technical opinion until he knew more about the subject. He told me that, at present, dust-explosions were still a subject of much controversy and that he did not feel that he was competent to express an opinion thereon. He said, however, that from what study he had made of the question and the operation of the Canavan systems in conjunction with it that he was convinced that Mr.Canavan's principle was correct and that under proper conditions should prove of considerable value to those plants endangered by possible disasters from dust explosions. He was not prepared to give any idea on the commercial possibility; that, he felt depended entirely on the possible human and property loss to a plant whether or not the owners would go to the necessary expense of installing a protective device.

On the whole I was very well satisfied with my interview and I am sure that either of these gentlemen would answer enquiries, if not for publication, as I told them that I wanted a disinterested viewpoint as I was approaching some prominent Montrealers in the matter and wished to be sure of my ground.

I will endeavour to see Mr. Molson this week and will report result to you.

The attached item is of interest in connection with the potential field for the device.

Yours faithfully,

*Fred Alan*

FRP/T

Statistics of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, under date of May 8th, 1926, give some interesting data on the subject of dust explosions.

The report points out that there are 28,000 plants in the United States subject to dust explosion hazard; these plants employ 1,324,422 persons whose lives are thus endangered and they manufacture products worth more than \$10,000,000,000 annually.

The Bureau has on file records of 281 explosions which show an average property loss of \$240,000.

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Bulletin No. 10.

Friday, Feb. 18th, 1927.

## WATER & POWER DEAL AROUSES PRESS AND CITIZENS

The exposure on Tuesday, by Financial Service, of the squandering of between \$4,000,000 and \$4,500,000 of public money through the purchase of the Montreal Water & Power Co. by the City for \$14,000,000 has aroused the Press, particularly Le Devoir and the Star, and Montreal citizens in every walk of life.

It appears that certain of the aldermen were not even advised that the matter was to be up for discussion and only became aware of what had taken place when they read the announcement in the Press.

Whilst one may blame the city fathers who voted on the project for too hasty action in the matter one must not forget that they are children, considered in a financial light, along-side the interests sitting on the opposite side of the board in this transaction and to use a common phrase it was "like taking candy from a baby".

With such strong bodies as the Montreal Board of Trade and the Chambre de Commerce investigating the matter and the Press airing the details of the transaction we may yet see the price cut down to a figure where the city will pay only a reasonable profit to the "New York interests" (?) for their two or three months financing.

Mr. Brodeur, in defending the excessive price paid, is quoted in the Press yesterday as saying, in part;— "We know only this that the price \$14,000,000 was the lowest at which Montreal could obtain it and that this was the final offer. Had we not accepted it we would have had to abandon the deal altogether."

This appears to be an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the community and intimates that the city had no other option but to buy at the figure stated. According to records on file in the offices of "Financial Service" the report of the directors of the company accompanying the financial statement for the year ending April 30th, 1914, contained the following paragraph;—

"At the last session of the Quebec Legislature your Company introduced a Bill amending the Company's charter and by mutual agreement with the city of Montreal, it was, amongst other things, provided that for six months after the Bill became law the city should have the right to purchase the capital stock of the Company and, at any time after six months to expropriate the company's system.

Again; the prospectus issued by Hanson Bros. in November 1921 offering the 4½% Prior Lien Gold Bonds, states, in part;—

"The City of Montreal has been authorized by the Quebec Legislature to acquire by expropriation (as a going concern) the whole of the undertaking of the company, all of its rights, powers and actions, so as to transfer to the City all its moveable and immoveable properties that so far constitute the assets and liabilities of the company, and the City has the right to assume the bonds of the Company as part payment of the purchase price."

It would appear therefore that, unless the Legislature has withdrawn the rights of the City—a most unusual procedure—the City Council could take action now and purchase the properties by expropriation.

The price might very reasonably be set at the value of the company, placed on it by its own shareholders, when they sold out last December, namely \$9,810,000. A court of arbitration would hardly raise the price to any appreciable extent.

If the City wished to be generous it might recommend a commission of 5% or even 10% to the present holders to cover the various expenses which they no doubt have been compelled to undergo in negotiating the purchase from the old shareholders and the sale to the City. It would not be reasonable to expect that a deal of this magnitude could be consummated without a considerable amount of preparation and work with its accompanying expense.

One Journal intimates that Financial Service is fighting the cause of the old shareholders. This is not the case for we believe that the majority interests of the old company drove an exceptionally good bargain and obtained all that the plant was worth. We are, however, very much concerned that the citizens should be forced to pay a fifty per cent. profit on top of this price.

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Bulletin No.8.

Saturday, Feb.19th/1927.

CITY'S RIGHT TO EXPROPRIATE WATER & POWER PLANT

Yesterday, Financial Service drew attention to a reported Press interview with Mr. Brodeur, in which he was quoted as saying in part;—  
"We know only this that the price \$14,000,000 was the lowest at which Montreal could obtain it and that this was the final offer. Had we not accepted it we would have had to abandon the deal altogether."

Extracts were then given from records on file in archives of Financial Service to show that far from the situation being as Mr. Brodeur was quoted as having intimated, it appears that the city have the right to expropriate the Montreal Water & Power Co. at any time.

That the Executive Council cannot claim ignorance of this fact will be shown in a long report which Le Devoir will publish today.

This is a report made to the Executive Council, on their request, by Charles Laurendeau, K.C., on March 30th, 1925, and covers the whole subject of expropriations.

A translation of this report gives, in part, the following points and opinions;—

"The City has obtained from the Legislature the power to expropriate in all or in part the system of the Company. The first of these laws is contained in the charter of the company, 55-56 Victoria, chapter 75, section 2. (1892)

"On July 16, 1913, the City notified the Company, according to statute 55-56 Victoria, chapter 75, of its intention to acquire the aqueduct system of the company in St. Henri quarter. Nothing has been done since.

"In trying to expropriate the aqueduct system in the City of St. Henri, the city wanted to have decided what interpretation it was necessary to give to the statute heretofore cited.

"Since even before 1910, the advocates of the city interpreted this statute as saying that the city can acquire only the properties situated in the annexed municipality and which the company uses to furnish water to this municipality. The advocates of the company interpret the statute differently and contend that the city must acquire not only the properties of the company in the annexed municipality, but that she must at the same time either acquire the properties situated outside but which serve to furnish water to this municipality, or else pay the damages which are caused to the rest of the system as a result of this appropriation. Otherwise, they say, if all or a certain number of municipalities furnished water are annexed to Montreal, the company will remain with the properties of a considerable value--such as its pumps, its principal conduits, etc.--which will be to her a total loss or almost total loss.

"This statute is not clear, but I believe that the interpretation given by the advocates of the city is the correct one."

Various laws are then quoted which bear on the subject in one way or another.

"By section 9 of the same law (4 Georges V, Chapter 109) the city could, at all times, on report of the executive committee, approved by the majority of the complete council, proceed to the expropriation of the system of the company 'as a going concern', that that is to say as expropriation in order to exploit.

"This expropriation has to be done by three arbitrators, of which one is chosen by the city, another nominated by the company. These two arbitrators so nominated shall name the third and if they fail to agree, he shall be nominated by a judge of the Superior Court

"The decision of the majority of the arbitrators shall be final. The expenses of arbitration shall be born in equal proportion by the parties."

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In the face of such a report how can the Executive Council or the City Council excuse or explain away their action in rushing through the deal in the way it was.

The question Montrealers are asking everywhere is -- WHY?

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PHELAN

**DOCKET STARTS:**

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1578 Elsie Drive,  
Oak Bay,  
Victoria B.C.  
Aug 7/21

Dear Sir Arthur:

Do you remember me, Elsie Shrapnel Phipps, whom you used to know ages ago?

I am writing you because we, my husband and self, are in the greatest trouble, and I believe you are able, and will be willing, to help us out. I think of you, because of what I read of your actions during the war - your faith in God, and your kindness to others.

I surely would not trouble you now, as I know you are busy doing good work; only our dire & trying forces me.

Three months ago my husband W. H. S. Phipps had to resign from the Bank of Montreal on account of overdrawing to the amount of \$500 at the time of my confinement about a

year ago. I had to have the best of attention  
at this time, I had to go to Boston where I  
could get the best treatment possible to save  
my life. We had been living in Burlington  
a place, where it was impossible to get even  
the ordinary necessities of life. To meet  
expenses, my husband foolishly was drawn  
meaning to cover at once. But we  
were then moved to Walford, Nova Scotia  
and being busy with a new office, new  
house, new baby, etc my husband did  
not attend to the matter at once & the  
suspect reported to the Post Office in  
Montreal. Every one who knows the facts  
of the case say it was most unjust  
treatment after 25 years faithful service,  
and everything that was possible was done  
to have my husband re-instated.

We have recent to live in Boston  
expecting to get work there as my husband  
has some friends who had a little while

before asked him to give up the B. M. & take  
a position in the Empire Trust - in New York.  
They did what they could to get him work, but  
owing to the world wide state of affairs - nothing  
could be found & we thought it best to come  
west. To make a long story short - nothing can  
be found anywhere, no friends throughout  
Toronto, Calgary, and all over B.C. have done  
what they could.

The trouble strain & worry have led so  
gradually on me, but I am ready to do  
anything to relieve the burden, so I am  
writing to ask you if you'll kindly try to  
get my hubby work. He is a splendid man  
just 41, and has the happy faculty of  
making friends wherever he goes. For the  
last 24 years he has been Mgr. & built  
up a good business in Nfld, when the  
former Mgr. had let things go <sup>to</sup> the dogs.  
We have a little girl nearly 11 years &

the baby is just 11 months, and if something  
doesn't turn up soon, the poor kiddie as  
well as ourselves, will be in actual want.

People keep telling us something will  
turn up, but three long terrible months  
have passed & nothing has come in spite  
of all my husband's efforts, and my health  
is going fast.

Will you do a mighty-kind act &  
see if you can get something thro the  
people we're got at Ottawa - or through  
any body, or anywhere, for that matter.  
I feel sure you must have a great deal  
of influence, since your wonderful  
work during the war -

My sister Eva (was Mrs W. A. Ward)  
is living in Montreal, 462 Mountain Ave  
& she will tell you of my husband's  
capabilities. We will be so deeply  
deeply grateful for any help you can do.

I hate to trouble you, but our need is  
so great, that I feel you must mind  
doing what you can. Friends here  
would advance travelling expenses if  
any thing was found as the best, &  
you may be sure we would not  
trouble you further in any way.

Praying, you will be able to  
do some thing,

Yours very sincerely

Elsie S. Phipps

P.S.

If it was necessary first, my husband  
could go to Montreal to see you. He would  
look after him while there.

SP

1578 Clive Drive  
 Oak Bay P.O.  
 Victoria B.C.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> / 21

Dear Sir Arthur:

Your letter of Sept 9<sup>th</sup> has just arrived and it has put new hope in us - Not that we hadn't had such letters from Meri, promising to help, ~~but~~ and nothing has come of it, but because I feel absolutely that the man who was able to overcome such tremendous difficulties at the front, will surely be able to overcome the difficulty of finding a position in Selye -

I am not trying to flatter you - There is not enough life left in me to try to use such means - But I feel instinctively that you will be able to help, & I am so glad that to find the long delay in answering my letter was not due to indifference on your part.

Now I will await eagerly to hear from you  
and trust to God it may be soon, for the terrible  
experiences of the last five months had nearly  
killed me & for the children & hubby's sake  
I do want to live -

Yes indeed I do stand by my husband,  
for a kinder husband never lived, & it was  
solely due to his desire to give & me the  
best care possible at a time when a  
wife & mother needs the best care, that  
resulted in his over drawing his account.

In ordinary times I know I would not have been  
hard for him to be placed again; but happening  
in this extraordinary time of depression and  
trouble, ~~it~~ has made the experience a terribly  
tragic one.

My husband will surely make good, I am  
absolutely sure - He has a splendid record  
for 26 years good service in the bank & it is

Awful to think that we should be thrust  
on the world with a young baby & another  
child, just because of his thoughtless  
mistake. I am not trying to exonerate  
him, but if the money had been used  
for any other purpose than the pressing  
need for which he used it, I would not  
feel he was entitled to be placed again  
at once.

As every hour <sup>of delay</sup> means so much to me  
it comes to me to write you to night, to  
know if a <sup>favorable</sup> letter is en route, or if you  
have been able to find something lately.  
If conditions were not so terribly pressing I would  
not think of taking these steps, but I firmly believe the  
terrible experiences you have been through will <sup>have made</sup> ~~make~~  
you able to understand somewhat the state of mind I am in.

No one knows of my writing you or of receiving  
a letter from you this morning. My husband is out  
in the wilds making a few dollars as a camp cook.

If the worry & anxiety - see us attempt to do  
my health I would never have thought of  
returning home - in fact I could have taught  
school again until James was better;  
but as it is now, the need of for  
a position for my husband, & a home  
for all of us, has been so terribly on  
me, that it is actually a matter of life  
& death - that he should be kept from  
me as soon as possible.

I know you will say nothing to anyone  
of these wild badly written letters of mine  
we will all be so grateful to you if you  
can help us. Friends will advance me  
money if it necessary for us to go East, or  
anywhere where work is for the coming. Do not  
think my husband is in this state of mind I am in.  
Of course he is as any one as I am, but he is

health is perfectly-normal, which of course  
makes all the difference.

I'm certain that with the anxiety lifted  
I will be a different person at once.

With many thanks for your kind  
letter

Yours very sincerely

Wm. L. Phelps

**DOCKET ENDS:**

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**DOCKET STARTS:**

PICK FORD



E.H.

(H.Q.332-49-30.)

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

January 5th, 1921.

Dear General,-

On November 16th, you wrote to General MacBrien in regard to the case of George Pickford, who was formerly a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Regiment, but was dismissed from His Majesty's Service by a Court-martial held at Bruay, on the 6th of March, 1917.

In your letter, you refer to letters which Mr. Pickford gave you when you were at Government House. <sup>Halifax</sup> I cannot find any trace of these papers on any of the files, but am sure if you will look through the Index cards which I brought down with your correspondence to Montreal, you may find them there. I have made a thorough search both of Pickford's own file and his overseas file, to see if any of these papers were attached by mistake, but cannot find them. Therefore I think they must be amongst your own. Mr. Pickford of course, wants them returned to him at Halifax.

I regret exceedingly the delay I have taken in answering your letter, but owing to the General being out West, and the file having been mislaid, this is the only excuse I can offer for the delay.

With best wishes,

Sir,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Willis James*

General Sir A. Currie,  
GCMG., KCB.,  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

*Quote*  
*Where are these?*  
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November  
Sixteenth  
1920.

C. S. Pickford, Esq.,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Upon my return to Montreal after more than a month's absence I found awaiting me your letters of November 3rd and September 1st. The last mentioned letter should certainly have reached me before I left Montreal during the second week in October. As to why it did not do so I can offer no explanation.

You will remember that I wrote to you on August 19th, and I wish to inform you that on that same date I wrote to General MacBrien, Chief of the General Staff in Militia Headquarters in Ottawa, returning to him the papers which you had given me in Halifax.

I note that you consider that a miscarriage of justice has taken place and that you intend to follow the matter further. As I have no personal knowledge of the case, other than that disclosed by the correspondence and from what you told me in Halifax when I met you in company with your son, I think it would be well to send your letters on to the Militia Department at Ottawa, with whom I would recommend that you again take up the matter. I shall forward your two letters to them to-day and also the copy of your son's letter to you, and at the same time I shall ask them to send back to you at Halifax the file you gave me last spring. At the time you gave me the files you intimated that you had no further use for them, and it may be hard now to separate the correspondence you gave me from the other papers on file. I shall ask the Department to make a special effort to do so and I hope you may receive the correspondence in the course of a few days.

G. S. Pickford, Esq., - 2 -

Again let me say, Mr. Pickford, that I am sorry that this matter has not been adjusted in accordance with your wishes.

Ever yours faithfully,

November  
Sixteenth  
1920.

Major-General J.H. MacBrien,  
Dept. Militia & Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear General:-

Please look up the letter I wrote to you on the 19th of August with reference to the case of George Pickford, formerly Lieutenant in our Overseas Forces.

You will note there that I returned the Pickford file. On that file are certain papers which Mr. Pickford gave me in Halifax and which he now desires to have returned to him. I do not know whether you can pick them out from the other correspondence on the file, or not, but to the best of my recollection there are certain letters and a copy of his Court Martial. Perhaps, Major O'Connor can assist you in separating these files.

I am enclosing in this letter:

- (1) Two letters which I have received from Mr. Pickford, one dated September 1st and the other Nov. 3rd;
- (2) A copy of a letter dated August 25th from George Pickford to his father, Mr. C. S. Pickford;
- (3) A copy of the letter which I have today sent Mr. Pickford.

P.S. My re- this matter, and I think that no good can come from collection is my taking any further part in the correspondence. that the Pickford file was sent over to Headquarters M.D. 4, for transmission to you.

Yours faithfully,

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MONTREAL ,

August 19th, 1920.

Personal.

C. S. Pickford Esq.,  
C/o. Messrs. Pickford & Black, Ltd.,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 6th last, the receipt of which was acknowledged on July 18th by Major H. W. O'Connor, has been forwarded to me for further reply to you,

Upon my return to Ottawa from my visit to the Maritime Provinces last May and June, I took up the matter of the re-instatement of your son to commissioned rank. In company with the Adjutant-General and other officers at Militia headquarters the matter was given every possible consideration. I wanted to come to a conclusion which would meet your wishes, and it causes me sincere regret that I am unable to inform you that the Military authorities have decided to re-instate your son to commissioned rank.

I hope you will believe me when I say this to you, because I do, indeed, sympathize with you most sincerely in the losses you have suffered during the war. I feel that it is necessary to give you some of the reasons which forced us to this conclusion.

In the memorandum which you handed to me at Halifax you stated as follows:-

"The record of ex-Lieutenant Pickford was an exemplary one, and there was no complaint as to his character and ability."

C. S. Pickford Esq., - 2 -

The files here disclose that, upon being asked for a report on ex-Lieutenant G. C. Pickford, the officer commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment did on the 17th of July, 1917 address the following letter to the headquarters of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade:-

" Confidential

Royal Canadian Regiment,  
S.A. 579

G.C.Pickford,  
late Lieutenant  
R.C.R.

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade,

With reference to your S.C.R.  
244, dated 14th instant:-

The officer was lazy and was not to be relied upon. His habits of life were not good. His general conduct as an officer was not satisfactory.

(Signed) C. H. Hill

Lieut.-Col.  
Commanding R.C.R.

17-7-1917. "

This report was forwarded to the Canadian Corps by General Lipsett, commanding the 3rd Canadian Division. In forwarding it, General Lipsett stated that he concurred in the report.

Furthermore, in your memorandum you intimated that you were not satisfied with the proceedings of the court martial. The records of the Militia Department at Ottawa disclose that this whole matter was gone into very carefully by your son with Lieut.-Col. R.M. Dennistoun, then Deputy Judge Advocate-General

C. S. Pickford Esq, - 3 -

O.M.F.C., and now a Judge of the Supreme Court in Manitoba. An extract from Judge Dennistoun's report is as follows:

June 13, 1917.

As arranged Mr. Pickford met me by appointment this morning. The proceedings, finding and sentence in the case of his court martial were examined and found to be regular and in order. Mr. Pickford was not able to suggest an valid ground for petitioning the Army Council to set aside the finding and sentence. The reasons put forward by him in his letter of the 3rd of April, 1917, attached to the proceedings, were dealt with, and it was pointed out that none of these in any way affected the validity of the proceedings. Attention of Mr. Pickard was called to the fact that three witnesses for the prosecution swore that he was drunk. He called no evidence on the question of drunkenness, and he declined to go into the witness box on his own behalf. After he was found guilty and before the sentence, he refused to address the Court or to offer any explanation with regard to his conduct.

Mr. Pickford thereupon agreed that there are no grounds existing for appealing against the finding or sentence, and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in the matter."

(Signed) R.M. Dennistoun, Lt.-Col.  
Deputy Judge Advocate General,  
O.M.F.C."

Further in your memorandum you state that your son applied for a commission September, 1918, which application was approved by the 42nd Battalion and 7th Brigade, but turned down by Divisional Headquarters. A most careful

C. S. Pickford Esq., -4-

search has been made of the files of the 42nd Battalion and 7th Brigade, but nothing can be found to show that the 42nd Battalion approved of the application for a commission, or that the 7th Brigade approved of the application. The records show that your son served with the 42nd Battalion from the 21st day of November, 1917, until admitted to hospital on the 29th of May, 1918. He remained in hospital until the 30th July, 1918, and did not rejoin the 42nd Battalion until the 14th of November, 1918, three days after the Armistice. On September, 1918, your son was not with the 42nd Battalion, but was employed as a clerk in the Canadian Section G.H.Q. at the base.

Taking all these things into consideration, the officers with whom I discussed the matter, and myself, were unable to recommend to the Minister that your son be demobilized as a commissioned officer. As I intimated in the above, I regret very much not being able to meet your wishes in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

August  
Nineteenth  
1920.

Major-General J.H. MacBrien,  
Dept. of Militia & Defence,  
Ottawa.

My dear MacBrien:-

I am returning, under  
separate cover, the Pickford file.

Please note the letter which I  
have signed and addressed to this ex-officer's  
father. If you agree with its contents,  
please see that it is mailed to Mr. Pickford  
in Halifax.

Yours faithfully.

**DOCKET ENDS:**

PICKFORD

**DOCKET STARTS:**

PILCHER

7.

March 3rd, 1924.

Rev. Professor C. V. Pilcher, D.D.,  
Wycliffe College,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Professor Pilcher:-

I received your letter of the 20th of February, together with the enclosures, and a little later I received from Mr. Beatty the various reports which you had sent him.

I regret very much that I am unable to sign the appeal, for reasons which I have explained to Professor Jackson this morning.

Yours faithfully,



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:  
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

FROM  
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
MONTREAL.

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There appears to be no doubt that the situation in Germany is a very serious one and that great privations are being suffered. Naturally one would like to support any effort to bring relief to suffering humanity wherever the necessity exists. I have given considerable thought to this matter since my interview with Canon Shatford and have concluded that the question of sending relief to Germany has many aspects peculiar to itself.

Germany claims inability to pay reparations. Whether the Allies believe her or not, they consider it necessary to ascertain the truth for themselves. It is very difficult for even the most fair-minded people here to judge her ability to look after her own poor.

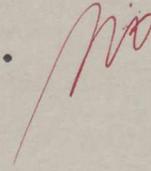
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Yours faithfully,

Principal.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Mio', is written over the typed name 'Principal.'.

March 3rd, 1924

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25th regarding the appeal in aid of the starving children of Germany.

I have not felt able to sign this for reasons which I have explained to Professor Jackson, who called on me to-day.

Yours faithfully,

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

*Not sent*

March 3rd, 1924.

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Wycliffe College,  
Toronto, Ont.

*M*

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FROM THE REVEREND  
PROFESSOR C. V. PILCHER, D.D.  
DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT LITERATURE

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE  
TORONTO  
CANADA

Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.  
Principal of McGill University

Feb. 20, 1924

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

The Canadian Committee for the Relief of Children in Germany were very grateful to hear from Canon Skatford (our member in Montreal) of your interest in our undertaking. Since then we have been trying to organize our business management. We approached leading men only to find that already every one worthwhile was too busy to give all his time. But we secured the wife of one of the Professors at the University, (Mrs. H. Kemp), who had witnessed the state of things in Germany and was eager to do what she could, to act as Secretary, while one of the business men whom we approached consented to act in a small committee with Professors MacDover and Jackson to meet her twice a week and direct the strategy. We hope to stir up interest in all the main cities from Halifax to Victoria.

Mr. Beattie asked to be reassured of the fact that the Germans were helping themselves. I sent him a selection of documents which prove that their efforts are as considerable as could be expected. I asked him to pass



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL February 25th, 1924.

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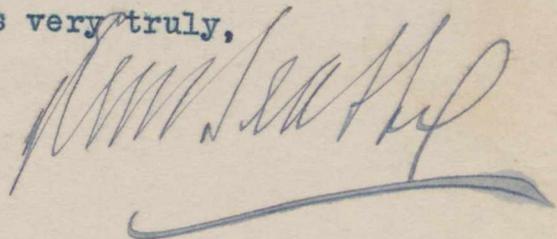
My dear Sir Arthur:

You will remember a request which was made some time ago through the Reverend Charles W. Bishop, of Toronto, asking you and myself, among others, to become signatories to an appeal in aid of the starving children in Germany.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I addressed to Mr. Bishop on the 4th of February and of a reply from the Reverend Professor Pilcher, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and the material which he has forwarded to me. You will observe that he asks that I should do this and that the material should be returned to him.

I am willing to sign the appeal if you think it desirable as I am afraid we will not be able to get any more definite information than that which is now furnished.

Yours very truly,



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

March 3rd, 1924.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25th regarding the appeal in aid of the starving children of Germany.

I have not felt able to sign the appeal for reasons which I have explained to Professor Pilcher in the letter of which I enclose a copy. I am returning you the material which he sent you in case you are writing to him yourself.

Yours faithfully,

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

**DOCKET ENDS:**

PILCHER

TEL. KENSINGTON 2824.

Plummer

22, ENNISMORE GARDENS,

S.W. 7.

March 26:  
1925.

Dear Currie,

General Bulleney has, I know, written to you on his subject of a Memorial Church etc is proposed to build at Ipsos

Your sympathies with such a project is, I know, assured.

But I quite appreciate, as indeed we all do, that there are difficulties in the way of (from your official position) your taking a leading part in any collection of funds for it.

Canada has been very generous in her Memorials she has

has needed to her sons who  
fell in the war and in this  
respect can bear comparison with  
any part of the Empire

But in this matter of the Church  
we should all like to feel that she  
has joined with us.

All I ask you to do is to use  
your influence with those who served  
and with their relatives to help  
us in what to our friends is  
indeed an Imperial object

With the kindest remembrance  
of service together

Believe me always

Yours sincerely

Plummer

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P

April  
Twenty-third  
1921.

R. H. Pooley, Esq.,  
Chancery Chambers,  
Langley Street,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Pooley:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 15th and am enclosing herewith cheque for \$99.75 in liquidation of the two accounts standing against Lady Currie in your books. I regret that this account had not been paid before.

I am glad of the information about Bill, as I had not heard from him or of him for some months. I wrote him a long letter a month or two ago, but I suppose he has not felt up to the mark of replying to it. Perhaps after his visit to New York we may see him in Montreal.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

*Poolley, Luxton & Poolley*  
 Barristers-at-Law  
 SOLICITORS, NOTARIES

*A. P. Luxton, K.C. R. H. Poolley*

CABLE ADDRESS "LEGALIS"

CHANCERY CHAMBERS  
 LANGLEY ST.

*Victoria, B.C.*

April 15th, 1921.

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

Dear Currie:-

I do not know how things are going with you in the matter of finance, but on looking through some of the ledgers the other day I see you have still two accounts standing on our books - one for \$38.00 and one for \$61.75. These are in connection with Lady Currie and the Musters Estate. If times are ripe you might send a cheque along.

We have had a pretty strenuous winter and conditions are bad, but we hope now that the Province has gone "wet" we will be able to get along in a little better shape and we are expecting the American cousins to bring in a lot of superfluous cash in the near future.

Kind regards.

Yours truly,

*R. H. Poolley*

RHP. AER

*J. S. Old will just out of hospital where he has been since November, now on his way to New York*

*R. H. Poolley*

*Pooley, Luxton & Pooley*  
*Barristers-at-Law*  
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*A. P. Luxton, K.C. R. H. Pooley.*

CABLE ADDRESS 'LEGALIS'

CHANCERY CHAMBERS  
 LANGLEY ST.

*Victoria, B.C.*

April 29th, 1921.

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

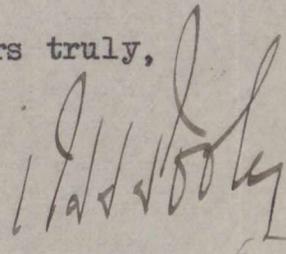
Dear Currie:-

Many thanks for yours of the 23rd enclosing cheque in liquidation of the two accounts on the books of the office against Lady Currie, which came to hand this morning.

I had a telegram from Bill a couple of days ago and he is staying at "The Commodore" in New York. I do not know whether he intends coming up to Canada or not, but I believe he is thinking of going over to England some time towards the end of next month. I hope that he has got a little sense in his cranium while convalescing in California and that he will look after himself in future.

Kind regards to yourself and the Missus.

Yours truly,



RHP.AER

January 20th, 1925.

W. F. C. Pope, Esq.,  
City Hall,  
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Carey:-

This morning's mail brings the Secretary's report of Vancouver and Quadra. It discloses that the old lodge is in a satisfactory financial condition and it is interesting to me in other ways, in that it mentions names with which I am very familiar.

I notice that Steve Jones is now Grand Master and Marchant the Deputy. Most of those now filling the offices in the lodge I remember very well. I am sorry to see that some half-dozen died during the past year. I remember Shaw, Morrison, Butler and little Lancaster.

I wonder, Carey, if it is possible for you to send me some time a copy of the address which was used in the old lodge when an apron was presented. I find that many of the charges I used to know in Masonry have left my memory. This one, particularly, I would like to get.

With all kind wishes to you and Mr. Paul and all my other friends, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Personal

Victoria, B.C.,

Feb. 2, 1925.

Dear Bro. Currie,

Very glad indeed to comply with your request re 'apron' charge. The old lodge is still going strong. You would find quite a change in it, however. So many of the old faces gone and so many new ones taking their places, and then it would take a number of new faces to compensate for the one face that may be missing.

Muirs Miller is tickled to death with ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> radio.

It has given him and his wife a new lease of life. The years are beginning to tell on our dear friend Dr. Paul and it is quite likely that the present college term will bring to an end the

most of his ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup> duties at the College. He will continue as principal of the College with nominal duties

under arrangements that are in progress but will at the same time suffer a <sup>considerable</sup> reduction in salary. This arrangement will probably be allowed to continue indefinitely. Bro. Russell

will <sup>still</sup> be second in command. Of course, Bro. Paul believes he is as good a man as ever but the cards are laid as above stated.

Myself, Dr. Paul and your many friends & brethren here most heartily reciprocate your well wishes  
Very truly yours  
W. S. Carey Pope

**DOCKET STARTS:**

POSTAL WORKERS

B

September 5, 1924.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister;

I have received from the Secretary of the ex-service men, who were acting as part-time Postal workers in Toronto a letter of which I enclose a copy.

As regards the complaint made by the men in question that they were dismissed by reason of going on strike, I admit frankly that I have not very much sympathy with them. I feel that they were very ill advised, and have said so in reply to their communication.

It seems to me, however, that there is something to be said on their behalf. It is not after all a crime to strike, and it would seem hard if these men were to be blacklisted on account of such an action. It would seem reasonable to think that the same arguments which made them in the first place referred candidates for this part-time work, still valid, that is if service during the war is to count for anything.

I do not as I have already said, consider that these men had any right to strike, I do not think that there is any question but that by so doing they terminated their own engagement, but I do feel that your Government would be doing a wise and generous thing if they removed any ban that may have placed on them, by reason of actions which, while they doubtless caused inconvenience, fell, especially as they were only part-time workers, short of being, or criminal.

I am, dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Yours faithfully,

September 5, 1924.

H.M. Joffrey, Esq;  
Sec'y Ex Part-time Postal Workers Assoc.  
Toronto.

Dear Sir;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7th last, regarding the status of the Ex Part-time Postal Officers. This communication arrived at my office during my absence, but nothing could in any case have been done, owing to the time of year.

It is only fair that I should say to you quite frankly that I do not think that the part-time men had any real reason for striking, and they were very ill advised to do so. There is no question whatever to my mind that by so doing they terminated their engagement, and cannot complain if the Government accepts their action as ending their contract.

On the other hand it cannot be said that there was any offence in striking, especially in the case of the part-time men, who were not permanent Government employees. I do not think therefore, that it would be fair to place them under a permanent ban for so doing, and I am making representations on behalf of your associates, asking that the positions which they formerly held may again be opened to them.

Yours faithfully,



Ottawa, September 6, 1924

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

I thank you for your letter of September the 5th  
just received.

I shall be glad to discuss its representations with  
my colleague, Mr. Murphy, who has in hand the adjustment of all  
matters arising out of the postal strike.

With kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

*A. Macdonald King*

**DOCKET ENDS:**

POSTAL WORKERS

Box 752

Kamloops B.C.

18-2-23.

Dear Gen Currie / I am so sorry that I have not yet been able to thank you for your kind letter & efforts on my behalf before. The whole family have been laid up with influenza & of course as soon as everyone else was well again, I had it; since then I have been awfully busy trying to straighten things out in the B.C. Horse. Very many thanks for your kind wishes re the B.C. Horse, which I communicated the other day to a number of the officers and men. So far I have had the most

cordial support from all, and thus despite  
the fact that I have been forced to ask for  
reversals & even resignations in order to  
straighten out the entanglement caused  
by personal spite. However I have been  
open to all in every way & it has so helped  
matters that recruits are already coming in  
fast to all squadrons.

If you could some time spare us a photograph  
of yourself for the regt. I am sure all  
ranks would be highly gratified.

Apparently the efforts of all on my behalf at  
Ottawa have done some good, as the authorities  
now seem more willing to listen to applications  
and not deal with the matter quite so

arbitrarily, but whether I shall be the  
lucky one or not, I can't tell.

I was glad to hear that Paul Tudos got  
held a reception at Ottawa, I miss him  
a lot here, but always feel some pride in  
the fact that he was one of my subalterns,  
as was Page, both who did well.

Again with many thanks and kindest regards  
to Lady Curie + yourself

yours sincerely

J. S. Praeger

January  
Sixteenth  
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Pragnell,  
39 Clerk Street,  
Kamloops, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of the 11th instant and will be very glad to support your application for the position due to the vacancy re Indian Agent in the Kamloops District.

Senator Bostock's support ought to count for a good deal, though I know that the Civil Service Commission are an arbitrary body. I sincerely hope that they give it to you and that you will be able to remain in Canada.

May I also hope that under you the B.C. Horse may grow and flourish. A week ago last Sunday night I had the pleasure of having supper with Colonel and Mrs. Tudor. They were passing through Montreal on their way to Regina and were entertained by Major-General Sir Frederick Loomis while here. Tudor looked very well and happy, while she seems a most charming woman. Tudor deserved nothing but the best and I hope his married life is a very happy one.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

39 Clerk Street

Kamloops B.C.

11-1-23.

Dear Gen Currie/

I wonder whether you would put in a good word for me, with the powers that be. Backed by the local <sup>bedral</sup> members and Senator Batock I have applied for the vacancy of Indian agent in this district. All parties locally are in my favour, but apparently the Civil Service Commission are being made use of to confine it to members of the department in B.C. only. This really discriminates against those who were away at the war as a large majority of the dept. here got in during the war or before. In the district too it is really considered a local job, and will be a very unpopular move if they bring in an outsider.

They have got all my records + history at Ottawa attached to my application + also know that the work I did for the Soldier Settlement Board was good, but in my line there has been nothing doing for the last twelve months.

I understand that I am to get the command of the 5<sup>th</sup> B.C. L.H. Truthfully I did not want it, but Flich has been making such a mess of things, that resignations were coming in wholesale + even charges of all sorts laid against him, it will take a lot of reorganization to put things straight.

Even this I shall not be able to stay with if I do not get work to do, and much as I should hate to leave to, I believe I shall

be forced to leave Canada + go + live in France  
or Italy where the exchange is in our favour  
+ living consequently cheap, & our private income  
is too small to keep us any where else, unless  
I can get some work.

If I had not lost all my business through the war  
+ had capital to start with again, I would not  
be looking for a government-billet.

Hoping that you will excuse my bothering you  
and with all good wishes for the New Year to  
yourself + Lady Cairn

Yours sincerely

J. S. Pragnell

Paul Tudor has done the deed and got

may be, perhaps you have heard.

September 19th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel G.S. Pragnell, D.S.O.,  
P. O. Box 752,  
Kamloops, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your letter  
of August 27th.

I am delighted to learn that you have  
a position as Inspector of Indian Agencies. I know  
you will give your very best services in the interests  
of that post. Too many men when they get a Government  
position think that they are fixed for life and that  
no exertion is necessary. I always believe in a man  
putting forth every effort to make himself indispensable.

I am also glad to hear such good news  
about the B.C. Horse. They had a splendid record in  
the war and deserve to have success in their peace-time  
efforts.

With all good wishes for your health  
and prosperity, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Hotel Cranbrook

GEO. HOGARTH, PROP.

27<sup>th</sup> Aug 23.

Box 752

Kamloops B.C.

Cranbrook, B.C.

Dear Gen Currie / You must please forgive  
my not writing before to let you that I  
got the job of Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
and to sincerely thank you for your kind  
assistance in this matter. I am sure your  
letter must have had a lot of influence with  
the members of the Civil Service Commission,  
and you can be sure I shall not forget your  
generous help.

Since my appointment at the end of June  
I have hardly had a moment to spare, and  
have been travelling practically all the time.  
When I let you that my territory embraces  
the whole of the interior of B.C. from the  
coast-range west, and from the boundary to  
the Yukon you can guess that it takes

# Hotel Cranbrook

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me all my time to get round. However as the job keeps me out-of doors most-of the time, and is most-interesting, it just-suits me, and I hope that I shall satisfy the authorities. Mr. Duncan Scott the Deputy Assistant Gen of the department-is one of the nicest men I have ever met; and it is a great-pleasure to work under-him. You will be pleased to hear that the B.C. horse had a most successful camp, full up to the strength allowed & if the authorities will allow it I shall have no difficulty in recruiting up to full strength. With all kindest regards, and again many thanks

Yours sincerely

G.S. Praquell

**DOCKET STARTS:**

PRICE

P  
April  
Twenty-second  
1921.

J. V. Price, Esq.,  
Sturgeon Falls,  
Ont.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of April 6th, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Adjutant General.

I think, if I were you, I should act on the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of this letter.

Hoping you will soon have this matter arranged to your satisfaction, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

O.S. 649.P.21385.



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
MILITIA HEAD QUARTERS

OTTAWA CANADA.

20th April, 1920.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

J.V.Price  
Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

With reference to your letter of the 7th April, enclosing one from the marginally noted officer in respect to his claim for transportation on demobilization from England to St John, N.B. and thence to Sudbury, Ontario, our files show that when Price received his commission in the R.F.C. he was ipso facto discharged from the O.M.F.C., and signed the following waiver, dated 18.2.1918 :-

" I hereby certify that I desire my discharge in "England and waive all claim on the Canadian Government "for transportation to Canada".

It is to be noted, however, that the Canadian authorities' refusal to refund his passage money was quite in order, but I am informed that the English authorities, in cases such as these, under-take the responsibility of repatriating these officers and men, and I do not understand why they did not do so unless Price was one of those officers who got tired of waiting and returned under private arrangements of his own.

If Price will forward <sup>the</sup> full facts of his claim to the Officer paying Imperial Pensions, Ottawa, either direct or through us, the matter will receive every attention.

With kindest regards to you and yours,

J.H. Elmsley,  
Major-General.

NOTE

I return, herewith, Price's letter as requested.

Sturgeon Falls, Ont.,  
6.4.21.

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

# 648727

Sir:

I enlisted on January 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 with the  
159<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C.E.F., Sudbury, as a Private.

I went Overseas on October 28<sup>th</sup> 1916.

I was transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> Can. Rly. Troops  
on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1917 and went to France with them on  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917.

I was transferred to the Royal Flying  
Corps and gazetted a 2/Lt., on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1918.

I graduated as a Flying Officer on  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 1918.

I went to 40 Squadron, R.A.F., B.E.F.,  
France in August 1918 and remained with them  
until Feb. 1919.

I came to Canada on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 on  
the Minnedosa. I paid my Fare from London to  
Liverpool and my passage to St. John, N.B. and my  
fare and meals from St. John to Sudbury, Ont.  
It cost me \$135<sup>00</sup>. The English and Canadian Authorities  
refuse to pay it.

I went to France twice once for

the Canadian Railway Troops as a Sapper and  
the next time as a Scout Pilot in 40 Squadron  
R.A.F.

Kindly advise me what to do in this  
matter. Obliging,

Yours respectfully,  
J. V. Rice

J. V. Rice, Esq.,  
Sturgeon Falls,  
Ont.

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ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE  
MILITIA HEAD-QUARTERS  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

11th April, 1921.

Lieutenant-General  
Sir Arthur Currie, C.M.G., K.C.B.  
Mc Gill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of the 7th instant, in respect to  
J.V. Price of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., and to state  
that I shall look into the matter at once.

With kindest regards to you and  
Lady Currie,

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Elmsley,  
Major-General.

55  
April  
Seventh  
1921.

J. V. Price, Esq.,  
Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 6th instant and have written to the Militia Department at Ottawa enclosing the letter and have asked if they can give me any reason why you were forced to pay your own passage to Canada.

I will write to you again.

Yours faithfully,

April  
Seventh  
1921.

Major-General J. H. Elmsley,  
Adjutant-General,  
Militia Department,  
Ottawa.

My dear Elmsley:-

Herewith please find a letter from  
J. V. Price of Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

Can you tell me why he was forced  
to pay his own passage from London, England, to  
his home in Canada. When you answer will you please  
return Price's letter.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

**DOCKET ENDS:**

PRICE

January  
Sixteenth  
1923.

My dear Padre:-

Thank you very much indeed for your kindness in sending me a copy of your recent work "Tillicums of the Trail". I shall look forward to reading this with a very great deal of pleasure.

As the days "over there" slip farther into the past we cling more tightly to the memory of the associations and the friendships formed.

I hope that all goes well with you. Whatever has happened since I last saw you I know that your heart is just as gay and light and warm as ever. If you ever come to Montreal I hope you will look me up.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Rev. George Pringle,  
Presbyterian Coast Mission,  
Vananda Post Office,  
Texada Island, via Vancouver,  
British Columbia.

March 3rd, 1924.

Rev. E. I. Hart, D.D.,  
The Quebec Prohibition Federation,  
222 Craig Street West,  
Montreal.

Dear Reverend Hart:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 27th, which arrived during my absence from the city.

I am very sorry that I am not in a position to subscribe to your campaign. The number of similar applications I receive are so numerous that, while the objects may be worthy of all support, it is utterly impossible for me to contribute to them all.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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WESTMOUNT, QUE., Feb.27th.1924.,

Sir Arthur Currie, L.L.D.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.,

Dear Sir Arthur:-

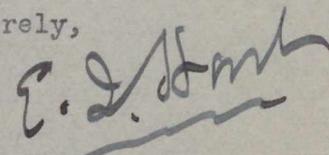
I am aware of the number of applications for help that you must receive yet the exceptional worthiness and the need of the cause which I happen to represent encourage me to feel that at least you will give this fresh appeal the sympathetic consideration that it deserves.

Our Federation is endeavoring to raise \$25,000 for a two years' sane and systematic educational campaign throughout the Province among the youth and the electorate in the churches, the Sunday and day schools, the Press etc. Enclosed are the Constitution and the Program of the Federation. Out of 21 possible Provincial units 17 are already in the Federation.

Trusting that our campaign may receive your hearty endorsement and practical support,

I remain,

Your's sincerely,



Secretary.

November  
Sixteenth  
1920.

Mark Purcell, Esq.,  
9 Bellingham Ave.,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

After more than a month's absence from Montreal I returned last Friday morning and found awaiting me your letter of October 14th. This must be my excuse for not having acknowledged it sooner.

My advice to you regarding the remedy which you have for use in the case of tubercular and gassed soldiers is to place it before Major-General Foster, the Director-General of Medical Services of the Militia Department, at Ottawa. His address is C/o. Militia Department, Slater Street, Ottawa, Canada. He, will, no doubt, go into the matter thoroughly, and I am sure will welcome any help you can give him towards effecting a permanent cure for the cases such as you have mentioned.

As you know I severed my connection with the Government last July, and in my opinion the best way to bring the subject matter of your letter to the attention of the Government is for you to act as I have outlined above.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Beachmont Oct 14/21  
Mass.

Dear Mr Curie

Dear Sir

I thought I would write you  
to ask you to try and  
get our government to take  
this matter up which I  
am going to ask you well  
sir I have a remedy  
which I have put up  
myself for Tuberculosis  
or for gassed soldiers  
and this remedy can  
only be used in hospital  
as you can not bottle it

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so dear Mr Currie I have  
tried some and it worked  
O.K. - so please get them  
to take this matter up as  
I am a Canadian I  
was in the 85<sup>th</sup> Nova Scotia  
Highlanders so dear Mr  
Currie write and let me  
know right away as I  
can save the governments  
money and patients I  
think so try for me  
and answer me right-  
away I remain  
yours truly

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Mr. Mark Purcell  
9 Bellingham Ave

Beachmont

Mass  
U.S.A.

please answer