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March
Thirteenth
1922.

Lieut.-Colonel G.D.H. MacAlpine,
61 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11th and note what the Windsor Security Company of Canada, Limited, propose to do to interest capital in the Old Country.

I am afraid that I cannot help you very much. I know nothing about the mining prospects of Northern Ontario, other than what I see in the papers. I have read that in the near future it may be expected to surpass even the famous gold-bearing regions of South Africa.

I know nothing about Rogers' ability as a Mining Engineer. If you were to ask me to write a letter of recommendation as to his ability to establish and run light railways, I would do so with the greatest possible pleasure. During the years of the War I conceived the highest admiration for Rogers' energy, industry, devotion to his work and all round ability to surmount any difficulties, no matter what the situations were. From my knowledge of him then I would also conclude that any opinions he gave would be reliable and in accordance with his best judgment.

With all good wishes for the success of your interests, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

THE WINDSOR SECURITY CO. OF CANADA LIMITED

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88 ADELAIDE ST. EAST

TORONTO, March 11th, 1922.

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

Dear General Currie:-

As you know I was Director of Supply & Transport in England and while there met many good business friends who asked me to canvas the Canadian situation and if anything looked good to discuss it with them. My recent advises from them are to the effect that they would not be interested in a Canadian industrial but would be interested in a gamble which was a real one. The development in the Northern country looks to me a particularly good opportunity and I have formed a Company known as the Sterling Development Co. of Canada Limited. The Directors are :-

Mr. C.P. Douglas, Canadian Representative of Gilbey's Ltd.
Col. R. P. Rogers, Mining Engineer, Director of Coniagas,
Major Gen. D. M. Hogarth, C.M.G. D.S.O. formerly Quarter-
Master General, Canadian Overseas Forces.
Mr. T. H. Stinson, K.C. Lindsay, Barrister at Law.
Mr. Frank Barber, Toronto of Barber, Wynne-Roberts & Seymour,
Consulting Engineers.
Prof. A. T. DeLury, Professor of Mathametcis, University of
Toronto,
Lieut. Colonel C.D.H. MacAlpine, formerly Directors of
Supply & Transport, Canadian Overseas Forces.

I attach for your information memorandum from Colonel Rogers, who you will remember as O.C. Corps Light Railway. I am getting letters from several of my friends who are familiar with the situation in the North country and ~~in~~ their opinion, ^{that} I am proceeding along the right lines. I am also getting letters with reference to Colonel Rogers' ability as a Mining engineer and his capabilities generally.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie;

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I would appreciate it very much if you could see your way clear to giving me a letter along these lines. I expect to be leaving for England in a few days time and hoped to go via Montreal but this I am unable to do as I will now have to sail from New York.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Arncliffe

MacA/O

Toronto, March 1st, 1922.

Lieut Col. C. D. H. MacAlpine,
61 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto.

Dear Colonel:-

As requested I herewith give you my views with regard to the formation of development company.

It is only within the past few years that the extensive territory of Northern Ontario, lying North of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been accessible for Prospectors. During that time many valuable discoveries have been made and today this District can boast of both Gold and Silver mines which rank among the Great producers of the World.

During 1921 Ontario produced as much Gold as all of Canada did in 1920 and there is every assurance that 1922 will give a much larger production than any previous year. The present rate of Production for this new area of Northern Ontario is about thirty percent as much gold as the entire United States produced in 1920.

As an example of the rapid development of Gold mining in Northern Ontario, the progress of the Hollinger at Porcupine might be quoted. This property was staked in 1909 and to date has a total output of about \$50,000,000. to its credit and is reported to have ore reserves of value equal to the total production.

The first shipment of Silver Ore from the Cobalt camp was in 1904, when, 206,000 ozs were sent out. During 1910-11-12-13 Cobalt produced an average of 30,000,000 ozs per year and to date the Camp has produced over 315,000,000 ozs. of Silver.

The Camps of Porcupine and Cobalt are the heavy producers of Gold and Silver, but numerous camps have been started in other parts of the country, which are adding materially to the total production of both Gold and Silver.

Electric power is now being supplied to operate practically all producing mines in Northern Ontario and any new producing district is reasonably assured of having electric power supplied at moderate rates.

In addition to the Gold and Silver, some very promising discoveries have been made of asbestos, Iron, Barite, and Copper, but lack of transportation has retarded development of these properties.

It is the writer's opinion that only a fraction of the surface of this vast area has been prospected and that many valuable discoveries will yet, be made, from time to time.

It is my opinion that there are many claims in this district on which it would be well worth while to expend considerable money on further investigation. The procedure I would advise for a Development Company, would be to allow the present holder of the claim to retain a certain percentage of interest in the claim, and the Development Company to do a certain amount of work for a Controlling Interest.

By this method it would not be necessary to have a large amount of capital, as all monies expended would be on legitimate work in development.

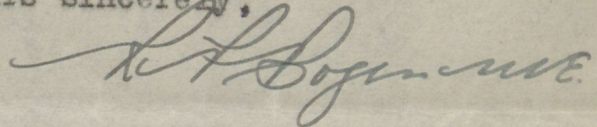
Probably ninety-five per cent of all Mining Claims staked in Northern Ontario are represented by individual Prospectors, or by two to four Partners; and in most cases, such men have not the capital to do any development work, outside of the regular assessment work, required by the Mining Act. Therefore, I am of the opinion that there are many claims now unworked, which might prove of considerable value, after a few thousand dollars, had been expended on them, in legitimate work.

I would recommend a Development Company to direct its energies to work of the above nature but it might be advisable for such a Company to send Prospectors in to a promising new District. However, this would have to be left, entirely, to the Engineer in charge of Field work.

The Ontario Government Railway, now in operation from North Bay to Cochrane, is being extended seventy miles further North and will probably be in operation in two years. This extension will open up lands to the north of Transcontinental Railway. It seems reasonable to expect that this extension of the Northern Ontario Railway to seventy miles north of Cochrane, will, in the near future, be further extended to James Bay, which event would open up vast areas for Prospectors.

The writer is most optimistic regarding the mining possibilities of this vast Northland and therefore thinks, a Development Company, organized on lines, outlined above would have reasonable expectations of Success.

Yours sincerely,



1 Sixth Street
Crockhall
Leadgate
Co Durham
England

Dear Sir

Just a few lines to see if you can do anything for me. I am age 21 and at present working in the mines which is a dead alley occupation as I am capable of better things. I would like a chance if I can get it, I am quiet and a good worker and there might be something in a name you know I might be useful to you some day.

I remain

yours faithfully
Felix Mc Silley

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October
Thirteenth
1922.

Messrs. McKendrick-Wicholson & Co., Ltd.,
53 St. Francois Xavier Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sirs:-

Thank you very much for your letter
of October 12th, giving me information of a property
which you have in the Porcupine District.

This appears most attractive, but at
the present time I am not interested in such invest-
ments.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

M^cKENDRICK-NICHOLSON & Co. LTD.

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53 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER

MONTREAL 12th October, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street, West,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

We have an option on a very attractive Porcupine property, located midway between the Hollinger and Dome, which we wish to syndicate.

The price is exceptionally low and we believe that a small syndicate can easily make several hundred percent profit, in addition to having an interest in a very attractive property.

We would like the privilege of giving you the details of this proposition.

Awaiting your reply,

Very truly yours,

McKENDRICK-NICHOLSON & CO. LTD.

R. E. Stearns

REK/ERB.

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November
Fourteenth
1921.

Lieut.-Colonel McKendrick,
C/o T.H. Best Printing Co.,
206 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your book "The Destiny of America" with an
appendix "What of Japan?".

I read this with a great deal of
interest and pleasure and wish to congratulate
you on what, I believe, you say is your first
attempt at writing a book. There is a point
which, perhaps, you will clear up for me. To
you I know it will be no problem and the question
arises, doubtless, from my ignorance. Were the
tribes of Judah and Levi the only ones who were to
carry through life the long Jew noses. I always
thought that all the sons of Jacob had this
characteristic, and I have often wondered how
some of the descendants of Jacob became the fair-
haired British people.

I hope that all goes well with you
and that whenever you come to Montreal you will
look me up.

Ever yours faithfully,

November
Fourteenth
1921.

T. H. Best Printing Company, Limited,
206 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the book "The Destiny of America", with an appendix "What of Japan?", referred to in your letter of November 3rd.

I have read the book and found it intensely interesting and have written to the author, whom I recognize as my old friend Lieut.-Colonel McKendrick, Roads Officer of the 5th Army.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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19, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

20th October, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

This morning I had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Norman M. Macleod, of Toronto, who handed me your letter in his favour dated September 19th.

We talked matters over and I need hardly assure you that I shall be happy to afford Mr. Macleod every possible advice and assistance during his visit.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

George A. Ferley

general
Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., etc.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

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OFFICE OF
THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE
206 ADELAIDE ST. W.

TORONTO, November 3rd, 1921.

Dear Sir:

We have been requested to mail you a copy of a book just published, entitled "The Destiny of America", with an appendix -- "What of Japan?" which we would be glad to have you accept with the compliments of the author.

In view of the Washington Conference, November 11th, on the question of limiting armaments, we feel that this book will present a view of America's destiny that will make the early perusal of it, by you, instructive, interesting and, if followed, epoch making.

Yours sincerely,

T. H. Best Printing Co.,
Limited.

P.S. We will be glad to have an acknowledgment of the receipt of this book.

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ROBT. E. McKECHNIE, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

19th February 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal McGill University,

Montreal. Que.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Your welcome letter received and when I gave the tidings to the faithful here there was much rejoicing. We feel confident that in your hands everything in time will be straightened out and made satisfactory.

Wishing you success ,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

REM/G

Robt. McKechnie

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Sept. 30th. 1919.

Dean F. P. Adams,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

Complying with your request for some details of my personal career, I am giving you the following particulars.

I left school at an early age, and after twelve years experience as a farmer, lumber jack, and dredge operator, I entered Acadia Academy, Wolfville, N.S. in January, 1911, and Acadia University in the fall of the same year. I received my B.A. there in 1915.

During my course I played on the Acadia football and track teams, was Editor of the "Acadia Athenaeum" in my Junior year; and President of the Students Council in my Senior year. During the same years I was House Master of Acadia Academy.

I spent the college term 1915-1916, at Harvard, and enlisted in Military Y.M.C.A. work in Camp Aldershot N.S. in the spring of 1916; went overseas with rank of Captain in Jan. 1917. While in England, I assisted in the organization of the Khaki College in Shorncliffe Camp, under Dr. Tory.

In France I served as Y.M.C.A. officer with the 6th. Infantry Brigade; was on forward work during the battles of Amiens, Arras, and Cambrai; was severely wounded at the latter, and spent three months in hospital. I received the M.C. for work in the Cambrai battle. was decorated by the King, March 22nd. 1919.

This information has been acquired by the McGill Daily.

Truly yours,

J. G. McKay

JGM/B.

Mackay telephoned to me and admitted that when he said he was a Lieutenant in the 7th Battalion and had commanded the 10th Platoon he had told an untruth. For this reason I refused to help him.

139 235 St. Antoine St.
Up 5275 W.

Mar. 29/22

Gen. Sir A. Currie K.C.M.G. D.S.O.

Sir

I had the honour of knowing you in Victoria previous to the War. I had a Cigar Store next to David Spencers Ltd. Col. Victor Spencer I think it was who you were with when I first met you. From there I went to Vancouver where I had a store on Robson St. until 1914 when I joined up with the 7th Bn. I was app^{nt} Lt. & Platoon Comdr. of #10 Platoon 7th Bn. in Eng. I was wounded on Apr. 24th 1915, ret'd.



to Canada & disc. med.
 unfit in Nov. 1915. In
 1916 I went over again
 with Col. P. Guthrie's Bn.
 the 236th but was not
 allowed to go to France
 and was kept at
 Shorncliffe on the Musketry
 Staff, till I was ret^d to
 Canada & demob. Jan 9th
 1919 in St. John's N.B. I
 came to Montreal & have been
 here ever since.

I have been
 out of work for 2 mths
 & only started work again
 with the C.P.R. on Mon.
 last.

I have seven
 children & we have
 used up every cent we

had saved. I do not
 get any pay till the
 15th Apr. Will you please
 lend me \$15⁰⁰ till then
 I can manage on that
 till next month as on
 the 2nd of Apr my
 son the only one working
 gets his pay. I am not
 entitled to anything
 from the S.C.P. as I am
 a I. The Patriotic only
 helps in case of
 sickness.

I am not
 going to accept
 charity. That is
 why I am writing
 to you Sir as
 I know by your

splendid record of
your fairness to all
you come in contact
with that you will
understand my position.

I will return
this money at 10 a.m.
on the 16th Apr.

I thank you
in anticipation

I am

Sir

Yours obediently

H. Turner Mackay

Late Lieut. 4th Dr Coy.

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6th May, 1925.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for yours of
the 1st instant with an extract from a
letter received from England regarding
Lieut-Colonel McNiven's work as Asst.
Director of Personal Services.

His work has been very
satisfactory to me ever since I have been
here and he appreciates your remarks.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

James Stewart

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

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Ottawa,
December 13, 1922.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Herewith an extract from
the confidential report on General
McNaughton given by the Commandant
of the Staff College.

Yours very Sincerely,

J. A. MacBrien

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
&C., &C., &C.,

The Principal
McGill University
Montreal.

P.S. I shall write you within a
day or two concerning Dyer's
case. Some weeks ago I was
informed that there was "no
vacancies" but am trying again.
J. A. MacB.



Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT STAFF COLLEGE

Extract from Report of Brig.-General

Andrew George Latta McNAUGHTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Permanent Staff, Canadian Militia.

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Dec.21/21.

(SD) W.H. ANDERSON Major-General.
Commandant Staff College

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE,
MANITOBA

July 31/24

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Director Bank of Montreal,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I take the liberty of writing you in the matter of a claim preferred against me by the Bank of Montreal Portage la Prairie branch.

About a year prior to the outbreak of the war the then manager of the Portage branch, R. A. Field, asked if I would do him the favor of helping him out on an accommodation note to be used by him through the bank's branch here as he required the proceeds for his personal finances. This was carried along on that basis until the beginning of the war when I was getting my affairs in shape to leave with the first contingent. I consulted Mr. Field with reference to the note, and he assured me that settlement was arranged. I went overseas with the first contingent, and after some weeks on Salisbury Plains returned on a cable from General Steele in December 1914 to join the 32nd Battalion, and I was in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie for about six weeks, leaving in February 1915 with the 32nd. During that time I saw Mr. Field on several occasions and he assured me that payment had been made and I would hear no more of the matter, and that I was free from any liability.

I returned to Canada in 1918 and found that Mr. Field was no longer associated with the bank, and was at the time informed by Mr. Bell, the succeeding manager, there was a note held against me for Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) which was the original amount, Mr. Field having paid the interest for a part of the period. I was very much surprised to receive this notice, and explained the matter to Mr. Bell, the manager, and Mr. Sexsmith, the bank solicitor, and showed the original note given me by Mr. Field, which I still have in my possession.

I believe the bank solicitor thoroughly appreciates the fact that Mr. Field secured the money at the time, and I in no sense, benefitted by the loan. My contention is that the bank is morally bound in the matter aside from any legal features. Mr. Field was the recognized manager, and during my acquaintance with him apparently had the full confidence of the bank since he had been promoted from the Accountancy here to Lindsay, Ont., afterwards to the managership at Gretna, Man., and then to Portage as manager. During the time he was located here and the first years the bank was established here I was the Provincial member for the local farming Constituency, and he came to me frequently to secure confidential information as to standing of various farmers and others, and I had materially assisted in an advisory capacity. Because of his apparent success in the bank I had every reason to feel that he possessed their confidence, and his word as manager was good.

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In any event had I had the information in 1914 or 1915 I could have protected myself, and later could have done so when Mr. Field was removed from the local management. However, I was overseas and received no intimation personally and neither did my local solicitor, nor business manager of the newspaper I owned here. Under the circumstances I feel that it is a hardship and injustice to be asked to accept this liability, and that morally and by every right at law and fair play I should be relieved of it.

I explained the matter to the bank solicitor here, Mr. Sexsmith and the present manager, Mr. Chaseley, and the latter has agreed to submit it to the head office at Montreal, and I am showing him a copy of this letter.

I therefore take the liberty of presenting the case to you since you will remember me personally, and can, I feel vouch for my bonifides.

The matter is to a large extent largely one of being penalized for war service as had I been at home I could have had the opportunity to protect my interests. Further I submit the bank should view the item from the standpoint of moral obligation since I dealt in good faith with their representative here, and did not directly or indirectly benefit from the loan.

I would ask you as a favor to submit this matter to the head office with a view to having the obligation discharged.

As I have never considered I owed this money this letter should not be taken as an acknowledgment of same.

Yours very sincerely,