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DOCKET STARTS:

P. S. LAMPMAN

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June 22nd, 1925.

Hon. P. S. Lampman,
County Court,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Peter:-

Your letter of May 21st arrived the morning I went to hospital and that is the reason it has remained unanswered until now.

I am glad to state that the operation was a complete success and I consider myself extremely fortunate. It was a cyst in the lower jaw bone and had it not been treated would have resulted undoubtedly in the breaking of the bone. The break would have taken place in the rotten part and therefore it would not have healed. There was also a great danger of poisoning. I caught on to the trouble in the most accidental fashion and so consider myself very fortunate. We had intended leaving for the Old Country on June 5th, but look forward now to getting away next Friday, the 26th.

While in hospital Mr. Walter Molson came up to see me and told me over again the story of his visit to Victoria. I ran across Mrs. Walter at the Atholstan wedding the other day and she was equally enthusiastic about Victoria and the Lampmans. They seem to have enjoyed themselves immensely and grew very fond of you and Mrs. Lampman. I knew you would like them as they are both particularly nice people. You will remember that you met Herbert Molson, a brother of Walter's, in 1920 when I visited Victoria on the eve of the McGill

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campaign. I think we had a game of golf together at Oak Bay.

I am looking forward to seeing you this fall when I go out in October.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Lampman and thanking you for being so kind to the Molsons, and with all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,



Victoria
COUNTY COURT

21st May, 1925

My dear Annie, I duly received your letter
of 20th April and should have answered
you before but - I did not answer at
once as I was expecting the hobsons
to come along within a week or so
of the date on which you said they were
leaving Montreal. However they were
late in coming as they came by way
of Prince Rupert. When they came
I left a note for him at the Empress
and then they came to lunch with
us and we took them out to
Butchart's - I and Mrs. B. were not
at home but - we know the staff

pretty well so we were able to show
them through the house and the
Chairman turned on the electric
organ in which Mrs Molson was much
interested and Mrs Molson took
in all the colour schemes in
the interior decorations of the house.
To make my narrative complete I
should tell you that - just after lunch
at our house we took them up
to Jimmy Angus' place - where they
had dined the night before - as they
wanted to see the Angus garden.
Mrs Angus, who is an old school friend
of Mrs Molson, went with us to the
Butchart's. Well we got along so well
on this trip that - they asked us to go
with them on their trip to Qualicum
the next day - they had engaged a
big Hudson car and as they ^{seemed} really

to want us to go and as I had no tickets on we
went and the trip was a real joy. Mrs. Hobson is greatly
interested in trees and we went beyond Cameron Dace
on the road to Alberni and saw a good lot of the big
timber. At Qualicum General Money is the owner of the
hotel and he lives in a big house nearly - his house is
full of old English furniture, good china, nice pictures
and all sorts of curios - My wife knew Mrs. Money and
Mrs. Hobson is keen on old furniture so a visit to the
Money's was arranged and made. I neglected to tell
you that originally it was intended to spend one day only
at Qualicum and then motor back to Nanaimo where
the Hobsons were to take the boat for Vancouver where their
cousin had arranged a dinner for them that night but
as soon as we arrived in Qualicum they began to
rehearse as to how they could stay two days there instead of
only one and by a series of telegrams and telegrams they
accomplished it. We played golf each day we were there,
Dr. Cam Davidson of Montreal sometimes playing with
Mr & Mrs. Hobson and me. The last day we had to catch the
boat at Nanaimo at 2.15 and Mrs. Hobson was so
busy buying a table or something that it was nearly one
o'clock before she came in for lunch and consequently we
started off with a mad rush and broke the speed laws
until the driver saw that he could make the boat without
hurrying further. They took the boat at Nanaimo and we continued



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on journey home in the motor car.
The weather was beautiful - warmer
than usual and the ~~people~~ here
I think very much pleased with
the whole Island. They are both
extremely nice and I am glad
you wrote me about them.

So you are off for England and the
Continent of Europe with your family!
I hear that - Mayorie writes well -
that is very nice and if she keeps
it up it will keep her interested.
There is nothing like keeping young
people busy. I am on the Senate
now of the B.C. University and was in
Vancouver for the graduation

exercises and while there heard
that you were coming out in
October - I expect to be over and will
see you there - and you no doubt
will come to Victoria also.

Tommy is in the 5th Regiment now
and expects to go to Masanlay Point
Camp in, about a week now for 12
days training.

With kind regards to Lady Currie
and the family, I am

Sincerely yours

P. V. Kaufman

May
Thirteenth
1921.

Hon. P. S. Lampman,
County Court,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Peter:-

With reference to your letter of April 27th, I have written to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Doherty and the Hon. Hugh Guthrie, who, as you know, is Solicitor General and Minister of Militia.

Mr. Doherty's reply was simply a formal acknowledgment of my letter and the statement that the appointment of yourself would be considered when there were any openings. Mr. Guthrie tells me that I can rest assured that he will help in every way possible. I do not expect to be in Ottawa before I leave for England in June, but if I should run across any members of the Cabinet I shall not fail to speak a word in your behalf. I shall be very pleased to see you appointed to either the Supreme Court Bench or the Court of Appeal, and have every confidence that you would there make equally as good a record as you have made for yourself in the County Court.

I am glad to know that Tommy is getting along very well in Kingston. I am going to spend a couple of days there the first week in June and will look him up.

I keep pretty well informed as to what is going on in Victoria, as Sam has been good enough to send me the Daily Colonist and from time to time Victorians pass through here either going to or coming from the Old Country. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray and their daughter Betty stayed with us a couple of days

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last week and, as you probably know, Mrs. Gray usually knows a great deal of what goes on in a small place like Victoria. I have been expecting to see John Oliver, but as yet he has spent no time in Montreal. Turner, the Mining Engineer, was here for a day or so and I saw something of him.

Yesterday was our Convocation Day and I had the honour of conferring the degree of B.A. upon young Dr. Eberts. He holds that degree in addition to his M.D. He is on the staff of the Montreal General Hospital and is specializing in Metabolism. He told me recently that he hoped to bring Mrs. Eberts to Montreal shortly. There is another Dr. Eberts here who is one of the great surgeons, not only of Montreal but of the Continent.

Young O'Meara of Victoria also received his degree yesterday - that of Bachelor of Commerce. The work of the session will finish in about a month and I hope to sail for England somewhere between the 16th and 21st. There is a Congress of the Universities of the Empire being held at Oxford the first week of July. I am looking forward to deriving a great deal of benefit from that Conference, and it also gives me an opportunity of establishing a better liaison with the Universities of the Old Land from whom we get a goodly number of our Professors. I am going to write a paper on "The Universities and Technological Education".

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We have had a very mild winter and have been playing golf during the past month.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Lampman, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Peter,

Ever yours faithfully.



Ottawa, May 11, 1921.

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My dear Sir Arthur,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant. I note what you say with regard to Judge Lampman, in connection with prospective vacancies on the Supreme Court Bench of British Columbia. When occasion comes for action, I shall bear your representations in mind and bring them to the attention of my colleagues.

Believe me, with very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Thas Frohert

General, Sir Arthur W. Currie,

Principel of McGill University,

Montreal, Que.

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M.
Minister's Office.

Ottawa. 11th May, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have just received your letter of the 10th instant, in regard to the appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court and the Appeal Court of British Columbia.

I had heard it rumoured that some vacancies were likely to occur in the near future.

I note what you say with regard to Mr. P.S. Lampman, now County Judge in Victoria. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Judge Lampman, but I know of his reputation. I shall take the first opportunity of discussing this matter with the Honourable Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and also with the Honourable Dr. Tolmie, who is the Member of the Government from British Columbia. You may rest assured that I will help in every way I can.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Gauthier".

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

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May
Tenth
1921.

Honorable Hugh Guthrie,
Minister of Militia & Defence,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Guthrie:-

You will, I hope, pardon the liberty I am taking in writing to you this letter.

I have been told that some changes are likely to occur in the personnel of the Supreme Court and the Appeal Court in British Columbia, that Mr. Justice Clement and Mr. Justice Ebert may retire shortly. I have no doubt the claims of many will be put forward, but I would like to mention the name of Mr. P. S. Lampman, now County Court Judge in Victoria.

Judge Lampman had held that position for a great many years and is noted for the careful attention he gives to his work and for the eminent common sense displayed in his decisions. I believe he knows as much law as any judge on the Bench in British Columbia and he has as much common sense and a great deal more than some. He is a man held in the highest regard by the people of Vancouver Island and I am sure by the Bar of the Province generally.

I should think it would be a very good practice to promote County Court judges to the Supreme Court Bench when they were thoroughly well-qualified. It would raise the dignity of the County Court Bench and would result in greater care being exercised when appointments to that Court were made. On the other hand, if the man promoted were in all respects fitted for the superior position the Supreme Court Bench would not lose in any way.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie

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I feel that any enquiries you may make regarding Judge Lampman will be favourable to him, and there are many of us who would regard his selection with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

It may be of interest to you to know that Judge Lampman was married to the daughter of the late Hon. E.G. Prior and that he received his appointment to the Bench when a Liberal Government was in power. I do not think there is any doubt but that he is a strong supporter of the present Dominion Government.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

May
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Rt. Hon. C.J. Doherty, P.C., K.C., LL.D.,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

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With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Victoria
COUNTY COURT
27th April, 1921

My dear Currie

If you were able to help

me in anything in reason I think
you would do so and in consequence
I am writing you in reference to a
matter in which your assistance
might be of great benefit to me.

There is some likelihood of changes
in the Supreme Court and the
Appeal Court Judges in British
Columbia. Of the Supreme Court
Judges Clement has been ill for
a year or more and may be retired
and Eberts of the Appeal Court is
not well - he is a pretty old man now.

and I believe he has assented to be
allowed to retire. Some of my friends
have ~~told me they would like to~~
see me get - me of the places in case
any appointment is made and I
have written Johnnie and I think
he is not at all unfavourable to the
idea and Charlie Mc Intosh will
not put any obstacles in my way -
I would not mention it to Harry
Barnard or Bob Green as I'm
afraid they have too many axes
to grind. As to the work it is
little if any more difficult than
what I do now without much difficulty
and I really think both my knowledge
of the law and my common sense
will compare favourably ~~to~~ with
that of the present members of the bench.

The Minister of Justice - Robert of Montreal - makes the appointment - and he is guided by what the B.C. members tell him. It strikes me that you might be thrown in with him sometime socially or some other way and might have an opportunity to tell him that your friend Sampman is the best man in B.C. for any appointment - in his to the bench.

Clement before being appointed to the Supreme Court was a County Court Judge in Kootenay and last June in England Judge Acton of the County Court was made a Supreme Court Judge and in connection with that I have had a copy made of an extract from the London Times and I enclose it - the cutting I sent to Dr. Johnnie. If there are any other members of the Cabinet to whom a word might be careful not overlook them. Cooper one of the members for Vancouver while probably supporting a Vancouver man will I think speak well of me.

We have had a cold spring here. Tommy is getting along all right in Kingston and likes it - very much.

With kind regards to duty time I am

Sri Ass. Currie

Montreal Que.

Sincerely yours

P. S. Sampman

Extract from editorial in the London (Daily)
Times of 22nd June, 1920, entitled "Two New Judges".

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On the other hand, very few members of the Bar--
in London, at all events--anticipated the second appoint-
ment. Judge Acton, as compared with his brother Judge,
is little known. His elevation to the King's Bench
Division, though it may not be without a precedent, is
to the credit of the Lord Chancellor, not only because
it may raise the dignity of the County Court Bench and
may render appointments to it a matter of greater dis-
cretion, but because it offers evidence that there is
a desire to place the Judicature on a sound practical
basis.

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Information from A.G. states that Cadet
Lampman is going to R.M.C. and will have further
medical examination there.

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Victoria
COUNTY COURT

17th July, 1920

My dear Curie

a few days ago I got -
into a sort-of perplexing predicament
and wired you. When Dr. Donald
and Dr. Mc Pherson examined
Tom for the R.M.C. they reported a
slight varicocele - at the time they
did not know it was a bar for
Knights - they say it is not for the
Permanent force - so I got a letter
from the Adjutant General suggesting
operation: I then wrote to
Hermann Robertson who said
there was nothing to operate on.
In reply to my telegram I got
a reply from the A.G. that they

Could not see him with slight
varicocele and not dealing at
all with my request for a further
examination.

However yesterday I saw the doctors
here again and after further examination
they wried last night - that he
had no varicocele - what will
happen now I dont know. all three
of the doctors say that they do not think
there is the slightest chance of the
doctor at Kingston taking any
notice of his sort of large vein.
I told them if there was to be any
operation I would prefer it here
and not in Kingston. Being so far
away is a drawback. I could
seem to think he could convince
Emsley (who he thought was a G.) if
he could see him - he said the

examined him in England or
France.

If Tom goes east I am going with
him and hope to see you. Where
will you be - Ottawa or Montreal?

I was delighted that you were made
the Head of McGill as I should think
the work will suit you and be
greatly to your liking. To get back
where things are done on their
merits will be a treat I should
think. do the McGill people supply
a house? I should think there
should be some sort of official house.
If I go east I'll take my golf
clubs with me and hope to have
a game with you.

At present everyone in Victoria
talks of the Hughes trial - it is

a staggering sort of thing - as he may
possibly come before me for
that I will say no more.

at present we are staying at -
Shannigan Lasse where we are
having most peculiar weather -
it has been a rainy summer.
With kind regards to Lady Annie

Sincerely yours

P. S. Lampman

DOCKET ENDS:

P. S. LAMPMAN

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April 2nd, 1925.

C. E. Lang, Esq.,
605 Hastings Street W.,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Charlie:-

Thank you very much for your note of the 25th and I shall forgive you for your rudeness in making mention of my spats, but we wear these things in this western climate. Were we in Vancouver I know gum boots would be more appropriate.

I often think of you and the days when I saw more of you. I hope to spend a few days in Vancouver this fall as I believe I am going there to take part in the functions which will be held in connection with the opening of the new buildings of the University of British Columbia. I shall try to make time to spend three or four days in Vancouver.

Now and then I see somebody from there who knows you and can tell me what is going on. The other day old Sam Matson passed through on his way home from England. He looked well and farming evidently agrees with him. They tell me that he is getting together a very valuable Jersey herd and that one of his cows holds the record for percentage of butter fat in her milk.

I am looking forward to seeing a number of the fellows from Vancouver at the Vimy

C.E.Lang.Esq.

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Dinner, which is being held in Ottawa on the 15th.

Your mention of Mrs. S. brings up many memories which had much better lie dormant. I am glad that the world seems kind to her.

With kindest wishes and looking forward to seeing you in October, I am,

Yours faithfully,

122 CABLE ADDRESS "WINDREAL"

up. 2880 Room 268



THE WINDSOR HOTEL
MONTREAL

June 6th /12

Dear Sir Arthur,

I saw in the morning's paper that you & Lady Currie had left for Ottawa for a few days so it would be useless for me to call upon you which I had intended to do to-day - I am over here as President of the Bay League of Canada, B.C. Division to attend the meeting of the Dominion Council to be held here to-morrow & intend to



THE WINDSOR HOTEL
MONTREAL

visit Ottawa for a few days
 Subsequently - I know that
 you are a very busy man
 but would be glad to see you
 very much like to see you
 have a chat before
 finally leaving for the
 West - Perhaps we may be
 able to arrange it somewhere
 somewhere - With kindest
 regards to yourself & lady
 Annie, I am as ever,
 Yours very sincerely,
 W. Langley



ANGUS GORDON, RESIDENT MANAGER.

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THE FORT GARRY, WINNIPEG, MAN.

THE MACDONALD, EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

June 15th /12

My dear General,

I could not help smiling
this morning when on thinking
over my letter to you of yesterday,
it occurred to me that I
had made a little error of
ten years or so regarding our
first meeting - not that it
made the slightest difference
to the subject matter, but I can
quite imagine your saying
"Great Scott how old does
Billy think I am!" Of course

I knew all the time that it
was in '99 that (in the fall)
that I first saw you on the
floor of the Drill Hall - You were
then, I think a Purgawh, &
I can remember it as if it
were yesterday - I hope to
produce that I am not
approaching the age when one
is prone to be so prejudiced
with the past! I don't feel
that I am! As a matter of
fact I was in the ranks of
the Regt when it was the R. C.
Battalion of G. A., in 1889,
having enlisted in 1887.
With a memory as acute
as yours you must have

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ANGUS GORDON, RESIDENT MANAGER.

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I am somewhat amused
 however, apart from that
 it is quite immaterial -
 And a period of close upon
 23 years is quite a slice
 out of any one's life -

I had a very satisfactory
 & pleasant interview with
 Mr. Genl MacBrien yesterday
 again thank you for intro-
 ducing me to him. As ever
 Yours very sincerely
 W. H. Langley



June 14th / 22

My dear General,

I wish of all let me
say incidentally that perhaps
you may sometimes wonder
that I address you thus, but
I rejoice to be able to greet
my old friend by such a
title, a title he has won -
well - in the "Cuvnie way" &
that is "huff sed" about that!

I find it very difficult
to express my feelings of
pleasure & appreciation of my

visit to you the other evening
& of your & Lady Currier's
great kindness - Perhaps it
is sufficient to say that
I always look upon a
talk with you as an event;
If I should be guilty
in this letter of saying
things which are rarely
said as from man to man,
then you must admit
that I have at least
provocation in the great
hearted welcome with which
you have invariably greeted
me upon every occasion,

no matter what the time or
place - I count it an
achievement in my life that
I should have won such a
friendship as yours - To have
done so is truly kind to
raise one's conceit in ~~oneself~~
who would have thought
in the old sky, landing
days of the old 5th that
over thirty years ~~later~~ later,
Billy Langley should have
occasion to write to Arthur
Curie in this way? And
yet after all there is nothing
so very extraordinary about
it and it is certainly
nobody else's business.

I received your kind note
& the letter to Mrs. Emile

J. H. MacBrien upon my
return to the Hotel last night
after an evening spent with
^{our} old central friends George
Phillips & M^{rs} Phillips - I
have not yet presented the
letter but will do so at
the first opportunity - I
shall treasure y. short note
to me - It is of great interest
to me to hear that so far I
have not on being well
here - My principal idea
is to get some aid for
the Navy League - We will



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co-operate with the Govt
or any Govt so long as
it means business. It
had come from the interviews
that I have had that
the Govt may consider
it wise as a political
expedient, to give us a
grant - If they continue
in that frame of mind
we will get it - If it
is in the national welfare
also so much the better -
You know what I

When by that - I have
met all the big wigs
in the same - if that
adjective can be rightly
applied to any of them -
well, I suppose, that it
is not their fault altogether
if it is a glaring
misapplication of a
poor little word -

As we go down the
page you breaking with
the ~~third~~^{fourth} decade since
Yours I met in the
old Bill Hall at Victoria

When we look our Cousins
together, I often think that
a place should be found
in your family motto for
the words "Sons Change".

With this I will
shut up. Please give
my kindest regards to
Lady Currie

Your old friend

W H Langley

P.S.

I leave for the West
to-morrow night W.H.L.

DOCKET STARTS:

LINDSAY

April 7th, 1925.

Private and Confidential

Colonel Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

Re W.P.L.Lindsay

Dear Colonel Starnes:-

I would appreciate very much if you would give me confidentially some information regarding the marginally noted officer, who is attached to your force with headquarters at Edmonton.

What I particularly wish to learn is whether he is regarded as a good officer and one likely to be promoted soon. Has he always born a good report while with the Police and what has been the nature of his health while with you?

I assure you I am not asking this information from any feeling of curiosity, but because if the information it will be for Lindsay's advantage.

Again assuring you that such information as you give me will be regarded as very confidential.

Yours faithfully,

April 13th, 1925.

Personal and confidential.

Colonel Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your
letter re Lindsay. It contained exactly the
information I sought.

When next I see you I shall
tell you all about it.

Yours faithfully.

Molson's Brewery Limited
Brewers & Maltsters

Established 1886

Montreal. January 30th 1926

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

McGill University,

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I am in receipt of a letter from
Commissioner Starnes addressed to you and I regret very
much that you have been put to this bother about Lindsay.

I have written to the Commissioner
expressing my regret and stating that I was writing to
Lindsay and to the Bank Manager at Edmonton in the matter,
and I hope there is no more behind this.

With your permission I will keep the
letters in my file for reference.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Molson

January 28th, 1926.

Colonel Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner, R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Commissioner:-

Thank you for your letter
of January 27th.

I am painfully surprised
to learn that apparently Inspector Lindsay has
not played the game as fairly as he should have.
I know how annoyed you must be, and rightly so.
It always bitterly disappoints me to learn that
one whom you have gone out of your way to help
appears unworthy of the attention. I think I
shall let Herbert Molson know about this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Molson's Brewery Limited
Brewers & Maltsters
Established 1866

Montreal. May 26th, 19 25

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

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I beg to thank you for copy
of Commissioner Starnes' letter of May 18th
and for the trouble which you have taken in
the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Molson

Copy to
Col. Nelson

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA.

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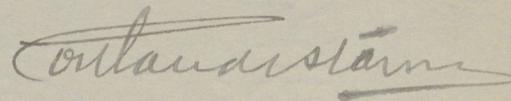
May 18th 1925.

Dear General Currie,

I have your letter of the 9th inst., and am very glad to hear the news you give me respecting Inspector Lindsay. As a matter of fact, he officially notified me on the 29th of April, 1925, that all his outstanding liabilities had been settled. However, I imagine that the claim of Messrs Mackay and Gillespie Ltd., Victoria, B.C., has not yet been settled, as I have today received a letter from a Barrister of that City, respecting the claim of his clients in the sum of \$73.00. I have instructed this gentleman to communicate with Inspector Lindsay direct.

With regard to promotion, -there are no vacancies at present, but so long as the objection to which I have referred is removed, it would be much easier to give his case full consideration, should occasion arise in the future.

Yours faithfully,



(Cortlandt Starnes)

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

May 9th, 1925.

Personal and Confidential

Colonel Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

My dear Commissioner:-

With further reference to our correspondence (your Ref. No. 153) with reference to Inspector W.P. Lindsay of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I wish to tell you that all his outstanding debts have been paid and a firm promise exacted from the Lindsays to live within their means in future. I believe he has instructed the Paymaster to forward his cheque monthly to the Bank of Montreal in Edmonton.

As I intimated to you in Ottawa Colonel Herbert Molson has been responsible for putting Lindsay on his feet again, Lindsay being a cousin of Mrs. Molson. I do not believe that you will have any reason to fear that complaints will reach you in the future regarding unpaid debts, etc. Naturally the Molsons hope that in the circumstances any promotion to which he would naturally be entitled will not be delayed on account of the fears you have had in the past.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

Dear Sir Arthur;-

I have received a letter from Inspector W.P.L.Lindsay, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Edmonton, expressing his appreciation of the manner in which I have cleared up his outstanding debts and stating that he has instructed the Paymaster to forward his pay cheque monthly to the Bank of Montreal, Edmonton, from which a small deduction will be made each month to gradually reduce the amount owing for which I am guarantor.

He declares that I can depend on his not incurring any fresh debts in the future and is full of the best resolutions.

Under the circumstances I think that the Department should know that I have put him on his feet and that they should have no reason to fear that complaints will reach them in the future on any unpaid debts.

I will appreciate it if you would write a letter informing them of the situation and expressing your and my hope that when the opportunity comes that they can see their way to granting him promotion.

I enclose the letter which you received from Ottawa on the subject for your information when writing.

Yours very sincerely,

Encls.

Herbert Molson

*P.S. He is a cousin of Mrs. Molson's in case
You should see fit to mention it.*

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Office of the Commissioner.

Ref. No. 153.

Ottawa.

April 8th 1925.

Private & Confidential.

Dear General Currie,

I have your letter of the 7th inst., in which you made confidential enquiries regarding Inspector W.B.Lindsay, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This Officer was appointed an Inspector in the Force in 1910, having been formerly employed as a Bank Clerk in Quebec.

With regard to his ability as an Officer, I would be inclined to say that he is about the average. He is now Senior Inspector in the Force, and would, in the natural course of events, be entitled to promotion. However, what has stood in his way almost continuously since he has been in the Force is extravagance, which perhaps may be more due to his wife than to himself. It has given us a lot of annoyance, in that we are receiving complaints continually regarding unpaid debts, cheques on banks without funds, and other financial dealings which we did not consider right.

If promoted, he would have charge of a district, and public funds, and up to the present we have not considered it safe to make any recommendation with respect to his promotion, and until he can show himself clear of debt. I might say that this is the only thing that has stood against him.

With regard to his health,- A few years ago, he became enormously fat, so much so that he weighed nearly 400 lbs. He was given leave, and underwent a very drastic treatment in Vancouver for many months, and this reduced him to normal weight. He has to be very careful as to diet, as he puts on flesh easily, and this is really a disease with him. I might say, personally, that Lindsay is of a likable disposition.

Hoping this information is what you require,

Yours faithfully,

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

Cortlandt Starnes
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Commissioner.

DOCKET ENDS:

LINDSAY

DOCKET STARTS:

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VICTORIA, B. C. 10th. December, 1920.

My dear Arthur.-

First of all, let me congratulate you on your success in obtaining the five millions for McGill. Also on your election to the Board of the Bank of Montreal.

re Corona Agreement. I saw Pemberton about this, as well as R. P. Clarke. You cannot rely on Clarke to be of any assistance, as he is dead broke and has no particular chance of making money in the future, in my estimation. He says that if he ever gets into a position where he can do his share he will be delighted to come through with what he owes. You can take that for what it is worth. The fact remains that you are the responsible party, and if the matter is not cleared up at once, some day it will have to be dealt with, perhaps at a greater loss.

I learned from Fred Pemberton that Bradshaw tried to purchase the agreement, with the object of getting you in his hands, but Pemberton refused to seal. Pemberton also told me that if it were not for the fact that he is extremely hard up through heavy losses during the period of the war, that he would like to cancel the whole debt, but under present circumstances it is impossible. The total amount owing to the end of 1919 was \$46,680.26, and to this must be added another year's interest and taxes. I am instructed to inform you that Pemberton will accept the sum of \$17,500 in full settlement and you are to give him a Quit Claim. He will then be responsible for all future claims made by Bradshaw as Mortgagee. Pemberton agreed to the following terms of payment by yourself .- \$5000. Cash, and the balance in three annual instalments, with interest at 5% per annum, payable with principal. I should recommend you to accept this offer and to deal with the matter immediately.

Now about Pulp. I am much disappointed at the way George Kidd, Manager of the B. C. Elec. handled this proposition. My opinion is that he talked the matter over with Davidson, Manager of the British Empire Trust, who threw cold water on it, and then let the idea drop altogether. I understand that he left a telephone call for you at your rooms, but you did not get in touch with him. Of course, the recent depression in stocks of all kinds and the

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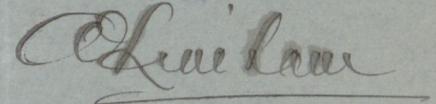
condition of the money market may have precluded all chance of getting the right people interested, but the fact remains that the timber at \$1. per M. leaves a large margin for any group taking hold of it, when conditions are ripe for development. We had a very complete report made out by an expert in the pulp business, and a copy of this report is in the hands of Arthur Surveyor & Co., Consulting Engineers, 274 Cote Beaver Hill, Montreal. If you would get in touch with this man and go through the report carefully I am positive you will be interested, and there is a lot of money in it. Will you do this? If you think you can interest any of those you know, it will be time enough to arrange a definite contract between us.

I am enclosing a memorandum of the Corona agreement, which I got from Pemberton. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible on both matters, as I sail for Australia on the 12th. January next.

With kindest regards, and every good wish, my dear Arthur,

I am,

Yours faithfully,



General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.
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VICTORIA, B. C. 8th. November, 1920.

My dear Arthur.-

I, to-day, wired you as follows. "London cannot handle pulp proposition on account exchange. Kidd will call on you. He has report from pulp expert, which please read carefully, You are absolutely safe in recommending scheme. Writing to-night." This I now confirm.

I want to call your special attention to the fact that the timber in the Quatsino district produces the very highest grade of pulp from which fine papers are made, and which is also used in the manufacture of silk. You will note in the report that the Port Alice pulp is as fine as any produced in the world. This is a very important point as it costs no more to manufacture the best than it does the inferior grades, and there is less competition, consequently less fluctuation in price.

It has occurred to me that your friends will be glad to see you put through something that will benefit you substantially, and if you think it advisable you can point out that your profit comes in on the timber, with which is included the water rights. As I told you we have got the timber at fifty cents per M. net, so that your one quarter share of the profit on sale of timber would be about \$200,000, if the deal can be put through.

The price of the timber, including water rights, at One dollar per M. is lower than anything (except a few small tracts) in the district, and if not developed at all will make a big profit for the purchasers in a few years. Only a month ago a tract of pulp timber was put up to auction on the Great Lakes and was sold at \$6.48 per M. The Norwegian Government has just purchased limits on Kyuquot Sound, looking to the future, and knowing, (as their engineer told me) that the finest stand of pulp timber in the world exists on this coast.

All the information you require is embodied in the report, and I am hoping capital can be interested to take up the proposition in Eastern Canada, as we have failed with London.

I have seen Pemberton and hope to be able to submit a way out of the Corona difficulty in the course of a few days. With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. Lineham

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December
Twenty-third
1920.

Arthur Lineham, Esq.,
P. O. Box 307,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Arthur:-

Thanks very much for your letter of the 19th instant and for your congratulations.

Re Corona agreement, I had a letter from Clark to-day about this, but he gave me no information other than that the property had been up for tax sale, but was withdrawn. I am quite satisfied that he will be unable to make any contribution to the satisfaction of the debt and I suppose I might as well make up my mind to get out of the thing as best I can. I am also satisfied that you have done the best you can with Pemberton. I am enclosing a cheque payable on the 1st of January for \$5,000. I would like the balance to be paid in four annual installments, instead of three, at 5% interest. It will be difficult enough to meet these payments.

I would like you to tell me just how Clark views the transaction and as to whether he is retaining some interest in the property along with Pemberton. You will, I know, protect my interests and that when this obligation is discharged I shall be free from the debt. If my suggested terms are satisfactory to Mr. Pemberton please wire me.

Re Pulp, it is quite true that Mr. Kidd left a telephone call for me which I did not receive in time to see him while he was in Montreal. However, I was at the University every day and all day and there was no reason why he could not have come to the office and looked me up. I shall get in touch with Mr. Arthur Surveyer, as you suggest, and see if anything can be done. It is only fair to say, though, that

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business men here feel very cautious and very conservative. The market has been rotten, failures in business are increasing and the Banks are putting on the brakes. It means that for some time every one will have to proceed very cautiously and will be inclined to hold on to what they have rather than to launch into any new ventures. Pulp Companies, though, have all been making a great deal of money, yet they, like every other industrial concern, must feel the effect of a falling demand. You may rest assured that I will do all I can to put the proposition through. I would like to have, if possible, a resume of the proposition as Mr. Kidd would have outlined it.

I hope, Arthur, that you enjoy your trip away and that you will write me some time while you are away and let me know as soon as you return.

I am going up tonight to spend Christmas with my mother.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Lineham and yourself and wishing you all the joys of the season, I am,

Yours ever,

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Arthur Lineham

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Victoria, B.C. 22nd. January, 1921.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G. &c. &c.,
Mc. Gill University,
Montreal.

My dear Arthur.-

Many thanks for your kind invitation and promise to enable me to interview Mr. Beatty on several matters that are of great importance in connection with the welfare of this community, and island generally.

Before accepting your invitation, which will be at my own expense, I want to make sure the Council will increase the grant to the Victoria and Island Development Association to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars this year, as without the "Sinews of War" we cannot accomplish anything. When we know the verdict, and if it is satisfactory, I will communicate with you again as to arrangements. I want Bert Todd to accompany me to strengthen my arm, and I think he will do so, as we only require enough time in Montreal to see Beatty, and shall then try and enlist the assistance of Hanna for the Government roads also. This we can do on our way home through Ottawa.

Judging from your intimate knowledge of City affairs, you must receive one or both of the Victoria daily papers, so that you will perceive that the new Council is busy trying to straighten things out. Something must be changed at once to make revenue meet expenditure, and the principal item to be reduced is salaries, and a curtailment of unnecessary offices. All classes of labour will have to be cut in the general service, but we shall have to force the hand of the School Board to make them come within bounds. We have no legal right to interfere with them, but that does not prevent us from turning the light of public opinion on their extravagances. Through the fact that the Council has to find them in funds to any amount they demand, whether the tax demand issued to cover the amount asked for is collected or not, they have been in the past, successful in hiding their loose methods of doing business. Matters, however, have reached such a stage, that property owners have got their backs to the wall, and I have dug into details, and am going to try and bring them to time. You will perceive therefore, that I am not gaining in popularity, in fact I am already in receipt of anonymous communications threatening to break my head.

This brings me to our mutual friend Sam. He is behind me, and has promised to give me all the assistance possible. You will be sorry to learn he has been much troubled with sciatica lately, in the leg he had smashed years ago. He puts in most of his time at the ranch we visited together, and has spent a lot of money on underdraining a large acreage; erecting buildings and buying stock. He told me a few days ago that he had sold one calf, only a few weeks old, for \$2500., but when Sam talks about the money he is making out of the

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farm I always take his remarks with a grain of salt. I know of old that he never lets his right hand know what his left is doing, when it comes to his particular hobby.

Your old "friend" Power, like the rest of us, is not doing much these days, in fact he looks rather down at heel, as he possesses no reserve. Bob Clarke too, is badly pinched, along with everybody else in the same game, as the town is like a morgue. During all the years I have been in business here I have never seen conditions worse, and the immediate future does not look much better.

You are aware that King, the Minister of Public Works is taking the same Portfolio at Ottawa, and that Farris has left the Cabinet. I doubt very much if "Honest" John and his band of thugs will carry these two constituencies when the elections come on. Really, old man, the way this Government has piled up the public debt by giving newly created jobs to the "Faithful", and Cost plus construction of the P.G.E. is awful, and I doubt if any of them could be elected for Pound-keeper if they went before the people at this time. The Conservatives are holding a convention some time this month, principally I think, with the idea of getting rid of Bowser, but he has a strong following, and it may not work out as anticipated and hoped for by a large number. The idea is to instal Simon Tolmie as leader, as he no doubt possesses a more magnetic personality, but when it comes to brains and initiative he is not in it with W.J.B. I wish a general election could be brought on before we are all put out of business.

Speaking about Bob Porter and the new Mayor. Bob would always follow the line of least resistance, and it was a general idea that Marchant would have ideas of his own, but my estimation of the new man, to date, is that he is no better. He is worse than Bob, inasmuch as he has no more initiative, is more obstinate, and has got his ear to the ground for the next election. Any man who has been a paid servant in a minor capacity all his life cannot but have a limited horizon, and lack the necessary qualifications to make a good leader. He is being severely criticized already.

Staneland and Marchant will play ball together on the Police Board and you will not hear much of Joe North in future. The Mayor has announced his intention of closing the town up tight, although he is using labour, and not religion as the excuse. Joe was silenced when he protested against this action. I quite agree with you, that Joe is not the right kind of man to hold office in any community, and there is no doubt he only went in there with the idea of getting even with those policemen who have arrested him in the past, at various times. Who is to blame, however,? Only the fool electorate.

I am awfully glad to hear that life is genial with you, and that you are getting out of it all there is in it. I was fifty one the other day, and every year counts enormously now. I often think, what's the use; and looking back, the whole thing seems like a ghastly joke. As a youth, when listening to sermon, I used to think the preacher was an impractical fool, when he told the congregation to pay more

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attention to the hereafter than to earthly things, thinking that all men were mortals except myself, and that the final scene was so far away that it was not worth consideration. Now, in the light of experience I realize who was the fool.

We shall not go to Europe this year, as I cannot get away until after my term of office, but I hope to go next year, if at all possible. I saw by the papers that you were over there last summer, and imagine that with your large acquaintance, that you had a royal time. I shall ask you to give me your experiences when I next see you.

Now, old boy, I am through, as I am sure you will be bored to death already, so will wind up by wishing you and yours every good wish for the future, and kindest regards from my wife and self to you all,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur Lineham

January
Third
1922.

Arthur Lineham, Esq.,
1609 Douglas Street,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Arthur:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of December 21st.

I shall be only too glad to
arrange for you to have an hour or so alone
with Mr. Beatty. This would seem to indicate
that it is your intention to come to Montreal.
I hope I am right in thinking this. While
here I shall be very glad if you will stay
with me, and I know there will be no difficulty
whatever in seeing Beatty with whom I am on
most cordial terms. I haven't yet had time
to read through what is in your mind, but I
have no doubt you have it well thought out
and that it contains some meat.

I was very glad to see that you
had been elected to the Council and to note
that other active young minds were to work with
you to see if the conditions in Victoria could
not be improved. Victoria will not stand four
terms for a mayor will it? As far as my mind
carries me back whenever a man sought a fourth
term in that position he was invariably de-
feated, and I do not think that it is a bad thing
either. I am not aware that Porter gave evidence
of any unusual brilliance as a mayor. Marchant,
of course, is a bit of a theorist, but with such
practical common-sense fellows as you and Heb.
Gillespie serving on the Board with him, his
theories will be kept along right lines.

What surprised me, though, was
the decisive manner in which Staneland defeated

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Walker. Apparently, the people believe that there is something in the charges of Dr. Hall and Joe Worth with reference to the Police Department. To me it seems strange that a man like Joe Worth can be sanctioned in such a responsible position. I believe that there are other men who could serve the City in that capacity just as effectively as Worth and who would not bring to the City such an amount of ridicule. However, there must be a great deal more under the surface than what I am able to appreciate.

I shall be glad to see you again and hear about people and things in Victoria and to learn of your trip to New Zealand. I know that you had counted on going to the Old Country this year. Will your aldermanic duties interfere with that plan?

Give my best wishes to old Sam, to Mrs. Lineham, and to any others whom you think might be interested. If you can spare the time write me a newsy letter about the things which you know would interest me.

Everything is going very well at the University and I enjoy life here. I hope the Bank of Montreal are treating the City well. I know that we have their account.

With all good wishes to yourself,
old man, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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VICTORIA, B. C. December 21, 1921.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G. &c.,
Montreal.

My dear Arthur,

I am writing to ask your active assistance in placing
Victoria and Vancouver Island on the map.

You know the position we are in here; the very fact of our being on an Island places us at a disadvantage from a commercial standpoint. During all the years I have been here the only line of attempted action that has been followed to increase our population has been in the way of trying to get various industries into our midst, and to confine all our thoughts of development within the City boundaries. The result has been an utter failure, and we are drifting from bad to worse. Our bonded debt is over twenty million dollars and during the last year or two the Council to avoid heavier taxation has been using the sinking funds, so that our financial position is worse than it has ever been. As usual, we are asking for Federal and Provincial assistance to take care of the unemployment problem this winter, and every effort or suggestion that is made appears to me to be of a temporary nature to tide over present difficulties.

Last Spring, after my return from New Zealand and noting there the organization created by that Dominion for the

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development of their scenic assets, I started a campaign to try and get this Government to emulate their example, but without success. I explained the idea to practically every local organization, the Vancouver Real Estate Exchange, the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, the Nelson Board of Trade, the Fernie and Cranbrook Boards of Trade, and, finally, John Oliver and the Cabinet, in every instance receiving endorsement. I felt sure I had got the scheme through, but finally I was informed the Government could not find money this session for any new ideas. Notwithstanding this statement, they have raised seventeen millions so far this year and have put through a Bill authorising them to raise fourteen millions more, which will make our debt for this Province in the neighbourhood of seventy-five million dollars. This continued orgy of extravagance on the part of the Provincial Government, plus the Municipal liabilities has created an atmosphere of pessimism, on the Island at any rate, that must be overcome, and the only way to do it is to commence on a policy of developing the greatest asset we have, namely, the scenic and holiday advantages of the Island as a whole. By this means it can quickly be demonstrated to the people what enormous possibilities we have in this direction and the absolute certainty of getting out of the hole we are in,

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provided we go right after the tourist business for Vancouver Island as a unit.

Figuring that I could get more strength if I launched the idea as a member of the Aldermanic body than as a private citizen, I secured a seat there at the recent election, which took place on the 14th inst, and I intend to devote my entire time and energy to securing the results I know are certain to accrue. My plan now is to get every place on the Island to join hands with Victoria in securing funds, in obtaining assistance on roads in the unorganized districts from the Provincial Government, also to force them to open Strathcona Park, which contains the most magnificent aggregation of scenery, for its size, in this Province; and to do whatever is considered essential for the development of tourist travel. The different Municipalities will have to open up and develop their own particular sections, and will be able to retain visitors for the length of time necessary for them to see whatever they have to shew them. No one city can have any monopoly, any more than Geneva can hold for any length of time those who go to see Switzerland, but the prosperity of one affects the other.

When I was advocating the Provincial idea the General

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Passenger Agent of the Western Lines of the C.N.R. sent for me when here in Victoria and, after going right into the matter with me, and finding out that I had no axe to grind other than the good of this community, told me that if I got it through the C.N.R. would spend money for advertising; all we should have to do would be to take care of the tourists when they got here. I had informed him that I was hoping the Government would put me on the honorary commission where I could carry out the programme I had in mind, therefore the personal equation. Now that I am going after the interests of the Island only, I want your assistance. It is not necessary for me to tell you the beauties we possess and the natural advantages to be found here for a summer holiday between the months of May and September, you know these facts. We have approximately a thousand miles of good roads, scenery unsurpassed on the American Continent, and an excellent summer climate. All that is required is advertising sufficiently and certain small improvements in the way of automobile facilities to get here from Seattle and Vancouver. I might say that Vancouver will certainly not help us to build up this Island, as they foolishly think they can exist without the other cities in the Province.

Here is where you come in. Now that I am elected I am going to start right away to get action so that we can feel

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some benefit from the tourist travel this year under improved methods, and the most vital thing to be secured is the good will and co-operation of the C. P. R. It will be good business for them to advertise Vancouver Island; it is the garden of Canada, and the rest of the difficulties we are laboring under can be smoothed away by orders from President Beatty, with very little, if any, expense to the Company. I want the privilege of meeting him, not at his office, but right where I can get an hour with him to explain all our troubles and ambitions, and I want you to arrange this for me. Will you do it ?

I am enclosing the entire scheme as I commenced it, and you can analyse it for yourself; the difference now is (as there is not enough foresight and vision in the whole damned Provincial Government) to confine our efforts to the development of Vancouver Island as a unit.

I saw by a press dispatch that you will be out next summer. I bought some more land on Salt Spring Island, so that I now have about a thousand acres there and a duplicate of the Deep Cove shack. It is 1100 feet altitude, lake frontage as well as sea frontage, and a good place to loaf in for a while. Don't forget this.

With my very best regards and wishes to you and yours

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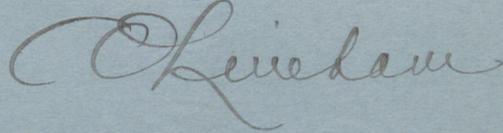
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VICTORIA, B. C.

for the New Year,

I am,
my dear Arthur,
Yours faithfully,



Victoria, B. C.
July 15th 1921.

The Honourable John Oliver,
Premier of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your request I beg herewith to submit my idea as to which form an organization should take to create travel, and handle the business pertaining to a Tourist Department in this Province.

THE TOURIST COMMISSION should consist, if possible, of four members and a Cabinet Minister, the position to be honorary, but travelling expenses to be paid by the Government.

Their duties would be as follows : -

1. To elect a General Manager, and engage all employees in the different bureaus. Select suitable premises for same.
2. To deal with all questions of policy in so far as the operating of the business is concerned.
3. To recommend to the Government whatever may be advantageous in the way of completing partially finished facilities, or suggesting new works, which will enable sightseers to visit points of interest.
4. To arrange with all railway companies and steamship lines as to commissions which will be paid by them to Government Bureaus, or to other bureaus who sell transportation over their lines.
5. Generally to supervise the efforts of the General Manager in advertising and conducting the different bureaus, and in the operation of the business.

THE GENERAL MANAGER should be a man of good business experience, tactful, energetic, aggressive and with vision. His duties would be to supervise the bureaus, compile the advertising, and advise the Commissioners on the best methods of getting results from same; make arrangements with every transportation company in the Province (other than the railways and ocean steamship companies), whereby they will pay a commission on the sale of their tickets by the Government Bureaus, or other persons authorized by the Commissioners.

To watch every transportation companies' methods throughout the Province, so as to assist both them and the tourist in giving service. Also to keep an eye on the hotels and accomodation houses in

every district, so as to be able to advise the tourist in his best interests. Generally to observe a keen and intelligent supervision over the whole business and to do everything that will increase the tide of tourist travel.

BUREAU EMPLOYEES should be acquainted with all the accessible scenic routes and points available at the present time, so as to be able to advise prospective tourists according to their time and means. They should be in a position to sell the tourist coupon tickets over every available route we possess. Men of mature age, with tact and intelligence should only be employed.

The cost of carrying out the idea would be approximately as follows : -

Manager, salary.....	per annum	\$	5000.
5 Bureau Managers, salaries @ \$1800. each	" "		9000.
5 Assistants @ \$1200. each	" "		6000.
5 Office rents @ \$1200. each	" "		6000.
Incidental expenses for each office \$100. per month			
	each		6000.
ADVERTISING to be increased as results warrant			10000.
			<u>\$132000.</u>

To this must be added travelling expenses of the Manager and Commissioners.

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

Sgd. *W. H.*

WHEREAS

THE VICTORIA REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE in meeting assembled decided that the great natural beauty and scenic charms of this Province be developed and capitalized, so that British Columbia may become the playground, as well as the "Switzerland of America", for the benefit of its present population and all tourists and future residents. -

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to carry out the following works, and appropriate such monies as may be required from time to time to carry out the policy herein described, namely,-

1. Appoint an Honorary Commission to consist of a Cabinet Minister and four citizens to supervise the entire scheme.
2. The Commission to elect a Manager who will be personally responsible for the carrying out of the Commission's orders.
3. Open and equip a Tourist Bureau in five of the principal cities or districts in the Province.
4. Arrange with all present transportation companies and hotels, and all others that may be created, that said companies allow a commission of 10% on all monies received from patrons which present Government coupons, said commission to be paid to bona fide Tourist agencies who sell the coupons.
5. Appropriate the sum of not less than \$100,000. for advertising purposes for one year, said sum to be increased as occasion demands.
6. Complete the road into Strathcona Park, and open up trails and bridle paths to all points of interest in the confines of the Park or on the Campbell River, and erect a Tourist hotel at some point to be decided on, with accommodation for not less than fifty guests as a commencement.
7. Open up Mt. Robson Park in the same manner and construct an hotel the same as in Strathcona Park.
8. Complete the necessary links on a Provincial Highway through the Province to Alberta and open up side roads and trails to points of interest on the route.
9. Select and equip with water, camping sites at intervals on the highways throughout the Province.
10. Extend and improve as rapidly as possible all present roads and trails.
11. Complete the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Fort George, and put on a through passenger train as soon as business demands same.
12. Generally to carry out such works as will draw tourists from all parts of the world, particularly the North American Continent, and facilitate the opening up of all points of scenic interest, and provide accommodation at points that are difficult of access, with the ultimate object of securing a large population and the advent of industries, which automatically will follow population.

We have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,

HOW TO BRING PROSPERITY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA
the "SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA".

During the period from 1843 to date, approximately half a million people have settled within the borders of British Columbia, and we are inclined to think we have achieved wonderful things, but if we compare our progress with that of other more remote parts of the Empire, we shall find there is not so much reason to sit down and feel entirely satisfied with the results obtained during the past seventy-eight years. For instance, take the Dominion of New Zealand which was first settled in 1839, (four years ahead of this Province), and which now has a population of approximately 1,200,000 people on her 103,000 square miles of territory, although the New Zealanders have been colonizing under an enormous handicap in some respects compared with ourselves. Why is it they have so far outstripped us in the race for settlement and development? The reason is, because they have consistently exploited and developed their principal asset - the pastoral and agricultural land. Everything else has been of secondary importance. They knew perfectly well that industries of all kinds would follow population.

What line have we taken? The assets which have absorbed our attention are fish, minerals and timber, each of which requires a large preliminary outlay, and employs only a normal amount of labour, and it might be added that a large percentage of the labour employed in these industries is Oriental or Slavic. The process of building up a population, and continued prosperity, in a territory as large as ours, out of the three assets mentioned, will be so slow that generations will be required to do it, without we make further effort and we have entirely overlooked the greatest feature we possess, namely, the Scenic Beauty of the Province. This is in every way the largest and most valuable asset we have, if we develop it and exploit it in an aggressive and consistent manner.

British Columbia has an approximate area of 356,000 square miles, of which 148,000 square miles are mountain tops; 144,000 square miles timber land; 40,000 square miles water, rock and muskeg, unproductive, below timber line; 20,000 square miles suitable for use when cleared and 4,000 square miles improved and

partly so. An instant's thought will convince the most sceptical that our main asset is scenery, as the timbered land can be included in that category for many years to come, until it is ^{cut} and that the logical thing to do is to develop what we have got most of. The scenic attractions in every part of British Columbia are unrivalled on the Continent of America. We have a playground equal to twenty-four Switzerlands, with a variety of beauty that would be a dream of delight to thousands in Eastern Canada and the Eastern and Middle States, if the same were known to them. All that is necessary is to finish essential works that are now under way and advertise in an aggressive manner, so that the one hundred and fourteen million on this North American Continent know what we have to show them.

The task is too great for any City or Municipality to undertake alone, and is entirely the duty of the Provincial Government to inaugurate and carry out for the benefit of the whole Province. The main highway through the Province from Vancouver to Alberta is already being constructed, but the sections which are not yet under construction should be commenced at once and rushed to completion. This road alone would give access to 600 miles of the grandest scenery in the world, and would be an enormous attraction to tourists from all parts of the Dominion and the United States. It would mean that private enterprise would put on local services at all points of interest; new communities would spring into existence at the different central points where special tours would commence; hotels and accomodation houses would follow suit; guides and pack horses would be ⁱⁿ demand; and business would be created in places that otherwise would never be thought of.

Take the much maligned P. G. E. Ry. as another instance. There is no finer scenic line in North America. From the time the tourist enters Howe Sound until he reaches Clinton, the traveller is overwhelmed with the beauty and grandeur of the snow-capped peaks which rise in range after range; with valley after valley a very riot of colour, interspersed with crystal lakes and roaring creeks and mighty rivers. A tourist making what might be termed the Great Triangular Trip, from Vancouver to Fort George, thence via the Grand Trunk Pacific, passing through the magnificent fertile valleys of the Nechaco and Bulkley, past the Babine Range

and down the shore of the Skeena River to Prince Rupert and from that interesting port back to Vancouver, would be treated to a variety of scenery unequalled anywhere else on this Continent. The ocean trip is equivalent to the Coast of Norway, while the remainder of the journey is a source of delight from start to finish.

Then there is Vancouver Island. A tourist can easily spend an enjoyable week in and around Victoria before travelling either by train or motor to Duncan. From there he can visit Cowichan Lake and return by Indian canoe down the Cowichan River to its mouth, and experience the thrills of running the rapids piloted by real Indians. Proceeding on his journey he can visit the Coal City of and go down in a real coal mine if he so wishes; then motor over to Cameron Lake, a lovely stretch of water set in the middle of some of the finest timber to be seen anywhere in Canada. The same road will take him to Alberni and on to Stamp River Falls, Sproat Lake and Great Central Lake; all magnificent scenic points, and unrivalled for good fishing. Returning to Parksville, he can continue north to Campbell River, Campbell River Falls and to Strathcona Park, in the environs of which he will find a gorgeous variety of scenery in the shape of Lakes, Glaciers and snow-capped mountains. All kinds of game are abundant, and the lakes and rivers are teeming with fish.

Another route that would quickly come into favour would be the old Cariboo Road from Ashcroft to Quesnell, thence to Fort George by way of the Fraser River, where the tourist could continue his journey by way of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Jasper Park. If he had not the time or money to spend on going by the route mentioned, he could take the C. N. R. from Vancouver direct to Jasper Park, and thence continue East if his destination happened to be in that direction.

Banff and Nelson can be made the stopping or starting places for trips throughout the splendid valleys and magnificent mountain scenery to the south of the main line of the C. P. R.

To bring the tide of tourist travel to British Columbia, the logical summer playground for the hundreds of thousands who travel during the hot unbearable weather in the greater portion of this continent, it is necessary to open up roads and trails to every point of interest in the Province, and to provide accommodation at points where at the inauguration of the scheme, no private enterprise could be induced to undertake. For instance, a

Government Hotel should be built and operated in both Strathcona and Jasper Parks. Not elaborate structures, but hotels after the style of those owned by the New Zealand Government; to cost not more than \$100,000.00 each equipped and ready for business, with accomodation for, say, one hundred guests each.

Open a tourist bureau in four of the principal cities in the Province, namely, Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert, Nelson and also in Banff and Edmonton, each with a display of enlarged photographs of everything of interest to be seen during the tourist's stay. The personnel of each office should consist at the start of two men, a manager and junior, both of whom should have travelled everywhere in the Province and know from first hand experience what they are selling. They would make out a complete itinery for any section the traveller asks for and be able to aid him in choosing his route and sell him coupon tickets to cover every means of transportation available.

The advantage of coupons lies in the fact that the prospective tourist has paid for his complete trip before he leaves the office and when he has once bought his transportation he will undoubtedly use it. The cost is forgotten when the money

is paid and he will consider it his duty to get value for what he has spent; he will use the coupons the same as he would use a car or club tickets. Every day he can be induced to stay in the Province means an expenditure of at least \$5.00 per day for living expenses. If he is simply directed to go from one point to another and the bureaus are not in a position to sell him coupons, the system is incomplete, and the chances are, the prospective tourist will quit before he has completed any itinery which is given him.

Arrangements should be made with every transportation company in the Province whereby Government coupons sold in the Bureaus would be cacepted by the companies, the same to be paid for as sold by the Government and the companies allowing a commission on the sale of tickets.

Finally, expert and aggressive advertising should be done on a scale that will bring results. \$100,000.00 for the first year is only a small amount, and the Government can increase the sum annually according to results. I am of the opinion that half a million dollars will not be considered too

much within five years of the commencement of the scheme.

When the different cities and districts can see definite results from the increase in the tide of tourist travel, they will need no urging to develop the attractions, and means of seeing those attractions which they possess; neither will the Government hesitate to spend all the money needed to augment the revenue of the Province.

If this article should meet the eye of the man who lacks faith and vision and who has a doubt about the results to be obtained, I would point out the record of Switzerland proper. It is the country which most resembles British Columbia, (the "Switzerland of America"), but is only one twenty-fourth the size. The difference between the two lies in the fact that our scenery is on a larger and grander scale; our mountains are higher and more rugged; our rivers, lakes and waterfalls are more immense; and the variety of color from forest, undergrowth and natural meadow excels that of Switzerland, because we have it in all its original beauty. Switzerland, during the course of many centuries, has cleared all its valleys, and they resemble huge meadows, nearly devoid of timber, and are all under pasture or cultivation. Before the Swiss realized the value of their country's scenic charms and when they depended entirely on the sale of dairy produce, they were the poorest nation in Europe, but to-day there is no more prosperous people, owing to the enormous tourist travel which they enjoy, not only during the summer months, but also in winter from the winter sports. Which latter could be developed in British Columbia, when the time arrives.

Take Los Angeles as another instance of the result of aggressiveness and advertising. This City is situated in latitude thirty-four degrees North, in Southern California, on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railway, about twelve miles from the Ocean, in the centre of what was a dry arid plain. In 1892 it had a population of 50,395; to-day, as the result of boosting its climate, and the magnificent community spirit which it created, it boasts of an estimated population of 611,000 in the City alone, besides a number of adjacent communities, some of which are as large as Victoria, and which were hardly in existence when their campaign was first commenced. Today, the

estimated number of tourists visiting Los Angeles and Southern California is 500,000 yearly, and the estimated revenue from tourist travel in the City and adjacent districts is \$60,000,000 per annum. Los Angeles is not satisfied with its record. They have started an "ALL YEAR CLUB" to bring tourists there during the summer months as well as the winter season, and are raising a fund of \$900,000.00 to be spent in special advertising over a period of three years, to explain to the American people that theirs is not only a winter but a summer climate. The "ALL YEAR CLUB" in reporting back to the main body declare that Los Angeles is the most prosperous city in the WORLD, and that, in going after the summer business, they are only insuring a continuation of the prosperity which they have enjoyed for so many years. The Committee also gives credit to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for the results they have obtained, and states that their population consists of 60% of those who originally were tourists.

What Los Angeles has done we can do, only we can get bigger results. They were a city only, we are a province. They had fresh air and climate only to sell. We are the "SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA", and have the greatest aggregation of the finest scenery on the North American Continent to show to the same population they draw on. We have a summer climate that is heavenly compared to thirty-four degrees North or South, and one that will appeal to thousands who intend to take a vacation whenever possible. A trip through British Columbia by any means of transportation whatsoever, whether it be by private motor car or, for the less fortunate, by public conveyance, is an experience that will make the tourist think he has tasted paradise, and cause him to be a living advertisement for others intending to take a holiday.

Let us adopt this plan and develop the greatest asset we possess and at the same time follow the line of least resistance. The cost is small and the risk nil. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year will cover every expenditure for bureaus and advertising. The finishing of the roads and trails and the building of the two hotels will provide employment for the unemployed during the coming Fall and Winter, and the situation at present indicates there will be an unemployment problem.

There need be no further expense beyond the salary of a general manager, who would be under the order of the honorary commission of, say, two men and a Cabinet Minister as Chairman.

With tourists will come an average of two permanent residents to take care of the wants of every five travellers; a certain percentage of tourists will return to settle; industries will follow the growth of population; land clearing will be carried out as demand requires; one thing will lead to another and we shall accomplish more in the next five years than we have done in the last thirty. Let us get together and do it, and not keep on waiting from year to year for something to turn up, and continually asking the Dominion or Provincial Governments for temporary works to carry us over hard times. The remedy is in our own hands.

DOCKET ENDS:

LINEHAM

DOCKET STARTS:

LIVE SAY

42
November
Nineteenth
1921.

J.F.B.Livesay, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Press, Limited,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Livesay:-

In the last few days I have had certain correspondence with reference to the fact that neither you, Mr. Willison or Mr. Lyon have received your war demals. It may be that the medals have not yet been issued. I know that I have not yet received mine and perhaps those for you and the others mentioned will come along in time. I had never any idea that you would not receive the war medals and I do not think yet there is any intention to withhold them from you. However, I have written to the Department at Ottawa urging that this be not overlooked, and my interest in the case shall not cease until you all get what I think you so thoroughly well deserve.

As for decorations, that is a different matter, and I do not suppose that you are very much interested in it now. My understanding of the position of the war correspondent was that he was an officer under the direct control of G.E.C., and I know that you received your instructions from the Intelligence Department of that organization. You were attached to the Canadians for rations and for discipline, but as for orders you got those from another organization.

J.F.B. Livesay, Esq. - 2 -

I think it would be a very great shame if the war medals were not granted to you, but, as I said before, I have no idea that such will be the case.

I hope, Livesay, that whenever you are in Montreal you will come to see me. I have often thought about you and never will forget our close association during the final and the most eventful days of the war. I seldom go to Toronto to spend any time. I sometimes pass through on my way to see my mother who lives in Strathroy, but that does not permit me looking up any of my friends there.

Regarding the situation of the returned soldier, I think that the time has almost arrived when they can all be got together under one organization. If that is accomplished, I think it must grow out of the existing organizations rather than a new association be formed. That is the present organizations must be got together and I think I can see evidences leading to such a result. When the time does come to accomplish that purpose I am quite willing to throw myself wholeheartedly into the movement.

I would like very much to know, in order to satisfy my private curiosity, just what your views on the final results of this election are.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you some time in the near future, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Medals

November
Twenty-fourth
1921.

J. Fred Livesay, Esq.,
Canadian Press Limited,
106 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Livesay:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of November 22nd.

I have not yet heard from the
Department to which I wrote regarding War
Medals for War Correspondents, but I shall give
them a little more time and if I do not hear I
shall get after them again.

I shall look forward to seeing
you when you come to Montreal.

I do not know whether my opinion in
reference to the elections is worth anything or
not. The opinion prevails here that the Liberals
will have the majority of seats, but that no one
party will have enough to enable them to carry on
without certain re-grouping taking place. It is
quite possible - nay, even likely - that neither
King, nor Crerar nor Meighen will be the Prime
Minister when the House concludes its first session
after the election. I do not think the Quebec
Liberals are strong for King, although they put him
where he is. Neither have I heard Liberals from
anywhere enthusiastic about his leadership. For
the first month or so of the campaign I thought that
Meighen was gaining ground, but I think his campaign
of education is not giving the results that he
expected of it.

If King is not chosen as Prime
Minister I agree with you that Sir Lomer Gouin will
bulk largely in the picture, though many consider

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that the time is not opportune for a French-Canadian to become Prime Minister. Some have gone so far as to suggest that Meighen might be able to bring about a coalition between the Conservatives and sufficient of the Protectionist Liberals to form a Government under the leadership of some one other than himself. This is a possibility, but I shall be rather surprised if it should come to pass. Whatever comes I believe that you will see Gouin, Mitchell and some other Quebec Liberals in the next Government.

I note that you are giving the Government three seats in Quebec. If those are the three Montreal seats, it is not at all certain that they will be carried by the Government. Ballantyne is having a hard fight and Mitchell, who is opposing the Government candidate Ross, is an aggressive campaigner. In Doherty's old seat the Government are not very popular, because Doherty's resignation was accepted and no provision has yet been made for him. The Cabinet Ministers chosen by the Government in the Province of Quebec are not taken very seriously by anyone. The net result here will be that just as many opponents of the present Government will be elected as were in the last House.

I have no particular opinion about the probable standing of the parties elsewhere. It will largely depend on how seriously the Liberals and Farmers' candidates are opposing each other. I confess that I am surprised at the number of three-cornered fights. Thank Heaven! it will be over soon.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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November 22, 1921.

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

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I am very glad to get your letter of November 19. Fred James was here and we were talking over old times, when I remarked in connection with the knighthoods and decorations bestowed on the English War Correspondents that it was rather tough luck that we Canadians were not even to get a service medal. I am not in the least interested-- and I am sure Lyon is not either-- in any decoration, but the service medal is something to be prized. I have always had the feeling of being rather out of it when it came to Veterans' meetings and so on. If we get into another full-dress war I think that the Canadian War Correspondents should be enlisted as part of the rank and file of the Canadian corps. This would give the men a standing which of course we did not have in France. I think that besides Willis and Lyon and myself Lacey Amy should also get the war medal.

I am in Montreal once in a while but generally have a great rush of business. After the elections, however, I shall be very glad to call upon you, especially as there are a great many things I want to ask you about in regard to the "Hundred Days".

Re the forthcoming elections, my latest and probably final "dope" is that Mackenzie King will get between 105 and 110 seats made up of Maritime 23, Quebec 62, Ontario 13, Western Canada 12. If he can get 110 enough Labor and Independents will come in behind him to give him a clear majority, which is 117. But he himself will be beaten in North York and it is a question whether the Governor General would call upon him or not. It is here I think that Gouin comes into the picture. Personally I don't think that Mackenzie King is entitled to the premiership of this country and Gouin, or even such men as A. K. Maclean, Sir Thomas White or Rowell, would carry much more weight. I believe in Rowell myself but Ontario Liberals are very bitter against him.

A.W.C. - 2.

Lyon

The Farmers will come into Ontario with not far short of forty seats and they will probably get thirty in this province, a total of seventy. ~~A man~~ told me the other day he thought they would sweep rural Ontario. You will see these figures do not leave a very impressive following for Mr. Meighen. To my mind the only thing in doubt in this election is whether the first group-- that is to say the Liberals-- can get near enough to a majority to coax over sufficient Western Radicals to form a stable government; and whether the price they will have to pay, namely the abandonment of their free trade ideas, will not be too high. It seems pretty certain that the Quebecers will not let Mackenzie King make a deal with the radical West.

These are just my ideas, of very little account, but you have asked for them. I would very much like to hear yours in return.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. McNeill

General Manager.

JFBL/MC.

DOCKET ENDS:

LIVESAY

Loomis

*Mayor's Office,
Cabinet du Maire*



Sherbrooke, Que.

December 4th, 1922

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Your letter of the 8th of November, in regard to Cambrai, came duly to hand, and I must apologize for not answering it. I put it aside expecting to see Sir Frederick Loomis shortly, hence the delay in replying.

I am very much interested in your letter which has been supported from various other quarters. I have discussed the matter also with some of our citizens but in a tentative manner, as I do not want to bring the matter before the people until I know the situation fully, and have some assurance that any arrangement proposes can be carried out. The idea, however, is a novel one and requires very careful consideration.

The financial question at the moment is rather worrison. Our people have a great many demands nearer home to meet, as you, of course, know. They are just as numerous proportionately as you have in Montreal. For example we are now commencing - perhaps a little late - to raise funds for a Soldiers Monument, and with various other demands and high taxes it makes me hesitate; of course, if the amount is very limited that is only a secondary question and it would be looked at from a different point of view, but if the financial position is to be the main one it will have to have very careful consideration.

Perhaps you will add, to your already considerable obligation, an expression of your views along the above lines. With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

William Morris
Mayor.