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DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

Ste. Anne's Hospital,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue,
September 28th, 1923.

copy
Mr. Wilfrid Bovey,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL - P.Q.

Dear Wilfrid:-

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In reply to your letter of September 26th. The attached letter is from a patient named James Addison, No.177316, who was admitted to this Hospital 29/6/23 after having spent three years in the Verdun Hospital. His letter, after dealing with his services, is a complaint against Verdun, and also against Dr. Porteous, whom he does not consider should be allowed to have anything to do with returned heroes. Dr. Porteous is one of our Consultant Psychiatrists.

At the present time Addison is a well marked case of Paranoid D.P. He knows that some person has power over his brain, also he is actively hallucinated, through invisible rays, voices come to him. He is under constant observation and states this power has given him practically no sleep for the past three years. His brain is magnetized and the power to do things taken away. In a vague way he thinks this influence is connected with the Admiralty, because of the phrases which the voices use.

He is on parole in the Hospital, and has been carrying on satisfactorily, although it is not thought he will ever be able to take his place in civil life again.

Yours truly,

Medical Superintendent.
Ste. Annes Hospital.

To General
Sir Arthur Currie
K.C.B. M.V.O., D.S.O.,
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18/8/1923
Pte J. Addison
Ste Anne's Hospital
Ste Anne de Bellevue

Sir

Having served in the Canadian Expeditionary

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Force for the period of four years, and having served some years in His Majesty's Navy, that is fourteen years in all, and also having served under your great command, whilst you were a General in the First Canadian Division and also when you had left the Old Red Patch to go to a Higher Command. I served in one of your famous Red Patch Battalions from the year 1916.....etc.....

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I was back again with my old battalion and next night through with them and I should have been discharged the First Canadian Infantry Battalion, that is the reason why I have no medals today as this "on brain and body magnetism" around with me today I also put a charge against Dr. Porteous and all that is connected with Verdun Asylum for cowardly and outrageous treatment for three years that I was detained at his Asylum after being taken there by the Montreal City Police on Oct 15th 1920 and was claimed to be the bravest soldier that ever fought through Europe.....

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... and I as one of them that as respected the Reputation of my gallant and great and glorious battalion, in an Asylum and lived as a lunatic amongst supposed to be lunatics and I worked with them and slept with them and done every thing with them

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only to find out that some of them was as good as men... to light the same as the vice question was fetched to light and expose these gentlemen who have done nothing that has been any good for the cause

of the King and Empire....and run the coming civilization behind the ...of camoflage that they have lived for years and also to trap the the people who are at large today running invisible rays and fooling every man and woman for miles around the Province of Quebec and run to earth the man that is keeping me living on a chemical stomach and wearing me down to nothing on there rays and ... three hundred shell shocked soldiers. I also make a plea over this Dr Porteous the present Superintendent of V

Verdun Asylum

page 8 having anything to do with our gallant heroes who are here suffering from the after effect of the great war and he never seen the Western front as he did not as he did not know me when he saw me with all the ribbons of Europe on my coat to save me from being kicked to death by some of his servants that was in his asylum and that a thorough investigation be made into the whole of the matter and let nobody that has had anything to do with an Outrage like this escape Justice

I remain Sir,

your obedient servant

J ADDISON

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that ever lived and when I found this out I swore to leave no stone unturned until I had this thing threshed out and brought to the eyes of the public from behind the screen of camouflage as I found it and I consider it a disgrace to Canada and a disgrace to any civilized country in the world and it has disgraced me and ruined my career and an insult to one of the greatest if not the greatest battalion that ever fought thru the battle fields of Europe and I plead to yourself and all officers that served under your glorious command and as well, to work this case out and expose the biggest scandal the country will ever know of and fetch this

September 26th, 1923.

Dr. Roy McGibbon,
Military Hospital,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Dear Roy:-

The enclosed letter, apparently from one of your men, has been sent to General Currie. I find considerable difficulty in reading it and cannot make out the signature at all.

I would be very much obliged indeed if you would let me know something about this case and return the letter at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

September
Twentieth
1921.

Edmond Dansereau, Esq.,
34, St. Paul Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Dansereau:-

Mr. Peter Anglos has come to see me to ask my help in thesecuring for Mr. George Polos or himself a licence to sell beer at the Dominion Cafe, 139 Craig Street East.

I am given to understand that Mr. Polos has at all times conducted a satisfactory establishment. Mr. Peter Anglos is, I am informed, associated with him in that business. Mr. Anglos served with the Canadian forces in France as a member of the Princess Patricia's. He was wounded in October, 1918, during the hard fighting at Cambrai. His discharge is an honourable one and I ask your consideration on his behalf.

He is, I believe, a well-behaved and hard-working citizen. He is a returned soldier who has no false ideas as to the necessity of every man working. If the reputation of the Dominion Cafe at 139 Craig Street East is, in your opinion, good I would ask the Commission to consider favourably, if they can, the granting of a licence to sell beer at 139 Craig Street East to Mr. Peter Anglos or to Mr. George Polos.

Yours faithfully,

COMMISSION DES LIQUEURS DE QUEBEC
DEPARTEMENT DE POLICETHE QUEBEC LIQUOR COMMISSION
POLICE DEPARTMENTCODES:
BENTLEY'S
LIEBER'S

3 EST RUE NOTRE DAME

MONTREAL, September 14th, 1921.

P. Anglos

General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. B., etc.,
Principal's Office,
McGill University, MONTREAL.

My dear General,

Reference your letter of the 9th instant.

Mr. George Polos, the proprietor of the Dominion Cafe, 139, Craig Street East, should apply personally to the Liquor Commission at 34, St. Paul Street West, if he desires a tavern license.

He should ask to see Mr. Edmond Dansereau. I am afraid however, the chance of securing this additional license is very small, as the Commission has decided to grant no more licenses for the present.

However, should Mr. George Polos be given a letter of recommendation from you, the matter would, no doubt, come up before the Honourable Mr. George Simard, the Chairman of the Commission, and, he would have a better chance of securing a license.

I have telephoned to Mr. Edmond Dansereau and asked him to give to Mr. Polos, a special consideration, should he present himself.

I hope you had a very pleasant trip in England.

With kindest regards to Lady Currie and yourself,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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September
Ninth
1921.

Brigadier-General E. de B. Panet, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
70 Cedar Ave.,
Montreal.

My dear Edouard:-

Mr. P. Anglos, formerly a member of
the P.P.C.L.I. where he had a good record, came to
see me this morning.

His cousin, George Polos, is the
proprietor of the Dominion Cafe, 139 Craig Street
East, Montreal, and has a licence to serve meals.
Anglos is associated with his cousin in this
business and wants me to help him to procure a
licence to sell beer. I know nothing about the
restaurant, nor the formality he has to go through
to get a licence. I am sorry to bother you, but
perhaps you can tell me if he has any chance and
what he should do to get the licence he seeks.

With all good wishes to Madame Panet
and yourself, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

405 Chapel Street,
Ottawa, May 13, 1921.

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

Dear General Currie:

You will, no doubt, be surprised to receive a note from me, but remembering the great interest you always took in my particular line of work and your knowledge of it, I am taking the liberty of asking you for a testimonial as to my ability as an Organizer of Recreation and Sports for the purpose of developing esprit de corps in the Army.

My reason for making this request is to assist in securing a better position in my line of work. Any recommendation from you would have great weight towards my success and would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Ed. B. Archibald
How. Capt. Law. Y.M.C.A.

7
May
Sixteenth
1921.

Captain E. B. Archibald,
405 Chapel Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Archibald:-

I acknowledge receipt of your
letter of May 13th, and hope that the attached
may be of some assistance to you.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

May
Sixteenth
1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have great pleasure in testifying to the high ability possessed by Ed. B. Archibald as an organizer of all forms of recreation and sports.

My knowledge of his ability in this regard was gained through my association with him in the Canadian Corps where he was Honorary Captain with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. The value of sports as an agency towards keeping up the morale of troops was incalculable, and as a result of long experience and with a desire to have sports organized on the best possible basis, we freely sought Captain Archibald's advice and turned over to him such work.

I feel sure that any municipality or institution which desires to create enthusiasm in sports and to have their Sports Department well-organized and well-run would find it greatly to their advantage to use Captain Archibald's services.

7
January
Thirty-first
1921.

Corpl. Colin W. Armstrong, R.C.M.,
C/o. Central Y.M.C.A.,
College Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 25th instant, it so happened that General MacBrien, the Chief of the General Staff of Headquarters, Ottawa, was visiting me on the day your letter reached me and I mentioned the matter to him.

He made a note of it and I hope will be able to meet your wishes.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,



very much to be with him. (7 people
 are dead) Would you, Sir, use your influence
 with the Officer administrativly to get me
 transferred to the R.C.E. in Montreal.

Hoping you will pardon my writing

Yours respectfully

Walter W. Armstrong ^{Capt.} R.C.E.

no 10541.



l/o
Central Y. M. C. A.
College St.
Toronto.
25. 2. 21.

Sir

I wonder if you would pardon an
old Victoria boy, who also went to

France with ^{1st} Div. asking for a favour.

I am a clerk in the "N^W" Fortness Co.
(A. F.)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police stationed at Stanley Barracks
Toronto.

I have a young brother (16) who is
living with an aunt in Montreal & I want

November 17th, 1925.

Brigadier-General C. J. Armstrong,
M. D. No. 4,
50 Bishop Street,
Montreal.

My dear General:-

I am attaching herewith copy of
a letter from Major Irwin to Mr. Harcourt.

This letter was read at a meeting
of our Business Men's Committee for the re-establish-
ment of returned soldiers. The Committee knows and I
know that you and your staff are very sympathetic to
our work. At the same time we cannot see why a man
with a war record like O'Connor should be preferred
to a man who served in the field.

I am sure you will agree with me
that this does not look well.

Yours faithfully,

6
March
Twenty-second
1921.

Lieut.-Colonel K. C. Bedson,
Rideau Club,
Ottawa.

My dear Ken:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your
letter of the 17th instant.

I was indeed glad to hear of you
again. Of course, I knew that you were the over-
seas representative of the Soldiers' Settlement
Board and I often wondered just how long the
position would last. Seven years is a large inter-
ruption in a man's business life and you may well
expect to find things vastly different to what they
were when you left. We have all found it so.

I am sorry not to have seen you on
your way through and I hope that if you find time
to visit Montreal you will come to see me.

I am very glad indeed to write a
letter of recommendation and I hope it has some
good effect.

With all good wishes and assuring
you once more of my sincere regard, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

March
Twenty-second
1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is a pleasure to me to say a few words in recommendation of Lieut-Colonel K.C. Bedson.

I first met this officer when the Canadian troops assembled at Valcartier. He went overseas with the 1st Division as captain in the 6th Fort Garry Horse. He joined the 8th Battalion in France in May, 1915, and rose to the command of the regiment.

After several years service in France he returned to England and took command of one of the large training camps there, and since the War has been Canadian representative in London of the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

I found Colonel Bedson at all times to be a keen, willing, energetic and efficient officer. He gave all his time and attention to his work and set a consistently splendid example of loyalty and devotion to duty. He has had a long and useful experience while serving in administrative capacities, while his knowledge of men and ability to control large bodies of them should stand him in good stead.

After several years absence from Canada in the service of his country he will doubtless experience some difficulty in re-establishing himself, and I most earnestly ask that any corporations, whether Government or otherwise, who need a man of Colonel Bedson's qualifications will extend to him all possible consideration.



Ottawa
17th March 1921.

My dear Sir Archie:-

I have just arrived back here from London, where no doubt as you know I have been for the last two years as Overseas Representative of the Soldiers Settlement Board. The Govt. having decided to close up my end of the work.

As I have been away for seven years I naturally

find a great change in conditions generally and I realize that it would take a long time to establish myself in business again, and in consequence I have decided to get a Government appointment if possible. After making inquiries, I am given to understand that there is likely to be a vacancy for a wardenship in one of the western Penitentiaries. This appointment I intend to apply for, and to make my case as strong as possible I would like to get your recommendation.

I know it would carry great weight and help me very much. I hate to trouble you, as I know you must always be kept very busy, but as you have always been very kind and considerate I am again bothering you to help me.

Expect to be here for a week longer, so that if you would kindly send recommendation here I could attach it to my application.

Thanking you in anticipation and trusting that I am not troubling

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you too much in asking
this favour. All good
wishes and kindest
regards to Lady Curzon
and Yourself

Yours very sincerely

R. C. Pearson



ASSISTANT DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL

OTTAWA, September 24th, 1921.

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

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I duly received your letter of the 15th instant on the subject of the re-employment of Mr. Joseph Belanger, a former postal employee of the Montreal Post Office.

I have made careful enquiry and after taking all the facts into consideration I do not think it would be in the interests of the Service to re-employ Mr. Belanger. Mr. Belanger entered the Service as a temporary clerk on the 20th of February 1913 and was appointed to the permanent staff on the 20th of August 1913. He was granted leave of absence for postal corps duty but owing to his intemperate habits and his unsatisfactory conduct generally, he was relieved from postal corps duty and returned to Canada as an undesirable. In view of his unsatisfactory service, on his return from Overseas his name was removed from the list of employees of the Montreal Post Office by Order in Council. Subsequently, owing to a misunderstanding Mr. Belanger was re-employed on the 20th of January 1917 but his services were dispensed with on the 24th of February.

It is observed that Mr. Belanger claims that for four years he has not taken anything to drink. As you are no doubt aware, all appointments to the Service are now made by the Civil Service Commission and if Mr. Belanger is again taken on he will have to be appointed by the Commission in the usual way. It would be well, therefore, for Mr. Belanger, if he has not already done so, to make application



ASSISTANT DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL

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application to the Civil Service Commission in the usual way so that his name may be added to the list of candidates eligible for employment should a vacancy occur.

It might be pointed out that there is at the present time no suitable vacancy in the Montreal Post Office to which he could be appointed.

Sincerely yours,

Hecla W. Verret

Assistant Deputy Postmaster General.

6
September
Fifteenth
1921.

Colonel Hector Verrett, D.S.O.,
Dominion Postal Department,
OTTAWA.

My dear Colonel:-

I have had in to see me Mr. Joseph Beurlanger, whose regimental number was 12023 of the 1st Canadian Division. I remember him as a clerk in the Postal Corps which served my Brigade - the 2nd.

He tells me that previous to that he was employed in the Post Office Department at Montreal. I believe his service in France was not very satisfactory, due to the fact that he crooked his elbow too much. He tells me that on his return to Canada in 1916 he was again given employment in the Post Office Department, but was removed from that service and was employed by the Public Works Department for nearly a year. He claims that for four years he has not taken anything to drink.

He is out of work and claims that he has a mother and sister to support. Is there any chance of his being re-instated in the Postal Service? There may, of course, be other reasons why he was let out of which I am not informed, but I feel that you will give the matter your best consideration.

Hoping that all is going well with you,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

September
Twelfth
1921.

Joseph Boulanger, Esq.,
411 Montcalm Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

In further reference to your letter of August 26th, I shall be very pleased to see you if you will call at my office any morning this week, with the exception of Tuesday or Friday mornings.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

August
Twenty-sixth
1921.

Joseph Belanger, Esq.,
411 Montcalm Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of August 24th addressed to Sir
Arthur Currie.

Sir Arthur is at present in
England and is not expected in Montreal until
early in September. I shall then bring your
letter to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Montreal
August 24th /21

Sir Arthur. Currie.
Principal of McGill
University. Montreal
Dear Sir

I don't know if
you remember me, but
I hope so because I
belonged once in the
2nd. Brigade for two
years and I am applying
to you to help me to
get a position, as I
have to support my
old mother, and I am
out of work just now

As I was a postal
clerk in the Montreal

Post office before the
war. I know that I can
be reinstated there by
your high influence

It is too much to
ask you to give me
a few minutes of your
time, as you are the
only officer of my
brigade in Montreal

Remain

Yours sincerely

Joseph Belanger

12023

411. Montcalm St
Montreal
P.Q.

September
Twenty-seventh
1921.

Joseph Belanger, Esq.,
411 Montcalm Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to have to say that I have had a letter from Ottawa in which they definitely decline to take you on the service of the Postal Department.

They point out that your record while you were with them before was not of such a character as would justify them in giving you a further chance.

I am afraid that there is nothing further that I can do and I hope that you will be able to find congenial employment soon.

Yours faithfully,

803 New Birks Bldg.
Montreal, P.Q.
May 24th 1924

Dear Sir Arthur,

Owing to the temporary closing down of my Father's firm in England (which firm I have represented over here for some time) I find myself in immediate need of employment.

The unusual circumstances connected with my case, and the fact that I have a wife and three children to support make my needs urgent. May I call to see you next week?

You have always shown yourself willing to help those who served under your command in France, and I am confident that after hearing my story you will be able to use your influence on my behalf.

I will telephone to you on Tuesday morning and ask when it will be convenient for you to see me.

Believe me,

General Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal, P.Q. K.C.B.
Yours respectfully,
Cecil B. Belk.

Particulars of Military Service of
Bevil. B. Belk.

Service in France. 3³/₄ years.

Unit Canadian Field Artillery.

Promotion Gunner to almost senior
Subaltern 1st Brigade. C.F.A.

Orderly Officer and Acting Adjutant for some
time

March 20th, 1925.

Dr. J. A. Bell,
178 George Street,
Sarnia, Ont.

My dear Sandy:-

I have your letter of the
17th of March and the next time I run across
Dr. Alex Hutchison I shall speak to him about
you. In fact I think I shall drop him a note
now.

I hope all goes well with
you.

Yours faithfully,

March 20th, 1925.

Dr. J. A. Hutchison,
354 Mackay Street,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Dr. J.A. Bell of 178 George St., Sarnia, Ont. He asks me if I would speak a word to you on his behalf.

Apparently the Chief Surgeon of the C.N.R. in Sarnia, Dr. Hayes, is in such indifferent health that Dr. Bell thinks there may be a vacancy some time soon. He told me that he had written to you once before and that you told him you would appoint whomever Dr. Hayes recommended. It turned out at that time that Dr. Logie was appointed Assistant to Dr. Hayes. I hope you won't think that Bell is rather rushing the matter because he says he is very glad to hear that Dr. Hayes is not nearly so bad as was first reported, but he also says that he has usually lost out on appointments because he waited too long.

I do not know why Dr. Bell should write to me as I know nothing about his capacity as a medical officer. It happens that we went to school together at Strathroy.

I know you will be guided by what is right in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sarnia, Ontario
178 GEORGE ST.

Sir Arthur Currie. March 17, 1925.
President McGill Univ.
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur, - It has occurred to me that I might write you as an old friend, and ask you to use what influence you might have in my behalf.

Now it is this way - I hate to "butt in" for any position before it is really vacant.

But it has been so all my life, so that when vacancies have ultimately occurred I have found I applied too late - it had already been promised. So I thought "to be forewarned would be forearmed."

It is this wise - Dr Hayes is and has been for years Chief Surgeon to C.N.R. here - with Dr Logan his Chief. Some years ago when there was a vacancy by Dr Bentley, ^{the then Chief Assistant} having got an office with the Ont. Gov. as a Dist. M. O.H. I wrote Dr Hutchinson Chief Surgeon for the G.R. (now C.N.R.) Montreal and he informed me that he would appoint whomever Dr Hayes recommended and this turned out to be Dr Logan.

Now in conversation with Dr Logan this All I learn Dr Hayes is a very sick man. He took

Sarnia, Ontario
178 GEORGE ST.

him to Detroit Sat. last. I trust his case is by no means as bad as Dr. Lopic reported, but that Dr. Hayes may soon be restored again to health. But as I said before to be forewarned is to be forewarned and much as I dislike butting in under the circumstances yet I certainly require any advantage I might get from such an appointment should it fall vacant either temporarily or permanently.

I have no doubt that unless other influence were brought to bear Dr. Hutchison would appoint in either case whosoever Dr. Hayes or Lopic might suggest. At present they Hayes & Lopic turn all their extra work to Dr. McDonald.

Now I thought I would ask you, if you would, to incidentally try and accidentally meet Dr. Hutchison Chief Surg. C.N.R. and put in a word for me. I feel I can fill the position as well or better than anyone else here should a vacancy occur and anything done by you in my behalf will be greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely yours
J. H. Bell
Sandy

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

J. ALEX. HUTCHISON, C.B.E., M.D.
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.

MONTREAL, March 24th 1925.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Acknowledging your favor of the 20th inst. in reference to the medical appointment at Sarnia.

Dr. Hayes was in Montreal a month ago. He said he was not well and was going to Florida for a month, and got leave of absence on the understanding that he would name a locum tenens, our usual practice.

Since then I have learned indirectly that he is in Harper Hospital, Detroit, and I have written for further particulars.

I am looking up the papers in reference to Dr. Bell. It is a long time ago and papers may have been taken out of the office for filing elsewhere.

Until Dr. Hayes resigns, there can be no vacancy, but should this unfortunately come about through his illness, I will be glad to give Dr. Bell's application my best consideration and will keep in mind your old association with him.

I might say the appointment will really be from the Grand Trunk Railway Insurance & Provident Society, and although I usually present the name, the Committee really makes the appointment, and sometimes local considerations crop up which you will understand have to be taken into account. We already have another recommendation in the fear that Dr. Hayes will not be able to continue his work.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

J. Alex. Hutchison
Chief Medical Officer.

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Dictated

Sarnia, Ontario
178 GEORGE ST.

Mar 30/25

Sir A. W. Currie GCMG, KCB

Principal and Vice Chancellor,

McGill.

Montreal

My dear Sir Arthur: —

Yours of Mar 20/25 - I read
and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your promptness and kindness, much sooner than I had anticipated as Hayes died at Harper Hosp't Detroit on Sat - Mar 28 - after only 4 or 5 weeks illness - very acute and very sudden - fatal - a lump in neck - region of Thyroid - possibly malignant.

I am writing Dr. Hutchison at this mail asking him for the appointment as Surgeon to C. N. R. here, and will still further appreciate anything you can do to secure for me the appointment.

Yours most sincerely

John Bell

Samia Dec. 14. 1925.

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

My dear Sir Arthur. - I wish to thank
you if I have not already done so for any
word you may have put in for me with
Dr Alex Hutchison re appointment as C.N.R.
Surgeon here. And I feel that your
influence has been the means of - well
I should say - I believe I would have had
the appointment through your influence
had I not put my foot in it. It was
this wise. Dr Hayes died and

heard that Dr McDonald had the appointment.
So in Sep. I wrote Dr H. offering to put
in a personal application. From this
I did not hear till 2 weeks ago. He
wrote me another nice letter saying
he was sorry my last had got mis-
laid and hence the delay in
answering, but that nothing
had been done regarding an
appointment in Samra yet.
After Dr Hays died Dr Lofu
his assistant had his son Dr Lofie
appointed - Then as I said before
Dr Lofu died. So Dr Lofie Jr
has carried on ever since.
But I was talking to him

also Dr. Logie the other C N P Surgeon one
month later. But before Dr. Logie Sr
died I had a nice letter from Dr. Hutchinson
and then Dr. Hayes - Duggie - Ingersoll
who had never in his life rang my door bell
before did so one night about 12 o'cl - to
state how sorry he was that Dr. Mc
Donald had received the appointment.

I felt so mad I put in a long distance
phone call to Dr. H. which did not get through
till 2 a.m. a most unseemly hour to get
a man out of bed. And told him how
nixed I was to hear of Mc's getting the appoint-
ment over me. Well I felt so bad in
a day or two over having done such
a thing that I wrote the Dr. an
Apology - and received a nice letter
in return.

Well I have done nothing in the
matter since but have repeatedly

today and he said he had had
a note from Dr H. recently and
that the appointment was still
open. He, Dr Logie, I am quite sure
would much rather me get the
appointment than Dr McD.

I know that locally Senator Pardee
and others are pulling for McDonald
- locally I have done nothing
further than ask St Pardee & he
informed me he had written me
a letter in favor of a Dr Zutt.
a newcomer.

I think now Dr Logie & who has carried
on since April should get the appointment
definitely & as his Consultant & Chief
Operator I know he & I could get on most
conveniently.

I really feel satisfied Art that
I would have had the appointment
had I not put in that unseemly hour
phone call and I feel that yet
your influence might settle
the affair. I really feel that the
amount of wire pulling here
locally has kept Dr H. from
making the appointment.

But Dr Tofig informed me today
he would like very much to have
me as his aid. Another word
from you would possibly succeed.

Dr McDonald as I said to Dr Hutchison when
I phoned him - is an R.C. did not serve overseas
and is a conservative. and his office is 3 blocks
farther north from C.N.R. area than I am.

Again I wish to thank you
Art - for your past influence

Alf Morgan's wife called on me in Aug.
His cousin Jim Johnston - a
nephew of "Jumbo" of our day -
an exceptionally fine fellow
died of blood poison after suffering
about 6 weeks.

I suppose you know that Red D^r
Morrison died also this summer.

Kindest regards and good wishes
to you & family for the coming
Season ^{greetings}

Yours most sincerely

Halcy Bell

in this matter and to state that
I feel that yet there is hope.

You could assure Dr Hutchison
that my appointment would
cause no unpleasantness
locally either among the C.N.R.
employees or the public
in general - only among
a few heilers for Dr ^{MacDonald} Donald.
By the way he is married to "Beck" Albert
Healy's sister and recently
she was in Montreal visiting
Mrs (Dr) Hayes. Its a social
problem with them.

P.S. I am very much interested in
Eddie Hanna one of our boys on McMill
Rugby team. He is a distant Cousin
of the "late W. J." I brought him into
this world, and he is a constant visitor
at our home when home. His father
Duffinn died of J.B. Pulmonis. His
Elder brother - married - & last
Summer came home very bad with J.B.
He is now in Texas. - But I sincerely
hope this accident to Eddie may be
completely recovered from.

His mother married again but
no family & the step father could
not think more of or do more for the
two boys.

P.P.S.

J. A. B.

Lid Newton could also give you any recommend
necessary for me. But not "Buzzer Hays". J. A. B.

December 15th, 1925.

Dr. J. Alex. Hutchison,
354 Mackay Street,
Montreal.

My dear Dr. Hutchison:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Dr. J. Alex. Bell of Sarnia, who asks me to again recommend him for the position of Consultant Surgeon for the Canadian Nationalthere.

I am writing to you simply because he asks me to do so. I know nothing about his ability and very little about his personal qualifications. I went to school with him more than 30 years ago when I was only a boy. I have seen him but once since.

I have often inquired about you and am sorry you find it necessary to take it so easily. I hope some day you will let me go down to see you.

Yours faithfully,

December 15th, 1925.

Dr. J. Alex. Bell,
Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Sandy:-

I have your letter of yesterday re the vacancy at Sarnia in the medical service of the Canadian National Railway.

I shall speak to Dr. Hutchison again, but I do not think that Dr. Alec is able to do very much in connection with his department. Last summer he had an attack of heart trouble while playing a game of golf and has been confined to his house ever since. In fact only the other day I heard a rumour concerning whom his successor was likely to be. You did not do yourself any good by raising him out at two o'clock in the morning. In fact you did the same to me and I confess, frankly, that my conclusion was that you were "tight" at that time.

I have never met Dr. McDonald, but I met his wife the other day when returning from Hamilton to Montreal; At least I met a Mrs. McDonald (formerly a Miss Healy) who said her husband was a doctor. Sir Henry Thornton is a Roman Catholic and you know how people of that religious persuasion stick together. In fact I have heard it commented upon more than once lately that a Roman Catholic stood a better chance of getting a position in the National Railways than a Protestant.

Dr. J. Alex. Bell - 2 -

I am glad to be able to say that it is hoped that Eddie Hanna can get home for Christmas. He will recover, but I do not think will ever play football again. He was within a hair's breadth of being killed; very little more and his neck would have been broken. We are all very much attached to him as he is a good student and certainly a very fine and promising football player. He was popular with staff and students alike. We must do something to free our football game of its unnecessary roughness, although the accident to Hanna followed the open play.

With all good wishes for the Christmas season, I am,

Yours faithfully,

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

J. ALEX. HUTCHISON, C.B.E., M.D.
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.

MONTREAL, QUE.

December 28th 1925.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Acknowledging your favor of the 15th inst. which has unfortunately been delayed because I have been in the house for a few days and have since been trying to overtake the work.

The appointment at Sarnia was filled at a recent meeting of the Committee of Management of the Grand Trunk Railway Insurance & Provident Society, which Society controlled the appointment. I am sorry to say that the appointment did not go to Dr. J. Alex. Bell.

I am glad to report that I appear to be on the mend now, and am coming to the office every day. Thank you for your offer to call, but I will hope to run across you in the Club or in the College.

With very kind regards to Lady Currie and yourself, and with best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

J. Alex. Hutchison

May
Seventh
1921.

Captain Edward D. Bellew, V.C.,
Port Coquitlam, B. C.

My dear Bellew:-

I acknowledge with many thanks
the receipt of your letter of April 29th.

May I express my appreciation of
the manner in which you and the rest of the
fellows remembered me on the occasion of your
Regimental Dinner held in Vancouver to commemorate
the second battle of Ypres. That was a time when
history was made and when traditions were created
which will mean more and more to Canadians as
time goes on.

I am sorry to learn that you still
suffer from the effects of the poison-gas. I
sincerely hope that in time you may be permanently
cured.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Port Coquitlam B.C.

29th April 1921.

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

Principal McGill University

Montreal P.Q.

Dear General,

I beg that you will accept the few lines I enclose, which I prepared for our regimental dinner in Vancouver, commemorating the sixth anniversary of the second battle of Ypres. On that occasion ^(the dinner) some of us had to go down-town to break up a most treasonable meeting at which the unspeakable agitator Lindsay Crawford of Toronto was the leading objective, and so successful were the old brigade that for an hour we had the finest imitation of a 'Dunmybrook' Fair I have seen in these parts, with a howling mob of about 4000 people and the Vancouver Police absolutely leaving things to the old Regiment to restore things to a status quo ante.

I regret that I am still suffering a lot from that confounded poison-gas but have not had to apply for a pension as yet, although I don't know how much longer I can go on.

Trusting dear General that you & your family are

enjoying the best of health, with kindest
recollections, Believe me,

Cordially and Sincerely yours,

Edward. D. Bellew, V.C.

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Ypres. April 1915.

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

" May his bright laurels never fade,
" Who lead our fighting second brigade,
" Those lads so true in heart and blade,
" And famed for danger scorning;
" So join me in one hip, hurra!
" And drink e'en to the coming day,
 " When Squadron square,
 " We'll all be there,
" To meet the Boche in the morning.

" And when with years and honours crowned,
" You sit some homeward hearth around,
" And hear no more the stirring sound
" That spoke the trumpets warning,
" You'll fill, and drink, one hip, hurra!
" And pledge the memory of the day,
 " When Squadron square,
 " They ~~all~~ all were there,
" To meet the Boche in the morning."

Regimental dinner.

1921.

Adapted by
E. D. Bellew. V.C.

*Soldier
re-est*

February
Eighth
1922.

Captain E.D. Bellew, V.C.,
Port Coquitlam, B.C.

My dear Bellew:-

I have your letter of February 1st and desire to reciprocate most cordially your good wishes.

I note that you are applying to the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa for a position as Warden of the B.C. Penitentiary at New Westminster. I shall be very glad if you will give the Commissioner my name as a reference and will be pleased to say to them what I can in your behalf. I wish you all good luck in your application. In these hard times I daresay there will be many applicants. If it is an appointment entirely within the gift of the Civil Service Commission I am afraid they do not pay much attention, or at least they claim they do not pay attention, to representations from the outside.

I am glad to hear you have fully recovered your former robust health. I remember very well how burly and how happy you always were in the days before April 1915. The memories of those days are very vivid. It is only right that we should keep them always green and do what we can to help each other.

Wishing you the best of luck, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Port Coquitlam B.C.

Feb. 1st 1922.

Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie K.C.B.

McGill University,

Montreal. P. Q.

My dear General,

I am afraid I am a bit late in wishing you and your family a happy New Year, but I trust you will accept our belated good wishes.

I am writing also to say that I have applied to the Civil Service Commissioners at Ottawa, for the position of Warden of the B.C. Penitentiary at New Westminster, which is an appointment I should very much like to get, and, as my health is so much better, it is one I think I could fill satisfactorily. I am being supported in my application by the Liberal candidates for Vancouver and by the principal Soldier organizations, as well as by other friends.

I find that if I am successful I am requested by the Civil Service Commissioners to supply them with the names of three referees (not relatives) who will certify to my good character, and having in mind your interest in the welfare of members of the old Second brigade, I thought I would ask you to give me what assistance you can in the direction indicated if you should be called upon to do so.

2. / Mayor Gale of Vancouver is also vouching for me, as well as M. A. MacDonald K.C., President of the Provincial Liberal Association and brother-in-law of the Hon W.C. King, the new Federal Minister of Public Works. Senator Bostock also, for whom I used to work years ago, has written to say that he will do his best for me at Ottawa.

General Odium told me the other day that he thought there were at least four other fellows applying for the position, which is worth \$4000^{xx} a year & a house, so I do not expect to win out single-handed.

I had an amusing letter from my cousin Henry C. Bellew of Montreal the other day. He is always very active there in the Conservative interest, but he says he lost all his bets on the late election, clean sweep, and it cost him \$700^{xx}, three boxes of cigars and two hats.

We are just recovering in Coquitlam from the results of two disastrous floods which did an enormous amount of damage, especially to the C.P.R. property which suffered to the extent of nearly a million dollars. In common with the rest I had some heavy losses also, so that our Xmas was rather a quiet one.

With kindest remembrances and all good wishes,

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

Edward D. Bellew. (V.C.I.)

DOCKET STARTS:

BENNETT, C. C.

January
Twenty-fourth
1932.

Hon. John Oliver,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Premier Oliver:-

Colonel C.C. Bennett of 668
Beach Drive, Victoria, B. C., has asked me if I
have any objection to forwarding to you a letter
of recommendation on his behalf.

I understand that there is a vacancy
in the Provincial Police organization and that Col.
Bennett is an applicant for the position. He is
an officer concerning whose character, habits and
ability it gives me pleasure to testify and I base
my appreciation of his qualities on an acquaintance
of nearly 25 years. He has been a Militia officer
and an officer of the permanent force and has served
in both wars which took place during the time of
his military career. I knew him first as a Militia
officer and he was one of those who regarded his
position and obligations most seriously. You may
know that often times Militia officers do not.

He served through the South African
War and, I believe, remained behind some five or
seven years as an officer engaged with the Police
Force of that country. That shews that his services
were satisfactory and his experience there should
stand him in good stead in any position which might
be offered to him in the Provincial Police of
British Columbia.

Upon his return to Canada he again
entered the permanent Force and was employed largely
in instructional work and administrative work. This
would give him a knowledge of organization, discipline
and administration highly valuable in the Provincial

Hon. John Oliver - 2 -

Police Service.

When the Great War broke out he sought the earliest opportunity of enlistment, and although at an age when many men considered themselves justified in remaining at home, he went to France. He accepted a lower rank in order that he might get to the actual front with the troops and there he behaved most gallantly, setting an example of cheerfulness, endurance and courage worthy of all emulation. He won his D.S.O. in the Sommes fighting, leading his Company in a most spectacular and irresistible bayonet charge on October 8th, 1916.

Knowing his superior staff qualifications I withdrew him from company work and gave him a position on the staff of one of the Divisions. Here his work was characterized by thoroughness, efficiency and tactfulness. I have nothing but kind words to say of Colonel Bennett's personal attributes and professional qualifications. I can most cordially recommend him to you and to your Cabinet.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

668 Beech Drive
Victoria B.C.

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My dear Sir Arthur.

May I ask for your good
offices in a personal matter please.
As you may have heard I have
been retired to pension having reached
the age limit for my present rank &
no promotion in sight. Owing however
to the smallness of my retiring
pension I am compelled to seek
other employment and have made
an application to the British Columbia
Government for an appointment
now vacant, in the Provincial Police
which my twenty years service and
training in the South African Constabulary
fully qualifies me to fill. I think
with credit. It is however desirable
for me to submit personal recommendations
as to character and general ability &
so am taking the liberty of asking you
if so disposed for either an open letter

of recommendation or a personal
letter to Premier John Oliver (in whose
hands the appointment is) saying what
you can as to my qualifications &
abilities in such matters as fact,
administration, organization, discipline
&c. as I feel you have had much
opportunity of observing these
matters during our many years
of service together, also a few words
as to my general character &c. I know
that a letter from you will carry
the very greatest weight & I can assure
you will be gratefully appreciated by
me. With kindest regards & best
wishes for the New Year to yourself &
Lady Currie in which my wife joins
believe me, Yours sincerely

To,
Lt General
Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B. &c
Montreal

C. B. Bennett



VICTORIA

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Feb. 1st

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, QUE.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of
January 24th, recommending Colonel C. C.
Bennett for a position with the Provincial
Police, and shall have much pleasure in
placing your recommendation before the Hon.
Attorney-General for his consideration.

I am,
Yours very truly,

John Oliver

17
January
Twenty-fourth
1922.

Colonel C.C.Bennett,
668 Beach Drive,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Colonel Bennett:-

I have your letter of the
12th instant.

I had not heard that you had been retired to pension, but, of course, I have known for some time past that such a thing had to be soon. I will be very happy if any recommendation of mine will be of any assistance to you in securing from the British Columbia Government congenial employment.

I am writing a personal letter to Premier John Oliver and I enclose a copy of that letter with this. I hope that your application will be favourably acted upon by his government.

I thank you for your good wishes which are most cordially reciprocated by me. Lady Currie, I know, would like to join me in all good wishes to Mrs. Bennett and yourself.

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

BENNETT, C. C.

DOCKET STARTS:

BENNETT, H.C.

September
Nineteenth
1921.

H. C. Bennett, Esq.,
1659, Wellington Street,
Verdun, Que.

Dear Mr. Bennett:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter
of recommendation. I hope it may prove of some use.

This is all I can do at present, but
I shall not lose an opportunity of seeking employment
for you and I hope that between us all you will not
be out of work very long.

Yours faithfully,

September
Nineteenth
1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in giving this letter of recommendation to Mr. R.C. Bennett.

He is a returned soldier with a splendid record of service overseas. Prompt to enlist he accompanied the first Canadian Division to England as a member of the 1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. He served with this Brigade 4 years and 10 months, and was discharged on his return to Canada as Corporal.

His promotion in the field shows that his service was valued and that he was one who could be entrusted with responsibility. His Discharge Sheet also discloses the fact that his record is clean as regards military misdemeanors - a remarkable thing for one who served throughout the War.

Upon his return to Canada he immediately began work with the Ford Motor Company of Montreal, and has continued in their employ until the 1st of July last, when, owing to slackness of work in that line, he with others, was laid off. His willingness to begin work immediately on his return to Canada shows that he has no wrong ideas as to the necessity for every man working for a living.

The fact that he served through the War in the battle area without being laid off for any illness, except fourteen days in Hospital, shows that he possesses a strong constitution.

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I can most cordially recommend him as a man willing to work, able to work and anxious to work. I believe that anyone giving his application favourable consideration would soon be satisfied that he had taken into his employ a valuable man.

General.

Phone.
Vic 1090 W.

c/o 1659 Wellington St.

Verdun

17th Sep: 1921.

General Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir

I would like to take
advantage of your kindness & con-
sideration, when I met you in
St James St on 16th and now avail
myself of the opportunity to write
and tell you of my service with
the C.E.F.

I enlisted on the 10th of Aug 1914
in the 29th Light Horse Saskatoon
& was sent to Valcartier.

Having served in Volunteer Art.
in England, I transferred to
the 1st Bde C.F.A. which was then
commanded by Col E Morrison,
& sailed with the 1st Contingent aboard
the S.S. Laxonia.

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While I was with the Brigade
I served under five Colonels.

Col. Morrison, Col. Mc Laren, Col. Piercy,
Col. Anderson, Col. Bosgrave.

I served with the 1st Brigade 4 years
& ten months and finished as Corporal.

My discharge shows this & is clean.

I was away from the Pde. about 14 days
in Hospital near Aubriany and had
the pleasure of talking to you when
you visited that Hospital just before
the big Amiens push, and I left
Hospital in time to get in on this
advance. Since leaving the Service,

I have worked at the Ford Motor Co.
Montreal, but owing to slackness in
production I have been laid off
since July 1st & there is very little
chance of a resumption of activity
in this direction until next
Spring.

I am at the end of my resources and want work in the worst way. I consider I am able to work in warehouse or factory being strong & willing, & if you can point me in a direction where such a man is required, I can assure you that I will appreciate your help, & give you no occasion to regret same.

I can provide all necessary references.

Thanking you once again Sir! for your kindness.

I am
Yours respectfully
H.C. Bennett.

1659 Wellington St.
Verdun P. Q.

22nd 9. 1921

Dear Sir,

I received your kind letter
and beg to tender you my deep appreciation.
I assure you that I will do my best
to show that your confidence is not
misplaced

Yours respectfully
A. Bennett.

DOCKET ENDS:

BENNETT, H. C.

DOCKET STARTS:

BENNETT, R.O.

Bank of Montreal

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Edmonton, Alta. December 21, 1922.

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

Dear General Currie,-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your good offices on my behalf. Your letter has made me feel better clean through.

With best wishes for Christmas and the coming year to you and yours, I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Bennett.

17
December
Fifteenth
1922.

R.O.G. Bennett, Esq., M.C.,
Bank of Montreal,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Bennett:-

I hope you will not think that I have been casual or indifferent regarding the subject matter of your letter of November 25th. Whether I have done your case anygood or not I do not know, but I do not think I have done you any harm.

I have seen the General Manager and others and from all learn that your services have been satisfactory, while your war record stands you in good stead. I am given to understand that arrangements regarding the Edmonton office are not yet decided and that every consideration will be given to your claims for promotion. I have had many talks with Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor regarding the Bank's policy towards the staff and he has convinced me that the Bank spares no pains to ensure that the status and emoluments of every man in the service are based upon merit alone and that even-handed justice is meted out regardless of who the individual may be.

I assure you that in speaking of your case to him I was careful to indicate that it was not an endeavour to do any wire-pulling or to use any influence to change the Bank's policy. The Bank values very highly the loyalty of its staff and rightly so, and I believe that loyalty is unsurpassed and that to that loyalty the Bank owes its remarkable position and its splendid reputation.

R.O.G. Bennett, Esq. - 2 -

I hope that it will not be long before promotion and an increase in salary comes to you.

Lady Currie joins me in most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

December
Fifteenth
1922.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor,
Bank of Montreal,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Frederick:-

I thank you for your letter of
the 13th of December re Bennett and to whom I am
writing today.

I am returning herewith the memorandum
of his record.

Yours faithfully,

Head Office
Bank of Montreal
Montreal

Amphibious

Thirteenth
December
1922

My dear General,

Referring to our conversation, I enclose for perusal and return Bennett's record. I also return his letter to you. The record is self-explanatory and from it you will be guided as to the terms in which you should reply to his communication.

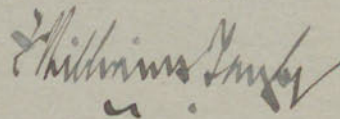
Bennett's services with us have been satisfactory and his war record is good, and these two points in his favour count for much, but Bennett has reached the second stage in his career, viz. is he qualified to safely lend the Bank's money and to properly represent the Bank as a Manager. It is in the former respect that we are somewhat in doubt, it being almost condemnatory to say that "his services would be of greater value to the Bank as Manager of a deposit branch in a City."

In writing him will you please say something like this -

"In the several talks I have had with Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor regarding his staff, he has convinced me that the policy of the Bank is to spare no pains to ensure that the status and emoluments of every man in the service are based upon merit alone and that even-handed justice is meted out regardless of who the individual may be. In other words, no wire-pulling or influence counts in the Bank of Montreal service, and the evidence that this

is appreciated lies in the fact that their esprit de corps is unsurpassed by any banking institution or other business concern in the Dominion or elsewhere."

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Lundy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,".

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

Bank of Montreal,
Edmonton, Alta.

November 25th., 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Principal McGill University,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

Dear General Currie:

I trust you will forgive me for bothering you on a personal matter, but I have been wondering if you would put in a word for me with our General Manager, Sir Frederic Williams-Taylor, as I am not personally known to him.

As you know I have been at the Edmonton Office since returning from Overseas in the fall of 1919. For the past two years I have been performing the duties of Assistant Manager, but though I have worked hard, and, I think efficiently, have not been given the appointment. When Mr. Ridley, the Manager was promoted recently to take charge of Calgary office, a man nine years my junior in the bank's service was sent here to take over until such time as the Merchants Bank and our business at this point are combined in one.

I have given the best years of my life to the Bank's service (the past twenty years with the exception of four years Overseas) and it is very disappointing to be passed over when I feel quite capable of doing the work and taking the responsibility of managing this ^{office} in fact I have done so on several occasions in the past, during Mr. Ridley's absence.

Previous to the war I held appointments as Accountant and in 1914 was in charge of a small Branch at Lumby, B. C. As far as I know my services have been satisfactory and I understand from Mr. Ridley that he has repeatedly recommended me for an appointment in the past two years.

My habits are good. I have not had a drink since I was married two years ago - I am always first at the office in the morning and often last away at night - I am studying a course given by Queen's University to qualify for a Banking Fellowship. In fact I have never worked so hard in the Bank before and received less recognition.

*Bank of Montreal,
Edmonton, Alta.*

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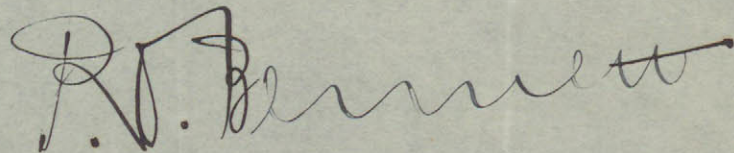
I know there are a great many senior men in the Service since we took over the Merchants Bank, but fail to see why a junior man should be put over me as is now the case.

It is something deeper than a case of money or position. It has been a nasty knock to my self respect, and I feel that the Bank are destroying their greatest asset in me, and perhaps one of my own greatest moral assets - my unfailing loyalty to and faith in the Bank of Montreal.

I will be very grateful for anything you can do.

I trust, Sir, that you are happy in your work at McGill, and that Lady Currie and your family are well.

Yours faithfully,



Richard O. G. Bennett, M.C.,
Formerly 1st., C.D.A.,
C. E. F.

MM/B

DOCKET ENDS:

~~B~~ENNETT, R. O.

Confidential

March 3rd 1924.

My dear Alistair,

I enclose herewith some rather disturbing correspondence regarding Colonel Bent. It seems to be very hard to help some people. In view of this I suppose we had better stop doing anything and destroy the letters.

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.

Alistair Fraser, Esq., K.C., D.S.O.,
Canadian National Railways,
McGill Street,
Montreal.

February 18th 1924.

Major Alistair Fraser, D.S.O.,
Canadian National Rlys.,
McGill Street,
Montreal.

My dear Alistair,

I am sending you a copy of a letter which Mrs. Bent wrote to Willis, so that it might be shown to his Excellency.

As far as Lord Byng is concerned, there is, of course, nothing that he can do in connection with it, and Willis has sent it on to me.

You know Bent as well as anyone else, and it occurred to me that it might be possible to find him some job with the Canadian National Railways for which he would be suited. Of course, you understand that the General is not making a request of this, but he thought it was a case in which you might care to take an interest. In case it is not possible for you to do so, he would be very much obliged if you would let him have whatever information you can regarding Colonel Bent's pre-war history, of which he does not know much, and make any suggestion you can as to what will be a suitable sort of employment.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

July 16th/24.

Dear Wilfred.

I am enclosing you a
letter from Mrs Beul: wife of
Col. Beul: the 15th Reg. Please
show it to your General.

I have told His Excellency about
it, but he does not know what
to do about it. He did not
tell me to send it to you, but
I thought that perhaps you would

know of something he could
do. I am sorry to have to
send this to your General but
I am sure he will forgive me.

Tell the General he was
much missed at Father French's
dinner at Ruffin. It was a
good show, & the Padres were
all such a broad minded
lot of gentlemen. Best regards,

I am
Wells

Lawrence town
Annap. Co. N. S.

Feby 12th 1924

My dear Major O'Connor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, Colonel S. E. Bent, but utterly and entirely without his knowledge or sanction. Through the pressure of the Conservative party Col. Bent allowed himself to be nominated as Conservative candidate, but was defeated. Having to resign his position as collector of Customs in Amherst, and being on the wrong side of politics, there seemed nothing else to do but

take a fruit farm in the Annapolis Valley, which venture has not only been a failure but a terrible expense, as you know the position of all farmers in Canada to-day.

While the Conservatives were in power, they had Col. Bent slated for the Senate but of course that has gone into the discard.

Knowing that General Byng has a regard for Col. Bent, I thought that you might be kind enough to bring the case to his attention, in the hope that an

opening might be found for him,
as you know his character and
ability.

My husband would be bitterly
opposed to my writing this letter,
but it grieves me so to see him
wasting the best years of his life
in discouragement, worry and
endless toil, after having given of
his best to his country.

Pardon my presumption in
thus appealing to your kindness
and please do not send me a
personal answer for reasons
which you can understand.

Yours very sincerely
D. Lyda Bent.

2/ K
August
Twenty-sixth
1920.

A. L. Bird Esq.,
Mgr. American Railway Express Co.,
401 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Reference to your File No. 19325

I have your letter of August 19th in which you ask me to answer certain questions regarding Walter R. Kraft, who has given my name as a reference.

Years ago when I lived in the city of Victoria, B.C. I did know a Kraft family, one of the members of which was a young man, but I am not sure whether the Walter R. Kraft mentioned in your letter is of that family or not. He might have been a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, which I commanded, but I have no recollection of such a person.

If I knew whether the Kraft mentioned in your letter is the same person as the Kraft I knew in Victoria, B.C., I could answer your questions intelligently.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

INQUIRY TO PERSONAL REFERENCES ON APPLICANT'S APPLICATION.

AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS CO.,
(Incorporated)

File No. 19325

(401.)
7-18.

KANSAS CITY, MO.
401 RAILWAY EXCHANGE BLDG.

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Mr. A. H. Currie

Chicago

Ill.

Dear Sir:

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Walter R. Kraft of Coffeyville Mo

has applied to this Company for a position and gives your name as a personal reference. It is important that we be informed as to the character of the applicant, and in order that we may take prompt action upon the application, we respectfully request the favor of your early response to the following questions.

Any information furnished will be treated as confidential, and without prejudice to you.

Very truly yours,

A. L. BIRD
GENERAL MANAGER

Is applicant related to you? _____ How long have you known applicant? _____

What has been applicant's business or employment during the time known to you? _____

Give names and addresses of any employers of applicant known to you. _____

Has applicant to your knowledge ever been dishonest? _____

If so, please advise in what respect. _____

Do you regard applicant as being careful and dependable? _____

Do you consider applicant deserving of employment in a position of trust? _____

If not, kindly advise what has occurred to give you the impression. _____

Are applicant's habits good? _____

Did applicant use liquor to excess at any time during your acquaintance? _____

If so, please state particulars. _____

Have you knowledge of any act of applicant which would render applicant's employment by this Company undesirable? _____

If so, kindly state particulars. _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATED _____ 191

June 28th, 1926.

E. T. Scammell, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Dept. Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

I am enclosing you herewith
a letter from Mr. W. H. Birks, one of the Governors
of the University.

I do not know what action would
be possible in this case, but if there is anything
that can be done Sir Arthur would be very much
obliged if you could help out.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

June 7th, 1926.

W. M. Birks, Esq.,
Phillips Square,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Birks:-

On my return to Montreal this morning I found awaiting me your letter of June 1st with reference to the late Mr. Heaney.

I shall take the matter up immediately with the Pension Department and let you know how I get along.

Yours faithfully,



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The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada

VICTORIA BRANCH

LAW CHAMBERS, BASTION SQUARE

Victoria, B. C.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE SECRETARY, BOX 974

August 11th 1922.

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

Dear General,

Many thanks for your kind letter of July 28th. I am indeed pleased to note that you will support my application for Immigration Inspector for the Port of Victoria. On the application form it requires three letters from responsible persons to be attached, as the time limit was August 1st for applications, I was forced to obtain them locally, receiving one each from S. J. Willis, Benny Nicholas, Editor of the Times; J. Ford, President of the G. W. V. A.; and Joseph Clearhue, Barrister, M. P. P. The application further states that if I am accepted the Department requires three additional names of references, with addresses, that they can communicate with as to verification of character. It was in this space that I took the liberty of mentioning your name, so you can readily see that the Department will not communicate with you unless I obtain the position. With this in mind, and as you stated that you knew the Honorable Charles Stewart personally, I would esteem it a great favor if you could possibly see your way clear to drop him a few lines on my behalf.



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The Honorable D. D. MacKenzie, Solicitor-General, while in Victoria a short time ago, promised to speak to the Honorable Charles Stewart, on my behalf, when he returned to Ottawa. I wrote him a few days ago, as I was directed, reminding him and it is not yet time for me to have a reply. A great number of applications are in for this position, so you see I need all the influence possible.

We were told that you intended to pay a visit to Victoria this summer, and I can well imagine the disappointment when you changed your plans. You would see some changes in the old town. The business district has had some fine stores added to it during the last few months and houses are gradually being erected on the vacant lots, especially in Oak Bay in the sub-divisions near the Golf Links.

Sam Heakes passed through here about a year ago on a tour of America with his wife. Had a card from him, but have not heard since. Was in Quebec City then.

Is Willis O'Connor still A.D.C. to the Governor-General? Lord Byng's staff has not been published here and I was wondering if he would come to Victoria with the Governor-General. Have heard of him since his marriage.



The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada

VICTORIA BRANCH

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LAW CHAMBERS, BASTION SQUARE

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Grandpa and Grandma wish to be remembered to you all. They realize how fully your time and Lady Currie's is occupied and that everything cannot be done at once. They are fine, had them up the Island for a motor trip a short time ago, the weather was ideal, and they enjoyed every minute of the trip.

Glad to hear that you and your family are well. Garner must be in the stage my eldest cousins just passed through, they are both taller than I am by at least a head, and are only now beginning to look as though they had half enough to eat.

Thanking you for anything you may do on my behalf and with kindest regards from us all to Lady Currie and family,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Jimmie Brown

July
Twenty-eighth
1922.

Mr. James Brown,
517 Selkirk Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Jimmie:

This morning I received your letter of the 21st of July, and let me say that I shall be very glad to support your application for a position as Immigration Inspector at the Port of Victoria. No doubt I shall hear shortly from the Department of Immigration - I know Charles Stewart, the head of that Department very well.

I have not seen Sam. Heakes, the old field cashier, for a long while, but my impression is that he lives at Quebec. Did you hear that since the war he had married a wealthy widow?

I am glad to know that all your family are well. We were terribly shocked and grieved to hear of your Aunt Stella's death. My wife feels very much ashamed of herself that she has not written Mrs. Nisbet - she often speaks of it, and I know she will later. She was very fond of Stella and also of both your grandparents.

I some times get news of the people in Victoria from those who pass through the City from time to time and look me up. Sam. Madison sends me the Colonist every day, and in that way I keep in close touch with what goes on.

We were disappointed in not being able to go to Victoria this year. We thought at one time of spending our holidays there. All the family are well, and Garner is growing tall enough, but he is very slight.

With all good wishes, and asking you to kindly remember me to your Father and Mother and to the other members of the family, I am,

Yours faithfully,

517 Selkirk Ave.,
Victoria, B.C.
July 21st, 1922.

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

Dear General,-

I know it will be a great surprise for you to receive a letter from me, so I will state my reason for writing without preamble. A position as an Immigration Inspector for the Port of Victoria is to be filled shortly by the Dominion Government. I am forwarding my application, as directed, through the Immigration Office here, to the Minister of Immigration and Colonization (Mr. Charles Stewart). It calls for the names of persons who can answer questions as to character, etc. These persons will not be consulted unless the application is being favorably considered. I took the liberty of putting your name down as you have known me all my life, of my satisfactory work as Superintendent Clerk with the Field Cashier, Corps, and that I received the Meritorious Service Medal for my work in France. I do not know the present address of the Field Cashier, so am unable to get assistance from him, though I did put his name on my application.

From what I can gather around town

there is keen rivalry, and "sivie-pulling" is being
 being done for all its worth. I hope you will not
 mind me putting your name in my application, and
 anything you can do in Ottawa in my behalf will be greatly
 appreciated. This is the first opportunity of procuring a
 steady position, for which I know I have the necessary
 qualifications, that I have had since my return from Overseas,
 and I am doing everything in my power to get the
 appointment. I had to leave the Pulp Mills because the acid
 used for cooking affected my lungs and health generally. Am
 fine and fit again, but have only been employed in temporary
 positions.

Everyone is well here. Grandpa and Grandma
 have quite recovered, and although they miss Stella very
 much, they are beginning to see the sunny side of life
 again, and are as cheerful as can be.

Garner, I suppose, is a fine big husky boy by
 this time. The last I heard of him, he was having a great
 time horseback riding and everything, on the Farm.

kindest regards from us all to you, Lady
 Currie and family.

Sincerely yours,
 Jimmie Brown

107 WOODLAWN AVENUE,

TORONTO.

June 19th

My dear Sir Arthur Currie,
Do you remember
Pepler of the Engineers
(3rd Field Company - and
Lt-Colonel D.S.O. Cross,
de quore) well he is
to be married on
Saturday night to a
charming York-on-to
girl - Eric is still a

and cripple, so we are
not sending any sort
of imitations whatever,
but I want you as
a favour. to me
the mother of five
elder. boys - to send
Eric a wire to cheer-
him on his way,
and let him feel
that his beloved

and respected Commander-
in Chief - is wishing
him God Speed -
with kindest regards
to yourself and Lady
Currie -

I remain

Ever-faithfully yours
Dor-a Percival Brown

3184 Shelbourne St

Re-est

Victoria B.C.

Nov 22/20

Lieut Gen Sir Arthur Currie

K.C.B. K.C.M.G. &c.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon my audacity for the following appeal that I am making. I arrived back to Victoria last February & found work at the Shipyard as Plumber which lasted 5 months until the last ship was launched, since then I have only worked 2 weeks in 2 months & so far there is very little to look forward to this coming winter. I could start up a Plumbing business & make a good living but of course one needs capital to do that, so I am asking if you could help me in any way or could you refer me to anyone that could find me steady employment & I'm not particular what kind of work. My shooting has not declined any since the war, our final shoot at Glover Point Range I won 7 prizes, besides several spoons & a cup from the K.R.C. I quite understand you are very busy but I trust you will do your best for me. Wishing you every success

Yours Truly. H. W. Burton

Sergt

Lake 50 Gordon Highlanders
67th Weston Scots
124th Pioneer Batta
12th Batta C.C.

DOCKET STARTS:

BYNG HALL

B. W. D.

May 23rd, 1924.

Hon. Dr. Beland,
Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,
Ottawa.

My dear Dr. Beland:-

I have received a letter from Colonel Byng Hall, who formerly commanded the 7th Battalion in France, advising me that he is making application for a farm under the Soldiers' Settlement plan.

In England and in St. John he was told that his qualifications were in order, but it now seems that there is a delay owing to the fact that his Canadian experience was prior to 1910. Colonel Byng Hall is not financially well placed and delay would be an extremely serious matter to him.

I would regard it as a personal favour if you would do whatever you can to have Colonel Byng Hall's application granted without delay.

Yours faithfully,

U.S. I have just made
my application
for a farm.

c/o W. P. Carter.

Truro
N.S.

May 14th.

Dear General,

I am writing to ask you to do what you can for me, with the Soldier Settlement Board authorities at Ottawa, as I find myself in a bad fix here. After 4 miserable years in N.Z., where I went after the war, I ended up with a year in hospital in England, which left me flat broke. I managed to get some funds from relations and after interviewing the S.S.B man in London and filling up forms, I was told that I was eligible and qualified. I made particular enquiries as to the latter and was thoroughly given to understand that I would have no difficulty in obtaining a farm. I have also a son of over 17 who has had 3 years dairying experience. Acting on this information I considered that two months would be ample to find a suitable farm, so decided to come to Nova Scotia and try and make use of my 3½ years dairying experience in New Zealand. I had

also had 1 year in Alberta and 2 years on
a buck farm at Cattle Hill, V.I. before the war,
I was told in London that my papers would be forwarded
to Canada and was given a letter to the Head of the SSB
in St John N.B. I saw the SSB in St John and no
question as qualification was raised; Capt ~~Stoddard~~ the
Head) met me in the field supervisors and I have
been looking for a farm ever since. Having about decided
on one, I met Capt ~~Stoddard~~ in Halifax and with him
Major Aulton of Ottawa (and the Commissioners). Then for
the first time came up the question of qualifications and
a remark was made that my Canadian experience was
prior to 1910. No mention of this date is made in the
document issued by the Board, and it appears that there
may be some delay, which I cannot afford. If my family
arrive before I am called, and they will be here by June 7th, I
shall have to spend the money meant to help me get a
farm, on their board, and heaven knows, what I shall do.
With my recent clearing experience and my boy to help,
me, I have no doubt of being able to make a success of it,
and I should be awfully obliged if you could arrange to
shake them up a bit and get things going.
I was very glad to hear that you had made as great a
success of your own side farm. You must
Pipmy still the 7th

May
Twenty-second
1924.

Lieut. Col. P. Byng Hall, D.S.O.,
c/o W. P. Carter Esq.,
Truro, N.S.

Dear Colonel:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and will write today to Ottawa to ask that they give every consideration to your request regarding the land. I hope that you get happily settled, because I can imagine nothing more unsatisfactory than constantly moving from place to place.

With all good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Principal

Re - est

June 6th, 1924.

Major John Barnett,
The Soldier Settlement Board,
Ottawa.

My dear Major:-

Ref. S.S.B. File No.142474

I acknowledge your letter of
June 4th and thank you for the consideration
which you are giving the case of Colonel Byng Hall.

Perhaps I should inform you
that I am making no special plea on his behalf.
I wrote to you solely because he asked me to do so.

Yours faithfully,

The Soldier Settlement Board.

S.S.B. File No. 142474.



Office of the Chairman.

Canada.

O T T A W A - 4th June, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,-

Dr. Beland has referred to me your letter to him of May 23rd with reference to the case of Colonel Byng Hall.

We are in communication with our District Superintendent at St. John in this case and upon the receipt of a report I shall be glad to advise you of the action which it is possible for us to take.

Yours very truly,

Chairman.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
"MONTREAL - Quebec.



DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

MINISTER'S OFFICE

Ottawa,
28th May, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 23rd instant, in which you recommend Colonel Byng Hall to the sympathetic consideration of the Soldier Settlement Board.

This branch of the Public Service is under the Minister of Immigration and Colonization, the Honourable Mr. Robb. Therefore, I am forwarding your letter to the Chairman of the Board, Major John Barnett, with a request that he give his most favourable consideration to Colonel Hall's application. Recently, however, the policy has been not to enter into new obligations in this connection, but it may be possible to make an exception in the case of Colonel Hall. I will ask Major Barnett to communicate direct with you in the matter.

With best personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

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

The Soldier Settlement Board.

S.S.B. File #142474.



Canada.

Office of the Chairman.

OTTAWA, 12th June 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

Referring again to the case of Lt.Col. Byng Hall I now learn that the difficulty in this case is that Colonel Byng Hall has not had sufficient Canadian experience in farming to warrant our establishing him immediately. The District Superintendent at St. John, N.B. has, therefore, written to him advising him very strongly of the wisdom of acquiring a year's practical experience before making an investment on his own account. From what I know of the case on file I should think the advice to be very wise.

Yours truly,

John Bawell
Chairman.

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

Re est

November 25th, 1924.

Colonel P. Byng Hall,
R. R. No. 2,
Canning, N. S.

Dear Colonel Byng Hall:-

November 21st.

I have your letter of

I am sorry things are not going quite as well on the farm as you would like. I am afraid that we are in for a difficult winter. There are so many unemployed and work seems so scarce. I shall be very glad to give Colonel Dennis any information he may require and if I hear of any other positions for which I think you might successfully apply, I will let you know.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

R. R. 2.

Canning.

N. S.

Dear General.

21/x1/24.

After a lot of difficulty and trouble, I got settled on this fifty acre farm at the end of July, as I think I wrote and told you. I thought my troubles were over, but then the S.S.B. hung up on the stock and equipment loan.

The loan, I believe is now settled, but too late to do me any good till next summer, and as I have not been able to earn anything for over 18 months, I am at the end of my tether and have to look out for a job.

Knowing that you have no use for politics, I did not again ask your help with the S.S.B., but I should be greatly obliged if you could put in a good word for me, with Col. J. S. Dennis, Chief Commissioner, Colonization Dept, C.P.R. to whom I am writing, asking for employment in settlement work.

It is possible, you may hear or know of, some other job, for which I should be suitable. It looks as if the Commissioner'ship of the Montreal Police, would soon be vacant.² I think I could make good, as a representative or traveller for a firm in Europe, as I know German, French & Dutch, and get on well with foreigners.

I apologize for troubling you, but if you remember, I was never much good at asking for things and only do so now, as I do not know what else to do. My son would carry on here, as this will be my permanent home.

Yrs sincerely
P. Byng Wall.

DOCKET ENDS:

BYNG HALL



Re-est.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
W.J. ROCHE
CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA

November 30, 1925.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 24th instant, supporting the application of Mr.N.C.Cadger for a position in the Pump House at the new drydock at Esquimalt.

The requirements of the Department of Public Works for the mechanical maintenance staff of the new Drydock at Esquimalt submitted to date, consist of three Electric Power Plant Operators. These positions all fall within the exempted classes, and appointments to same are not made through the Commission, but by the Department itself.

I presume such a position as Mr.Cadger is applying for would also fall within the exempted classes. At any rate, the Commission has not been requested by the Department of Public Works to make an appointment to such a position.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor McGill University,
Montreal,
P.Q.

November 20th, 1925.

Nathaniel Cadger, Esq.,
521 Wilson Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Cadger:-

Let me acknowledge receipt
of your letter of November 11th.

I shall try to find out what
Department at Ottawa deals with such applications
as you have made and when I do I shall urge them
to give you the position. I am sorry I was not
able to spend a little more time with you when in
Victoria, but we happened to meet at a moment when
I was in a very great hurry.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

521 Wilson St -
Victoria B.C.

Nov 11 - 25 -

Sir Arthur Currie
McGill University
Montreal

Sir - I have forwarded my application (to Ottawa) for Pump Operator at the New Esquimalt-Roche yard.

As Tolmie our member for Victoria has kindly promised to help me get the position as I told you when you was in Victoria last, and if you would also be kind enough to give me a little help you must know how glad I would be,

Thanking you

To Bovey

What Department
deals with this
etc.

I am, Sir

Yours Truly

Nathaniel Badger.

November 24th, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. Roche:-

I have received letters from Victoria asking me to support the application of one N. C. Cadger who is applying for a job in the Pump House at the new Dry Dock at Esquimalt. I believe he has been employed during the construction of the dock on the Pump and gave general satisfaction. I am told that Mr. Ford of the Dominion Public Works Department would approve of Cadger's appointment.

I knew him in Victoria in the days before the war. He is a very deserving chap, proud of his family and anxious to secure permanent employment. I believe he would be a faithful and loyal worker and you would be satisfied with his work, provided he is technically qualified.

Yours faithfully,

322 Robertson St.

Foul Bay
Victoria B.C.

Oct. 24/25.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to Nat
badger. He is practically assured
of a job in the Pump House at the
New Dry Dock at Esquimalt & thinks
that a word from you will make
it certain. He has been employed
during the construction of the Dock
on the pumps & I believe gave satisfaction.

J. D. Ivode of the Don. P. B. here is
said to be favourable to his appointment.

Nat worked for me at the Ship
Yard of the Harbour Marine Co &
was always a good workman &
I will appreciate it if you can
do anything for him - poor chap
He is certainly a very deserving
man - proud of his family &

anxious naturally to get some
permanent employment.

I hope you have returned
to Montreal feeling that we
out west are still mindful
of our old happy relations -
may they long continue
Kind regards to Lady Annie

Yours sincerely

H. Kippabick Crockett

November 24th, 1925.

Major W. Kirkpatrick Crockett,
322 Robertson Street,
Foul Bay,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Crockett:-

Let me acknowledge your letter of October 24th with reference to a job for Cadger.

I have already written to the proper authorities and recommended him. I hope it will not be long before he finds some congenial employment. I saw Cadger for only a minute or so when I was in Victoria. He came to the Hotel at a most inopportune time. I believe it was just as I was paying my bill in somewhat of a rush to catch the boat. I will always do anything I possibly can to help him.

I enjoyed my trip to the West very, very much and was glad to note the tone of confidence and optimism generally prevailing, but most of all was I glad to meet so many of my old friends.

With kindest wishes always I am, my dear Crockett,

Yours faithfully,

Re-ent

April
Twentieth
1922.

Capt. J. F. Cahan,
Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N.S.

My dear Cahan:-

I am delighted to receive your letter of April 15th, telling me that you have been greatly benefited by your recent operation. With all my heart I do hope that you are now on the way to permanent improvement. You have made a wonderful fight to get well and I know that you will not neglect any effort which may be necessary to ensure complete recovery.

Yesterday I had a visit from Major Mathieson (Boney, we used to call him) whom you may remember as an officer in the 2nd Field Company. He was very well known on account of his being a very efficient and gallant officer, as well as from some other characteristics possessed by him. He is now on his way to China, India and Japan to establish business connections for some of the best known firms in Canada.

A week ago last Saturday night I was in Toronto where a dinner was held at the King Edward Hotel to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Vimy. Nearly 1,200 officers had gathered and a wonderful evening was spent. I hope it won't be long before you can participate in such reunions.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Hebron, Vt.
Apr. 15/22

Hebron, Vermont
Co. 7, 8

My dear Sir Arthur,

The illness of my father
changed my plans so that I have returned here,
instead of going to Montreal, where I had hoped
to thank you in person for your very many
kindnesses and attentions.

I am greatly benefited. The operation is not
as yet relieve me of all pain, but I have no constant
pain and while I shall have less as time goes on, even
now a great weight has been taken away. The operation
interferes with certain nerves of my writing hand,
which are improving, and this may cause you
difficulty in reading this.

My rest in New York did wonder for me,
and I doubt whether I can have steered the long
journey otherwise.

Beiside the benefit I have derived from your in-
tervention on my behalf, what you have done for me,
and your interest has been a great source of
pleasure and profit, and has helped to make things
very much worth while.

I am rapidly regaining my strength, and
hope ever comes with the Spring

Thanking you most sincerely

I am yours respectfully
J. F. P. O'Brien

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie
Montreal

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

AND QUOTE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, March 28th, 1922.

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

Dear General Currie:-

I have now heard from Dr. Arnold, The Director of Medical Services, Department of S.C.R., in connection with Captain Cahan's case, and am forwarding you a copy of his letter. I have also spoken to Arnold over the 'phone, and am quite sure he will see that everything possible is done for this man. He informs me that at Cahan's request, he has been sent to the Neurological Hospital in New York for a period of two weeks, for further treatment and report on his case.

You will note from the last paragraph of Arnold's letter that this poor chap has now become addicted to Morphine. This, of course, is almost the natural sequence of the continued use of the drug during the periods of terrible pain which he must have passed through.

If I can be of any further assistance in this case, I will be only too glad to do anything possible from this end. However, Arnold is a particularly sympathetic and good chap, taking a great interest in the men who have been smashed up overseas, and I know he will do his best in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Encl.

(copy)

Department of Soldiers' Civil
Re-Establishment.

Ottawa, 25th March, 1922.

Colonel A.E. Snell,
Dept. M. & D.,
Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Snell:-

I have your letter enclosing communication from Sir Arthur Currie, which I return herewith. You will be perfectly safe in assuring General Currie that the Department has a very minute knowledge of Cahan's condition, and there is no reason to expect that he will receive other than the most sympathetic treatment.

There was no reason why Captain Cahan should have been worried about hospital accounts, as the hospital had been advised officially, previous to his entrance, that all accounts would be met by the Dominion Government.

I should like you to know (this however is confidential) that Cahan is a confirmed drug addict. He has suffered terribly, and I am not inclined to blame him at all, nor is the fact of his now being a drug addict held against him in any way. It does account, however, for a nervous condition which should be taken into consideration when communications are received from him.

Yours faithfully,


(sgd.) W.C.Arnold.

Director Medical Services

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TOO KIND LETTER STOP AT SUGGESTION OF FURTHER
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 BE A MATTER IN WHICH YOU MAY CARE TO WITHHOLD AMMUNITION BUT IF NOT
 YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST MY WISHES

CAHAN.



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

AND QUOTE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, March 22nd, 1922.

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

Dear General Currie,-

Many thanks for your words
of congratulations on my winning the 'Single'
Championship in Badminton.

I was sorry not to have seen
you while in Montreal, but the tournament lasted
only two days and we were in the Armouries from
9.30 a.m. until 7 at night each day. It was quite
a strenuous time for those who got into the finals
in more than one event. Our Ottawa contingent
did very well, winning one championship and getting
into the finals in two other events.

I quite well remember the
strenuous Badminton we used to have at HersinCoupigny,
Pernes, and later, at Jodoigne. Those were the good
old days!

I am drawing Cahan's file and
will look into this case and get in touch with the
D.S.C.R. and find out exactly what is being done for
him, also if it is possible to do anything further.
I will let you know as soon as I get some definite
information in the matter.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A. E. Snell

March
Twentieth
1922.

Captain J.F. Cahan,
University Hospital,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Cahan:-

I was truly delighted to get your letter of the 17th containing the good news that since your operation you have been relieved of much of the pain from which you suffered for so many years.

I note what you say regarding the possibility that you may have to leave the hospital in Philadelphia and I am today writing to Ottawa to ask them to see that you get the treatment in a Neurological hospital, which you believe will do you still more good. I cannot tell you, Cahan, how rejoiced I am to hear that now there is some hope of your sufferings being diminished. The way you have withstood the suffering to which you have been subjected has been simply amazing and demonstrates that the pluck which you always shewed 'over there' was not something due to the excitement of the war.

Good luck to you always and with my best wishes for continued progress, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

University Hospital,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 17, 1922.

Sir

~~Lord~~ Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal Quebec.

My dear Sir Arthur:

which you made

while

The kindness of your visit ~~while~~ you were in Philadelphia makes a very pleasant memory, and recall to me many incidents of the past which I hold very dear.

before

Your efforts with the government have been very successful and I wish to thank you for your kindness. The operation has been a greater success than I dared hope and am now relieved of more pain than for very many years. Unfortunately this place is somewhat like a factory, many waiting for admission, and it is quite possible that I may have to leave ~~af-~~ter the neurological portion of the treatment has been completed. In many ways the neurological part is important as the surgical, but this has not been apparently learned as yet.

I have written the Director of Medical Services asking him that I may be permitted to go to the New York Neurological Institute for a brief season after leaving here, and I do not know whether you can do anything to assist me in this matter or not.

However, if you have written to M. Beland in regard to matters relating to my case I wish you would acquaint him with the satisfactory outcome so far. I am very much better than I expected to be and have obtained comfort which has been denied me for years.

Since your visit to the British Officers Club I have had a number of nice chaps in to see me ~~and~~ were still talking of the wonderful speeches you made while in Philadelphia. Shortly after your visit I had a nasty relapse which I suppose comes from so many operations but am now making splendid progress.

I remain,

Thanking you again for your many kindnesses

Yours sincerely,

Walter D. Baker

March
Twentieth
1922.

Colonel Snell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Army Medical Department,
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa.

My dear Snell:-

First, let me say that I am sorry I did not see you when you were in Montreal a few weeks ago winning the single championship in Badminton. I congratulate you most warmly on that success. I was reminded of the games of Badminton we used to have overseas and particularly the one at Hersin Coupigny, where I put my leg out.

Now, Snell, I want to tell you about an officer of ours who was very badly wounded at the Somme. His name is John F. Cahan, who was a Captain, I think, with the 1st Canadian Pioneer Bn. at the time he was wounded. I remember very well his coming to me at Tara Hill and telling me about the work on which the Pioneer Bn. was engaged. His Company was to be relieved that night by another company of the Pioneers. He was very much interested in the work (light railway construction) upon which they were engaged and volunteered to me that instead of coming out with his company he would himself remain on the job in order to help the incoming company. He did this and I have always regretted it very much for that night he was badly wounded, his spine, I believe, being injured.

Since that time he has suffered most frightfully and has undergone, at the least, six major operations. Two years ago I saw him in a hospital in New York and when I was in Philadelphia on Washington's birthday I again saw him at the University Hospital. He had recently undergone the last major operation. One glance at his face was sufficient indication of the torture he has endured and that he has not gone off his mind altogether is splendid testimony to his fine moral qualities. I have had a letter from him this morning

Colonel Snell

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and he gives me the good news that he is now relieved of much of the pain from which he has suffered for many years.

I do not know what his relations are with our S.C.R. Department, but I wish you would look them up and encourage them to see that he is well looked after. When I was in Philadelphia, some weeks ago now, he was greatly worried because payments due from the S.C.R. had not been forthcoming, but he now writes me that this worry has disappeared. I believe that the hospital in Philadelphia is very crowded and that it is quite possible he may have to leave before the neurological portion of his treatment has been completed. He says that he has written to the Director of Medical Services asking for permission to go to the New York Neurological Institute for a brief season after he leaves Philadelphia. It seems that since his last operation some nerve in his leg has been affected to the extent that his leg is constantly moving. He considers that treatment in a Neurological Hospital may cure this.

What I want to ask you to do, Snell, is to take a personal interest in this case and see that everything possible is done for Cahan. I have never met any of our poor wounded who have suffered more than he. It probably would have been better had he passed out long ago, but while he lives and fights as he does, it is up to us to give him every chance to get back the greatest possible measure of health. I know I shall not appeal to you in vain and if you think I can do any good by writing to Dr. Beland I shall most gladly do so.

Yours faithfully,



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

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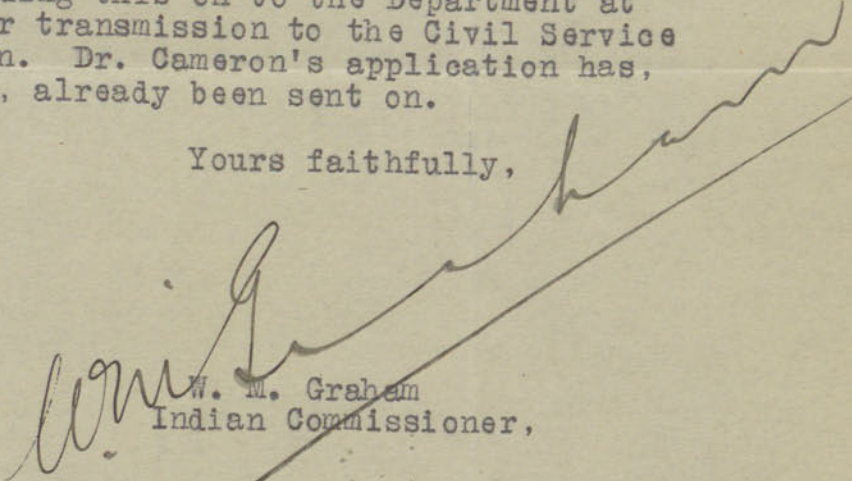
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

M REGINA, SASK., March 30th, 1925

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of the 23rd instant in which you endorse the application of Dr. H.G. Cameron for the position as Physician to Treaty Paying Party #10, and I am forwarding this on to the Department at Ottawa for transmission to the Civil Service Commission. Dr. Cameron's application has, of course, already been sent on.

Yours faithfully,


W. M. Graham
Indian Commissioner,

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

Name - H. G. Cameron

Position - Physician Treaty Payments Party
No. 10

Dept - Indian Affairs

Duties - To administer to the needs of a party of
about 20 persons, also to bands of Indians.
Clerical work

Qualifications - Medical graduate - McGill 1924
of one year standing.

License to practice - Saskatchewan Council 1924

Overseas Service - P.P.C.H.I. - wounded Lens 1917 Cambrai 1918

Assigned to - W.M. Graham Esq.

Commissioner Dept. Indian Affairs
Regina
Sask.

March 23, 1925.

W.M. Graham, Esq.,
Commissioner, Department Indian Affairs,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

Dr. H.G. Cameron who is applying for a position as Physician to Treaty Payment Party No. 10 in the Department of Indian Affairs, is a graduate of the Medical Faculty of the Class of 1924.

Since graduation he has been employed as a demonstrator of Biochemistry and has been carrying on research work under Professor Macallum and to the best of my knowledge and belief has been giving every satisfaction in this Department.

He is an ex-service man, having been overseas with the R.P.C.I.I., and was twice wounded.

His medical qualifications are such as would be necessary for the position since he is a graduate of a Canadian University and has a licence to practise in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
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March
19th
1925.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

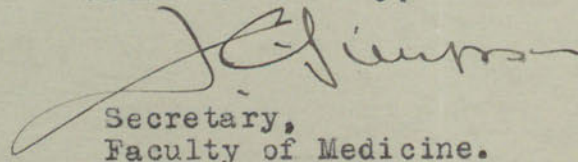
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Yours faithfully,


Secretary,
Faculty of Medicine.

Best

February
Seventh
1922.

Douglas W. Campbell, Esq.,
1044 Pine Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Campbell:-

I have your letter of February 1st, and may I say in reply that if and when the Pacific Gas & Electric Company refer to me I shall be most happy to certify to your many good qualities.

I remember you very well when we served together in the old 5th Regiment and in the Highlanders. And also do I not forget your esteemed father, whom I am proud to regard as a friend. I know that I shall never forget what I owe to the Rev. Dr. Campbell who always proved himself such a faithful friend and stout champion.

Please remember me most kindly to him and with all good wishes for your personal success and good fortune, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

1044 Pine St.,
San Francisco, Cal.
Feb. 1, 1922.

Dear Sir Arthur:—

In accepting a position here with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, I have taken the liberty of mentioning you as a reference as to my character as I served under you in both the Fifth Regiment and in the 50th Gordon Highlanders and pride myself on being one of your old pupils.

You may remember that I am a son of one of your greatest admirers & loyalist friends, Rev. Dr. Campbell. I am a surveyor and engineer and I don't need to assure you that my record has always been clean and my integrity never brought into question.

Therefore should my prospective employers refer to you as to my character, I trust, Sir Arthur, that you may see your way clear to vouch for me as your judgment may dictate.

I trust, Sir, you may not think me presumptuous in writing you.

Yours respectfully,
Douglas N. Campbell

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January
Fifteenth
1923.

Major Robert J. Casement,
2976 Forty-fifth Ave. West,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Major Casement:-

Let me acknowledge receipt
of your letter of January 4th.

Of course, I remember you very well,
even from the earliest days when you served as a
Sapper in old No. 2 Field Company.

One has often heard that the Canadian
Immigration Department intends to pursue a more active
policy, but, while it is high time they did, I have
not seen as yet much evidence of increased activity.
I suppose all appointments in that service are con-
trolled by the Civil Service Commission. Have you
made application to them? If you have I shall only
be too glad to write to the Chairman saying what I can
on your behalf. I am always glad to help if I can.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

2976, 45th Ave W.
Vancouver B.C.

Jan 4th - 23.

To Gen Sir Arthur Currie, K. C. B.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you in the hope that you may be able to give me some advice or assistance.

I am very anxious to get a job in England or the British Isles for family reasons and thought there might be some chance of getting a job with the Canadian Immigration Dept. I understand that this Dept. is considering a more active policy and as I ~~am~~ have been a good deal about especially in B.C. and parts of the prairies my services might be of some value. If you could use your influence on my behalf I should be most grateful.

I always used to enjoy meeting you in France and used to wonder how you could

remember me by name, considering
the thousands you met daily.

I hope you will excuse my writing to
you.

Yours sincerely
Robert Gasment.

Ex. a/major C.E.

E.H.

Rehab



Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada.

May 7th, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Thank you for your letter of May the 6th, enclosing one from John E. Chapman. It is quite possible that we can place him on our Instructional Cadre, as we are in great need of Instructors in Physical Training.

Best wishes,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. MacBrien

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

May
Third
1921.

John E. Chapman, Esq.,
Temiskaming, Que.

Dear Chapman:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday and am sorry to learn that you are out of work. I remember you very well when you were a member of the Staff of the Canadian Corps School at Pernes and also when you were Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 1st Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade.

I am sending your letter to Major General MacBrien with a strong recommendation and asking him to place your name before institutions requiring the services of a first-class Physical Training Instructor.

I regret that it is not possible for me to assist you in starting yourself in business for the simple, yet excellent, reason that I have not the money to do such a thing.

I hope that you will not be out of work long.

Yours faithfully,

May
Sixth
1921.

Major General J.H. MacBrien,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear MacB.:—

Here is a letter which I have received. I remember this Chapman very well and possibly you may.

He is a first class Physical Training Instructor, and if you know of no place for him in your services, you can with every confidence recommend him to any schools or other institutions seeking a man of his ability and experience.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours ever,

CUSTOMS



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Port of Vancouver, B.C., 18th Jan. 1922

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., etc,
President - McGill University,
M O N T R E A L,
Que.

My dear General,

I am taking the liberty of writing you to ask if you can possibly think of any position, either under the new Government or otherwise which might be secured for Major Christie of Victoria, who I know is an old friend of yours.

The Major went overseas, as you probably know at considerable personal pecuniary sacrifice, and returned to find his affairs in bad shape, as most of us did. He has a small superannuation pay as ex manager of the Royal Bank, Victoria, but with four children to keep in school, and a mortgage on his house, a few of his personal friends like myself, know that he is very much up against it.

Major Crehan, President of the Army & Navy Veteran is interested, and knowing as you do his devotion to duty, and sincerety while overseas, as well as his being an old friend of yours, could you possibly give some of us an idea as to what we might try and get for him.

This is being written without the Major's knowledge, as he would undoubtedly resent very much -being proud as he is- having his personal affairs discussed, but he really is in a bad way, and we are all greatly distressed.

I am sure you must have many such appeals, but if you can think of something, we will be more than grateful.

Assuring you that in all future time you can personally count on the same loyalty to yourself which I have been happy to give in the past,

Most cordially yours,

A. B. Carey

(A.B. Carey)

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January
Twenty-fifth
1922.

Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Carey,
The Customs House,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have your letter of the 18th
with reference to my old friend Major, A.B.
Christie of Victoria .

I have always enquired about
Christie from anyone whom I have seen from Victoria
and I am sorry that all have spoken of the unfortunate
position in which he finds himself. I knew that he
had a pension from the Union Bank, but that it was
not enough to keep things going. I remember when
he bought his house on Cook Street in the time of
the boom and probably the mortgage equals what he
could obtain for the house if he sold it.

I would like to join and will join
in any effort to get him a position. There does
not come to my mind now a suggestion as to a niche
he might fill, but I will write to Dr. Tolmie and
seek his advice. I will bring any pressure I have
to bear on the Government to find a place for
Christie. He is such a splendid fellow, kind-
hearted, loyal and true. In all my life I have
never heard anyone say an unkind thing about him,
and I was always very fond of him. There surely
must be something that we can get for him.

I read with interest the account of
your very narrow escape from drowning in the Gulf

Lieut.-Col. A.P. Carey - 2 -

and was glad indeed that things turned out so well. I hear nothing but good reports about you, Carey, and I am glad of that.

I wish you always the very best of good fortune and thank you most warmly for your kind wishes.

Yours faithfully,



House of Commons
Canada

Victoria, B.C. Feb. 7th, 1922

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, P.C.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your favour of the 25th with reference to Mr. Christie. I will give this matter some thought and write you again in a day or two if I can think of any position that Mr. Christie might fill. I am sure he is very deserving.

I wish to thank you for your kind wishes to members of the family and myself and to extend to you and Lady Currie best wishes for a satisfactory year.

Yours faithfully,

January
Twenty-fifth
1922.

Dr. Tolmie,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Dr. Tolmie:-

I have heard from friends in British Columbia that my old friend, Major A.E. Christie, formerly Manager of the Union Bank, is having a very hard time to make both ends meet. You probably know Christie very well as I know he was one of your strong political supporters in Victoria.

He resigned from the Union Bank to go to the war, although he was well over 50 years of age. He really should not have done that and, I believe, suffered financially as a consequence - the Bank putting him on a pension. I have never known a more deceit fellow. He is very loyal to his friends, very public-spirited, generous and sympathetic, and I do not believe he has an enemy in the world.

I would like to join in any effort to get him some position in the Government service. Will you please think hard as to a niche which he might fill and together we might be able to induce the Department concerned to treat his application favourably.

I was very glad to read of your own strong endorsement in Victoria. I believe that all parties will appreciate having you in the house.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Tolmie, your daughter and yourself, I am,

Ever ours faithfully,

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April 29, 1925.

A.E. Claire, Esq.,
762 St. Urbain Street.

Dear Mr. Claire:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to reply to your letter of the 19th inst. and to tell you that while he would be very glad to help you in any way he can he hardly thinks that it is likely that he would know of any employment of which you had not already heard.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal.

April 18th 25. 762 St. URBAIN St.
MONTREAL.

Sir,

Although I feel I am taking
an unwarranted liberty, may I ask
you kindly interest in my attempt
to secure a position in this city.

I am an Ex. Army Captain, 28 years
of age & married, & I have been in
Canada 18 months.

I have the very best of references
from the "United Services Club"
"Windsor Hotel" and from the Central
Y.M.C.A. Drummond St. where I
had complete charge of the Cafeteria.

If you could possibly grant
me an interview or assist me to employment
of any kind I should be exceedingly
grateful.

I Remain

P. O. N. K.:-

T. L. A. T. 1147.

Yours Faithfully
A. E. Clark.

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*Vancouver,
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July 6, 1922.

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BEDFORD McNEILL
BROOMHALLS

Confidential:

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

My dear General:

Mr. Marler, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, etc., asked me to recommend the names of returned soldiers, who might be suitable for the Royal Commission to investigate the charges laid by C. G. McNeill.

Before leaving Ottawa, I suggested the following:

Lt. Col. Rolston, formerly O.C. 85th Battalion,
Halifax,

Lt. Col. Herbert Molson,

Major George McDonald, Montreal, formerly of the
P.P.C.L.I.,

Lt. Col. Harold Foster, Toronto.

Foster carried out a couple of very successful raids in one of the battalions in the second division and was afterwards a brigade major, I think, in the first division,

Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald, Vancouver, who served in the railway troops and has recently been appointed to the Supreme Court Bench here,

and

J. B. Pattullo, K. C., formerly my paymaster.

These men are the most capable men I know for ^{my} calling on such an investigation and the majority of them

Gen'l Sir. Arthur Currie,

7/6/22.

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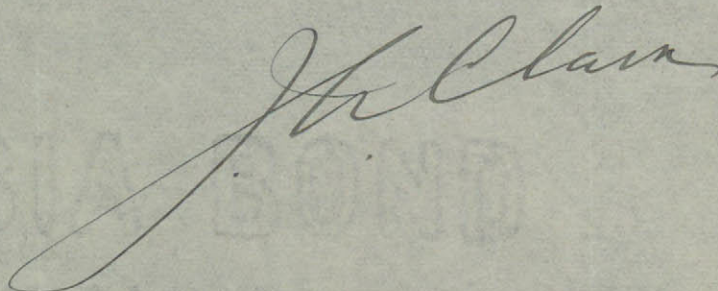
happen to be friendly, I think, to the Liberal Party. I think you will agree with me that it is of the utmost importance that that Commission be comprised of returned men and that they should be men who will be fearless and will conduct the investigation in an expeditious manner. I am sure that Marler would be glad if you would make a similar suggestion to him or to the Government.

I was in Montreal just before I left for the West and called up your home, but I think you were in Winnipeg at the time.

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

Yours very truly,

C:H.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.H. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "C:H.". The background of the paper shows faint, embossed text: "COLUMBIA BOND" and "MADE IN CANADA".

July 12th, 1922.

Brigadier-General J. A. Clark,
734 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Clark:-

I have your letter of the 6th of July.

The Hon. Dr. Beland called on me one day to discuss the personnel of the Royal Commission and asked me if I would serve on it. When he informed me that the Commission would not only investigate the charges laid by McNeill but would also give consideration to the general question of re-establishment, I told him that I could not take the time from my work at McGill to serve.

We discussed other names and the first one I mentioned was Ralston of the 85th Bn. I also mentioned Loomis, but, while Dr. Beland stated that in his personal opinion no attention should be paid to the political preferences of a man, he said it might be hard to get the Government to agree to the appointment of such a well-known opponent of theirs as Loomis. He also intimated to me that he intended to ask Mr. Justice Archer to serve. Archer is a very good man and is an English Roman Catholic and father-in-law of Major Vanier now A.D.C. to Byng. Beland stated that he intended to put on the Commission a judge, a doctor and a representative of the returned soldiers. He further asked me if I knew Colonel Walter McKeown of Toronto, having in his mind to ask McKeown to serve as the doctor. I happen to know McKeown very well and like him very much. He did not serve in France, but on the staff of

Brig.-Gen. J.A. Clark - 2 -

one of the hospitals in England during the war. Incidentally, he is also a Roman Catholic.

Yesterday Colonel Regan, who was Assistant to General Ross, Paymaster in England and who is now in the firm of P.S. Ross & Sons here, intimated to me that he might be a member of this Commission as the returned soldiers' representative. Incidentally, Regan is a Roman Catholic. I do not believe that Herbert Molson or George McDonald would serve. I know Foster very well as he was Brigade Major to Griesbach for a long time and, of course, I know Mr. Justice Macdonald and Pattullo. I will try and speak to Herbert Marler.

Thank you for coming to see me before leaving for the West. I am sorry I was not at home. I hope you found Mrs. Clark and the baby well.

With all good wishes to yourself and family, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 13th, 1923.

Captain H. Colebourne,
Army & Navy Veterans,
121 Bishop Street,
Montreal.

Dear Captain Colebourne:-

On my return to the office this morning I found awaiting me your letter of July 9th, in which you ask me to write to the Hon. Dr. Beland supporting your application for a position on the Federal Appeal Board dealing with Pensions, etc.

I have every confidence that you would render excellent service in that capacity, but I received so great a number of applications from ex-officers and others asking me to support their applications for such position that I found it necessary not to support any. Were I to write to the Hon. Dr. Beland a dozen or more letters supporting applications from as many people I could not be of very much use to him in making the selection. Forseeing a number of requests similar to yours, I have from the beginning taken the position that I would not by letter to Dr. Beland support any. The Minister sometimes does me the honour of asking my advice and one can always say much more in a personal interview than in a letter.

I am returning herewith the documents attached to your letter.

Yours faithfully,

Army and Navy Veterans in Canada

HONORARY PATRONS

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN
H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
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July 9th 1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal.
Mc Gill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose for your information copies of documents which I forwarded to the Hon H.S.Beland also copy of a letter which I have received from that gentleman in connection with my application for a position on the Federal Appeal Board dealing with Pensions etc.

I will appreciate it very much indeed if you can see your way to send a letter to the Hon H.S.Beland recommend me for this particular appointment.

I must apologise for the number of papers I am sending to you. My excuse is that in view of what I am asking you to do for me it is only fair that you should have as much information as possible at your disposal as to my experience.

Yours very truly,

H. Colebourne
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer.

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January
Thirtieth
1922.

F. H. Coleman, Esq.,
477 Iroquois Street W.,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th of January and note that you would like to get some outdoor work in British Columbia.

My advice to you, Mr. Coleman, is to write at once to Brigadier-General V.W. Odlum, Rogers Building, Vancouver, B.C., whom you will remember as a former O.C. of the 7th Battalion. The 7th, I know, is a very active organization in Vancouver and that General Odlum takes a great interest in it and in all the old members of the Battalion.

A Liberal Government is in power there and General Odlum is a very strong Liberal. I know of no one who has more influence with the Government than he. Work such as you suggest is in the gift of the Government and I believe he can do more for you than any other person.

I am returning herewith your Discharge Certificate and congratulate you on the splendid record it discloses.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

477 Dryden St N
Meade Park
Asht

Jan 26/22

Honorable Sir

In taking the liberty of writing you
do so feeling confident that you will
if possible help one of your old boys
briefly I will state my case

Returned home 1912 and discharged to

A.R.E. for treatment suffering from

Palmerbury J.B. I am now working in a office
This I must quit and get to outdoor life

I don't work as bush ranger or unpicker or work
of that kind in B.C. but at does who do apply to

any how one needs influence. being married

and not able to do any thing. I do not care

to go west taking a chance at what I get.

Can give good References and attach discharge Paper

I think you will understand my Position
and trusting you will use your influence
on my behalf.

I Remain

your Obedient Servant

Ex Pt J. A. Coleman 22043

7th Batt.

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TELEPHONE, NORTH 7300



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110 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto, August 8th, 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your very nice letter of July 30th. I appreciate it very much and understand the circumstances perfectly. I will make use of your kind offer to use your name as reference.

Thanking you again.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lieut. Colonel.

July 30th, 1923.

Lieut. Colonel H. S. Cooper, O. B. E., M. C.
110 Adelaide Street W.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Colonel Cooper,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th in which you ask me to support your application for the position of Commissioner on the Pension Appeals Board.

I would be very glad to support it, knowing you as I do, and knowing the keen interest you have always maintained in the returned soldiers' problems. I have had so many letters from officers asking me to support their applications for the above Commissioner's position, that I have decided not to support anyone, feeling that there would not be much use in my writing to the Minister letters supporting the candidature of a dozen or more. The Minister very often consults me with reference to the personnel of this Commission and the Board. If he does, I shall be very happy indeed to say something on your behalf.

With all good wishes,
believe me, my dear Cooper,

Yours faithfully,

TELEPHONE, NORTH 7300



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SECRETARY, TORONTO.

110 Adelaide Street West.
Toronto, July 28th. 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have made application for a position on the Pensions Appeal Board, to be appointed by the Hon. H. S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers Re-Establishment, Ottawa, and am taking the liberty of asking if you will be so kind as to send a recommendation of me to the Minister.

Since returning from overseas I have taken an active part in Soldiers re-establishment and am still actively connected with the following organization in an honorary capacity.

Member, Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario.
Chairman, Ontario War Memorial Committee.
Vice President Last Post Fund. (Ontario Branch)
Member of Veterans' Centralized Aid Committee. (Toronto)
President, Veterans' Re Union Council. (Toronto)

I trust everything is going well with you at the University and that all your family are in the best of health. Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may be able to give in this case, I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Lieut. Col.
Late of the Red Patch Division.

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March
Fourteenth
1921.

The Secretary,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that the Wardenship of the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary is vacant.

In filling that position I hope you will give favourable consideration to the claims of Major H. W. Cooper, who is now acting as Secretary of the above mentioned institution. He has been long enough with it for you to judge in some measure what his qualifications are.

I can speak of him only from what I learned of him during his long service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force overseas. He enlisted in the autumn of 1914, and proceeded to England and afterwards to France with the 21st Battalion. He served continuously with that unit in France from September, 1915 until June 9th, 1918, rising from the rank of Lieutenant to that of Major in command of a company. On many occasions and in many battles he acted as second in command of his Battalion, and at times commanded it.

On account of his ability as a trainer of troops he was seconded from the 21st Battalion and became a member of the staff of the 3rd Army Infantry School, serving in that capacity until after the Armistice, when he returned to England.

While in England he was placed in command of a Wing at the Demobilization Camp at Ryhl, and of his Wing it can be said that it was always well-administered, that the troops were well-disciplined and were kept in a contented frame of mind. The command of a Wing at a demobilization camp was, probably,

Secretary, Civil Service Commission

a greater test of this officer's ability to administer and control men than the command of a company in the field, and that he discharged his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all is something very much in his favour.

I ought to mention that he was twice wounded, has been mentioned in despatches and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre.

In my opinion his army training and his long experience in the battle area shew that he possesses qualifications which are, no doubt, considered necessary and desirable to one holding the position of Warden.

I desire to support most cordially his application and I hope that the Civil Service Commission will regard it favourably.

Yours faithfully,

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W. FORAN,
SECRETARY

Civil Service Commission



Canada

Office of the Secretary,

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No.

VW. Ottawa, March 19, 1921.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 14th. regarding Major H. W. Cooper, an applicant for the position of Warden in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and in reply would advise you that the same will be duly attached to Major Cooper's application form and will be given every consideration by the Commissioners.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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

See Arthur's letter to Ottawa

March 31st, 1925.

Major D. J. Corrigall,
Suite 35, Roslyn Apartments,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Corrigall:-

This morning's mail brings me your letter of March 27th.

When I next see MacBrien, and I do not think I shall before the Vimy Dinner, I will try to remember to speak to him about your case. I can fully understand and appreciate how much you would dislike doing nothing. I am sorry there is such a disparity in the pay of a staff and regimental officer. I do not think there should be and I also believe it is good for the staff officer to return to his regiment from time to time.

The death of Mrs. Herridge was sad news to all of us. She made a most gallant fight and it was only during the last few days of her illness that hope was abandoned. Bill was a marvellous help to both doctors and nurses and to his wife. He encouraged and inspired them all to such an extent that the whole hospital fought their very hardest until the last. I was up to Ottawa to the funeral and saw him again last Friday, when I was there, for a few minutes. He and Sandy Urquhart and Willis came down to the train to see me off. Urquhart is looking fairly well, although he intends to come to Montreal for a thorough

Major Corrigall

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examination as soon as the Vimy dinner is
over.

Corrigall, I am,

With kindest wishes,

Yours faithfully,

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CANADA

Suite 35.

Roslyn Apartments

Linnipeg, man.

27th March. 1915.

Dear Sir Arthur.

I hope you will pardon me for writing to you about my affairs, but I am anxious to know what is going to happen to me this year.

It appears as if National Defence H.Q. intended sending all officers now on the Staff back to duty for at least a year. My year will be up in October and as there should be a number of vacancies, I would like to know if I am to be reappointed to the Staff then. Would you mind speaking to General Mackenzie on my behalf when you meet him which you probably will do at the coming Dinner.

There are one or two reasons why I wish to get on the staff again. First, there is nothing for me to do at Regimental duty. For the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ months I did nothing at all in the way of duty and there was no work for me. Fortunately in the beginning of January, Mitchell, who had charge of the C.O.T.C. at the University of Manitoba, asked to be relieved of the work and I applied for and got it, and that has kept me busy until now. From now on, there is again the prospect of forced idleness. I have not entirely wasted my time, for I have done up a lot of lecture notes and have studied a great deal, but I have no responsible job. Secondly, I have lost \$800.00 a year in pay.

I do not look forward to another year of this. When I

was moved to Louimpeg. I was forced to take my boys from School at 4 C.S. Port Hope and I would like to get East again so that I could send them back to finish their studies.

I like this work immensely and I have every reason to thank you for suggesting to me ^{to apply} and recommending me at Jodajno for the Permanent Force. For I have been very happy in all my dealings with both the Permanent - non-Permanent Article Militia. and I have tried to my utmost to help things along.

I would appreciate very much, Sir Arthur, if you would say a word for me - for a word from you Sir, will go very far indeed.

I am very sorry to hear this morning of Mr. Herdige's death.

I am sure Bill must be terribly cut
up over it. I saw him here a few
months ago on his way back from
the coast.

Please remember me to Sir
Andrew Macphail. when you see him.

With kindest regards.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. H. H. H. H.

October
Twenty-first
1921.

Lieut.-Colonel L.M. Cosgrave, D.S.O.,
284 Simcoe Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Cosgrave:-

I have your letter of October 20th and have to-day written to Mr. Foran in the terms of the attached letter.

I hope that it may do some good for I see no reason why you should not do very well indeed as a Trade Commissioner.

I am glad to hear of you again and hope that it won't be long before I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October
Twenty-first
1921.

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

Dear Sir:-

Lieut.-Colonel L. M. Cosgrave, D.S.O., of Toronto, informs me that he has recently applied to the Civil Service Commission of Canada to be permitted to write the forthcoming examinations for Junior Trade Commissioner, and that such application should be supported by a letter of recommendation.

It is a pleasure to me to speak in his behalf. I knew him throughout the whole period of the War as one of the most enthusiastic, wide-awake and capable officers serving in the Canadian Artillery. By his ability and through merit alone he rose from the rank of subaltern to that of Lieut.-Colonel, which meant that he finished the War in the command of a Brigade of Artillery. He was always exceptionally keen and desirous of making himself and his unit most proficient.

I feel that he would bring to bear upon any position you might give him all the energy of a very progressive individual. He will put his whole heart and soul into the work and, I believe, would produce good results.

W. Foran, Esq.

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He is a graduate of the Royal Military College and also spent one year at this University, where the Transportation Course formed part of his studies. Both before and since the War he has been engaged in business.

I can most cordially support his application.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Oct. 20th. /21.

From:

Lt. Col. L. M. Cosgrave, D.S.O.,
The Cosgrave Estate,
284 Simcoe St.,
Toronto, Ont.,

To:

Lieut. Genl. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.B., Etc.,
Principal, McGill University, Montreal, Que.,

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have recently applied to the Civil Service Commission of Canada to write the forthcoming examinations for Junior Trade Commissioner, four vacancies for which are to be filled in November.

I am taking up the Civil Service in order to devote my career to the advancement of Canada, and, as there are few possibilities in the Military work, I have turned to the work in which I have been trained, both at the Royal Military College, The Transportation Course at McGill, and in my business work both before and since the War.

Prior to 1914 I took an extended trip around the world, covering some 50000 miles studying all the principal ports of the world, their transportation, Import and Export problems, and the possibilities of future trade from Canada, in the various countries visited. This was interrupted by the war, and renewed since when I devoted a year following my demobilization to the opening up of trade in Cuba and the West Indies, and contributing articles on export work to various newspapers and 'Industrial Canada' so that I feel I am fully qualified for the work.

I would request, therefore, in view of your personal knowledge of my work on the Corps Staff, and in the field, that you will be good enough to write to Mr. Foran, Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa with reference to my abilities and qualifications for such work, from the standpoint of my military record.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, and wishing you every possible success as the head of my old Alma Mater, I beg to remain, Yours very respectfully,

L. M. Cosgrave

DOCKET STARTS:

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December
Sixteenth
1920.

The General Manager,
Canadian Vickers Limited,
3072 Notre Dame St. East,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have every confidence that the appeal which I am making to you in this letter will receive most sympathetic consideration.

Everyone knows the hardship suffered by many people owing to the lack of employment. Many such cases in the ranks of returned soldiers have been brought to my attention recently. Is it asking too much to beg of you to give instructions that, when it becomes necessary to lay off men, the cases of returned soldiers be specially considered.

One hears such stories as Austrians and other foreigners being kept on and returned soldiers laid off. I am also told that men formerly employed in one Department have, on their return after the War, been taken on in another Department and then when it is necessary to give consideration to the matter of length of service, their service before the War does not count because that service has been given in another Department than the one in which they are now employed and from which they have been let out.

There is no use in repeating arguments as to why returned men should be patiently and generously dealt with, but I submit they are entitled to a little more consideration than the man who preferred to stay at home and paid no heed to the call of his Country.

I have been able to thank you for whatever you have been able to do for our fellows in the past and I

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With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully

Principal.

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MONTREAL, P. Q.

December 17th, 1930.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your circular letter of the 16th inst., permit me to inform you that this Company has, all along, given every possible consideration to the returned soldiers, and that this fact has been acknowledged on more than one occasion by the Great War Veterans' Association.

We shall continue our heretofore practice; however, our unfortunate position to-day is that, due to adverse European exchange, it is practically impossible to compete with British yards in obtaining orders, consequently we have been pressing the Government to give very earnest and prompt consideration to the question of subsidizing Foreign orders in Canada for new construction.

A very large number of our employees have been laid off already, due to lack of work, and unless orders for new construction are shortly forthcoming either from the Dominion Government or abroad, further drastic reduction will shortly be necessary.

We are in hopes that the Government will promptly take action in the matter of the new Government Icebreaker for the

St. Lawrence, for which an appropriation has already been made,
and so alleviate, to an extent, the immediate distress as regards
unemployment in this locality.

Yours truly,

for CANADIAN VICKERS LIMITED

C. H. Rice
Managing Director.

December
Twentieth
1920.

Colonel Richard Costigan, D.S.O.,
83 St. Mark Street,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy
of a letter sent to Canadian Vickers, Limited,
also a copy of their reply.

Nothing definite seems to have
been accomplished, yet I hope the constant
bringing to their attention of the needs of our
men will make them do full justice to the re-
turned soldiers.

I have as yet had no reply from
the Government Railways, nor from the C.P.R.

With all good wishes for Christmas
and the New Year,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

December
Sixteenth
1920.

J. F. Burns, Esq.,
Superintendent Angus Shops,
Canadian Pacific Railway.

Dear Sir:-

I have every confidence that the appeal which I am making to you in this letter will receive most sympathetic consideration.

Everyone knows the hardship suffered by many people owing to the lack of employment. Many such cases in the ranks of returned soldiers have been brought to my attention recently. Is it asking too much to beg of you to give instructions that, when it becomes necessary to lay off men, the cases of returned soldiers be specially considered.

I am told that men formerly employed in one Department have, on their return after the War, been taken on in another Department and then when it is necessary to give consideration to the matter of length of service, their service before the War does not count because that service has been given in another Department than the one in which they are now employed and from which they have been let out.

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Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Costigan

January
Fourteenth
1921.

Howard G. Kelley, Esq.,
President, Grand Trunk Railway System,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you, indeed, for your letter
of January 11th and for the information it
contained.

May I congratulate the Grand
Trunk Railway on the proud record made by its
employees when serving Overseas, and for the
assistance the Company is giving towards the
re-establishment of returned men.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Grand Trunk Railway System

HOWARD G. KELLEY,
PRESIDENT.

Montreal, Que. January 11th, 1921.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Referring to your letter of December 15th. and my reply of the 20th., upon the subject of unemployment and our returned soldiers.

I have just received from our Staff Records Department, the complete record of the Grand Trunk Railway in respect to employees enlisted, reinstated on discharge from the army, number of returned soldiers employed who were not previously in the Company's service, &c. I quote this statement below, as I am sure it will be of interest to you in connection with our previous correspondence:

"I am now enabled to report complete record as at December 31st, 1920, as follows:-

Employees enlisted - - - - -	5,272.
Employees killed in action or died on active service - - - - -	442.
Employees wounded - - - - -	1,114.
Reinstated on discharge from Army - - - - -	3,596.
Returned soldiers employed not previously in Grand Trunk service - - - - -	1,643.

Honors and Awards gained by the employees enlisted in Overseas service are as follows:-

M.C. - - - - -	5	
D.C.M. - - - - -	15	
D.S.M. - - - - -	2	
M.S.M. - - - - -	5	
M.M. - - - - -	58	
Croix de Guerre- <u>2</u>		Total 87."

Yours very truly,

Howard G. Kelley
President.

December
Fifteenth
1920.

Howard G. Kelley, Esq.,
General Manager,
Grand Truck Railway System,
McGill Street, Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have every confidence that the appeal which I am making to you in this letter will receive most sympathetic consideration.

Everyone knows the hardship suffered by many people owing to lack of employment. Many such cases in the ranks of returned soldiers have been brought to my attention recently. Is it asking too much to beg of you to give instructions that, when it becomes necessary to lay off men, the cases of returned soldiers be specially considered.

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With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully.

January
Seventh
1921.

Colonel Richard Costigan, D.S.O.,
83 St. Mark Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of
a letter which General Currie received from
Mr. John Burns, Works Manager, Canadian
Pacific Railway, Angus Shops, in response
to a letter which the General wrote him
with reference to the employment of returned
men.

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE WORKS MANAGER, ANGUS

J. BURNS,
WORKS MANAGER.

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FILE No. 377

MONTREAL, January 3rd 1921.

General Sir A.W. Currie,
Principal,
McGill University
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 16th in connection with employment for Returned Soldiers.

We are under obligations to lay off men in the shops according to their seniority - an arrangement requested by the men themselves.

I wish to say that we have been and are still taking care of returned soldiers where it is possible to do so, and in fact when vacancies occur in every case preference is given to returned men. This is evidenced by the fact that while approximately 10,000 men in our employ donned the khaki, the total number of returned men that have been employed is 20,372.

With reference to that part of your letter in which you state that men formerly employed in one department have on return been taken on in another department and that when it is necessary to give consideration to the matter of length of service, their service before the War does not count, because that service has been given in another department. This is quite true, as in a number of cases where these men returned, their former employment was not available, and as their seniority would not permit us to give them employment in that department, we did what we could to find them work in another department, and of course, their seniority in the other department would not count, but these cases have been very rare, and as soon as employment was available in their own departments they were given employment in accordance with their seniority.

I can assure you that I have always had the interest of returned men at heart, and as long as I am in a position to do so, I will see that they get every consideration.

Yours very truly,

John Burns
Works Manager.

December
Twenty-first
1920.

Colonel Richard Costigan, D.S.O.,
83 St. Mark Street,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy
of a letter which I wrote to Mr. Howard G.
Kelley, President of the Grand Trunk Railway
System, and also a copy of his reply thereto.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Grand Trunk Railway System

HOWARD G. KELLEY,
PRESIDENT.

Montreal, Que. December 20th, 1920.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have your letter of December 15th. in respect to retaining in the employ of the Company, so far as may be possible, employees who served overseas and have returned to the service of the Grand Trunk.

I am entirely in sympathy with such principle, and I am sure the record of the Grand Trunk Railway in respect to the treatment of its employees who went overseas, and their treatment when they returned, will bear favourable comparison with that accorded by other companies and private firms.

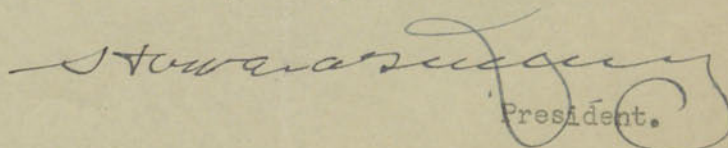
I have personally interested myself in every case which has been brought to my attention, and no injustice has been done in any one of them so far as I am aware.

I may say positively that the rumours to which you refer, are without foundation, and it is impossible for the record of service of any employee to be limited to the date of his return, thereby cutting off his service record prior to the war, for the reason that the record of all employees is kept by the Secretary of the Pension Committee, and these records go back many years.

In respect to the selection of men in the reduction of forces; we are, in company with all other railways, bound by the rules and schedules with the various organizations, which require that in the reduction of forces or promotion in service, the rule of seniority shall govern. These rules are not only the outgrowth of many years of negotiations with employees, but have been made the subject of review by boards of conciliation and incorporated in their findings.

I can assure you that no employees of the Grand Trunk Railway who served overseas will receive from the Officers of this Company any form of injustice, but rather, every effort has been and is being made to assist them to advance in such service.

Yours very truly,


President.

DOCKET ENDS:

COSTIGAN, R.

C. L. S.

November
Twenty-fifth
1920.

E. Cote, Esq.,
248 St. Louis Street,
St. Lambert, Que.

Dear Sir:-

Since receiving your letter of the 17th the matter has been taken up with Mr. Gaboury, Superintendent of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Gaboury states as follows:

"The Montreal Post Office has employed since the 15th April until the 12th of Nov., as temporary helpers, 95 Carriers, 40 Clerks, and 15 Porters, all returned soldiers. These temporary helpers were all engaged under contract of a temporary nature, and were discharged as soon as the holidays were over. They will all be taken back in a few days with instructions from the Department, for the winter holidays, but under the same conditions".

Mr. Gaboury further states that all these returned soldiers preferred taking temporary employment with the understanding that they might be discontinued without notice rather than have their names placed on the regular list of Civil Service Employees awaiting their turn. It appears that several of these temporary helpers have been discontinued, while others who had been on the waiting list have been taken on by the Department, permanently.

I am enclosing herewith one of the regular forms of application, which I would advise you to complete and forward to the Post Office in the regular way. You state in your letter, though, that you had gone through the test O.K. You know any one taken on the Civil Service Department must pass a regular examination, whether he is a returned soldier, or not; and if it is your wish

E. Cote, Esq.,

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to remain permanently in the employ of the Government, you will have to pass the regular examination.

I hope that by this time you have been taken back on again for the winter holiday work.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

November
Twenty-fifth
1920.

Brigadier-General W.O.H. Dodds,
Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York,
Transportation Bldg.,
Montreal.

My dear General:-

I thank you very much, indeed,
for your letter of the 24th, and for the trouble
you have taken in looking up the facts surround-
ing the employment of returned soldiers at the
Post Office.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

W. O. H. Dodds,
 Manager,
 Transportation Building

Montreal, Can., Nov. 24th. 1920

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

M O N T R E A L,

Dear Sir Arthur,-

On receipt of your letter of the 18th. inst., I arranged to take up the matter with Mr Gaboury, Superintendent, Post Office Dept.-

Mr Gaboury tells me this morning that the claims of some of the returned soldiers, as mentioned in Cote's letter, are not in accordance with the facts, and his statement to me to day is as follows.-

"The Montreal Post Office has employed since the 15th. April until the 12th. of Novr., as temporary helpers, 95 carriers, 40 clerks, and 15 porters, all returned soldiers. These temporary helpers were all engaged under contract of a temporary nature, and were discharged as soon as the holidays were over. They will all be taken back in a few days with instructions from the Dept., for the winter holidays, but under the same conditions."

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From what I could learn in my interview with Mr Gaboury, preference has always been given to returned soldiers, and they were continuing to do so.

The enclosed are the regular forms of application, which may be completed and forwarded in the regular way to the Post Office, and candidates will be examined by the regular Examiners as to their qualifications.

I am,

Yours truly,

W. O. H. Dodds

enc.
 M.

248 St. Louis St
St. Lambert Que
Nov 17/20

Sir Arthur Currie
of Mc Gill University
City.

Dear Sir,

I was only 16
when in August 1914 I
joined Col Meighen's battalion
the 14th. I was discharged
May 31st 1919. I gave up
my classical studies to join
up. I have been working
in the P. Q. till last Monday.
All was done to keep me
but the Civil Service ordered

at to put me out; we were
many returned men
working there and we
were all fired. I think
it's unfair to us. I went
through the test A. K. never-
theless out I went. I had
never worked before the
war, and now it's
difficult for me to find
a good position.

Please, Sir, write to the
Secretary of the Commission
of Civil Service and ask
him to take me back.

It may take some time
before they call me back

and I cannot stay without
working, could you, if
possible get me a job at
the University?

Hoping to hear
from you soon

I am Sir
yours obliged,
E. Cate,

IMPORTANT.—Candidates are urged to read carefully the pamphlet of information respecting Civil Service examinations, a copy of which may be obtained from the Commission on application.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA.

APPLICATION FOR CLERICAL POSITIONS, INCLUDING TYPISTS,
STENOGRAPHERS AND BOOKKEEPERS.

On what examination do you desire to write? (Read pamphlet of information).....

Date of examination.....

Amount of fee enclosed.....

Language preferred in the examination.....
(English or French)

Examination centre preferred (see page 2 of this form).....

Name in full.....

Address.....
(Street or building) (City) (Province)

Sex..... (Male or female) Married or single.....

Place of birth..... Date of birth..... Age.....
(Day, month and year)

Are you a British subject?.....
(Yes or No)

Natural born or naturalized?.....

If naturalized, give date and place.....

Length of residence in Canada.....

Have you been on active service Overseas?.....
(Yes or No)

If so, a certified copy of your Discharge Certificate, or, if you were a commissioned officer, a certified statement of your military services *must* be attached.

This application form, fully filled out, must be sent to the Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, Ontario, not later than the date set for this purpose on the notice of examination. No exception can be made to this rule.

Candidates writing on two different examinations must fill in two forms.

Read carefully the notice announcing the examination for which you wish to become a candidate, also the pamphlet of information, and see that you state definitely on what examination you desire to write. If this information is not given, the application will be returned.

General examinations are held at the following points:—Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Edmonton, Calgary, Frank, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Regina, Brandon, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Windsor, Sarnia, London, Woodstock, Peterborough, Brantford, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Sorel, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Quebec, Fredericton, Chatham, St. John, Moncton, Charlottetown, Summerside, Kentville, Yarmouth, Halifax and Sydney. Examinations may be held at points other than the regular centres but only when the number of candidates and the distance from a regular centre would justify such action.

Candidates, unless they are returned soldiers, must be within the age limits given in the notice of examination and must have resided in Canada at least three years. All candidates without exception must be either natural born or naturalized British subjects. Candidates who cannot comply with the regulations in the above respect will not be eligible for permanent appointment even though they present themselves to the examination.

Returned men, in order to enjoy any of the privileges granted to them by law, must forward a certified copy of their discharge certificate, or, if they were commissioned officers, a certified statement of their military services. An uncertified copy of a discharge certificate, or an uncertified statement is useless and if such is sent the application form will be returned.

It will serve an applicant no purpose to send an application form without a fee, unless specifically exempt in this respect. These applications will be returned.

For purposes of identification, full face photos of post-card size, unmounted and of a good likeness, must be presented to the Supervisor with admission order on morning of examination. If writing on two different examinations, two photos must be furnished.

The sworn declaration is absolutely necessary. Applications not sworn to will be returned.

Every blank of the application is there for a purpose. Applicants must fill out every one of them or their application may be rejected.

Have you any defect of sight, hearing, speech, limb or otherwise?.....
(Yes or No)

If so, give details.....

Education (kind of schools attended, length of attendance, etc.).....

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION	SALARY
1919.....
1918.....
1917.....
1916.....
1915.....
1914.....

Are you now employed?.....If so, where?.....
(Yes or No)

If employed in the Government Service, is it in a permanent or temporary capacity?.....

Since when?.....

How much notice would you need to report for duty?.....

In what city or district would you prefer to serve?.....

In what city or district are you willing to serve?.....

Are the above answers in your own handwriting?.....
(Yes or No)

(Signature of applicant).....

Sworn before me at.....this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....

(Title).....

[SEAL]

No.....

EXAMINATION FOR CLERICAL POSITIONS

The candidate will fill in all the blanks between
the two black lines.

Name.....
(Write name in full, and so plainly that there will be no danger
of mistake)

Address*.....

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Language preferred in the examination:

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(English or French)

Place of Examination.....

.....
(Do not fill in the blanks below this line.)

Application received.....

Application acknowledged.....

Admission order sent.....

* Give name of City, Street and No. of House. If in the country,
the Post Office.

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15
November
Nineteenth
1920.

E. Côté, Esq.,
248 St. Louis Street,
St. Lambert, Que.

Dear Cote:-

I received this morning your letter of the 17th telling me of your service and of the fact that you have been let out by the Post Office authorities. You also mention that many other returned men have suffered the same fate.

I am gathering all the information concerning this action by the Post Office authorities and will take the matter up with the Prime Minister at Ottawa. I hope some good may come of such action.

I am sorry that there is nothing in connection with the University that I can offer you to do. The University is really a very hard-up institution and has to practise the strictest economy to make ends meet. I do sincerely hope that you will not be long out of work. I shall remember your case and will try to help get you a position.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

November
Eighteenth
1920.

Brigadier-General W.O.H. Dodds,
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York,
Montreal.

Dear Billy:-

Herewith is a letter I have received from a young chap who was in Frank Meighen's battalion and who states that he has been fired from the Post Office.

It seems to me that I saw something in the paper the other day with reference to the fact that a great many returned men had been let out from the Post Office. I wonder if you could get someone to find out all the facts in connection with this wholesale letting out of returned soldiers by that Department and let me know just what the facts are.

I have had some dealings with Mr. Blondin in Ottawa and have never found him sympathetic to our men. I would like to take the case up with the Prime Minister if it merits such action.

I hope I am not putting you to too much trouble.

Ever yours faithfully,

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October 3rd, 1923.

Nelson G. Coxon, Esq.,
1070 Lajoie Avenue,
Apartment 11,
Outremont, Que.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of recent date addressed
to Sir Arthur Currie has been referred to me.

I happen to know that Mr. T.C. Dawes
of the Ensign Oil Company is looking for a
Garage Manager. If you care to undertake work
of this nature it might be worth your while to
see Mr. Dawes. The address is 1112 St. Patrick
Street. If you wish you may mention my name
to Mr. Dawes.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

1070 Lajoie Ave
Apt. 19.
Outremont

Sir. Arthur Currie
Chancellor Mc. Gill University

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I had the pleasure of meeting you
at the Mount Royal Lodge A. F. & A. M. this city.

I am a returned soldier serving overseas with the
R. C. H. A. going to St. Lucia B. W. I. as assistant master
gunner, am a mechanical draughtsman by trade and
would like to ask if it would be possible for you to place
me in some office in this line of work. I am working
in the city just now but would like to increase my
salary as I am a married man with a family.

Will furnish you with any references you require.

I am a member of Eastern Star Lodge No. 74 A. F. & A. M.

Awaiting a favourable reply,

I am fraternally yours

Nelson G. Coxon.

T. C. Dawes
Ensign V. Co
V. #3

1112 St Patrick St.

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October
Tenth
1922.

G. F. Laing, Esq.,
Manager, Bank of Montreal,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Laing:-

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. Graham S.L. Craig, who is visiting Vancouver seeking information regarding land held by some of his clients in England.

It is so long since I lived on the Coast that the names of responsible real estate people have passed from my mind, and so I am asking if you will be good enough to give Mr. Craig any information and advice you can.

I am very sorry that I did not have an opportunity of looking you up when I visited Vancouver with the Board of Trade, but I crossed over to Victoria on Sunday night.

The Dean is well and working hard.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

47 #9
Bank of Montreal,
1-4
Vancouver, B.C.

16th October 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
President, McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Referring to your favour of the 10th instant, we had a call today from Mr. Graham S. L. Craig, and we have had much pleasure in advising him in regard to the present situation of the realty market. The property which he is handling is situated at Prince George, and we are writing our Branch at that point for a full report on it, which we will hand to him as soon as it is obtained. We have also put him in touch with a responsible realty firm, but as far as we can see there is no prospect of disposing of his land at the present time.

I regret very much that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you when you were in Vancouver recently.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. A. Loring
Manager.

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June
Seventh
1921.

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

My dear MacBrien:-

I am forwarding herewith a letter and Memorandum received from one of the Corps' late officers.

I believe there is a good deal in what this officer has suggested. I am quite sure that we could, without running any risks, have made good use of cameras had we been allowed to use them during the late war.

I hope you are rapidly recovering from the unfortunate accident you suffered. Some days before I leave for England I shall write you fully regarding our visit to Kingston.

Yours faithfully,

June
Seventh
1921.

H. A. Craig, Esq.,
362 Broadway,
Lachine, Que.

Dear Mr. Craig:-

I thank you for your letter of the 6th of June, and with you agree that a great deal more use might be made of the camera in war than has been the case in the past.

I believe the authorities were quite right in refusing to permit the indiscriminate use of cameras, but I am quite sure we would have gained very much had we made more intelligent use of that instrument.

I am forwarding your letter and your notes to Major-General MacBrien, the Chief of the General Staff in Ottawa.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET STARTS:

CRANDALL

From: Ray A. Crandall,
Clarion, Iowa - U.S.A.

6th. January 1926

Formerly:
81188 - 10th. Can. Infantry
and Lieut. #16 Squadron,
Royal Flying Corps
Camblaine Le Abbe, France.

re-est -

Sir Arthur Currie;
President Emeritus,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear General Currie:

Do you recall the days when your Head Quarters were at Camblain Le Abbe, and when number 16 Squadron of the Royal Air Force was stationed up on the hill between Camblaine and the Chateau de la Haigh? If so you may also remember an evening in your mess when two flying officers heard the band playing, and thinking to enjoy listening to a delightful band practice, uncerimoniously intruded upon your dinner. I forget now whether it was Major Moss or Col Maitland of your staff, who recognized me, but anyhow our rude entry was forgiven.

Col. McDonnell was then commanding my old Battalion, the 10th., and I had served with Brigadier General Dan Ormond when he was a Major in the 10th. I also recall going into action with Hugh Guthrie when he went in as a Lieut. and came out in command of the 10th. This was in the days when Lord Beaverbrook was plain Max Aitken and our 1st. Division correspondent. You may also remember the Dominion Day celebration in 1918 at Tanques, on the Arras - St. Pol road. I wonder if you got any of those aerial photographs which I took that day. They were small ones but showed up remarkably well. I went over to Tanques by auto in the afternoon and spent most of the time with Captain Carson, the 1st. Division Paymaster. We ran into General Dan Ormond, and through him I met many of the notables who were there including Premier Clemenceau. Needless to say, the photos which I had did not last long.

I have the honor to write you, Sir, with the hope that you will take a personal interest when I have proven my bona fides, which I have endeavored to do.

My greatest ambition has always been to do some more university work. I had one year of law here in the States prior to enlisting with the C.E.F. in 1914, but was unable to continue my studies upon demobilization owing to ill health, and having in the meantime become the head of a family. I was born and raised here in the United States, but was married in 1917 to an English girl of good family, with the permission of my Commanding Officer. I have a daughter who was born in England and a son who was born in Canada, - so you can see that these circumstances eliminated any possibility of a course of study and made it necessary for me to face the necessity of making a living. I returned to the United States at the request of my parents, whom I had not seen for a number of years. I have been with the Chgo Great Western R. R. here in Iowa nearly four years and am now holding a position as ticket agent at this Division Point with the CGW. I am well qualified as a railroad accountant, am a ticket expert and could secure the very best of references from the officers of our company.

It has occurred to me that if I could secure a railroad ticket or accounting position at night work there in Montreal, I would thus be in a position to support my family and, at the same time, pursue a course of study at the university in the daytime. Of course it would not be possible for me to locate the right circumstances of employment as above outlined without the assistance of a powerful friend who would take a strong personal interest in locating such a prospect, and I have hopes that you might consent to act in this capacity. I would not wish you now or at any future date to assume any expense in this connection, but if you could use your great influence to locate such employment as I have suggested, I would be delighted and extremely grateful. It has been in my mind that you might secure the interest and co-operation of some well placed officer of the Can. Pac. or Can. National Railways.

Another factor which I have not mentioned is my desire to get back among the boys who were my comrades during the war and become a qualified British subject. I have also hoped to raise my boy and girl as subjects of the Empire, and I believe it is time for me to take some steps in this direction as the boy is now six years of age and the girl is nearly eight.

At any rate, Sir, may I look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience, and thanking you for any suggestion which you may be in a position to offer, please believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Ray A. Crandall
Ray A. Crandall.

Formerly:

81188 - 10th. Battalion, C.E.F.
Sgt. G. A. P. C. London, Eng.
2/Lieut., Royal Flying Corps,
1/Lieut., #16 Squadron,
Royal Air Force.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

EASTERN LINES

A. D. MacTIER,
VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. J. SCULLY,
GENERAL MANAGER.

GEO. HODGE,
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER.

MONTREAL,

January 20, 1926.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO MY FILE NO. 30275

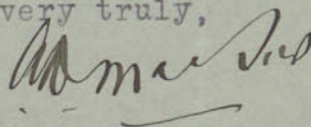
Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Chancellor, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

My dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to your letter
of January 8th., enclosing one from a Mr. Crandall.

I am sorry that in this case I fear
I cannot be the means of helping to bring Mr. Crandall and his
family to Canada as we have no vacancies, indeed we have men
who have been in our service who are temporarily laid off, and
of course our first duty, as I know you will appreciate, is to
re-employ them.

Yours very truly,



January 14th, 1926.

Ray A. Crandall, Esq.,
Clarion, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Crandall:-

Let me acknowledge with
pleasure your letter of January 6th.

I remember very well the days
at Camblaine l'Abbe when No. 16 Squadron were
close by. I had the pleasure last summer of making
a tour of the battlefields in company with Major
Gibson, who was Assistant to General Ross, A.D.M.S.
to the 1st Division. We spent a half hour or so
in Camblaine L'Abbe looking up familiar places.
Altogether we were six days going over the battle-
fields and thoroughly enjoyed, in a way, every
minute of it. It is impossible, however, to make
such a tour without experiencing a feeling of
depression, because one recalls at every turn so
many fellows who are still there.

Eric McDonald of the 10th is
now a member of the permanent force in the A.S.C.
Division. I believe he is stationed at Toronto at
present. I saw Dan Ormond last October while making
a visit to the Coast. Dan is at present in command
of the Saskatchewan Military District and, I believe,
is doing very well. He has on his staff Colonel
Paul Tudor, whom you will remember as one of the
5th Battalion officers, also Colonel Frank Ware who
is on Divisional Headquarters staff.

Ray A. Crandall, Esq., -2-

I am hoping to be able to send you in the course of a few days a short account of the trip which Gibson and I made. The account is written by him in a very charming and interesting way.

With regard to your desire to return to Canada for your own sake and the sake of your children, I shall take the matter up with both the Canadian National and the C.P.R. I hope something comes of it.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

January 18th, 1926.

Alistair Fraser, Esq.,
Legal Department,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal.

My dear Alistair:-

Enclosed herewith find copy of a letter received from a Mr. Crandall now living in Clarion, Iowa. I do not remember him, but I am willing to believe that all he says in his letter is quite true.

As to his ability as an officer of a Railway Company some investigation would have to be made, but I hope that the Canadian National may be able to bring back to this country one who is so desirous of bringing his family up British subjects.

Yours faithfully,

January 18th, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. MacTier:-

Enclosed herewith find copy of a letter received from a Mr. Crandall now living in Clarion, Iowa. I do not remember him, but I am willing to believe that all he says in his letter is quite true.

As to his ability as an officer of a Railway Company some investigation would have to be made, but I hope that the Canadian Pacific Railway may be able to bring back to this country one who is so desirous of bringing his family up British subjects.

Yours faithfully,

Clarion, Iowa - U.S.A.

16th. February 1926

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

Dear General Currie;

I trust it will not be necessary to ask your pardon for this method of address. It seems unnatural for me to address you in any other manner, and I am sure the former members of your command all feel the same.

I am deeply indebted to you for your kind letter and the booklet by Major Gibson, which came a short time later. I wish to thank you many, many times for the booklet, and also for the letter; which shows beyond question that the former members of your command occupy a large place in your thoughts. The arrival of the letter and booklet were really one of the great events of life since my return from service.

Perhaps you are a student of philosophy and can tell me why it is that existence seems so petty and civil life so devoid of those qualities which we knew as commonplace in the days when men were Gods, and their deeds eclipsed those performed by any of the heroes of fiction or mythology.

I am hoping very strongly that, some day, I may be fortunate enough to form a connection in Canada which will enable me to realize my ambition to secure citizenship in the country for which I fought. Should you hear from any officers of the C.P.R. or C.N.R. in this regard I would be glad if you would let me know whom to communicate with, so that I would be in a position to forward references and qualifications to anyone interested.

Please believe me when I say that I am very grateful indeed for the interest you have taken, and I am really at a complete loss as to how I should thank you.

May I look forward to again hearing from you at some future date?

Sincerely,

Your friend & comrade,

Ray A. Crandall

February 19th, 1926.

Ray A. Crandall, Esq.,
Clarion, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Crandall:-

I have now heard from both
the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National
Railways.

Mr. MacTier, the Vice-President
of the former, although sympathetic in every way,
told me that it was impossible to find an opening
for you at the present time. I am sorry that the
C.N.R. returned the same answer. I know Captain
Alistair Fraser, now in their Legal Department and
formerly an officer in the 15th Bn., did everything
possible, but without success.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

April 1st, 1926.

Alistair Fraser, Esq.,
Legal Department,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal.

My dear Alistair:-

Thank you very much for your letter of yesterday and what you have tried to do for Grandall, formerly of the 10th Battalion.

I quite appreciate the difficulties you encounter in placing all the applicants you have for positions. I have never led Grandall to hope that there was any chance of his getting a position either with the National Railways or the C.P.R.

Old Nobby Clark of Victoria turned up yesterday and is spending a few days here. You will remember him as being with the 14th and 2nd Battalions. He was a Staff Captain of mine in the 2nd Brigade and a great friend of Charlie Bent's.

With all good wishes, Alistair,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

ALISTAIR FRASER, K.C.,
COMMISSION COUNSEL.

MONTREAL, March 31, 1926

REFER TO

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

On receipt of your letter of the 18th of January last, enclosing a letter from Ray Crandall, formerly with the 10th Battalion, C.E.F., I sent it to the President's office and asked them to make a canvass and see if anything could be done.

Mr. L. V. Hummel, Assistant to the President, took a personal interest in the matter and, for your information, I enclose copy of a memorandum from him dated the 22nd instant.

I have no doubt you will readily understand the difficulties in connection with placing men, especially where employees are as intensively organized as they are in one of the railway companies, and these difficulties are accentuated in the Canadian National for the very reason referred to by Mr. Hummel, that is, that we have continually had a surplus of employees ever since the amalgamation.

I am very sorry indeed that there does not seem to be an opening, but apparently that is the situation.

Ever sincerely yours,

Alistair Fraser

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

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INTER-DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE.

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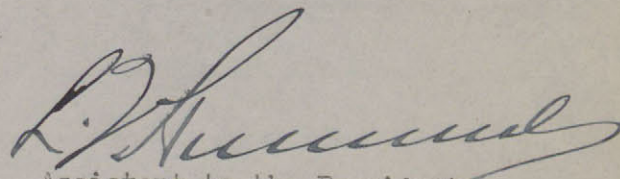
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Mr. Alistair Fraser,
Commission Counsel.

Returning herewith letter from Sir Arthur Currie to you, together with enclosure from Mr. Crandall, and which you sent to Mr. Dalrymple, I beg to advise that the latter has made a thorough canvass of his departments and is unable to find any position where we could utilize Mr. Crandall's services. I also have looked into the question and regret to advise that there nothing we can offer at present.

As you will appreciate, at the time of the amalgamation we had a surplus of employees, and from time to time since the amalgamation it has been necessary to reduce our forces. Naturally, when business picks up and conditions warrant taking on more men, it is but fair that we take care of the employees who have previously been let out of the service.

Under these circumstances, therefore, I am fearful that we will be unable to do anything for Mr. Crandall, no matter how much we would like to do so.


Assistant to the President.

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ALISTAIR FRASER, K.C.,
COMMISSION COUNSEL.

MONTREAL, February 12, 1926

REFER TO

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

My dear General:

Due to a number of reasons, chief of which is that I have been away from the City so much, I have left unanswered your letter of the 18th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter from Ray Crandall to yourself.

I have almost despaired of being able to obtain employment for old overseas friends in the Canadian National, for many reasons, among which are the fact that our employees are nearly all organized and it is very difficult to break into the organization except at the very bottom; that a position such as would suit Mr. Crandall practically without exception goes to someone already in the service, who is promoted to it, and that at the present time we are laying off rather than taking on new staff.

I am, however, forwarding your letter to Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, Vice-President, with a request that he let me know whether or not he has anything to suggest.

I simply must see more of you. There has been nothing since I have come to Montreal that has distressed me as much as the fact that I see so very little of you. I seem to be away

practically all the time, but I am determined that we must meet more often in the future than in the past.

Ever sincerely yours,

Alistair Fraser

DOCKET ENDS:

CRANDALL

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April
Twenty-first
1922.

Walter H. Curtis, Esq.,
143 Glenora Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Curtis:-

I have your letter of the 19th and am sorry to learn of your illness. I hope that you have completely recovered and that it will not be long before you are at work again.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which you can use when you interview the Ritz-Carlton Hotel management.

Yours faithfully,

April
Twenty-first
1922.

F. S. Quick, Esq.,
General Manager,
Ritz-Carlton Hotel,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Quick:-

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Walter H. Curtis, is known to me as a capable and obliging waiter.

He served in the War, first as a Private in the 2nd Battalion and afterwards as Mess Waiter at Corps Headquarters, where his services were satisfactory. I met him since the War as waiter at the Chateau Laurier at Ottawa and also at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

He hopes that you may be able to give him a position on the staff of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Yours faithfully,

April 19th 22 . 143. Glenora, Ave
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Dear Sir

I am writing you
a few lines to ask you
if you would give me a
letter of recommendation to
the Manager of the Ritz Carlton
Montreal for a position as
Waiter in the Room Service -
I hope you will forgive

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me Sir for taking the
liberty in writing to you
but a letter from you will
help me, I have been up
against very hard luck
with the misfortune in sickness,
I was working at the
Windsor in Montreal last
October when I caught a
cold which turned to
Pneumonia and Plurisy and
was taken here to Water St.
Hospital with a temperature
104 - 6 points

I was in Hospital seven weeks and home ever since, witch makes over six months since I have worked, There is nothing to do in Ottawa and I have my wife and child to support, and intend to come to Montreal next week, trusting Lady Currie and yourself are quite well
I am Sir

Yours Sincerely
Walter H Curtis

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P.S. in case you do not
remember me Sir. I used
to be in your mess, also
I waited on you in your
apt. at the Chateau Laurier