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PRINCIPAL: CURRIE'S

APPOINTMENT - CONGRATULATIONS

1920

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Ottawa, 15th June, 1920.

My dear Langley,-

I thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of the 8th instant offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill, and also on receiving the sword of honour from the commanding officers of the units in the corps. Nothing which I have ever received pleased me more than the last mentioned gift. The sword is a most beautiful one in silver and gold with my initials in diamonds and rubies. It is very handsomely engraved and suitably inscribed. It also bears a reproduction of the different orders and decorations which I have received. What I most appreciate, though, are the terms of the address and the unanimity with which it was signed.

Regarding the appointment to McGill I assure you that I am going to Montreal with the most pleasant anticipations of the work there. Naturally one regrets severing direct association with the service with which I have been so intimately connected during recent years. I had many plans in mind for the good of the Militia, yet I have been long enough here to know that these plans were due for long and painful periods of incubation.

I cannot tell you with what relief I give up a Government position. I never liked being placed in the same class as the man who is rewarded for active political support, and I know that many people considered I had been given this position as a reward for my services and that I ought to be jolly well satisfied. I did not want to hold the position if I was not the best man for it, and I did not want to receive a cent more than the position is worth. If the Canadian Government thought I was rewarded for my services by this position they may keep the reward.

It is a gratification to me to know that an institution like McGill, whose Governors are the leading business men of Canada, considered my services to them are likely to be worth more, much more I may say, than the value placed upon them by the Government of Canada. I believe McGill offers splendid opportunities for useful service to Canada and to Canadians, and I hope that my direction of its affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

Next to Victoria, to which I shall always be loyal, there is no place in Canada in which I would rather live than in Montreal. It is a big city and there are many real big men living there. I have never become enamoured of Ottawa "beautiful as the city is with its atmosphere full of suspicion and intrigue". I hope some day to be able to retire and live in Victoria.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Langley and to my friends there. With best of good wishes to yourself, old man, I am

Yours ever

W.H. Langley, Esq.,
Oak Knoll,
Runnymede Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

P.S. I am forwarding by this mail a photograph.

OAK KNOLL,

RUNNYMEDE AVE.

VICTORIA, B.C.

June 8th /20

My dear General,

Permit me to congratulate
you upon the great honours
conferred upon you, by your
appointment to the rank of
the permanent of the Sword
of Honour - I am only
sorry that as one who
served under you I had
no opportunity of being
included amongst your
comrades ^{who} gave it to
you - However there must
be a limit, I suppose in these

matter, & perhaps another
and more universal expression
from the Corps may give
some of us "small fish"

on Canada - and not all
of your
personal friends here ✓
did not quite know what
to make of your appointment
to the residue of all

It is, however, if I may
say so, a very honourable,
dignified and useful
position, quite clean &
above all political strife,
and one from which you
can very conveniently step
should the needs of Canada

& the Empire require your services
in a larger sphere and degree.

I personally am very
glad that you have resisted
all temptations to go into
politics, at the time, at least.

It is pleasant to think that
you will not be in one of
those atmospheres which
kill, kill, and tend to dim
the brightest of escutcheons.

And, as I said before you
will be ready, if & when
the time does come that
your Country's demands are
once again greater than every
other thing.

Things are pretty quiet here
but now. It is an extraordinary

tion this. There are more
people here than ever, but what
they all do is a deep & dark
nothing. The ship building
is to come to an end soon -
It is true we are to have a
Drydock (God knows when!)
& a Johnson's Bridge -

These are only spasms however
& I see no chance of any
large permanent pay. rolls.
We can deliver the goods
as far as scenery & climate
goes, & it may be that we
will be a peer country after
the next referendum but
I am not optimistic enough
to go around with a corkscrew

OAK KNOLL,
RUNNYMEDE AVE.
VICTORIA, B.C.

in my pocket - many houses
are changing hands & I
think that most of them are
not bringing the price that
they should - There is scarcely
any building - Well Vic
always was a funny little
old place & at all times
it is a place where it is
generally pretty good to be
alive in - And so we
struggle on - I haven't
forgotten & I am sure that
you haven't - for you don't
forget - that you promised
me a photo of yourself before

In left, but I am feel
reminding you of it all

the same. Be of you
G.O.C. Can. Copy & Signed &
forgive the opportunity!

With kindest regards to
Lady Currie & with always
the best wishes to yourself.

Yours ever sincerely
W. H. Langley

was face to face with the work
pathetic, the most
tragically, ironical, and ^{of the}
the most fully scandal
that Canadians have had to
do with, ^{affair of the} ^{hon}
life — With many others I
had a great deal to do with
the unsketchy harrowing of the
troops at Moncliffe in the
Spring ^{summer} of 1916 when
the ^{spate} ^{of the} ^{hon} ^{life} ^{was} ^{being}
extolled ^{by} ^{the} ^{skies} ^{by}
Pam Hughes' ^{air} ^{travels} &
when daily the wounded ^{of the} ^{troops}
were arriving from the trenches.
I met a great many of these
men — Most of ^{them} ^{know}
know all about the —

OAK KNOLL,
RUNNYMEDE AVE.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Whose we ~~the~~ responsible
for this has one of the biggest
crimes of the war to
answer for. But a 'hundred
will not' so I believe the
truth will out some day,
& other, & those answerable
will be brought to the bar
of public opinion to defend
themselves as best they may
against the crime that
is still unpunished. To
how long does Sam Hughes
think he can camouflage
this affair by his absurd
defective ammunition etc.
horror, the only effect

effect upon you

The sort of thing he upon
your friends is to make them
resemble "wraiths" - If the
culprit were a younger man
"law & father" wd be the
correct method to apply -

But we don't want to
see you being done under
it - He should be "shot up"

figuratively - of course -
it is not worth an honest man's powder & ball.

Most of you fellow Officers -
& all of those who served
with the 1st Div in those
days know the reasons for
this man's knowing, but
the general public don't - I
think that they should

Bill old man forgive
the old mess-wate for
preading himself on the
booky topic, but it makes
one pretty hot under the
collar - Yours so sincerely

W. H. Angley

OAK KNOLL,
RUNNYMEDE AVE.
VICTORIA, B.C.

22nd June 1920.

My dear General,

I duly received your letter of 15th inst. And the photo for which many thanks -

I appreciate the portrait - which by the way I like very much - more than I can tell you - well "kuff sed" about that -

I can also quite appreciate your feeling regarding your position under the Government

You expressed them as you might have done nearly twenty years ago when they were common.

together in the good old 5th
the perhaps your language
then would have been
slightly more forcible!

You will agree with me
perhaps that in no instance
has the Government of the
day in Canada measured
up to the standard of
the real bulk of public opinion
of its citizens, nor has any
real measure ever been
put through except under
pressure from the people
themselves — This is not
altogether peculiar to
Canada, but is exaggerated
because of our weakness, and

of the utter incapacity for
various reasons of our public
men to rise from party politics
to Statecraftship - Of course
as regards the present Administration
I, with many others, have
long since ceased to think
that it enjoys the confidence
of the people. In fact I
am sure that it does not -

I see that the discredited
politician Sam Hughes, has
made another dastardly attack
upon you - It is characteristic
of the man that he should
make it under the bomb-
proof shelter of Parliamentary
privilege - Is it not time
that this sort of thing should be

flattered out? He has been
punctured more than once
& has apparently plugged up
the holes with his usual
mendacity, effrontery & conceit.

I have felt for a long time
that this man represents
all that is worst in
Canadian public life -

I am intimate with his
doings in S. A. from first
hand information from those
who were with him -

I know a great deal
about the scandals in his
administration of the
Militia Dept. and I regret
that for months I

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Ottawa,

17 June, 1920.

My dear General,

You know how the Corps feels towards you.

But perhaps you do not know that since you came to Militia Headquarters you have won the confidence, respect and affection of those also who, like myself, never had the privilege of serving under you at the front; and we hope you will treat with silent contempt the cowardly attack that ruffian made on you.

I am leaving the Army; and I shall always remember with pleasure and pride that you were my last Chief.

Yours faithfully,

W. Swatkin.

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L.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

Dear George,-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 14th, and for your good wishes regarding my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I dare say the announcement did surprise a good many of my friends over there. The offer came like a bolt from the blue here, and I immediately pointed out to the Board of Governors that I possessed no academic qualifications. The Board's emissary to me was Lieut. Colonel Molson who assured me that the Board had taken all that into consideration, and that they were still desirous for me to go to McGill. The financial considerations are very much more attractive than the present position, where I am receiving \$12,000 per year, but you will see Herbert Molson in England who can give you the details.

Naturally I am very sorry to give up my work with the Militia Department. Things have been going very well, and I am a Commander-in-Chief of all but name. All Departments have been bringing their troubles to me, something which adds very much to the work, but which gives me a very great insight into what is going on everywhere. The reorganisation is getting on very well and has been sympathetically received. It is not yet completed because we find it difficult to induce the Government to see the necessity for many things which we regard as essential. For instance, they see no reason why we should have a Signal Corps, neither do they appreciate the value of paid Adjutants and Q.M.S. instructors for our Militia Units. The Permanent Force is nothing more than a training cadre. Canada is not in a humour to accept the principle of universal training, and will continue to look to the volunteer for any military effort she may require to put forth. This is all right in a way, but it is only fair to the Militia Units to give them proper armouries, proper equipment and proper staff to supervise their training.

I have many ideas which I think if put into effect would result in an increased efficiency to the Militia but in the present state of political uncertainty I am afraid these ideas were due for a long and painful period of incubation.

MacBrien is back, looks well but has not taken over yet. You know the violence of his opposition to those who did not serve in the front line, and it is that opposition which is delaying his taking up his work. However, I think things will come out all right. We pride off a good many of these barnacles but there are yet remaining a few to be disposed of. Many of our officers, you know, gained their positions on account of their political affiliations and these same influences are at work in keeping them in the service. We are getting our way slowly but surely.

When I go the position I occupy will be done away with. Burstall will likely be Inspector General but will have no place on the Militia Council. MacBrien will be first military member and Chief of the General Staff, Elmsley is likely to be Adjutant General, Morrison will be Mastergeneral of Ordnance, while Ashton, of whom you have no doubt heard, is likely to transfer from the A.G.'s branch to the Q.M.G.'s branch. I expect to be here for another month, then after a few weeks vacation I take over at McGill on the 1st of August.

I am looking forward to the work there with a very great deal of interest. The Governors say they will give me the Professors I want, otherwise they will give me the staff I need. They don't expect me to attempt to teach anything; I am simply the Manager of the Institution. They say they want a Canadian, one who will administer the affairs of the University well and who will build up and maintain a good esprit de corps. I look forward to living in Montreal for I like the people there very much indeed and they have been exceedingly kind to me. The press throughout Canada have received the news of the appointment well, and have commented most favourably upon it. I will be away from political turmoil and strife, and you can imagine how pleasing a prospect that is.

I hope that you will continue at Camberley where the work has been so congenial. You will not forget, I hope, your promise to visit Canada. We are not very far away, and a trip will give you an opportunity of renewing your friendships here.

This would be a pleasure for thousands of Canadian Officers, for you have a very warm place in their hearts. I believe, also, that you would find it exceedingly interesting and instructive.

Please remember my wife and I most kindly to Mrs. Farmar, and with our best wishes to you both, I am dear George

Yours ever

Brig.-Gen'l George Farmar, CB., CMG.,
Maida,
Camberley,
England.

P.S. Please remember me to Oxwebber, Hastings
Anderson, Lord Byng, P. deB., and any other
friends of mine who you happen to run across.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO DATE

Mrs. W. G. Currie,
Strathroy, Ont. 15th May, 1920.

No. 246.

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Have received countless messages of congratulations but the one most prized is yours.

Arthur.

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GENERAL CURRIE

361 443 BALY AVE OTTAWA ONT

DEAR ARTHUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AM MORE THAN PLEASED
WITH NEW APPOINTMENT AND PRAY YOU MAY SUCCEED IN THIS AS
ALWAYS FONDEST LOVE

MOTHER.

E.H.

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Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Wrong.-

I appreciate very much indeed your letter of the 16th instant, in which you are kind enough to congratulate me on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

Naturally, I accepted the position with every diffidence, knowing full well my limitations from an academic point of view; yet I look forward to the work in Montreal with a great interest and pleasure. I believe it offers opportunities for useful service to Canada, and I hope that my direction of affairs at McGill will merit the approval of my friends.

I appreciate very much your good wishes, and your assurance that I may rely on your assistance and advice.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

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G.M.Wrong, Esq., M.A.,
467 Jarvis St.,
Toronto, Ont.

467, JARVIS STREET,
TORONTO.

May 16 1920

My dear Currie:

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I congratulate both you and
Wegell on your appointment. Since I
am an academic person I can very
possibly place some value on my
opinion that Wegell has done an
extremely wise thing in appointing
you. We in the University world
have become aware of certain defects
out with Wegell out I do
not know anyone more likely in
time to correct them than you. You

467, JARVIS STREET,
TORONTO.

well, I know, so slow at first. You know
men; you know both how to organize
and how to exercise authority. So
I write you goodhearted and assure
you of my sympathy and my
support - which I can give.

How little do we suppose
atfordshire a year ago like
your next job I'd be to direct
a university!

Dear General

Yours v. truly
Sir A. W. Carric George M. Wrong

to to

E.H.

Ottawa, 7th June, 1920.

My dear Gosnell,-

I wish to thank you sincerely for your letter of June the 5th, offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I am looking forward with a great deal of interest and pleasure to the work there. It opens up a new field in a way, and a very attractive one at that. I appreciate very much the opportunity of coming in such close contact with so many young men and women each year. I know the attachment which all graduates bear for their Alma Mater, and perhaps one may be able to do some good.

I am in most cordial sympathy with your suggestion. I don't want to see McGill simply a factory for turning out so many engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc. I would like to see it an institution of such a character that its graduates would be all-round men generous in mind and body, able to approach their own problems and the world's problems, determined to overcome all difficulties and to find a solution along the line only of what is right and just.

Another thing, Gosnell, which you will probably appreciate and that is I am very happy to get away from Government employ. I do not like a position where one's actions and sayings are governed so often by the limitations of expediency. I hope that before I leave Ottawa, I may have an opportunity of having a decent chat with you.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

R.E. Gosnell, Esq.,
43 Victoria Chambers,
Ottawa.

Personal.

43 Victoria Chambers,

June 5th, 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I had intended writing you sooner congratulating you on your new distinction. It certainly was a surprise to me when I saw the announcement. The surprise consisted in the fact that an almost venerable institution of learning like McGill should break away from all traditions and go outside of the ranks of schoolmen for a President. To my mind it marks a new and hopeful era in education.

University men for generations have erected themselves into a select class who by virtue of a degree have imagined themselves superior to the man whose alma mater has been Hard Knocks or whose education has been the result of experience and private study and investigation. I have long been convinced that our system of education--primary, secondary and superior--is full of fallacies and false standards. The very fact that McGill had practically felt compelled to go outside of an army of graduates to get a man like yourself for organizing and directing ~~purposes~~ purposes is proof of the limited extent to which universities qualify men for responsible ~~men~~ positions. Of course, in your case there are the personality and distinction which make the selection one of advantage and especial value to the institution over which you will preside.

I often smile when I think of the time when Sir Richard McBride was asked to deliver the annual address at California University, Berkeley. He telephoned for me and told me about it. He mentioned a list of men who had preceded him in that capacity, men like Taft, Roosevelt and Bryce and then asked me if I thought I could "measure up"--a favorite expression of his--with them. I told him I would try. The address was well received and much commented upon. I have often thought that if the dons had known that a humble individual like myself who had never been outside of a country school and not much in one had written that address they would have been shocked at the audacity of Sir Richard invoking my services for such an occasion. There is nothing very wonderful about ^{it} because the glamor of a name and high position counts for most--although, of course, the men whose names I have mentioned were scholars in a high degree and worthy of the distinction.

If I might venture to make a suggestion, I would urge on you to impress on McGill students that it is not degrees and sheepskins that count, but the education which comes from each one going through all the mental processes and solving all the problems of school and life for himself as though no master and no textbook existed and that the less exalted and spectacular avocations of life have their problems equally important, requiring not less intellectual powers and development to solve

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and in no sense to be despised.

I trust you will believe me when I tell you that I was delighted when I read of your appointment and that I shall follow with daily interest your career and with every confidence in your success.

Very Sincerely

W. S. Smith

(Dictated 14-5-20)

L.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Webb,-

I had only a brief opportunity last night to thank you for your kind telegram of congratulation. I wish to assure you that I appreciate what you have said very very much indeed. It is an encouragement to know that the associations formed during the war are real and lasting.

I am looking forward to my work at McGill with much interest. Possibly I may be able to help the University to instil into the lives of its graduates something of the spirit of the old Corps.

with renewed thanks and good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lt.-Col. R.H. Webb, DSO., MC.
Windsor Hotel,
Montreal, P.Q.

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.



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AS A NATION COULD HAVE IS MCGILLS GAIN MCGILLS GREATNESS IS AS
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NOR NEVER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO FOR CANADAS FUTURE AS A
MANLEY NATION YOU NOW WILL BE ABLE TO DO FOR CANADAS PRIVIL-
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W B Washington DC May 12th

General Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal McGill University

Montreal

May I congratulate McGill on your appointment to be its principal and wish you all happiness and success in your important office I know you will receive unstinted and loyal support from the deans professors teaching staff and student body

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H. Q. No. VIA CABLE. RECEIVED

TO Sir Campbell Stuart ✓ DATE Ottawa, 15th May, 1920
The Times

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Greatly appreciate your kind
congratulations.

General Currie.

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Z. A. LASEI, *President*

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GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON CABLED REPORT OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF
GREAT OFFICE OF PRINCIPALSHIP OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY STOP I CONGRATU-
LATE YOU AND I PARTICULARLY CONGRATULATE MY COUNTRY AND MCGILL
CAMPBELL STUART

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H. Q. No. VIA CABLE. RECEIVED E.H.

TO Sir William Peterson DATE 15th May, 1920.
Bath, England.

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I appreciate most sincerely the God speed
of him who so long and so brilliantly guided the
destinies of McGill.

General Currie.

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SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

PETERSON

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W.P.
Ottawa, 24th May, 1920.

My dear Colonel,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 21st instant in which you were kind enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I am looking forward with much interest and pleasure to my work there, fully realising my own limitation but keenly appreciative of the opportunities afforded. I hope my direction of its affairs will not disappoint my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Col. J.B. McLean,
P.O. Box 368,
Toronto, Ont.

P.S. I shall be glad to receive the file referred to in your P.S.

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear MacAlpine,

I thank you most warmly and sincerely for your letter of May 14th, in which you were good enough to offer me your congratulations on my accepting the appointment of Principal of McGill University.

Naturally one regrets very much leaving the Service, but it is more than likely that many of the reforms I had in mind would not have been accepted. In my new field of action, I shall do my best to retain the confidence and esteem of my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Lt.-Col. W. D. A. MacAlpine,
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May 14th, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Militia Department,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I note with pleasure that you have accepted the principalship of McGill University. In addition to the advantage that education will derive from the appointment I cannot help but feel that from your personal standpoint it will also be better as the atmosphere of Ottawa - Oh! well, "nuff sed".

I am a graduate of Toronto and in the usual course my young hopeful would have gone there but now in due time you will see him at McGill.

Sincerely yours,

C. D. MacCaffine

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Your Royal Highness's kind telegram of
congratulation is humbly and gratefully acknowledged.

General Currie.

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June 1, 1920.

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

Sir:-

I have the honour to enclose you an editorial from the "Christian Science Monitor" of Boston, which I presume you have already seen but which you may be glad to have for your file.

I presume you have been over-whelmed with congratulations on your election to this most important office. May I add mine and my best wishes for your success. As a university graduate, I naturally feel that McGill is making a great experiment. That feeling however is tempered materially by my knowledge of your organizing and directing abilities and my recognition of your high ideals in the realm of citizenship. After all, honest, patriotic and intelligent citizenship is the only foundation upon which national greatness may be built.

With kindest regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

JAC:MS
enc.

E.H.

W. King

17th May, 1920.

Dear Mr. King,-

I thank you very much for your letter of May the 14th in which you offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I appreciate the honour involved and believe that it opens an avenue for service to Canada which would be denied me in my present capacity. I hope that my conduct of the affairs of McGill will not be a disappointment to my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

The Honble W.L. McKenzie King,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

E.H.

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Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

My dear Godley,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your letter of May the 15th, in which you have been kind enough to congratulate me on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. No doubt the appointment came as a surprise to many people: yet I did not accept it because I was wearied of the profession of "armying".

Naturally one regrets severing connection with the service with which I have been so intimately associated during recent years. Yet, in the new sphere I may still be of some use to the Militia. It does not take long to make good soldiers out of good citizens and I shall not lose an opportunity of impressing upon the young Canadians just what Canada owes to the Service and the Sacrifice of her army in the Great War; nor what the value to be placed on the traditions then created.

The position I held in the Militia Service here was a satisfactory one, but I fear that many of my plans for the betterment of Canada's Militia were due for long periods of incubation. The offer of the position at McGill was very attractive when one realized the opportunities it afforded for useful service to Canada and to Canadians, and it was attractive from a financial point of view as well.

I do sincerely hope that you and Lady Godley will come to Montreal again, and when you do come you must stay with us. Lady Currie joins me in all good wishes to Lady Godley and yourself.

Ever yours faithfully,

Lieut.-General A. Godley,
Duff House,
Banff,
Scotland.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

TELEPHONE 11 BANFF.
STATION, BANFF BRIDGE

DUFF HOUSE,
BANFF, SCOTLAND.

quod May 15th 1920

My dear Annie

I must
write a line to con-
gratulate you on
your new post. It
will be a most
interesting & I
suppose, to you,

DUFF HOUSE
BANFF, SCOTLAND

wood, line of
business on which
to embark & I wish
you the best of
luck in it. My
wife joins me in
congratulations &
remembrances to

Lady Currie & I
shall look forward
to revisiting your
University some
day now that you
are there. I was
there in 1960.

Yrs Very sincerely
Alex Rodley

L.

copy

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Doctor Adami,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence I found awaiting me your very kind letter of May 19th in which you have, in most generous terms, offered me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you, Sir, that I shall take over the work with all diffidence, but yet with keen interest and much pleasure. Not only do I realise my own limitations but I fully appreciate the opportunities afforded by the position for useful service not only to Canada and Canadians but to the Empire as well. The privilege of coming into such close contact with so many young Canadians, and with so many ex-graduates of the University is indeed a wonderful one, and not to be casually regarded.

I am studying the history of the University, familiarising myself with its problems, its past successes and its traditions. It occupies a unique place amongst Canada's educational institutions, and I will do my best not only to maintain but enhance its reputation. I look forward to seeing McGill not only a great University and seat of learning but an instrument which will have a very direct, powerful and beneficial influence on the National life of Canada.

While the times are to some extent out of joint and many complex problems await solution, yet the future is full of promises, and success follows upon the heels of effort. I hesitate to say what I regard as Canada's destiny, but I have great faith in our Country and in the ability of her citizens to accomplish successfully the demands of her future destinies.

I hope my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

Dr. J. George Adami,
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Liverpool,
Liverpool, England.

W. G.



FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

19th May 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Good

Please accept from me - an old Professor of McGill, a fellow head of the University, and an old member of the C.E.F. - my most hearty congratulations to the University upon having succeeded in obtaining you as Principal. It is the best news that has come from McGill for a long time, and I do not know of anything that could have given me greater pleasure. Ever since I heard your thoughtful speeches at the Mansion House and elsewhere in London last year I have been talking you up as the coming great man in Canada, and this appointment, besides attaching you to one of the great institutions and helping it forward in an extraordinary degree, is of huge importance to Canada, as giving you the opportunity to lead public opinion upon broad national and imperial lines.

I shall never forget an evening I spent with Earl Grey in Montreal when he laid down that Canada had in the first place to realise her position as a nation if

she was to fulfil her great destiny as the leader of all English-speaking people, the keystone and geographical centre of a federation all powerful for good in the government of the world. The biggest opportunity that ever presented itself was lost for the time being - and this has been confirmed by what Lord Robert Cecil has told me - when Wilson, after a few weeks in Paris, came to realise that the great hope of a sure peace lay in the co-ordinated action of Great Britain and her Dominions and the States, irrespective of the other Allies. If Britain and the States presented a united front, the others had to follow; and Lloyd George, lover of compromise, failed to seize the opportunity, having already come to an understanding with Clemenceau, so that for the rest of the Conference he tried to have a foot in both camps and Wilson left thoroughly distrustful of British policy.

You have a great opportunity: all strength to your right hand.

Yours ever,

J. George Adams.

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

E.H.

Ottawa, 30th June, 1920.

My dear Owen,-

Quote [This morning I received your kind letter of the 24th inst., and I wish to take the earliest opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for your congratulations and good wishes in connection with my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I regret leaving this Service; for one thing it deprives me of direct association with so many good fellows one learned to like and respect so much over there.]

In the second place, I feel that there was a great and necessary work to be done in the placing of our Military Services in Canada, on a proper footing. To me, it would be nothing short of criminal if the lessons of the war were to count as naught. I believe much good has been accomplished in the last few months; yet, one must acknowledge that a very very great deal yet remains to be done. Putting things on a right basis requires a great deal of patience and perseverance for ones actions are very much circumscribed by political, personal and financial considerations. Also when one is a servant of the Government he is not expected to speak his mind freely. If his views are at variance with the party in power he is thought to be disloyal; if they coincide with that party platform, he is thought to be a political agent, so that almost always he is misunderstood by some section of the community. I believe that McGill affords wider scope for influencing Canadian thought and Canadian citizenship so I am looking forward to going there with a very great deal of interest and pleasure.

I am glad that things have turned out so that you are congenially situated and I most cordially

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reciprocate your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

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My dear General

Surely I should write
& congratulate you on another
honor - at least I need not
say that I wish you every
blessing in yr. new & very
important work. I am not
altogether glad, that I realize
the importance of the full getting
the best head they can. War

hardly seems over, & with
 you at the head of our ^{Canadian}
 forces they seemed, despite
 politics, a fair chance - At
 least we felt, if you could not
 put things on a good sound
 footing, no one could, & we
 can't quite get over losing
 you for so important a
 work. Even at the fall of
 Mr Gill. Mr Gill might have
 found another president, we

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Can't hope to find another General
like the one we had - I do however
wish you & W. full ever blessing
success with all my heart - The
Pensions board has made me
very happy - I have almost nothing
now to kick about - Trusting that
you are all well

Yours very faithfully

C. C. Owen

Hampden

536. XII Ave. Vancouver

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Ottawa, 29th June, 1920.

My dear Livesay,-

If it gave you any pleasure to send me your kind letter of the 25th it gives me equal pleasure to acknowledge such kindness and courtesy. As you have intimated I do look forward to going to Montreal with a very great deal of pleasure.

Most of us on returning to Canada experienced a feeling of disappointment in the atmosphere which prevailed, and that feeling has not been removed by anything we have observed since. Our pride of country and our belief in her future destiny has not been lessened in any way, and I eagerly grasped the opportunity of going to McGill because I realise the position affords so much opportunity for useful service to Canada and to Canadians. I intend to leave Ottawa in about a week's time and after a brief vacation will take over at Montreal about August 1st.

I hope that any time you are there you will look me up.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

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106 Bay Street, TORONTO, CANADA.

June 25, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.
Department of Militia
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

I made up my mind when I heard of your appointment that I would venture to offer my congratulations, but I have been exceedingly busy with the reorganization of our Association, now completed. I believe, too, that I had the good sense to recognise that my humble little mite would have a trifle more value if it arrived after the banquet--for among so many great ones it must have scaped your notice entire.

I don't know that I have been more pleased with anything for many a day. In honoring you McGill honors herself-trite but true. It was my great good fortune to see you at close quarters in very difficult days and it was then I came to realise your great spirit and how great an asset it was for the Corps. It has worried me not a little to think that you were being wasted on a job at Ottawa that however interesting and valuable it might be nevertheless gave no scope for your qualities of leadership. I can guess how you prize the opportunity you now have of doing much to mould the youth of Canada and inspire them with just those ideals that were of such immense value to the Canadian Corps as a fighting force.

Don't bother to acknowledge this as

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of course you must be very busy. But it is a little satisfaction I cannot refuse myself.

By the way, I have just got hold of Monash's book which I shall read with a good deal of curiosity. I suppose you have seen it. I ~~wk~~ would like to see an intelligent précis of quite another book--that of Ludendorff--go into every high school in Canada.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. P. Weir

E.H.

Ottawa, 14th May, 1920.

My dear Theodore,-

I do indeed appreciate your letter of May 12th, in which you were good enough to offer me your congratulations on my accepting the Principalship of McGill University. To have one's old friends say they are pleased with the step, is very pleasant and encouraging.

I am sorry you ever had any idea, (and I really do not believe you had) that I considered you of the same kidney as some others who were in the Records Office. I was very glad in a way that you were there because I knew there was a greater likelihood of things being portrayed in their correct light. I have forgotten what I said about your little 10th Battalion history; it was probably an opinion that I considered Fiction writers ought never attempt to write history.

I am glad the "Youth's Companion", Boston have accepted one of your war stories, and I shall look forward to receiving the copies.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, please come down and see me some time. Willis is more likely to know just where the copies of my special orders are; you are indeed very welcome to them.

I think my boyhood days were probably a little different from those of any other young Canadian; I cannot say that I read any books in particular, but if I had any preference in later years, it was for the works of Kipling and Shakespeare.

Come and see me when you can and I shall give you what information you desire.

With best wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

T.G. Roberts, Esq.,
Kingsmere,
P.Q.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Mount Pleasant,
KINGSMERE P.O.,
P.Q.
May 12, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., etc.

Dear General,

I feel that congratulations are due to McGill University rather than to you; and yet I want to congratulate you on again doing a big and distinguished thing. Plenty of us can imagine fine things to make of life - but few of us, more's the pity, can make them after the imagining. My admiration for you has increased; and that is saying a great deal. I do not think that it will be out of place now for me to tell you that when I left you and went to the War Records in London in the spring of 1918 I did so to work for the Corps and remained, in spirit, a member of your staff. And I rode straight - so straight that though I worked hard I was not particularly popular, except with the few others in the office who had acquired their sense of the true fitness of things under you in France. I tell you this now because I have sometimes feared that you considered me a backslider, an intriguer, a Lord-knows-what! I never faltered in my loyal and undiplomatic methods even after the shog/you gave my little Tenth Battalion History. Now that I have got this off my chest I shall think no more of it.

The Youth's Companion, of Boston, is now publishing a Canadian war story of mine in ten chapters - an unusual thing for an American magazine to do just now. I am taking the liberty of having copies of this yarn sent to you. In the autumn they will print another of my Canadian yarns of the same length; and now they want a special article from me on some Canadian subject. I have decided to take a few days off from the novel I am now hammering at and write them something about you in the light of your new line of action. My idea is not of a gossipy or very personal paper, but ^{of} a dignified effort in a somewhat philosophical vein, dealing with what you have done and what you stand for rather than with the colour of your hair. You are an institution, and your career should be an inspiration to thousands of young people: And that is the way I want to write of you. May I know where you got your size from, if there are military traditions in your family, and your favorite books when a boy and later? And can you let me have copies of your Special Orders? - and oblige,

W.P.

Yours Sincerely, as ever,

Theodore Goodridge Roberts

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Ottawa, 14th June, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Powell,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence I found awaiting me your very kind letter of May 24th in which you have been good enough to offer your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I look forward to the work there with very great interest and pleasure, fully appreciative of the opportunities afforded for useful service to Canada and to Canadians.

Let me at once correct the impression that the Government has had anything to do with my receiving the appointment. Far from being honoured by the Government of Canada, I am in the unique position of being the only Commander of a British Force who has not received from his Government even a vote of thanks. I assure you also that I have no regrets at giving up residence in Ottawa where the atmosphere is impregnated with suspicion and intrigue.

Next to Victoria, or the coast towns of the lower main line I think I shall prefer living in Montreal to any other place in Canada. It is a big city and there are many real big men in it. Montreal has been extremely kind to me since my return to Canada, and I look forward with pleasure to living there. I hope I may be spared long enough though to retire and spend my last days in Victoria.

On my return to Ottawa I took up the matter of Robbie's promotion but I found there was nothing that could be done. It is right that I should correct in your mind the impression that his acting as Liaison officer meant promotion being made. Liaison officer simply meant that he acted in such a capacity to a unit associated with his own in battle. It was a position of responsibility but did not necessarily carry with it any promotion. Had the poor boy been spared but a short time longer he would have received promotion in the ordinary course, but his case is similar to that of thousands of others, and the Department has decided to abide by the regulations, otherwise there would be great confusion. There is no doubt whatever, Mrs. Powell,

that many young Canadians deserve far more recognition than what was accorded them, and none deserved it more than your son. Still in the matter of rank we are not allowed to exceed the number provided for in the establishment of a unit.

As far as I know after a man once arrived at the front friends and influence counted for naught in the matter of promotion and honours. Away from the actual theatre of war such things did happen, but at the front we did our best to treat all fairly and alike. Although Robbie well deserved promotion, and more than probable was entitled to some mark of distinction, yet nothing can be done now, and you must be content with the consciousness that he did his full duty before sacrificing for honour and for principle man's dearest possession---life itself. That must be your consolation for having laid upon the altar of freedom so generous a sacrifice. In the life of the race a single generation passes like a heart beat, but those whose names are in the lists of the lost are secure for all time in their fame and in their power. That God will comfort you always is my sincere prayer.

Ever yours faithfully,

Mrs. I. W. Powell,
Oakdene,
Victoria, B.C.

Cotham
May 24th 1920.

Dear General Currier

I hope you will
accept my most heartfelt
congratulations on your
recent appointment to the
Gift University - After the
"back of years" that you
have been through - I am
not surprised that the physician

fields of peace, and Scholastic
environment - were a welcome
contemplation and appeal.
Long may you grace the
position, and we will
ever feel that the Government
in honoring you - has
honored a son of N.Y.
At least an adopted
one and one of whom
we are pretty proud.

I fancy it will not give
you many pangs to leave
O'Hawa - from a beautiful
point of view - my dear
husband much preferred
mountain to any of the other
cities - he liked the shadows
and fragrance of old trees
that he had seen and
loved - I hope you and
Lady Lizzie will like it -

And when your father needs
a leave, you can turn to
M. C. for a holiday - and
you may always feel happy
in the thought that we shall
be glad to see you.

With regard to my
dear mother, how often I
feel that it was surprising
he did not get his captaincy
he had worked hard at his
Naval position - Chester has
told me - no relogition, and
when made lieutenant officer a
step that meant promotion.

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Mobbie wrote in a spirit of
of his work of Joe Mason,
Good on paper, and others
Joe Mason wrote in the same
spirit of Mobbie, and
still no recognition - It
would be a family honor
to have it - and a small
sequitur for such a son -
do not think I am too
impertunate - only I feel
that others had their friends

and their influence - It
was a great loss when
Sir Michael became
worse and his demise
approach - Robie was
deceit of his best friend
who continually wrote me
not to concern myself
he would look after my
son - poor fellow he
was not able - Please
forgive me if you think

I should not write in this
strain - I felt that he
deserved some appreciation
after a service of two years
and seven months - he
never complained with
whatever came his way
without murmure - After
seeing that some one had
the audacity to censor your
letter to me - I became
suspicious of somebody's motives

I hope you will receive
my letter as an outpouring
of a sad heart - and that
I may recover yet - my
strength and my spirits.

With an expression
of renewed pleasure that
you have not accepted
anything too far away
from your "native heath" -

Believe me dear Gen. Lewis
very sincerely yours
Jennie B. Powell.

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L. Cohen

Ottawa, 14th June, 1920.

Dear Sir William Peterson,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence I found awaiting me your kind letter of May 24th. I thank you sincerely for the generous terms in which you have referred to my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill, and for the clear and concise way in which you have pointed out the opportunities for useful service to Canada and Canadians which the position affords. Your letter will serve as an inspiration, and I trust that my direction of the University's affairs which are so near and dear to your heart will not be of a disappointing character. I recognise the unique position which Canada enjoys as the key stone of the British Empire, and my aim will be to make McGill exercise a direct potent and recognised influence on all that pertains to the well being of our country, the British Empire and the English speaking peoples of the World.

In accepting the position I do so with a full knowledge of my own limitations, but I am studying the history of the University, its problems and traditions and I hope, with the help of a staff and the advice of the Board, to be able not only to maintain but to enhance the reputation you did so much to create. In 1921 I intend to visit England when I shall do myself the honour of calling upon you and receiving first hand the benefit of your advice.

I hope that your health will improve, and that you will long be spared to enjoy, even if greatly handicapped, many years of rest after a life so full of useful service to man kind. Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

Sir William Peterson, K.C.M.G., &c.
Wildwood, North End,
Hamstead Heath, London, N.W.3.

address

May 24th 1920

Wildwood
North End,
Hampstead Heath
London N.W.3

Dear Sir Arthur Currie

I was greatly touched by the generous tone in which you acknowledged my cable. My impulse was to write you more fully at once, as in fact I had intended to do even apart from cabling; but as you will notice from this, I am still unable to write with my own hand. And in the meantime we have been busy moving from Bath to Sidmouth en route for the permanent address which is written at the top of this letter.

Let me assure you that you will be very much in my thoughts in entering on your new election. For Dr. Gill is very dear to me, & I think it fortunate that she should have been able to attract to her service, at this stage of her development, one with so brilliant a record.

You are of the number of those who, especially in these later years have enjoyed notable opportunities of getting things done, & that is what Dr. Gill needs above every-

thing. In Montreal you will be able to stand
forward as a captain & leader, enforcing
by practical application the teachings
of the class room & stimulating all alike,
both inside & outside the University, to
a higher conception of the obligations of
Citizenship & Patriotism. Dr. Gill is no more
an academic ornament, to such qualifications
as you possess, I do not know of any
position in Canada which offers im-
measurable opportunities of public usefulness.

You will be supported by a dis-
tinguished staff of teachers & with the co-
operation of the Board of Goodness
you will be able, I am sure, to raise
Dr. Gill in the future to a pinnacle
of greatness to which she had not yet
attained.

With heart felt wishes that you may
find every thing congenial in your new
sphere I am

Yours sincerely
(Signed) W. Peterford
L. G. P.

E.H.

Quels

Ottawa, 10th June, 1920.

Dear Colonel,-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June the 1st, with the clipping attached. I appreciate greatly your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I quite appreciate that the appointment is an experiment, and I fully realize my own limitations. Yet, I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with keen interest and pleasure. It is indeed, a wonderful privilege to come in close contact with so many young Canadians each year and the position affords opportunities for splendid service to Canada. I hope my direction of the Universities affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Lt.-Colonel J.A. Cooper,
Dom. of Canada, Bureau of Information,
1463 Broadway,
New York,
N.Y.

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November
Nineteenth
1920.

C. G. Glass, Esq.,
P. O. Box 874,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Glass:-

I wish to acknowledge your kind letter of November 8th, and thank you for your words of encouragement.

I hope that my administration of McGill's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends and well-wishers. I shall give McGill the best that is in me and shall endeavour to build up the closest possible liaison and good-feeling between the University and the general public of this city.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



E. L. MACDONALD,
MANAGER

HALIFAX HOTEL



HALIFAX, CANADA

Nov 8/70

Sir Arthur Currie
Pres. McGill University
Montreal

Dear Sir As a perfect stranger, but
ardent admirer & resident of
Montreal, take the liberty of enclosing
cuttings from recent issue of the Herald
published in that city - as in my opinion
they demonstrate to the fullest extent,
the good work you are doing for old
McGill - our city & the present generation
Wishing you continued success
with apologies - Believe Me

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Sincerely Yours
C. J. Glass
P. O. Box 874
Montreal



E.H.

Ottawa, 18th May, 1920.

Dear Major Browne,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 17th instant, in which you were kind enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the appointment of Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University.

It is not without regret that I sever my official direction of the Canadian Militia, which shall ever hold a place in my heart. Yet I realize that the opportunities offered in the new position are many, and I hope that my direction of affairs at McGill will merit the confidence of all my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Major B.W.Browne, M.C.,
Kingston,
Ont.

Kingston, May 17th

General Sir Arthur Currie
G. C. M. G. K. C. B.
Ottawa —

My dear Sir Arthur.

May I offer my

most sincere Congratulations,
Sir, on your new appointment?

From the standpoint
of an officer in the
Permanent Force and one
who served with you in
France, it is a matter

of deep regret that you
are leaving the Service
and that I shall not
continue to have the honor
of serving under you
but our personal feelings
are overshadowed by the
larger view in realising
the benefit to Canada as a
whole that your new
appointment will mean.

I should like to offer
my best wishes for Lady

Currie and yourself for the
future and to thank you Sir
most heartily for the many things
you have done for me.

Very sincerely yours

Robt Brown

E.H.

Ottawa, 11th June, 1920.

My dear Embury,-

On my return to Ottawa, after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your letter of May 24th, in which you have been good enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

One naturally regrets leaving the Service with which has been so closely allied during the past five years, and the many good fellows one became associated with during that time. Yet I look forward with keen interest and pleasure to my work in Montreal, feeling as I do that it affords many opportunities for good service to my country, and I trust that my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

I was also very glad to receive your photograph which both Tom Gibsone and myself consider a most excellent likeness of a very distinguished man. I am very glad you did not overlook your promise to send it.

Lady Currie joins me in most cordially reciprocating the good wishes of Mrs. Embury and yourself.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Brig.-General J.F.L. Embury,
CMG., DSO.,
261 Leopold Crescent,
Regina, Sask.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor

261 LEOPOLD CRES.

REGINA, SASK.

24 May, 1926

Dear General Currie,

I was
very much surprised &
also delighted with
your accepting the
appointment at Dr. Gill.
It is a great position &
a great opportunity,
to which I feel sure
you will prove more

than equal. No doubt
you find life among
the bureaucrats &
politicians to be flat
stale & unprofitable.

Your friends will all
rejoice that you are in
a position where you
will be at liberty to
say what you think
when you think it.

As per promise, I
am sending you

a photograph of myself
which no doubt, you will
be able to recognise. We
have a good photographer
here in Requa, who is
able to give satisfaction
to the poorest looking subject.

Mrs Hulme gives in
kind regards to Lady
Curie & yourself.

Yours sincerely
J. H. Hulme



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

Ottawa, May 14, 1920

My dear Sir Arthur:

It was with very great pleasure that I learned of your acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University, and of the honour the University had conferred upon you upon your assuming your new office. Will you please accept, with my heartiest congratulations, the expression also of my very sincere wishes for your own enjoyment and achievement in this new field of activity and opportunity.

I am glad that your splendid organizing abilities and high purpose have found this particular medium for their fuller expression.

Yours very sincerely,

M. Macauley King

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
O t t a w a .

E.H.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Brothers,-

I thank you for your letter of the 14th instant with clipping enclosed. I also wish to thank you again for your wire, which I acknowledged on Saturday.

I may also mention that I am sorry that it is not possible for me to go to Boston on May 24th. I have tried very hard to make this trip but I am so exceedingly busy here that almost every minute counts. I most likely shall have to work in the office on Sunday and Monday next.

Between ourselves, and about this I wish you would not make any mention to Mr. Davison, but it seemed he was not quite satisfied to have me address the Canadian Club alone. He was arranging for me to address a Convocation at some Memorial Service next Sunday and on Monday I was to review a Parade of some sort. I always find the trouble is that when you agree to go to a place for one purpose, you are asked to do a dozen other things. This always takes a little of the gilt off the ginger bread.

I am looking forward to going to McGill with a very great deal of pleasure, and I believe there are wonderful opportunities ahead there, while it will also take one away from this politically charged atmosphere.

With all good wishes to Mrs.

Brothers and yourself,

Lt.-Colonel O.F. Brothers, O.B.E.,
West Lynn,
Mass.

I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

PYROTAN LEATHER CORPORATION

WORKS AT
WEST LYNN AND SALEM, MASS.
TELEPHONE CONNECTION



CORRESPONDENTS OF
PYROTAN LEATHER CO., LTD.
LONDON, ENG.

737 WESTERN AVENUE
WEST LYNN, MASS.

May 14, 1920.

My dear Chief:-

Your new appointment has taken my breath away, although Willis, in a letter dated the 7th of May, told me I should be hearing some news one day which would interest me quite a bit.

I am enclosing a page out of the "Boston Transcript", which will interest you. As it is only to be expected, they have got rather mixed up about your record, it being about four years behind the times.

I presume you will take hold of your new work very soon and will be located in Montreal. I hope to be up those parts within a month or two and will see you.

I am still jogging on here and am now settling down, I presume, to commercial life. We have got a new Company coming along, not leather; which I think will be a very payable proposition.

I will write you more about it when we are further advanced. I wont worry you with more now.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

General, Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Inspector General,
Military Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ont.



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

218 RAV 65 COLL 20 EX

VICTORIA B C MAY 13 VIA OTTAWA ONT MAY 14

VIA R C MONTREAL QUE MAY 14

GENL CURRIE

OTTAWA ONT

THE MEMBERS VICTORIA UNIT ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA
EXTEND TO YOU CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL WE WISH YOU SUCCESS EQUAL TO YOUR
BRILLIANT CAREER AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE CANADIAN FORCES
IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

R. CLARKE

PRESIDENT H. J. YOUNG SECY VICTORIA UNIT ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS

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PM

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO Brig./Gen.R.P.Clark,
Victoria, B.C.

DATE
15th May, 1920.

No. 279.

I most sincerely appreciate the kind congratulations
of the members Victoria Unit Army and Navy Veterans.
The confidence of old comrades will ever be an
inspiration.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED ^{E.H.}

TO G.H. Cottrel, DATE
Vancouver, B.C. 15th May, 1920.

No. 241.

Lady Currie and myself beg you to accept
our grateful thanks for your kind congratulations.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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GREAT NORTH WESTERN
TELEGRAM

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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Z.A.LASH, PRESIDENT

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

GEO.D.PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

58NN 26 NL

VANCOUVER BC MAY 12

SIR ARTHUR W CURRIE

113
INSPECTOR GENERAL CANADA OTTAWA ONT

PLEASE ACCEPT CONGRATULATIONS MRS COTTRELL AND MYSELF ON YOUR APPOINTMENT
 TO PRINCIPALSHIP OF MCGILL STOP TRUSTING YOU MAY LIVE LONG
 TO CARRY ON ITS ACTIVITIES

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G H COTIREL

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE^{B.H.}

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO DATE 15th May, 1920.
Rev. Dr. Campbell, M.A.
Victoria, B.C.

No.
243.

Lady Currie and myself thank you and Mrs.
Campbell most sincerely for your kind congratulations.
We hope to always merit the confidence of our friends.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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GREAT NORTH WESTERN
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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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Z.A.LASH, PRESIDENT

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

GEO.D.PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

78NN 50. NL

VICTORIA BC MAY 12

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

118

MILITIA HEADQUARTERS OTTAWA ONT

IT GIVES ME UNALLOYED PLEASURE TO LEARN YOUR APPOINTMENT TO
 MCGILL UNIVERSITY YOU EXCHANGED SWORD FOR PEN AND THE PEN
 IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD MAY YOUR SUCCESS BE EQUAL
 TO YOUR MERIT THE KAHKI BOYS WILL MISS YOU MRS
 CAMPBELL AND MYSELF SEND CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY CURRIE AND YOURSELF

J CAMPBELL

535A

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO DATE

Ed. B. Paul, M.A.,
Victoria, B.C.

May 15th, 1920.

No.

29.

Please convey my grateful thanks to brethren
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge for their kind telegram
of congratulations to both Lady Currie and myself.
Victoria will always be regarded as home.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

45 RAG 72 COLLECT 60 CTS ONLY 5 EX

VICTORIA BC MAY 14 VIA MONTREAL MAY 15

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

G C M G K C B OTTAWA ONT

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA INSTRUCTS ME TO CONVEY TO YOU ASSURANCE
OF THEIR PRIDE AT YOUR ELECTION TO THE DIGNIFIED POSITION OF
PRINCIPAL OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY WHICH HONOURS HERSELF BY HER
CHOICE THEY ALSO DESIRE ME TO SEND AFFECTIONATE AND FRATERNAL
CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR DISTINGUISHED AND RESPECTED PAST MAS-
TER AND THEIR WISHES FOR THE HAPPINESS OF YOURSELF AND LADY
CURRIE IN YOUR NEW SURROUNDINGS CEDANT ARMA TOGAE

EDWARD B PAUL

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO J.W. McConnell DATE Ottawa, 17th May, 1900.
St. Lawrence Sugar Refineries, Ltd.,
Montreal, P.Q.

No. I.G.249

Appreciate very much your kind congratulations (stop)
looking forward with much pleasure and interest to
my work in Montreal.

General Currie

Charge I.G. Branch
M&D

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
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FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

108 RAV 63

MONTREAL QUE MAY 15 -20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

CHATEAU LAURIER OTTAWA ONT

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY ABSENCE FROM TOWN DURING YOUR VISIT MONT-
REAL THIS WEEK STOP IT WAS WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DELI-
GHT I LEARNED OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICE AS PRINCIPAL
AND VICE- CHANCELLER OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY MCGILL IS TO BE
CONGRATULATED UPON SECURING SUCH AN EXCELLENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
AND THE CITY OF MONTREAL UPON ADDING SUCH A DISTINGUISHED CIT-
IZEN WARMEST REGARDS TO LADY CURRIE.

J W MCCONNELL

1 PM

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

R.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO Brig.-Gen. H.A. Panet, DATE 15th May, 1920.
London, Ont.

No. 233.

Night Letter

Your telegram of congratulation on behalf of all officers in M.D.1 is much appreciated stop The reunion at Montreal was a splendid function and one, the memory of which I shall always cherish.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

254 RAV 28 5 EX

LONDON ONT MAY 13 VIA MONTREAL MAY 14

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

OTTAWA ONT

REGRET CANNOT BE PRESENT TO JOIN IN DOING YOU HONOR TONIGHT

ALL OFFICERS IN MILITARY DISTRICT NUMBER ONE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS

BRIG GENERAL H A PANET.

1015 PM

TELEGRAMS & CABLES E.H.
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

G.N.W.

TO G. Fred Pearson DATE 15th May, 1920.
Halifax, N.S.

No. 231.

I do most sincerely appreciate your
kind telegram of congratulation. I pray that I
may not disappoint my friends.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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HALIFAX NS MAY 13-20 VIA MONTREAL QUE MAY 14-20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.,

OTTAWA. ONTARIO.,

MY HEARTEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND MCGILL STOP LEADERSHIP IS
THE THING MOST NEEDED IN EVERY PHASE OF LIFE IN
CANADA TODAY AND NOT THE LEAST IN THE UNIVERSITIES.

G. FRED PEARSON,

1146PM.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES E.H.
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO J.P. Downey DATE 15th May, 1920.
Orillia, Ont.

No. 238.

I deeply appreciate your kind congratulations.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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ORILLIA ONT MAY 13-20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

OTTAWA ONT

HEART FELT CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WORTHY APPOINTMENT TO
PRINCIPALSHIP OF MCGILL

J P DOWNEY

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CANADIAN PACIFIC R.Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

22 RAG 15 MAY 12 TH

LONDON

LIEUT GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

OTTAWA

DELIGHTED HEAR YOU HAVE ACCEPTED PRINCIPALSHIP MCGILL

MCLAREN BROWN

950 A

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA CABLE. RECEIVED

TO Sir Geo. MacLaren Brown DATE Ottawa 15 May 1920
C.P.Ry.
London.

No. 224.

Your telegram of congratulations most
sincerely appreciated.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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TELEGRAM

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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
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Z.A.LASH, PRESIDENT

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

Geo.D.PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

2MOR 20NL

HALIFAX NS MAY 13-20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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MILITIA DEPARTMENT OTTAWA ONT

PLEASE ACCEPT CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT AND SENATE OF DALHOUSIE
 UNIVERSITY ON YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF MCGILL

A STANLEY MACKENZIE

1230AM

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO A. Stanley Mackenzie DATE Ottawa 15 May 1920.
Dalhousie University
Halifax N.S.

No. 223.

Please convey to the President and senate
of Dalhousie University my most sincere thanks for
their kind telegram of congratulation.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO C.F. Todd, DATE 17th May, 1920.
Victoria, B.C.

No. 250.

Your congratulations and best wishes
are very much appreciated.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

229 RAV 16 NL

VICTORIA B C MAY 15 -20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

OTTAWA ONT

OFFER MY SINCERE CONGTATULATIONS YOUR APPOINTMENT MCGILL
UNIVERSITY AND VERY BEST WISHES FOR MANY YEARS ENJOYMENT

C F TODD.

8 PM

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TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA Cable. RECEIVED

TO General Brutinel DATE 17th May, 1920.
11 Victoria St.,
London. S.W.

No. 251.

Your congratulations much appreciated stop
You helped me greatly.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO

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FORM T.D.3



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85RA.W. 11.VIA HX, MAY, 16TH 1920

LONDON,

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE,

OTTAWA.

REJOICE AT YOUR SELECTION PRINCIPAL MCGILL.

BRUTINEL.

606PM,

618

Handwritten scribble

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO DATE Ottawa,
June 7th, 1920.
W.F.C. Pope
Secretary School Board,
Victoria, B.C.

No.

NIGHT LETTER

On my return to Ottawa this morning received kindly worded message from Victoria School Board offering congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University (stop) Will you please convey to the Board my sincere thanks for their courtesy and also the hope that the cordial relations existing between the educational institutions of British Columbia and McGill may long continue.

General Currie.

Charge to General Sir Arthur Currie
Militia Department
Ottawa.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R.Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

A17 RN. A. ~~70 NIGHT LETTER. 1 EXTRA WORD.~~

VICTORIA BC., MAY 13TH-20.

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75 Paid 6x
Via Odawa May 14-20

GEN. SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.,

OTTAWA, ONT. *Montreal Que*

THE VICTORIA SCHOOL BOARD IN REGULAR SESSION THIS EVENING ORDERED THAT THE HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS BE FORWARDED TO YOU ON BEING APPOINTED TO THE HONORABLE POST OF PRINCIPAL OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY. THE TRUSTEES IN COMMON WITH VICTORIA CITIZENS IN GENERAL HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL BE AS SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR NEW TASK AS YOU WERE IN THE GREATER WORK WHICH YOU JUST RECENTLY CARRIED TO SUCH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

F. C. POPE., SECRETARY.

618 AM. 14TH.

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TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO F.E. Winslow, DATE 15th May, 1920.
Royal Trust Coy.,
Victoria, B.C.

No. 232.

Night Letter

Your kind message of congratulation is much
appreciated.

General Currie.

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH

FORM T. D. 20

NIGHT LETTERGRAM

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

Sent No.	Sent By	Rec'd By	Time Sent	Time Filed	Check
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Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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VICTORIA BC MAY 12TH 14TH 20

GENERL SIR A W CURRIE

OTTAWA

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR
CONTINUOUS SUCCESS

F E W INSLAW

NIGHT LETTER

ALL NIGHT LETTER MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH ARE HEREBY AGREED TO

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA UNDER ORDER
162, DATED MARCH 30, 1916.

It is agreed between the sender of the message on the face of this form and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for damages arising from failure to transmit or deliver, or for any error in the transmission or delivery of an unrepeatable telegram, whether happening from negligence of its servants or otherwise, or for delays from interruptions in the working of its lines, for errors in cypher or obscure messages, or for errors from illegible writing, beyond the amount received for sending the same.

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Correctness in the transmission of messages can be insured by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz.: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance.

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No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

E.H.

H. Q. No. VIA G.N.W. RECEIVED

TO G.S. Campbell DATE 15th May, 1924
Chairman Bd. of Governors,
Dalhousie University
Halifax, N.S.

No. 235.

The good wishes of Dalhousie University are
keenly appreciated, and offer me much encouragement.

General Curriel

SEND REPLY TO



CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH
TELEGRAM

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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46 NL.NL. 11 EXTRA.

HALIFAX NS MAY 18⁻¹⁴TH-1920., VIA MONTREAL MAY 14-20

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.,

OTTAWA ONTARIO.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY HEARTILY CONGRATULATES YOU AND MCGILL ON YOUR APPOINT-
MENT AS PRINCIPAL STOP ALL CANADA WILL WISH YOU ALL POSSIBLE
SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW ROLL STOP I GLADLY ADD MY
PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES.

G.S. CAMPBELL,
CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

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TO Winkel, DATE Ottawa,
President, British Campaigners Assembly, June 19, 1920.
Victoria, B.C.

No. I.G. 295 NIGHT LETTER

Thank you for kind and welcome message (stop) it gratifies me to know that I retain the confidence of British Campaigners please so inform them.

General Currie

Charge I.G.Branch
M&D

SEND REPLY TO

Winkel
President British Campaigners
Victoria B.C.

Thank you for kind and welcome
message. It gratifies me to know that
I retain the confidence of British Campaigners.
Please so inform them.

Yours as usual



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GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE,

OTTAWA ONT.

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YOUR ABLE AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP 2ND BATTLE YPRES AND THROUGHOUT CAMPAIGN
AND RESENT SLANDEROUS ATTACK ON YOUR CHARACTER AS A SOLDIER.

WINKEL,

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PRESIDENT.

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H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO Lt.-Col. O. B. Brothers,
Lynn, Mass. DATE 15th May, 1920.

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Your kind congratulations are much
appreciated.

General Currie.

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H. Q. No. VIA G.N.W. RECEIVED

TO Dr. Thomas H. Morgan, DATE 15th May, 1920.
New York,
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Your kind congratulations are more than
appreciated.

General Currie.

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GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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OTTAWA ONT

ACCEPT MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

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MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO Rev. John Pringle, DATE 15th May, 1920.

Montreal, P.Q.

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I thank you sincerely for your kind congratulations.

General Currie.

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GENERAL SIR A W CURRIE

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MILITIA DEPT OTTAWA ONT

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON CALL TO GREAT PLACE AND GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

JOHN PRINGLE.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE

H. Q. No. VIA G.N.W. RECEIVED

TO A. Stanley Mackenzie, DATE May 15th, 1920.
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

No.
228.

Shall be in Halifax for only part of two days
all of which time will be completely taken up with
military inspections and other duties stop Sincerely
regret my inability to comply with kind invitation
of University Senate.

General Currie.

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GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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MILITIA DEPT OTTAWA ONT

UNIVERSITY SENATE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO BE SPEAKER AT
 MEDICAL AND DENTAL CONVOCATION; AFTERNOON OF MAY TWENTY
 SEVENTH KEENLY HOPE YOU CAN ACCEPT

A. STANLEY MCKENZIE.

TELEGRAMS & CABLES
MILITIA & DEFENCE ^{E.H.}

H. Q. No. VIA RECEIVED

TO His Honour, Lt. Governor of B.C., DATE May 15th, 1920.
Victoria, B.C.

Night Letter

No. 270.

Your Honour's kind telegram of congratulations most cordially appreciated stop Although severing my direct connection with the Militia my heart will always be with the Service.

General Currie.

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GENL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON LATEST HONOUR CONFERRED UPON YOU YOUR
ACCEPTANCE ASSURES AS SUCCESSFUL AN ORGANIZATION FOR UNIVERSITY AS YOUR
BRILLIANT SERVICES DID FOR ARMY IN FIELD AS OLD BROTHER
OFFICER DEEPLY REGRET IT MEANS YOUR SEVERANCE FROM MILITARY FORCES
MAY BEST LUCK ATTEND YOU

E G PRIOR.

430AM

(Dictated 14-5-20)

L.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Jim,-

Let me thank you very much for your letter of May 10th. I appreciate your congratulations and good wishes. I am looking forward to my work in Montreal with a great deal of pleasure. Naturally I have regrets at leaving the Militia Service. I had many hopes for its future, but probably most of these were doomed to disappointment.

In the re-adjustment that must take place here I hope you will be brought to Ottawa, and will be given a position on the Militia Council. I suppose the position which I fill will be done away with, and the old Inspector Generalship recreated. Possibly this will be given to General Burstall, and so a vacancy will occur there.

With all good wishes and many thanks,

I am, dear Jim,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Major-Gen'l. J.H. Elmsley, CB., CMG., DSO.,
Commanding Military District No. 2,
149 College Street, Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO

10 May 1920

Dear Sir Arthur,

If it is true that you are going to McGill University may I congratulate you. In my humble opinion you are wiser to leave the service of a country that demands every sacrifice from you and in return is not prepared to recognize their services or adequately recompense you for them. At McGill you will lead a congenial life in a prominent position and with this would be part of you. At N. H. Q. you would spend your time in fighting politicians in the interests of the Militia. The very best of good luck to you.

As for me you might lose
me a life-belt. without
your Land at the bottom
our military ship is destined
for the rocks. America. 11th. I. P.

Yours truly
John F. Kennedy

L.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 15th, and beg to thank you for the kind invitation to take part in the ceremony to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on the afternoon of Saturday, June 5th. I regret that it will not be possible for me to be present on that occasion as I have certain long standing engagements in Ontario.

I am disappointed in the necessity of my replying in this strain for two reasons. I would like to join with you in tribute to those members of your Association who made the supreme sacrifice while serving in the Canadian Corps, and in the second place I have a high regard for the members of your Association in which I have many friends and all of whom I would like to know better.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

D. Campbell, Esq., Secretary,
Dominion Commercial Travellers' Assn.,
Montreal, P.Q.



DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION

MONTREAL, May 15th, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Sir,

It is the intention of this Association to present souvenirs to the members who enlisted for overseas service, these souvenirs to take the form of gold cuff-links suitably inscribed. In the case of members who were killed on active service the articles will be presented to the next of kin. The presentation will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Saturday afternoon, June 5th, at 3.30 o'clock.

I have been instructed to communicate with you in order to find out if it would be possible for you to honour the Association by your presence at the ceremony, and if so to see if you would favour us by making a few remarks. The members of the Executive would appreciate it if you would be so kind as to present the souvenirs to the next of kin of those who gave their lives in the great War.

Among those who are being invited to participate



DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION

MONTREAL, May 15th, 1920.

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General Sir Arthur Currie (Continued)

in the presentation are, Captain Mathews as representing the Navy, Brigadier-General Labelle, Lt-Colonel C.F. Smith, and the Honourable Mederic Martin, Mayor of Montreal.

I might mention that about 330 members of this Association enlisted for overseas service, and of that number 35 made the supreme sacrifice.

In the event of your being able to be present at the ceremony I trust that you will further favour the Association by attending an informal dinner to be held after the presentation of the souvenirs.

I would bespeak the favour of an early reply from you as there will be a meeting of the Committee next Saturday, on which date I shall be expected to make a report as to progress made.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

DC/B

L.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

Dear Rev. Morrison,-

I appreciate very much indeed your kind letter of May 13th offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of your old University.

I look forward to taking up the work there with a great deal of pleasure and interest, for I feel that if we seek to make the necessary change in the outlook of our people we must do it through the coming generation. Older people seem to be too set in their ways and too much committed to the material associations and influences of their daily avocations.

I hope that in my new work and service to Canada I shall not disappoint my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military
Counsellor.

Rev. John Morrison, D.D.,
Alnwick House,
Sarnia, Ont.

Sarnia Ont. May 13 - 1920

Sir Arthur Currie
Ottawa Ont

My Dear Sir Arthur -

A few hours ago, on returning from a short trip in the U. States, I received the very satisfying news of your appointment to, and acceptance by the Principalship of and McGill. I hasten to extend my most cordial felicitations - a most worthy appointment. and one which reflects and shows sound judgement - on the part of those making it.

I was - nearly 30 years ago - an under-graduate of McGill. so I am touched personally ~~that~~ my good friend should receive the place, and I am confident great success will attend your work.

My sincere regards to Lady Currie your daughter and self.

Most sincerely

Your friend

REV. JOHN MORRISON, D.D.,
SARNIA, ONT.
ALNWICK HOUSE

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Victor,-

I thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of the 13th instant, in which you offer me your congratulations. It is not without regret that I sever my official connection with the Militia of Canada, but I shall always retain a very warm spot in my heart for the Service. Perhaps in my new position I may be able to help somewhat.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Major-General V.A.S. Williams, C.M.G.,
Commdg. M.D. No. 3,
Kingston, Ont.

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY DISTRICT No. 3
KINGSTON, ONT.

13 May 1920

My dear Sir Arthur, I see by the papers
& hear on all sides, that you have been
well than accepted the decorations
of the University. I am unable to tell you
how very sorry I am to think that you
will be missing the duties of Inspector-
General. You will be sadly missed.
But that is our loss will be the
gain. May I offer you my hearty
congratulations & to wish you the very
best of good luck.

With kindest regards
Most Sincerely Yours,
General Sir Arthur Currie,
Secretary Genl.
Inspector-General.
Ottawa.
Victoria, B. Williams.

L.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Murray,-

I thank you very much indeed for your letter of May 14th offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I am looking forward with much interest to my work in Montreal for I believe it opens up an avenue of useful service to my country denied me in my present position. To become so closely associated with so many young men each year is a privilege and an opportunity, and I have decided that we must look to the coming generations for any decided change in the moral standard of our people. To receive so many good wishes from old comrades is very gratifying. I remember you very well overseas.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

Rev. W.L.Murray, P.P.
Campbells Bay,
P.Q.

General.
Inspector General & Military
Counsellor.

Campbell's Bay Dec. May 14. 1920

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

Principal McGill University
Montreal P.Q.

Dear General Currie. Permit me to add my word of satisfaction and congratulations to you on having accepted the principality of McGill University. While serving as a Chaplain overseas under your command, we were taught that when competitions took place amongst battalions of one brigade we should support our own battalion and when in divisional competitions our support should be behind those of our brigade, thus establishing an esprit de corps proper to each unit, which when united fostered a spirit of unity throughout the whole corps, so, even though a Toronto Varsity graduate

I rejoice that a sister University has secured a leader so capable and efficient, for I know that Canada

As a whole will benefit.

The crying need today is men
upright, Christian men and women
and where are we to look for the
moulders of public opinion but
in our universities, graduates

If your striking success as
a military commander is any
criterion of capabilities of leadership,
then the advancement of Mc Gill
University is assured.

Don't bother replying Sir Arthur,
you probably don't remember me
but I just wanted to assure
you of my good wishes and
prayers.

Yours sincerely,
W. L. Murray, P.P.

former chaplain (R.C.)
10 Can. Inf. Bde.

L.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Spry,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt with thanks your letter of May 13th in which you were good enough to offer congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I sever my direct connections with this Department in July, and I do so not without many feelings of regret. There were many ideas I had for the placing of the Militia on its feet which I feel sure would have had a long and trying period of incubation. Directing the affairs of the Militia in peace time is a far different matter than commanding the Canadian Corps in war. It seems a most difficult matter to get direct and necessary action. McGill offers a splendid opportunity for rendering useful service to our country.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the good wishes of my old comrades.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Lieut.-Colonel D.W. Spry,
Headquarters M.D. 13,
Calgary, Alta.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

No.

Headquarters, Military District #13,
Calgary, May 13th, 1920.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Militia Headquarters,
OTTAWA, Can.

Personal

Dear Sir Arthur Currie;

Local newspapers in despatches from Ottawa and Montreal, announce your selection as President of McGill University.

Everyone who knows you and counts you as a friend (in which group I associate myself) will be gratified at this further signal honour bestowed on you. May I voice the sentiment of dozens of officers here who hope that your acceptance of the Presidency of "Old McGill" will not mean your withdrawal from the task of getting the Militia on its feet, nor your relinquishing the post of Inspector General and Military Counsellor.

With all good wishes,

I am, Sir Arthur,

Yours sincerely,

D. W. B. Smy

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

Dear Fiset,-

I appreciate most sincerely and beg to thank you for your kind note of congratulation.

Naturally, I regret very much leaving the Service with which I have been so closely identified in the past, but probably many of the things which I thought necessary to build up an efficient Militia in Canada, were doomed to a long and bitter struggle before reaching maturity. I feel that the position at McGill offers many opportunities for useful service to Canada.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Major-General Sir E. Fiset,
CMG., DSO.,
Deputy Minister, M. & D.,
OTTAWA.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA 19.....

Dear Sir Arthur.

May I be permitted
to offer you my most
sincere congratulations?

Your appointment as principal
of McGill. So the
crowning of a wonderful
career. But I hate to
think - that the Canadian
Government - has

not seem fit - to offer
the most predominant
personality - in the
Indian Service, enough
inducement - to secure
his services.

I can only express
the earnest-wish, that
you will attain, in your new
sphere of action, the same
brilliant, wonderful success
and reputation, that you have
created for yourself - as
commander.

with kindest regards

Ottawa 14.5.30
Gen. Sir A. Currie
Gen. Fish

E.H.

15th May, 1920.

My dear Duncan,-

I appreciate very much your kind letter of May 13th, offering me your congratulations on going to McGill.

I have accepted the position with a full knowledge of my own limitations. I know the responsibilities to be accepted, and the opportunities offered. I shall try to merit the confidence of the old graduates all so loyal to their Alma Mater.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

G. Rupert Duncan, Esq.,
Fort William,
Ont.

G. Rupert Duncan, M.Sc.
Fort William, Ont.

May 13th, 1920.

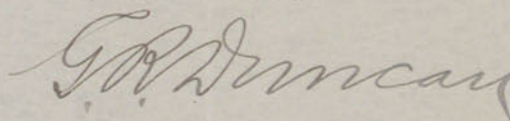
Lieut. General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I note by the press despatches that you have accepted the position of Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. As a 1900 Graduate and a 1901 post-graduate, of that college, I feel very keenly interested and take the liberty of extending to you my congratulations and sincere good wishes in connection with this very important appointment.

Yours faithfully,

GRD*MM



E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Colonel,-

I thank you most sincerely for your kind letter of May 14th, in which you were good enough to offer me your congratulations on my taking over the direction of McGill University. I am sorry to leave the Service, but I feel that in the new sphere, I shall have an opportunity in helping to instil into the graduates of the University, something of the spirit which carried the old Corps to Victory in the strenuous days in France.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Colonel J.A. Gunn, CMG., DSO.,
Gunn's Limited,
West Toronto,
Ontl

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WEST TORONTO, ONT.

May
14
1920

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Department Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear General:

I want you to know that I am one of eight million people who approve of the business acumen shown by the Board of Governors of McGill University in appointing you to preside over the destinies of this famous educational institution.

Fourteen of the best years of my life were spent in Montreal and I know something of the influence you will have the privilege of exerting. That you will increase the prestige and influence of the University, all your old friends have no doubt.

With warmest personal regards, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

F. J. Currie

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

Dear Mr. Weld,-

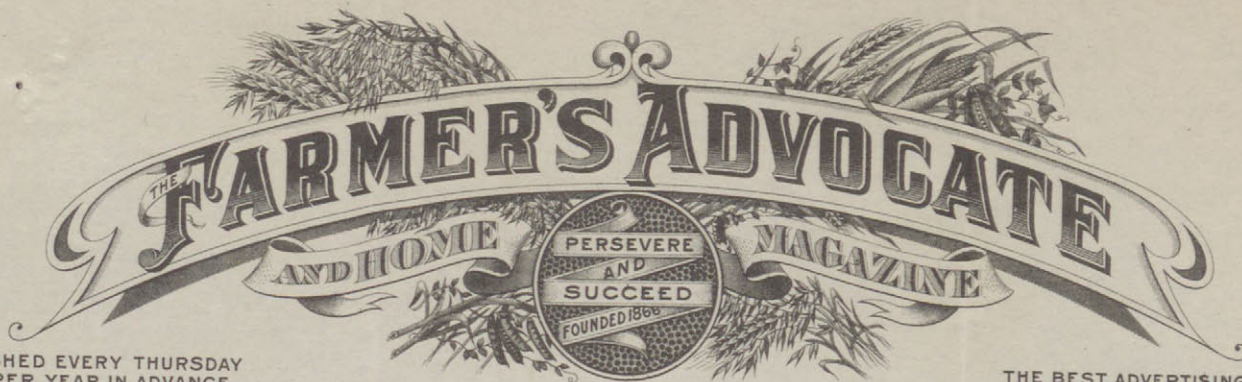
I thank you most warmly and sincerely for your letter of May the 14th, in which you were good enough to congratulate me on accepting the appointment of Principal of McGill University.

I hope that in discharging the responsibilities of that position, I shall continue to merit the confidence of my friends. The opportunities are great, and I shall try hard not to fail.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

John Weld, Esq.,
Farmer's Advocate,
London, Ont.



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LONDON, CANADA May 14th., 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Inspector General Canadian Militia,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I wish to congratulate you on the receipt of the honor recently conferred by McGill, and more especially on your appointment to the Principalship of that University.

You are signally honored in that you were chosen not on account of academic affiliations, but for the capacity you have shown as an organizer, leader and statesman. I believe in this case true merit has been recognized, and to my congratulations I wish to add my most sincere wishes for your success.

Yours very truly,

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert Borden,-

I most sincerely appreciate receiving your letter of May the 14th, in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations on my accepting the appointment of Principal of McGill University.

I realize the responsibilities attached to the position, and the opportunities offered for useful service to Canada. I hope in my direction of the affairs of the University I may continue to merit the confidence and esteem of my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

The Rt.Honble.Sir Robert Borden,
GCMG., P.C.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA.



Ottawa, Ont. May 14th, 1920

My dear Sir Arthur Currie,-

Permit me to convey my warm congratulations upon your appointment as Principal of McGill University, and my earnest hope that every success will attend your activity in that new and highly important sphere of usefulness. Indeed, it is the University that is rather to be congratulated upon having secured your services. There is a splendid field for development of this great University which already has exercised so marked an influence upon the life of our country.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

General

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

Principal, McGill University,

Montreal, Que.

W. B. A. den.

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Colonel,-

I thank you for your letter of the 13th instant, to which you were good enough to attach several clippings of recent issues of the Journal.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Journal, not only for its more than kind references to me in connection with this appointment, but for its constant courtesy and support in all matters where I was concerned.

I appreciate sincerely your congratulations.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Lt.-Colonel R.F. Parkinson,
Mng. Director, Evening Journal,
Journal Bldg.,
OTTAWA.



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J. W. COCKBURN,
ADVERTISING MANAGER.

Ottawa,
CANADA.
May 13th, 1920.

Dear General Currie,

I am enclosing several clippings and editorial from recent issues of "The Ottawa Journal", which will be of interest to you.

May I offer you my sincere congratulations on your recent appointment to the principalship of McGill University.

Yours sincerely,

R. F. Parkinson

Managing Director.

Enclosures:

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

Inspector General

Militia Headquarters, OTTAWA.

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60 HILLCREST DRIVE
TORONTO

May 14, 1970.

My dear Sir Arthur:

allow me to
congratulate you most
heartily on your new
and surprising honours.
You deserve all that
your ^{grateful} country can bestow
upon you, and I am
very glad for your sake
that the authorities of
McGill have been wise
enough to see that you
possess all the qualities

needed by the Chief of
a great Seat of Learning.
Personally, I am
proud that another
old pupil of Strathroy
is to direct the destinies
of a great university.
The elevation of Maclean
to the presidency of
Manitoba University —
is, however, of minor
importance compared
to your magnificent
achievements in War
and in Peace.

I wish you illimitable
Success! Yours faithfully,
J. E. Wetherell

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Colonel -

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kind note of congratulation. I hope I may always merit the confidence of my friends. Naturally I have many regrets at severing my direct connection with the Canadian Militia, but my heart will always be with the Service, and possibly I may still be of some use.

I look forward with much pleasure to taking up the work at McGill, fully realizing the responsibilities of the position, and the opportunities afforded. Your letter, Dennistoun, will be an inspiration.

Ever yours faithfully.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

The Honble. Mr. Justice Dennistoun,
Court of Appeal,
Winnipeg, Man.



13th May 20

My dear General

Very warm congratulations
on your new appointment.
As a friend who has
greatly admired your
work and your special
talents I feel thankful
that you have been
selected for this fine
position in Canadian life
which will separate you
from the snares and
pitfalls of the politician.

You will now have an opportunity of speaking to the whole people with your prestige unhampered and the occasions for so doing will be frequent.

From every point of view the appointment seems admirable and I trust you will enjoy it for many years to come.

Yours very sincerely

R. M. Scuriotour

E.H.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Connolly,-

Thanks very much for your note of to-day, offering me your congratulations in connection with the McGill appointment.

While I dislike very much leaving the Militia Service, I am looking forward with much pleasure to the work in Montreal.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

J.J.Connolly, Esq.,
Dept. of External Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Department of External Affairs.

Ottawa, 17th May '20.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I should like to add my humble but most hearty congratulations, to the many I know you have already received, in connection with your appointment as Principal of McGill University.

I am confident that in this new sphere you will accomplish as

great a good in the
future as you have
in the past.

Sincerely yours,
J. J. Conolly

General Sir Arthur Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., &c.,
Inspector General,
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa

E.H.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

Dear Alex,-

I thank you and Eva very much indeed for your kind letter of May the 14th, sending me your congratulations on my accepting the appointment of Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University.

Naturally, one regrets very much severing direct connection with the work one has been so closely identified with for the past five years, but I am looking forward to going to Montreal with a great deal of pleasure. I believe it opens up an avenue for much useful service to Canada. I may add that Lillie and I never seemed to feel that Ottawa would be our permanent home. Perhaps we may see you some time during your visit to the East; we shall be in Ottawa until the end of June; then I hope to take a holiday in July and begin work in Montreal on August 1st.

With all good wishes to Eva and yourself, I am, dear Alex.,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Dr. Alex. Stewart,
Fort William,
Ont.

DRS STEWART, MARTIN & COOK

Physicians & Surgeons.

A.D. STEWART.

J.W. COOK.

J.E. MARTIN.

SURGEONS TO
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Fort William,
ONTARIO.

May 14th. 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
- Parliament Buildings,
Militia Dept. Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Art.: -

I see by our local papers a non-confirmed report that you are appointed Principal & Vice-Chancellor of McGill University.

I am writing to extend to you and Lill. our heartiest congratulations on this high honor and responsibility that has been conferred upon you. - Of course, you know that we think they could not have made a better appointment, that goes without saying, and sincerely hope that you may long be spared to give your talent and ability to the up-building of McGill University & Canada.

We are all in the best of health and expect a visit from Etta and Aubrey Davis next month and intend to go East with them for a short visit.

Hoping you are all well and that we may have the pleasure of a visit from any of you, when passing through here at any time.

We are,

As ever,

Your old friends,

E. & Lill.

M. B.

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

Dear Sir Edward,-

I thank you for your letter of the 14th instant, in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations to me on having been appointed Principal of McGill University.

Naturally, one regrets leaving the Service in which we have been so closely associated in the years past, but I believe the new position offers me many opportunities for rendering useful service to my country. I hope I shall not disappoint my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor,

The Honble. Sir Edward Kemp,
Privy Council.,
OTTAWA.



May 14 '20

My Dear Lovie

Let me add
my congratulations to
the many you have
received upon your
appointment at McGill
University.

This is a recognition
of the splendid service
you have rendered your
native country and
the University is

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fortunate in its choice

I wish You
every success
in your work

Yours Sincerely

A E Kemp
9 - 17

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

Dear Mr. Bowser, -

I thank you very much for your letter of the 14th inst., in which you were kind enough to offer me your congratulations on my being appointed Principal of McGill University.

I realize that the position is one of great responsibilities, and that the opportunities offered for rendering useful service to my country, are many. I hope not to disappoint my Western friends to whom I should like to be kindly remembered.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

The Honble. W. J. Bowser,
Victoria,
B.C.



THE WINDSOR HOTEL

MONTREAL

May 14th 1920



My dear Sir Arthur

In common with many
 others of your Western advisers I was delighted
 to see the new honours conferred on you
 in being selected as the head of the
 Ministry - and now wish to offer my congratulations
 You have hard work ahead of you but
 I have no doubt, as before, you will be
 equal to anything you undertake.
 I am leaving to-morrow for Victoria.

Yours faithfully
 H. J. Bowler

E.H.

Ottawa, 18th May, 1920.

Dear Colonel Tamblin,-

I thank you for your letter of the 15th instant, in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations to me on having been appointed Principal of McGill University.

Naturally one regrets leaving the Service, in which one has been so closely identified for the past five years, but I believe the new position offers me many opportunities for rendering useful service to my country. I hope I shall not disappoint my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor,

Lt.-Colonel D. Tamblin,
Post Office Bldg.,
Regina,
Sask.

Post Office Building,
Regina, Sask., May 15, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Ottawa, Ont.

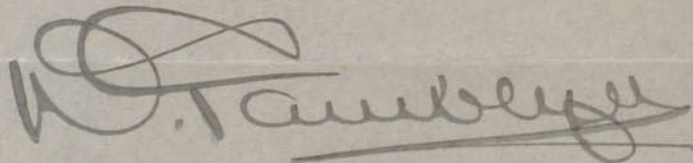
Dear Sir Arthur:

Permit me to extend to you my hearty
congratulations on your new appointment, as
principal of old McGill.

It was with great eclat that I received
this news, especially in view of the fact that
I graduated from that University in 1901. I trust
your future will be followed with success, which I
am sure it will, and that you and yours will be
spared with the best of health.

Kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Lambly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

E.H.

Ottawa, 18th May, 1920.

My dear Johnston,-

I thank you very much indeed for your kind congratulations on my acceptance of the position of Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University.

It is very pleasing and gratifying to feel that my old comrades and friends approve of the step I have taken, and I look forward with much pleasure to taking over my new duties in Montreal.

It is not without regret, however, that I sever my official direction of the Militia Service with which I have been so closely identified for the past five years. Yet, I feel that the new position offers me many opportunities for rendering useful service to my country, and I trust I shall continue to merit the confidence of my friends in my new sphere.

I have signed, with pleasure, the photograph of myself, which you enclosed, and am returning it to you as requested.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Major Lukin Johnston,
The Vancouver Daily Province,
Vancouver, B.C.

THE VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE

Vancouver, B.C. May 13, 1920

Dear Sir Arthur;-

Probably you will have been deluged with congratulations on your McGill appointment, but I should like to add to them my own, though they may arrive a bit late in the day. I should imagine that you will be enormously relieved to throw off the shackles of your present post and have no doubt that McGill is extremely lucky to have secured your services.

I am enclosing an unmounted photograph of yourself and should be grateful if you would sign it for me. Most of us who were fortunate enough to serve under you in France will find it rather difficult to think of you arrayed in cap and gown. The enclosed will take its place in due course in my little gallery, among those pictures which serve to call to mind memories of days, at times full of strain and hardship perhaps, but not without a great deal of fascination as one looks back on them. I stopped off at a number of places all through the country in March and it is remarkable that one cannot go into any town now without meeting some man one knew in France. I think the friendships one formed then will always remain one's most treasured possessions.

Please do not bother to reply to this--except to forward the photograph.

Yours sincerely,

Leslie Johnston

E.H.

Ottawa, 20th May, 1920.

My dear McGillicuddy,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 18th instant, offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I am looking forward to taking up my work in Montreal with feelings of keen interest and much pleasure, as I believe the position there offers an opening for useful service to Canada.

Let me now thank you and the Star for the constant courtesy and support rendered me during the past few years. I assure you I have more than appreciated it.

Lady Currie joins me in thanking you for your good wishes, and in most cordially reciprocating the same.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

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

THE TORONTO DAILY STAR

THE STAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY EDITION)

JOSEPH E. ATKINSON, PRESIDENT

TORONTO May 18th, 1920.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G.,
Inspector General, Militia Forces,
Department of Militia and Defence,
O t t a w a.

My dear General:-

Allow me to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on receiving your recent appointment as President of McGill University. I am glad that you have seen fit to accept the responsibility and can assure you that all of your friends wish you well in the new duties you have undertaken.

Wishing both Lady Currie and yourself a pleasant residence in Montreal, I am ,

Your friend, "The Star Reporter".

O. E. McGillicuddy

E.H.

Ottawa, 20th May, 1920.

My dear Rattray,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 16th inst., offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

Naturally it is a matter of regret in one way that I am leaving the Military Service. I had many ideas as to reforms but I feel that in the present state of mind of the Government and the people generally, they were due for a long and painful period of incubation. I have not altogether been happy in Ottawa. I find being in charge here, or rather, partly in charge here, is rather a different thing to commanding troops in the field. The offer to go to McGill came like a bolt from the blue. I hesitated much before accepting it because I realized my lack of academic qualifications, but the Board of Governors were insistent that they did not want a person of outstanding academic qualifications. I realize that at McGill there are splendid opportunities for doing good service to Canada - probably more opportunities than my present position affords. The financial inducements also were very strong, and altogether I think I shall be much better off there than here. I am glad that so many of my old comrades have approved of the step; I believe the most of them on honest grounds; possibly some were glad to see me go.

I am quite sure that what you said to the Masons of Winnipeg would be decidedly interesting and instructive, and I am glad to know that at a future meeting you propose to finish your talk.

I shall be here until about the end of July as I am to take over in Montreal on August 1st.

With all good wishes, and many thanks for your letter, I am,

Dear Rattray,

Ever yours faithfully,

58 HOME STREET
WINNIPEG,
MANITOBA, CANADA

May 16th 1920

General Sir Arthur Currie GCMG 12 C.B.
Ottawa

Dear General Currie

It was with much surprise
that I read of your acceptance
of the principalship of McGill.

To become the head of the
greatest educational
institution in Canada is
something to aspire to and I
most sincerely congratulate
you on your appointment.

I had looked forward to
you as being the means of
emancipating the Canadians

Militia from the past and present.
Joblessness and lack of business
but I presume the pressure of
politics and pull of church was
too great to be overcome at the present
and in that way discouraging.

The Canadian Military forces is
like the Senate. A nice place to put
useless, brainless, effete and effeminate
relations and friends when they can
have an easy lazy life of the "Rily"
type at the government expense.
And the thought of putting virile
active men in charge was too great
a change for the "old gang" in Ottawa
to swallow.

I am sorry in a way that you are giving
up your position. Because it will be
a source of satisfaction to the outfit
who get out to "get you". They will now
think they will be successful.

But on the other hand, if you met with
special opposition to any reforms you
wanted to introduce, there was no use
of you was any your time, when another
greater opportunity of using your powers
of organization and leadership presented
itself.

No doubt in due course you will let us
know the real reason of your change.

My talk to the Masconic brethren brought
out the largest meeting ever held. I did not
get any farther than Paschendale, although
I spoke an hour and a half. I am to finish

the rest at another meeting.

My address got a fine reception
and the announcement the following
day that you were going to Mr. Gill
made it appear as if it were a
set of facts. But ~~but~~ I left a
decidedly different impression
on the minds of those present as
to the worth & merit of the
Canadian Corp. Announcements
than what some of them had
previously.

I was looking forward to the time
that when you got affairs military
into your way of running that I
might be called in to help. But I
must now put that idea away.

I hope you will like your
new work. That it will succeed
is axiomatic.

Again congratulating you
and with best wishes

Sincerely
J. H. Murray

L.

Ottawa, 24th May, 1920.

Dear Mr. McGreer,-

This morning's mail brought me your kind letter of May 12th, and I wish to thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in offering me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I am looking forward to my work there with very great interest and pleasure. I realise the opportunities it creates for service to Canada. To become as closely associated with young men as the Principal of a University must become is indeed a wonderful privilege, and I quite agree with you that the Universities are the strategical points in the world's life. Naturally it is with feelings of regret that one parts from the life with which one has been so closely associated during recent years, but I find the work in my present position vastly different than commanding the Canadian Corps in the field.

I am glad that you are enjoying your life at Oxford. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. McGreer. She probably knows that Lady Markham was good enough to spend a few days with us earlier in the year, and we are hoping to see her again soon. We as yet have had no opportunity of seeing the McCans. Lady Currie joins me in most cordially reciprocating your good wishes.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

A.H. McGreer, Esq.,
Queens College,
Oxford,
England.

L.

Ottawa, 24th May, 1920.

Dear Madam,-

Please forgive me for not before this answering your letter of May 12th in which you were good enough to extend to me an invitation to address the Montreal Women's Club on Monday, October 25th, next. I will consider it an honour to comply with your request, but please do not ask me at present to give you the subject of my address.

I hope to be living in Montreal after the 1st of August, and assure you that I am looking forward to my work there with very great interest and pleasure. I thank you for your kind words with reference to my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I hope that my direction of its affairs shall not disappointment my friends.

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Mrs. T. de Grey Stewart,
464 Wood Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q.

Montreal Women's Club

464 Wood Avenue
Westmount,

May 12, 1920

General Sir Arthur Currie, ^{D. S. O.} G. C. M. G., K. C. B.
Principal of McGill University.

Dear Sir: -

As President of the Montreal Women's Club, I have the honour of extending to you an earnest invitation to address us on our first lecture-day, next season, Monday, October twenty-fifth on a subject of your own choosing.

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Our Club - founded in 1892 and numbering four hundred members - has always taken a leading part in civic, educational and social reforms; as an example of what has been accomplished in the past,

Medical School Inspection and the Juvenile Court in our city owe their inception to the efforts of the Montreal Women's Club.

Last October our opening lecture was to have been delivered by Sir Auckland Geddes, but in his absence, Acting-Principal Dean Adams addressed us.

Other lecturers of the last session were Sir George Foster, Sir Robert Falconer, Principal of Toronto University

Generable Archdeacon Cody - ex-Ministry of
Education for Ontario, Baronness Huard
of Paris, Honourable Walter Mitchell, our
Provincial Treasurer, Dr. Whidden, U.P.
for Brandon and President of Brandon University
etc. etc.

We would esteem it a very great honour
to have our opening lecture delivered by
the new Principal of Mc Gill University
and may I here, speaking for myself,
my Board of Management and the whole
membership of the Club, express our deep
gratification that the head of our noble
Canadian army in France has been induced

to become the head of the great
university in our city

As we are now arranging our
programme for next year, pre-
paratory to printing our Club
Calendar, an early reply
would be greatly appreciated.

I have the honour to remain

Yours very sincerely,

Jennie A. Stewart

Please address

Mrs. J. de Grey Stewart
464 Wood Avenue
Westmount.
Que.

L.

Ottawa, 24th May, 1920.

My dear Mitch,-

I wish to thank you very much indeed for your kind congratulations on my appointment as Principal of McGill. I appreciate very much having your approval. The offer came like a bolt from the blue, and I hesitated long before accepting it. I realise fully my own limitations and the lack of academic qualifications, but I believe I fully appreciate the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada. I regard the Universities as the strategetical points in our national life. I hope my direction of McGill will not be a disappointment to my friends. Naturally one regrets very much severing one's connection with the Service, but I believe that many ideas I had regarding the Canadian Militia were due for a long and painful period of incubation.

With many thanks and all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Brig.-Gen'l. C.H. Mitchell,
CB., CMG., DSO.,
35 North Sherbourne St.
Toronto, Ont.

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

35 North Sherbourne Street
Rosedale Toronto

20th May

My dear General

Please accept my
heartiest congratulations on
your appointment as Prin
cipal of McGill. We are so
glad you accepted because
we think it good for McGill
and if I may say it I think
it was wise on your own
part. I was down in the
Maritime Provinces when the
news came and I have just
now returned. Both down
there and at Quebec where I

stopped for a couple of days at the Conference of Canadian Universities (representing Toronto with Sir Robert) I found a pretty general feeling of satisfaction and expectation that it was a good move for all concerned.

You will find the University business considerably different from the military! — as I have, having now finished my first year of it — but it is altogether a matter of adaptation both in atmosphere and management. The professorial temperament is a thing that one

has to study with some
care and I confess I have
learned a lot during
the past few months.

I wish you the best of
success and continued
good fortune.

My wife joins with me
in best regards to Lady
Lumie

Yours sincerely
C. Mitchell

L.

Ottawa, 24th May, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert,-

I acknowledge with most grateful thanks receipt of your letter of May 21st in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure, ^{you} Sir Robert, that I hesitated long before accepting the position for I realise my own limitation. I look forward to my work in Montreal with feelings of keen interest and pleasure. I appreciate that the position affords me opportunities for most useful service to our country. As I have stated in a letter to Gen'l. Mitchell today I regard the Universities of Canada as the strategetical points in the battle line resisting all these influences and agencies which seek to pull down, to corrupt and to destroy a true citizenship. To have the opportunity of coming into close contact with so many of our young men and women each year is a wonderful opportunity. I thank you, Sir Robert, for your promise to give me your advice. I assure you that in all probability I shall often come to you. I most cordially reciprocate your hope that the relations between the Universities of Toronto and McGill will always be of the most cordial character.

It always gives me great satisfaction to know that the University of Toronto was the first to offer me an honorary degree for I am an old boy and at one time in my life looked forward to attending at Toronto having passed the necessary academic examination. I am looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you on June 3rd.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

Sir Robert Falconer,
Pres., Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.



May 21, 1920

My dear General Currie.

I had expected to meet you in Quebec and then to have had the pleasure of congratulating you on the appointment to the Principalship of McGill University, so I did not write you. Will you allow me now to say that I cordially wish you the greatest success in your new office, and if you will allow me to say so I will regard it as a high privilege to be of any service in my power should you at any time feel that my knowledge of Canadian University affairs may be helpful to you until you have had time to review the general situation.

I am sure that the fact of your taking the
principalship will greatly emphasise the
function of Education throughout the Dominion,
and of course you will have the
faculty & students devoted to you.

I hope that the cordial relations which
have existed between McGill & Toronto
will be maintained & that we shall have
constant and profitable intercourse.

In view of your appointment it is most
fortunate that we offered you an honorary
degree last autumn, because it is a proof
that we wished to honour you as a man
not as the head of any institution.

You will be glad to hear that on June 3rd
General Townshend is to be present to receive
an H.D. degree.

With anticipations of the pleasure of
seeing you at your movement & of much
future good fellowship, I am

Yours sincerely
General Sir Arthur Currie
Principal, McGill Univ. Coll. of Eng. & Arch.
R. A. Falconer

R.H.

Ottawa, 7th June, 1920.

Dear Jim,-

On my return to Ottawa this morning, I found awaiting me your letter of May the 14th.

Let me once more thank you for the congratulations you were good enough to offer, and which I enjoyed all the more hearing in person from you last Friday. As I intimated then, I shall often come to you for advice which I know will be most generously and frankly given.

I hope your mother continues to improve.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

J.T. Shotwell, Esq., M.A.,
Strathroy,
Ont.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

DIVISION OF
ECONOMICS AND HISTORY

May 14, 1920

407 WEST 117TH STREET
SUB-STATION 84, NEW YORK CITY

Dear Arthur:

It was with great delight that I read in the paper this morning of your appointment to the Principalship of McGill University. I need not tell you what personal satisfaction I take from this good news, and I welcome your appointment, not only on the personal ground, but also as an old veteran in the academic world, myself!

It seems strange that you should be coming in it just as I seem to be pulling out. I am not out of it yet, by any means, but am on almost indefinite leave of absence from Columbia University to direct the Economic History of the War, of which I told you, in Paris. You may be interested to know that we are going strong and that I have offices now in London, Paris, Brussels, the Hague and Copenhagen, and shall soon have opened shop in Italy and a few other countries, as well....

Is there any chance of your being in or near Strathroy in the course of the next month? I shall be up home trying to straighten out the old home problem, after the death of my father, and I should like nothing better than the chance to see you again and talk things over.

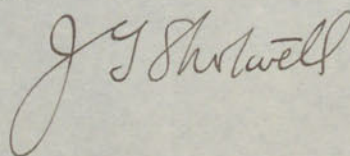
As ever

Sincerely yours,

Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G. etc.

McGill University

Montreal



I've just learned that Toronto is honoring itself by giving you a degree this Commencement. I'd like to be there.

L.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

My dear Wallis,-

I do indeed thank you for your letter of May 13th which I found awaiting me on my return to Ottawa yesterday morning. It is good to have so many letters from old comrades, congratulating me on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I am looking forward with much interest and pleasure to taking up the work in Montreal, realising as I do the opportunities which the position affords for influencing for good the lives of so many young Canadians.

I am glad to hear from you again, and to know that you are engaged in congenial work.
With all good wishes, I am, dear Wallis,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

J. Harold Wallis, Esq.,
c/o Canadian Pacific Railway,
Brownville Junction,
Maine, U.S.A.

13th May, 1920.

Dear General Currie, -

No doubt this letter will be one of very very many congratulating you upon becoming the head of Mc Gill University. However I feel that, as an officer of the old "Corps", and more especially having served on your general staff, I must add my congratulations to those of the multitude.

Having taught civilians to be such splendid soldiers - and the "Corps" was splendid - and later having guided them into safe and sane citizenship,

one feels that Mc Gill,
and indeed Canada, is
more than fortunate
in having you in such
a position where the
scope of your activities
will be practically
unlimited. Good old
Toronto Varsity, from
whence I hail, will
feel more than ever
that she must look
to her laurels.

I have returned
to my pre-war job
on the Engineering
staff of The C. P. R., my
one and only regret

being that I am not
 situated in Canada, and
 so am rather cut off
 from old Corps friends
 for the time being.

Feeling that every
 success will always
 attend you,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
 J. Harold Wallis
 late Major C.S.
 Canadian Corps

% C.P.R.,
 Brownville Junction,
 Maine, U.S.A.

L.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

I deeply appreciate your letter of May 15th in which you have written so kindly of my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with very great interest and pleasure, realising the splendid opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada.

I am quite prepared to give all that is in me to the work in hand, and hope that my direction of McGill's affairs will not prove a disappointment to my friends.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

W. Harvey Jellie, Esq.,
Faculty of Arts,
Department of English,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.C.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

May 15th 1920

General Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir Arthur

I am taking the liberty, as a member of the teaching staff of McGill, to write and say how very glad I am that the University has found a Principal in you. As one who has known service formerly with the Forces, I can appreciate what your coming will mean to McGill; and I sincerely trust that your Principalship may more than realise all that you & the University anticipate.

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

W. Harvey-Jellie.

L.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

Dear Mr. Ribillard,-

I am indeed grateful for the more than kind terms in which "LaPatrie" refers to my appointment as Principal of McGill University. I assure you that I look forward to living in Montreal with the most pleasant feelings for the City has always been very kind to me.

I fully realise the opportunities which the Principalship of McGill affords for useful service to our country, and I hope that my direction of the University's affairs may not be a disappointment to my friends.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Chas. Robillard, Esq.,
"La Patrie",
Montreal, P.Q.

(Dictated June 7th)

L.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

Dear Doctor Taylor,-

On my return to Ottawa this morning I found awaiting me your kind letter of May 15th in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you that I accepted the appointment with all diffidence, fully realising my own limitations, yet fully appreciative of the opportunities which the position affords. I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with very great interest and pleasure, and hope that my direction of McGill's affairs will not prove a disappointment to my friends.

No doubt I shall often come to you for advice.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

R. Bruce Taylor, M.A., D.D., Principal,
Queen's University,
Kingston, Ont.

R. BRUCE TAYLOR, M.A., D.D.
PRINCIPAL

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ACTING REGISTRAR

Queen's University

KINGSTON, ONT. May 15th, 1920.

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

My dear Sir Arthur,

Allow me to congratulate you on your appointment to McGill, and McGill in its wisdom in selecting you. You will find yourself in a constituency which is prepared to stand behind you to any extent and is asking only for leadership to do anything in reason which it is desired to do. McGill is a great University and the fact that it has had to lean upon private support has created an amount of interest in it on the part of the community which no State University can ever gain. In these days when the rewards in commercial life so far exceed the payment that is made to learned or professional men the conducting of the affairs of a University is no light task; but even McGill should be a light matter compared with the enormous responsibilities that you carried during the war. I trust that I may have many opportunities of enjoying your fellowship and profiting by your counsel.

So, welcome to the fraternity of University Presidents! May McGill grow greater and yet more great under your administration.

With every good wish,
Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,

R. Bruce Taylor, Jr.
Principal.

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Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

Dear Sir John,-

On my return to Ottawa yesterday morning I found awaiting me your letter of the 23rd of May, and I wish to thank you for your congratulations therein offered. Naturally one regrets very much severing one's connection with the service with which I have been associated so intimately during recent years; most of all do I regret the opportunity my present position affords for keeping in close touch with the many sterling fellows who served in the Canadian Corps, but I confess I am looking forward to the work at McGill with much interest and pleasure, realising as I do that it offers opportunities for much good service to our country.

I do not know when I shall have the opportunity of visiting Hamilton again, but I would like to thank Lady Gibson and yourself for your kind invitation to see you again at Ravenscliffe.

With all good wishes to her and to yourself, I am, dear Sir John

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

Sir John M. Gibson, K.C.M.G.,
Ravenscliffe,
Hamilton, Ont.

Sunday
28th May 20

RAVENSLIFFE

HAMILTON

My dear Genl Dillistone,

Daddy is bed all
last week with a severe
bronchial cold or you would
have heard from ^{me} much sooner.
You certainly are to be
congratulated and McGill
has even greater reason, in
my opinion, for being felicitated.
In my opinion the University
has been extremely fortunate
and I happen to know that
among the Professors there
is much rejoicing —
On the other hand while
those interested in Malakia
affairs will feel much disappointed
at your absence from that
department I am satisfied

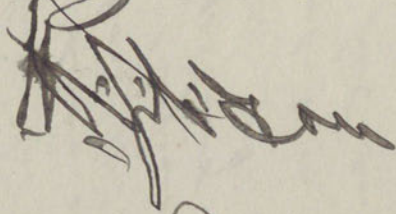
that I never in hope you
would have found it
impossible to get on to
your own reasonable satisfaction
in striving to have your
own views carried out and
at the same time complying
with political requirements -
vigorous and devoid of all
expediency.

The probabilities of your
coming up this way from time
to time have no doubt
been lowered but I trust
we may before long have
the opportunity of seeing you
here again when Lady
Gibson and I should be
delighted to see and
entertain you and Lady Currie.

I am Overjoyed and really
don't feel up to writing a decent
letter - With best wishes for
a very satisfactory experience
as a University Head

Believe me

Sincerely yours



E. S. Ross
The Arthur Currie

Principal
McGill University
Montreal
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Answered by
Ben. Currie

June 20

Dear Sir Arthur

Owing to my
absence from Ottawa for some
days following your appointment
and later your absence in
the East - I have delayed
writing you a note of regret
and of Congratulation

I deeply regret - your
withdrawal from the Department
of Militia as Inspector General

of the forces. Your great
Achievements with the Corps
and the wide knowledge
and Exceptional Ability
You brought to the performance
of your duties made your
presence as head of the
forces a great asset to
Canada. The Country is
the loser by your retirement.
On the other hand I do
Congratulate you most
Sincerely on your new
post. I think this one
of Exceptional honour.

and apparently

I am sure the success
which marked your work
in France will be not less
conspicuous in this new
field of service

Wishing you and Lady
Currie every possible
success and
all the good things you
so richly deserve

Yours very sincerely
W. Russell

B.H.

Ottawa, 20th May, 1920.

My dear Cole,

I regret to hear that your recovery from your operation is quite slow. I hope that the fine weather we are experiencing now will have the effect of hastening that recovery, and that you will soon be your old self again.

I have received a letter from Mrs. Cole, in which she was good enough to offer, on your behalf as well as her own, congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. In addition to what I have said in my reply to her, I wish also to say that I shall look forward to living in Montreal with a great deal of pleasure, for I formed during the war, very close associations with many of its citizens. I shall try to look you up on my next visit there.

With many thanks for your congratulations and with all good wishes for your early recovery,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lt.-Colonel F. Minden Cole, DSO., Inspector-General & Military Counsellor
15 Holton Ave.,
Westmount,
Montreal, P.Q. General.

E.H.

Ottawa, 20th May, 1920.

Dear Mrs. Cole,-

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and beg to thank you most sincerely for the congratulations from yourself and Colonel Cole.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to my association with McGill University, and I hope that my direction of its affairs will not prove a disappointment to my friends.

I am sorry indeed to learn that the Colonel's recovery from his serious operation has been so slow. I wish he could have attended the Dinner we had in Montreal last Thursday night when I was the recipient of an address and sword of honour from some of my old officers. It was a distinction which I prize almost more than anything else I have received.

On my next visit to your city I shall not neglect what will be a duty as well as a pleasure to call and see your husband. I hope to find him much better.

With all good wishes to you both,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Mrs. Minden Cole,
Westmount,
Montreal, P.Q.

E.H.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

My dear Lucas,-

On my return to Ottawa to-day I find your letter of May the 21st in which you were good enough to send your congratulations to me on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. It was most kind of you to think of writing to me and I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I am looking forward to my work at the University with a great deal of interest and pleasure. I quite realize that I have no academic qualifications; yet, I hope that my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends. Certainly the position offers opportunities for much useful service to our country.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

W. J. Lucas, Esq.,
Attorney-at-Law,
E. Las Vegas,
New Mexico.

W. J. LUCAS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M.

H. E. BLATTMAN

May
Twenty-one
1920

Sir Arthur Currie,

President, McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

As a contemporary of yourself at Strathroy permit me to tender my very sincere felicitations and congratulations upon your selection as President of McGill.

The information reached me at noon today and created the most lively satisfaction.

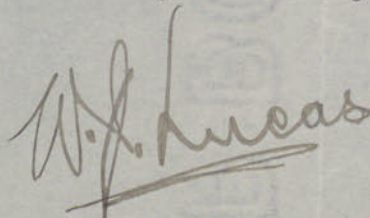
Undoubtedly, the glorious traditions and record of that great institution will not only be maintained, but will be enhanced by one of your great administrative capacity.

Every alumnus of our old school will rejoice with me in the honor that has been conferred upon you of following in the footsteps of the many great men who have been your predecessors.

With assurances of my very respectful admiration and regard, I beg to remain

Yours very sincerely,

WJL/MH.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

E.H.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

My dear Mewburn,-

On my return to Ottawa yesterday morning, I found awaiting me your kind letter of May 27th in which you were good enough to congratulate me on being appointed Principal of McGill University.

Naturally one regrets severing connection with the Service with which one has been so closely associated during recent years. Most of all does one regret the severance of direct ties with so many gallant fellows with whom one has made friends during the war. Yet, I am looking forward to my work in Montreal with keen interest and great pleasure, realizing that the position affords many opportunities for useful service to Canada. I still hope that I may be of some use to the Militia.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Major-General S.H. Mewburn, M.P.,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.



House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario.
May 27th, 1920.

My dear Currie,-

I had hoped to have seen you to congratulate you personally on the honour bestowed upon you in accepting the position as Principal of McGill University, but I have been laid up for a week, and on my return find you are away.

Please accept my most sincere congratulations. I congratulate McGill in obtaining your great services, but it is a frightful blow to the Militia losing you from here, while I am sure you will always be ready and willing to give the country the benefit of your advice and wonderful experience.

I am sure your work at McGill will rebound with great credit to yourself and the country.

With all good luck to you in your undertaking. I am

Always sincerely,

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
Department of Militia & Defence,
O t t a w a.

E.H.

Ottawa, 8th June, 1920.

My dear Buster,-

When I saw you yesterday I had not yet opened your letter of May the 24th which awaited my return to Ottawa.

I thank you indeed for your kind congratulations and as we discussed yesterday, perhaps the new position offers as much opportunity for useful service to Canada as that which I am now holding. The thing one most regrets on leaving the Department is the break in the association with so many good fellows with whom one has worked so intimately during recent years. However, the welfare of Canada's Militia will always be very near to my heart, and I hope to be of some service to it yet.

I was glad indeed to see you looking so well yesterday and I hope you soon recover your former robust health.

With all good wishes,
I am, dear Buster,
Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Lt.-Colonel J. Sutherland Brown, DSO.,
61 Robert St.,
OTTAWA.

61 ROBERT STREET.

Ottawa
May 24th 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am a little late in my congratulations but they are no less sincere for that. I am glad that at last some Canadian Institution has had the decency to, in some way, reward you for your services to the Empire.

I, among many others, shall be very sorry that you are relinquishing your post as Military Councillor.

It is too bad that you cannot be suitably rewarded within that Department of the State you served so well. It is too bad that you cannot continue to stand for the serving soldier against political apathy.

But perhaps at the University you
may be able by speech or action
to do more for the Indian Forces than you
could when its chief, but restrained
by the regulations of office.

You have my very kindest
congratulations

I have the honour to be
sir Arthur

yours very sincerely,

Richard S. Ross.

General Sir Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G. K.C.B.,
Dept of Militia,
Ottawa.

E.H.

Ottawa, 10th June, 1920.

My Lord,-

Upon my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your kind letter of May the 27th, in which you have been good enough to offer me your best wishes on my acceptance of the Principalship of your old "Alma Mater".

I assure you, Sir, that I appreciate this greeting very much indeed, and such a warm assurance of your loyalty and support will be in inspiration.

I look forward to the work in Montreal with keen interest and much pleasure, fully realizing the wonderful opportunities afforded for service to Canada, and to Canadians. I hope that my direction of McGill's affairs will not be a disappointment to the old graduates.

I have the honour,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

The Rt. Rev. J. F. Sweeney, MA., DD.,
Bishop of Toronto,
Toronto,
Ont.



See House.

J.T.

27th. May, 1920.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

As an old graduate of McGill's, I hasten to convey to you a warm greeting, and the assurance of loyalty as the new Principal of my old 'Alma Mater', and to express the hope that you may long be spared to preside over its destiny with the distinguished ability wherewith God has endowed you.

And further to express my deep regret that I shall be unable to be present on the occasion of the Commencement of the University of Toronto, when the University is to honor itself by conferring a Degree upon you. As a matter of fact I expect to have left for England by

that time, and therefore, regret my inability to be present.

With all good wishes for the occasion; and hoping that there will shortly be a grand re-union of McGill Graduates to have the honor of meeting their new Principal, believe me

Faithfully yours,

James Toronto,

Sir Arthur William Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Militia Headquarters
Ottawa, Ontario.

E.H.

Ottawa, 10th June, 1920.

Dear Reverend Love,-

On my return to Ottawa, after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your kind letter of May the 15th in which you have been good enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in this regard, and while I fully realize my own limitations I hope that my direction of the University's affairs will not be altogether disappointing to my friends.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Rev. Andrew T. Love,
The Manse,
Quebec,
P.Q.

St. Andrew's Church

(Presbyterian)

Divine Services commenced 1759



"The Manse"
Quebec, P. Q.

15th May 1920.

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

My dear Sir
Interested as I am in McGill
& Education generally, permit me to
offer my hearty congratulations on
your appointment as Principal of
McGill University, — wishing you
and yours every happiness and
prosperity.

Believe me
Yours faithfully,
James Arthur Galt

Andrew G. Love. —

E.H.

Ottawa, 10th June, 1920.

My dear Tory,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your kind letter of May 24th, in which you were good enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I thank you for your good wishes, and will do my best to see that my direction of the University's affairs will not be disappointing to my friends.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

H.M. Tory Esq., M.A., &c.,
President, University of Alberta,
Edmonton,
Alta.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



CABLE ADDRESS "VERA"
CODE A.B.C. (5TH ED.)

EDMONTON
CANADA

May 24/1920

My Dear General Currie

Please allow me to congratulate you on your new appointment and to welcome you into the finest fraternity in the world the Fraternity of University Presidents. I shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you in your new capacity. May I express the hope that you will be as successful in your new position as in your old one as Corp Commander in France

Sincerely yours

Anthony

Answered



12th May 1920

My dear General,

My heartiest
congratulations.

McGill University in
an lifetime is likely
to be a much bigger
thing than the Canadian
military. I dare say you
have regrets, but you
will probably find
that there are extra-
ordinary similarities
between the direction
of a university and
an Army Corps. The
chief difference will

It probably be found to
be the comparatively
long interval bet-
ween action and
its result in the
case of the farmer,
and I am sure you
will have as
brilliant success
with the one as
with the other.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Birnie.

Sir Arthur Currie's Appointment

THE appointment of Sir Arthur Currie to the high educational office of principal of McGill University is welcome, for many reasons, but particularly, perhaps, because of the evidence it affords of a broadening concept of the term education. Sir Arthur Currie does not profess to be a scholar. Beyond six years' experience as a school-teacher, he has no academic affiliations. But, as the governors of the university point out in their statement on the subject, the qualities which made him an incomparable leader and organizer at the front fit him preeminently for the headship of a great Canadian university. The brilliancy of Sir Arthur Currie's record in the great war, as leader of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France, won him, the governors declare, a reputation unsurpassed in the British forces. And they add, what is so much to the point, that he achieved what he did "not alone by his skill as a soldier, but also by the patient, constructive and far-seeing qualities as a statesman."

It is just these qualities which are needed so much in McGill, as in other centers of learning, today. Those who know anything about university life and management cannot fail to have recognized, again and again, the sore need, in authoritative quarters, of the broad unacademic view. Education is, of course, much more than academics, and all the tendency of modern education is toward a recognition of this fact. Indeed, there is, in some quarters, an equally undesirable tendency to fly to the other extreme. Sir Arthur Currie, however, is not likely to lean unduly to one side or the other. He comes to McGill very brilliantly recommended. For, not only was his appointment enthusiastically urged by his predecessor, Sir Auckland Geddes, but it was most emphatically approved by such great scholars as the Master of Balliol and Prof. W. G. S. Adams, Fellow of All Souls, Oxford. Both the Master of Balliol and Professor Adams declared that there was no one either in Great Britain or in Canada, whose name they would put alongside that of Sir Arthur Currie for consideration as president of McGill.

Sir Arthur Currie, schoolmaster, business man, and soldier, has been described as "a rock of a man, strong, direct, straightforward, marching direct to the goal, abhorrent of devious paths, yet very human, stern of purpose, but with a deep well of tenderness." He will have a great opportunity at McGill. He knows Canada well, especially the young Canadian man and woman, has shown himself fully awake to the great opportunities lying before his country, and determined in every possible way to take advantage of them. He may, therefore, be depended on to take up his work at McGill with one aim, namely, to do his utmost to place the university in the forefront of the world's great educational centers.

E.H.

Ottawa, 17th May, 1920.

My dear Tom,-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 15th instant, in which you were kind enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the appointment to McGill.

Naturally, one regrets very much leaving the Militia Service, but I am now convinced that many ideas I had for its good were destined to a long period of incubation.

I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with much pleasure. I hope to have an opportunity of calling upon you in Toronto, for I would gladly avail myself of your advice regarding the true mission of the University.

Lady Currie I know would like to be associated with me in all good wishes to the Gibson family.

Believe me, dear Tom,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

T. Gibson, Esq.,
Messrs. Gibson & Gibson,
503 Traders Bank Bldg.,
Toronto,
Ont.

GIBSON & GIBSON
503 TRADERS BANK BUILDING
TORONTO

15. 5. 20

My Dear General Currie,-

I have just learned
on returning from N. Y. of your
new appointment. I hasten
to offer my sincerest con-
gratulations. Much as we all
regret the severance of your
connection with the militia
we feel here that the oppor-
tunities for usefulness in
your new position will
be greater. I know that you
will fill the job well.

great credit.

I hope that you
will be spared for many
years to fill the high office
to which you have been
called.

All of my family join me
in wishing you, lady Carrie
& the family the fullest
measure of success and
happiness.

Believe me
very sincerely yours

Hittmuller

L.

24th May, 1920.

My Lord,-

I thank you very much for your kind letter of May 20th in which you were good enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I assure you, Sir, that I deeply appreciate the opportunities the position affords for useful service to my fellow citizens and to our country, and I thank you for the assurance of your support.

I would like to say that I am looking forward with very much pleasure to living in Montreal for I have many friends amongst its citizens and many old comrades, tried and true, of the great war.

With renewed thanks for your kind letter, I am

Your Lordships most obedient servant,

Rt. Rev. John Farthing, D.D.
Bishop of Montreal,
Mansonville, P.Q.

General.
Inspector General & Military
Counsellor.

BISHOPSCOURT
MONTREAL

Marsouville, P. Q.

20th May 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur,

It has been my
misfortune whenever you
have been in Montreal to
be away. So I have not had
the pleasure of meeting you,
which I have been anxious
to do. As I learn that you are
coming to reside in my
diocese I feel that I must
write a word of welcome
& congratulation.

Very cordially so I welcome
you to Mount Pleasant & to the
Church there. It is a great
pleasure for me to know
that we are to have you
among us, for I have heard
from Susan Almond & others
of the great support you give
the Chaplains in their work,
and of the magnificent
example which you set
them. We are anticipating
your influence & co-operation
in our Church life & work
in Mount Pleasant with eagerness.

I congratulate you upon
your appointment to the field.
It is a position of much
influence & responsibility,
and I wish you every success
in it. If there is
at any time, in any way,
a service that I can render
you, or any assistance I
can give you in your work,
you can command me, it
will be a pleasure & privilege
to support you in your work.
I am not officially connected

with me still, but perhaps at
some time I can serve.
Hoping that I may have
soon ~~have~~ the pleasure of
meeting you,

Yours
Sincerely yours
John Montreal

R.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Nap,-

This morning I received your letter of May the 12th and wish to thank you very much for your congratulations. The new work will be decidedly interesting, and I am looking forward to taking over the position with a great deal of pleasure. You can well understand that ones work here, although of a military character, has been somewhat different to commanding troops in the field. I am sorry to leave the Militia Service as one had many hopes (probably doomed to disappointment) as to the future of the Militia.

I hope that when you are next in Ottawa you will come to see me. I would like very much to have a yarn with you before you go West again.

Now that you are shortly leaving the Service, I would like to thank you once again Nap. for all your loyal help during the years we were associated in the old Division overseas. I am sorry that your services have not received that tangible recognition which they merited. On more than one occasion I sought to obtain for you a reward solely because I believed your faithful and efficient service, and your devotion to duty merited it. I hope that the condition of your arm has improved and that in time it will fully recover.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you shortly,

I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

Major Ross Napier,
352 Christie St.,
Toronto, Ont.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

DOMINION ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

352 CHRISTIE STREET

TORONTO

12th May 1920

Dear General Currie,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your new appointment which I have just seen confirmed. I am sure that the change will be a grateful one to you in many ways, and that you will feel it more of a liberation than anything else, and, from my own knowledge of H. A. C., I imagine you will find a much more congenial atmosphere in your new sphere.

I was in Ottawa during the past two days but knew you would be busy as you had just returned and as I found Willis was away I thought I would not disturb you.

I expect to go up for a medical board in a day or two and to be demobilized, in a week or so and then to take my departure "unwept, unhonoured and unsung" but, as yet, I have no definite arrangements for the future, as I could make none until I knew how long they were to keep me here, but I shall not be sorry, in many ways, to get out. My last experience at Halifax while miserably successful as regards my own work, was carried out under such disgusting and disheartening circumstances as to convince me that, now that the war is over, my energies might better be used on my own behalf. While I shall have, at least, the satisfaction of looking back to the fact that I carried out my last military duty successfully in spite of all the obstacles placed in my way, I should willingly have sacrificed a little of that satisfaction if I had not been compelled to take away with me some of the conclusions formed through my experiences at Halifax.

DOMINION ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

352 CHRISTIE STREET

TORONTO

I never thought that the time of my finally doffing my uniform would be almost coincident with your doing so. I should have lasted so much longer than so many others after all. Doubtless I have been very foolish for my own interests but I am glad to have carried on to the last end, while I have no bright prospects for the future, I am not afraid of it, and have no doubt that, although a cripple, I shall be able to find a niche where I may fit in.

I expect I shall be passing through Ottawa when I am demobilized when I may have the pleasure of seeing you. With kind regards to Lady Laurie and yourself and best wishes for all success and happiness in your new sphere

I remain

Very sincerely yours

R. R. Ross

E.H.

Ottawa, 15th May, 1920.

My dear Ross,-

I appreciate very much your letter of the 13th inst., congratulating me on having accepted the position of Principal of McGill University. I shall look forward to the new work with much interest. I believe it offers many opportunities. I have found the work in this Department somewhat different to the work in France; you can well understand where in the difference lies. That my appointment meets with the approval of old comrades is very gratifying, and I do sincerely appreciate your letter.

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Brig.-General A.E. Ross,
CB., CMG., DSO.,
Ont. Legislative Assembly,
Toronto,
Ont.

P.S.: Willis has already applied for the position of Superintendent or Caretaker or some such thing in connection with one of the colleges of McGill which is apparently attended by many women.



ONTARIO

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Toronto
May 13/20

Dear Gen Currie

I have just read the splendid news that you have accepted the Principalship of McGill, Univ.

I am very pleased that you are out of the job with the Militia Dept. Enough said.

Now I wish you all success and happiness in this new position.

I am proud of you and confident that old McGill will be a new Institution under your direction.

Yours faithfully
A R Ross.

P.S. The next important question is what position will Willis fill?

Ottawa

18th May 1920

My Dear Sir Arthur.

The great triumph which has just entered your life, has I know made many of your old officers sad, not entirely because of the fact that the service is losing its Commander, but rather that we will no longer have the honour of serving under one whose

leadership has been such as to inspire us all with a feeling of love and a desire above all things, to be true in our devotion to duty.

But Sir, while we sorrow in our loss, we all rejoice in the magnificent honour that is yours, for your new appointment as President of McGill University is a graceful recognition on the part of one of Canada's greatest Institutions and as such, is

We feel a grateful recognition on
the part of Canada herself.

I am thanking you, Sir, for your
kindness to me during the years
of the war in France and later
in Canada, & desire to assure
you of the joy such service
always gave to me.

I now have joins with me in
the warmest congratulations
to both yourself and Lady
Curry.

Your photograph which you so
kindly gave, will ever remind
me of the truly wonderful
days of the war, spent in
France and Belgium, and as
time wears and I look at it,
we will always think of the
man, more than any other in
Canada, whom it is our desire
to honour.

Believe me dear Sir Arthur

very sincerely yours

Francis B. Ware

General Sir A. W. Currie G. C. M. G.; K. C. B. etc

E.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Mr. Wade, -

I thank you most sincerely for your letter of May 21st in which you have been kind enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I am looking forward with very much pleasure and interest to the work in Montreal, fully appreciative of the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada and Canadians, and I hope that my direction of the University's affairs will not be disappointing to my friends.

Please convey to Mrs. Wade and your daughter my very best wishes, and with kindest regards and best thanks,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

F.C. Wade, Esq.,
Agent-General for B.C.,
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England.

Office of the Agent General for British Columbia.



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS :
"COLUMBARY, PICCOY, LONDON."
TELEPHONE NO. REGENT 268.

British Columbia House,
183, Regent Street, S.W. 1.

LONDON, May 21 20

My dear General,

I want to add my
my warm & sincere
congratulations to the
thousands you have
received as head of
the Guild, and Mrs. Wad,
and my daughter, Mrs
Chambers join me.

Canada could
not do enough for
you. I am not surprised
that now that the

Smoke of battle has
cleared away you should
be willing to lay down the
sword stake of this
pen and the arts of
peace.

Your personal
should be useful valu-
able to the morale of the
young Canadians at
McGill, and in all
predicament and bespeak
for you a happy and
supremely useful
future.

Wm Wadsworth
cherishes you as in
improbable student
wishes to have Currier
as well as yourself
Yours very truly
Wm Wadsworth

E.H.

Ottawa, 14th May, 1920.

Dear Sir & Comrade,-

I beg to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, your letter of May 12th, in which you have set forth the terms of a Resolution unanimously passed at the Regular Executive Meeting of the Ottawa Command.

That my acceptance of the position of Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University meets with the approval of my old comrades of the Canadian Corps is highly gratifying. The position is one of great responsibility and many opportunities. I have accepted it with all humility and with the hope that I may be successful in helping McGill to instill into the lives of its graduates something akin to the spirit which carried the old Corps to victory in the strenuous days over there.

Yours fraternally,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

E. Groves, Esq.,
Secy. C.W.V.A.,
OTTAWA.

GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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OTTAWA, May 12th, 1920
CANADA

OF CANADA INCORPORATED

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Inspector General & Military Counsellor,
Department of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I am instructed to present to you the Resolution hereunder, which was unanimously passed at the Regular Executive Meeting of the Ottawa Command, G.W.V.A., held May 12th, 1920.

"That this Executive of the G.W.V.A. Ottawa Branch in regular session assembled, notes with the greatest pleasure the appointment of General Sir Arthur Currie, late commander of the C.E.F., to the post of principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, Montreal."

"It feels that the general's remarkable powers of organization will prove of the utmost benefit to the furtherance of the educational facilities of this university and begs to congratulate the faculty on their foresight in electing this distinguished Canadian to this eminently responsible post."

Yours fraternally,

Secretary.

R.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Sir & Comrade,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence, I found awaiting me your letter of May 29th, in which you inform me that the Victoria Branch, G.W.V.A. have been good enough to send me their congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University.

I am grateful indeed for your good wishes and am glad to know that the appointment meets with the approval of my old comrades.

Naturally one regrets very much severing connection with the Service with which I have been so closely associated during recent years, but perhaps in the new sphere I may yet be of further service. We all know that it is not a difficult matter to make good soldiers out of good citizens, and in my position at McGill it will be my privilege and my duty to impress upon all the students and others with whom I come in contact, the responsibilities and the duties they owe their country. At the same time I hope to be able to make them realize just how much Canada owes to the service and sacrifice of her soldiers in the Great War, and the value to our country of the traditions created by the heroism and devotion to duty of the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Yours faithfully & fraternally,

H. Roberts, Esq.,
512 Fort St.,
Victoria,
B.C.

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.



The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada

VICTORIA BRANCH

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE SECRETARY, BOX 974

512 FORT STREET

Victoria, B.C. May 29, 1920.

To
Comrade Sir Arthur Currie,
Riden Club,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir and Comrade:-

It is with great pleasure I forward to you a motion adopted at the last General Meeting of the Victoria Branch of Great War Veterans. That this local send to Comrade Sir Arthur Currie their heartiest congratulations, on his recent appointment to that of Principal of Mc.Gill University.

And further it is unanimously hoped that you will be long given continued health and strength to perform these new duties on which so much depends. Kindly accept these heartfelt appreciations, tendered to you by your comrades, who have already expressed their appreciation for the noble manner in which you performed your duties as "Father of the Canadian Army" in this last Great War.

Wishing you long continued health and strength.

I Remain,

Yours Fraternaly,

Harold Roberts

Secretary.

H.R./L.S.

E.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

My dear O.H.

I acknowledge with most grateful thanks your letter of May 20th in which you have been good enough to offer me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

The work is likely to be somewhat different to what one has been accustomed to during recent years, but I am looking forward to it with much interest and pleasure. I believe the position offers opportunities for useful service to Canada and to Canadians.

When in Toronto last week I saw, for all too brief a space of time, your brother John; he looks well and prosperous.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

O.H. Nelson, Esq.,
Prince Rupert,
B.C.

Prince Rupert May 20th 1920

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie
Military Headquarters
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir Arthur, -

Heartly congratulations upon the latest honor conferred upon you in the McGill University appointment. It is a pleasure to know that the services of those who did good work at the front are not forgotten when they get home.

I hope you may long honor the position to which you have been called.

With kindest regards,
Aeman

Yours sincerely
O.H. Nelson

E.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

My dear Sir Campbell,-

I acknowledge with most grateful thanks your kind letter of the 19th of May in which you repeat your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. I greatly appreciated your cable and acknowledged it immediately.

Naturally I regret very much severing direct association with the Service with which I have been so intimately connected during recent years, but perhaps I still may be of some use to the Militia. It does not take long to make a good soldier out of a good citizen. I am looking forward to my work in Montreal with keen interest and very great pleasure, fully realizing the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada and to Canadians.

I hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you during your visit to Montreal in August with the members of the Imperial Press Conference.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

Sir Campbell Stuart,
The Times,
London, England.

19th May 1920.

My dear Sir Arthur,

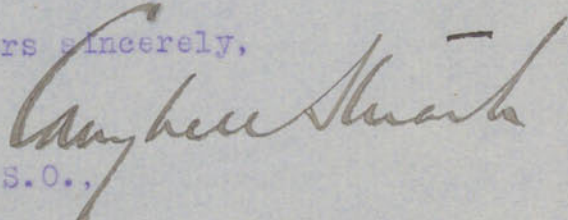
I cabled you immediately upon learning the news of your appointment to the great office of Principal of McGill University. Birks had mentioned it to me when he was in England, and Sir Auckland Geddes had discussed it with me most feelingly. I need not repeat to you what I said in my cablegram that I consider it not only a great office for you to hold, but more particularly a great compliment to the University of McGill in your acceptance of it.

I am coming to Canada on July 17th with the Imperial Press Conference, and shall be in Montreal together with 150 others some time in August. Of course I have nothing to do with the Canadian programme, but I sincerely trust that it will in some way or other include meeting you.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely,

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



L.

Ottawa, 14th June, 1920.

My dear Jim,-

On my return to Ottawa after an absence of some two weeks I found awaiting me your letter of May 13th in which you kindly extended to me your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University, and for which I thank you.

I look forward to the work at McGill with much interest and pleasure, fully appreciative of the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada and Canadians, and I hope that my direction of the University's affairs will not be disappointing to my friends.

Naturally one regrets leaving the service with which I have been so closely associated during recent years, and the severance of association with the many good fellows with whom I became acquainted overseas.

With all good wishes, I am

Ever yours faithfully,

General.
Inspector General & Military Counsellor.

J. Selater, Esq.,
Office of the Prohibition Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER

VICTORIA

May 13th 1920

My Dear Arthur, just a line from an old friend to say how glad and proud I am to know of the additional honour that has come to you in your appointment as Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University. All your friends out here are just delighted, and we, who know you, rejoice in the knowledge that you will grace and dignify the high position to which you have now been called.

I am so glad, my dear old friend, and I wish you long life in which to enjoy this great honour.

Yours very sincerely
H. Carter

General Sir Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G.; K.C.B. &c.
Ottawa Ont.

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Ottawa, 15th June, 1920.

My dear Bowman,-

On my return to Ottawa after a fortnight's absence I found awaiting me your letter of May 17th in which you have kindly offered your congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University.

I am looking forward with very much pleasure and interest to the work in Montreal, fully appreciative of the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada and Canadians, and I hope my direction of the affairs of the University will not be disappointing to my friends.

I trust that your new book "The World: Problems and Boundaries" will meet with every success, and I will be very pleased to have in my bookcase a copy of same.

Ever yours faithfully,

Isaiah Bowman, Esq.,
American Geographical Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET
NEW YORK

May 17, 1920

My dear General:

I have just had the pleasure of having our mutual friend, James Shotwell, to lunch, and he tells me that you have just been appointed President of McGill University, for which I thank God and send my very hearty congratulations and good wishes.

I am just completing a book called "The New World: Problems and Boundaries," and when it is finished I shall send you a copy in the hope that the more than 100 maps will be of some interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Irish Bowman

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

L.

Ottawa, 15th June, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

On my return to Ottawa after several weeks' absence I found awaiting me your kind letter of May 17th in which you offer me the cordial greetings and congratulations of the British Great War Veterans Association of America on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

It is highly gratifying to me to learn that so many of my old comrades approve of the appointment, and I would ask you to be good enough to convey to them this expression of my gratitude. I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with keen interest and great pleasure, fully realising the opportunities which the position affords for useful service to Canada and to Canadians, and I hope that I may be successful in helping McGill to instill into the lives of its graduates something akin to the spirit which carried the old Corps and the old British Army to Victory in the strenuous days over there.

Let me take this opportunity of wishing your Association all possible success and I hope that it will continue to increase in numbers and in prestige, in power and in influence.

Ever yours faithfully,

W. M. Sage, Esq., President,
The British Great War Veterans of America,
68 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

The British Great War Veterans of America, Inc.

68 BROAD STREET

ROOM 215

New York City, 17th May, 1920.

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

The British Great War Veterans Association of America has the honour of sending you its most hearty and cordial greetings and congratulations upon your being made President of McGill University and offers you its best wishes.

This Association, composed of over five hundred members, sixty per cent of which had the honour of serving under your command in Flanders, feels sure that McGill University will prosper with you at its head.

The British Great War Veterans Association has been formed along lines similar to the Canadian Great War Veterans and is rapidly growing and has the approval of the British Embassy at Washington. Its aims are to promote friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States and to assist all veterans of the Great War whenever possible.

I am pleased to say that in view of what has already been accomplished, it is hoped that the Association will be able to do much good work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Sage.

President.

E.H.

Ottawa, 12th June, 1920.

Dear Mr. Carnegie, -

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 26th, in which you were good enough to offer me congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University. The work though new, is one to which I look forward with keen interest and great pleasure, fully realizing the opportunity the position affords for useful service to Canada and to Canadians. I hope my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

I shall be very pleased to receive a copy of your most recent publication.

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor.

David Carnegie, Esq.,
Woodlands,
Beckenham Hill,
Kent,
England.

TELEPHONE:
BROMLEY 213.

Woodlands,

Beckenham Hill,

Kent.

26th May 1920

General Sir Arthur Currie G.C.B. &c.
Principal McGill University,
Montreal,

My dear General,

It was a great surprise
and pleasure to see from
the press that you had
been invited to succeed
Sir Auckland Geddes as
Principal of McGill University.

May I be allowed to offer
my hearty congratulations.

A man of such brilliant
parts cannot fail to inspire
the noblest and best in
the students.

I have asked my publishers
to send you a copy of a
book I have written
recently entitled "Can Church
& Industry Unite?" You
may be too busy to look
it over but hope you
will accept same
with my best wishes.

Sincerely yours
David Carnegie.

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Deeply appreciate your kind congratulations.

General Currie.

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E.H.

Ottawa, 18th June, 1920.

Dear Madam,-

I acknowledge with pride and thanks, the receipt of your letter of June the 11th in which you tender the congratulations of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E., on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University.

I assure you that I look forward to the work in Montreal with great interest, recognizing as I do that the position offers exceptional opportunities for good service to Canada and to Canadians. To come into such close contact with so many young Canadians each year is an extraordinary privilege, and also it permits one to enjoy a close association with the many ex-graduates of the college.

I hope that my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

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

Ever yours faithfully,

General,
Inspector-General & Military Counsellor,

Mrs. Mary L. Cummins,
Secy. Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E.,
1007 Collinson St.,
Victoria, B.C.

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409 QUEENS AVENUE
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1007 Collinson Street.
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am instructed to convey to you from the Regent, Mrs R. B. McMicknig, officers and members of the Lady Douglas Chapter I. O. D. E. their sincere congratulations upon your recent appointment as Vice Chancellor of McGill, Canada's notable seat of learning.

As the Chapter has the honor of numbering Lady Currie among its honorary members, we feel that we have a close personal interest in yourself and your successful career.

Believe me very faithfully yours

(Mrs) Mary Lammie Secy.

June 11th 1920.

E.H.

Ottawa, 29th June, 1920.

My dear General,-

This morning I received your letter of May the 14th. I cannot account for the long delay in its transmission, but I take this my first opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for your kind congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University.

I assure you that I look forward with great pleasure to living in Montreal, and I can imagine nothing more interesting nor inspiring than the work which will confront me there. The position offers wonderful opportunities for useful service to Canada and to Canadians. I hope, dear General, that my direction of the University's affairs will not be a disappointment to my friends.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

General.

Brig.-General Chas. A. Smart, CMG.,
500 Roslyn Ave.,
Westmount,
P.Q.



500 Roslyn Ave.

Westmount

May 14th 1920

Dear General Currie

Please accept my congratulations on the splendid honor which has just been conferred on you by the Governors of McGill University. In common with your many friends & admirers I am sure you will do honor to the high position you now hold & bring new life & vigor to McGill as you did to the Canadian Corps.

Although I did not have
the privilege of serving
under you in France I
always followed your
good work & successes
with keen personal interest;
because I knew some-
thing of the trials & worries
you had to endure & I
admired your independence
& force of character.

May every success
attend you in your new
sphere of life & may you
be blest with good health
to enable you to carry on.

With kindest regards,
believe me,
Yours faithfully,
Chas. D. Smart

E.H.

Ottawa, 22nd June, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

Permit me to thank you for the very kind letter of June the 16th, signed by the President and Secretary of the McGill Society of Toronto, who are good enough to convey to me the congratulations of the McGill graduates in Toronto, on my acceptance of the Principalship of your alma mater.

I assure you I appreciate greatly this courtesy on your part, and hope that your best wishes for my guidance of McGill may be fully realized.

I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with the greatest degree of interest and pleasure, fully cognizant of the opportunities the position affords for useful service, not only to Canada and Canadians, but to the Empire as well.

I am very busy in the Department here and shall be so for some weeks yet. Then I hope to have a short vacation and on August the 1st, go to Montreal. When I get a bit settled there, I shall be happy indeed to meet the McGill graduates in Toronto and vicinity, and to receive from you the advice as to its affairs which you must have so much at heart.

I shall write to you again regarding this visit to which I look forward with much pleasure.

Again thanking you for your kind letter,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

J.B. Donald, Esq.,
Secy. McGill Society of Toronto,
Toronto,
Ont.

General,

University of Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

June 16, 1920.

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

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the McGill Society of Toronto, we were asked to convey to you the congratulations of McGill graduates in Toronto and vicinity, on your appointment to the Principalship of our Alma Mater. At the same time, as fellow graduates of McGill, we wish to extend to you our hearty greetings. We feel that at this critical juncture in the history of McGill you will bring to bear on your work the distinguished ability which has so successfully characterized your career to date.

We trust that at an early date our Society may have the pleasure of meeting you, and we would esteem it a favour if you could let us know when your movements will bring you to Toronto.

On behalf of the McGill Society of Toronto, we beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,


President


Secretary

August
Seventeenth
1920.

Dr. George W. Badgerow,
4 Harley Street,
Cavendish Square W.,
London, England.

Dear Dr. Badgerow:-

I thank you most sincerely for your letter of June 25th, in which you were good enough to offer your congratulations on my acceptance of the Principalship of McGill University.

I came to Montreal on August 1st and have begun the work here. I am looking forward to it with a great deal of interest and pleasure, but with much fear and trembling as well. I have been received with all possible kindness and have had many assurances of loyal support and co-operation from all concerned with the University's affairs and from the graduates as well.

It seems to me that I recently read in our press that you were on a visit to Canada. If such is the case, I hope I may have an opportunity of seeing you before you return to England.

Lady Currie is very well and is delighted to come to live in Montreal. My children are in good health, although they have both been ill since our return to Canada. Marjorie had a severe attack of scarlet fever this spring, while the boy has been much troubled with a weak ankle. He hurt it on the boat coming over last summer and went lame almost every month afterward. I had it X rayed last February, when there was discovered an erosion of one of the bones of the ankle. I took him to Clarence Starr for treatment, and I am glad to say he is getting on very well. The ankle is in plaster paris and he uses a splint.

Dr. George W. Badgerow - 2 -

Starr assures me, however, that there is no evidence of tubercular trouble.

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

Ever yours faithfully,

Mayfair 1044.

Congratulations
on McGill appt

4, Harley Street, 25-6-20
Cavendish Square, W.
London Eng.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Please accept

my congratulations upon your appointment
to the Principalship of Mc^e Gill
University.

I am sure the University will benefit
from your high reputation and
acknowledged ability
With best wishes to you and
Lady Currie.

Yours most sincerely,
George W. Badgerow.

Congrats

August
Twenty-fourth
1920.

Chas. H. Ellacott Esq.,
C/o. Cortez Oil Corporation,
Apartado 216,
Tampico, Tamps, Mexico.

My dear Ellacott:-

I was glad indeed to get your
letter of August 8th.

Let me thank you very much indeed
for your kind message of congratulations. Since
the days in Victoria in 1914 many things have
happened and the world is greatly changed for most
of us. I cannot tell you how honoured I am in
coming to Montreal, nor how pleased as well. The
more I study the history of McGill, the more I
learn of its traditions, the more honoured I feel
to be associated with her in this capacity. I
have been received with the greatest kindness,
and in time hope to prove to my friends my ability
to direct the affairs of the University; and
certainly the position affords outstanding oppor-
tunities for useful service to Canada, to Canadians
and to the Empire as well.

I hope that in Mexico you are
happy and prosperous. I understand it is a
wonderfully rich country, and that when its
Government becomes stabilized, prosperous con-
ditions are bound to prevail.

Most cordially reciprocating your
good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

C/o Cotey Oil Corporation
Apartado 216
Tampico Tamp.
Mexico.

(Septate Vera) Aug 8/20

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

Dear Sir Arthur

As an old Victorian and erstwhile fellow
club member please accept my very heartiest congratulations
on the many high and well deserved honours bestowed on
you since that distant day you left Victoria in 1914

Your brilliant work in France, the great hearted love you
had for your men, the heroic fortitude with which you
carried through and your fine modesty without, prove
you a veritable Sir Galahad

And now I learn, away down here locating Reno.
through the sticks, that you as Principal of old McGill
you have chosen the arduous rather than the easier
and more spectacular

As an old grad. I am delighted and wish to
congratulate both you and the University

That you will be very successful is beyond ^{doubt}, that you
will be happy and prosperous for many long
years is my sincerest wish and hope

Faithfully yours
Edw. H. Elliott

Congrat

August
Seventeenth
1920.

A. E. Forman Esq.,
Public Works Engineer,
City Hall,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Forman:-

I thank you very much for your letter of June 29th, and for your congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill University. I received the letter only yesterday, or should have forwarded an earlier acknowledgment.

I am looking forward to the work in Montreal with a great deal of interest and pleasure, fully realizing the opportunities the position affords for useful service to Canada and to Canadians. Not the least of my pleasures in connection with the appointment is the cordial assurances I am receiving from graduates of their loyalty and support. We must do everything possible to increase the liason between the graduates and their Alma Mater.

I am glad you referred to meeting my brother John at the Canadian Good Roads Convention in Winnipeg. He is very much interested in that movement, and I think is sound and practical in his conclusions.

Looking forward to seeing you in Victoria soon, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Victoria, B.C., June 29th., 1920.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations upon your appointment to the Principalship of McGill.

I did not write earlier knowing you would be flooded with letters.

I believe the primary essentials for the head of McGill University are administrative and executive ability, and you have shown that you possess these qualifications in a marked degree. That the principal should be a McGill Graduate or an Academician, is, in my opinion, of secondary importance. I assure you I shall do everything in my power to assist in making my alma mater under your guidance ever greater and more successful than she has been in the past.

I had the pleasure of meeting your brother John recently at the Canadian Good Roads Convention in Winnipeg, and it was not difficult to see the family resemblance.

Again congratulating you upon your appointment to the principalship, which position I am sure you will ably fill, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

A. L. Foreman
Public Works Dept.

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August
Sixth
1920.

G. S. Raphael Esq., B.Sc.,
Sec'y McGill Graduates' Society,
1236 -13th Avenue West,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Raphael:-

I thank you indeed for the kind thoughtfulness which prompted you to send on August 2nd such an encouraging telegram to me.

It means so much to realize that one has such splendid backing. If I fail in this position it will be entirely my own fault, for from the Board of Governors, the Faculties and the graduates I have had many assurances of loyalty and good wishes.

I assure you that I am taking up the work here with very great interest and pleasure. I am studying the history of McGill, its vicissitudes and its triumphs. It enjoys a unique position, not only among the Universities of Canada, but amongst the colleges of all Overseas Dominions. Our constant effort should be and will be to see that its already proud position is made more secure and more pronounced.

This autumn it is our intention to launch a campaign for more funds. The high cost of living made it imperative to increase the pay of Professors and staff. Our equipment must be kept of the very best, and we desire

to begin as soon as possible with the erection of suitable living accommodation for students and staff. I know just how interested in all these things the graduates are, and I feel sure we shall have, not only their good wishes, but their cordial and active support.

I do not know when I may have the opportunity of visiting the West again, but whenever I do I shall be glad, indeed, to meet the members of the McGill Graduates' Society of Vancouver. I still look upon the West as home.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



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PRINCIPAL MCGILL UNIVERSITY
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OF MCGILL AND PLEDGE YOU OUR LOYAL SUPPORT IN THE WORK YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN
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AND HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE SAME SUCCESS WILL ATTEND YOUR DUTIES AS
PRINCIPAL OF OUR ALMA MATER WE HOPE THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE MAY HAVE
THE HONOR AND PLEASURE OF A VISIT FROM YOU

*Gordon S. Raphael West.
1236-13th Ave. S.E.*

G S RAPHAEL
SECY MCGILL GRADUATES SOCIETY OF
VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT

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October
Fifth
1920.

Rev. Angus A. Graham, M.A., B.D.,
Principal, Moose Jaw College,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Reverend Graham:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29th, and wish to thank Mrs. Graham and yourself for the kind congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of McGill.

The term opened yesterday with very large attendance and we are looking forward to a good season.

On Tuesday next I am leaving for a trip through Canada and will visit some of the American cities as well. The purpose of this trip is to get in touch with the McGill Graduates. I am anxious to establish a strong liaison between them and their Alma Mater, believing that from this liaison much good will result to the graduates and to the University.. The itinerary, as you know, does not involve my touching at Moose Jaw, as I go direct from Chicago to Vancouver, and on my return trip come down from Edmonton to Winnipeg. The time at my disposal is very short, because I must return to Montreal for a few days before the big drive for funds is launched. I am very sorry that it is more than likely I shall not see you, but I hope to get out again to the West next year.

I thank you for sending me the Year Book of the College and am much interested in the part it is playing in the educational life of Saskatchewan.

With all good wishes for its prosperity,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

REV. ANGUS A. GRAHAM, M.A., B.D.
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REV. ALEXANDER MACGREGOR, B.A.
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September 29th. 1920.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Moose Jaw College

MOOSE JAW, SASK.
CANADA

Dear Sir Arthur, -

I wish, on behalf of Mrs. Graham and myself, to extend our congratulations on your entrance on the work of the Principalship of the University. We are both graduates of McGill and are delighted to know that its future is to be under your direction. I have learned indirectly that you are to visit the west. If you do so I wish to have you present at a meeting under the auspices of this college and to speak to the students and citizens. It will be a great pleasure to us all to welcome you to Moose Jaw College.

I shall be grateful if you will advise me of the probable date when you will be in this part of the west.

With very kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Angus A. Graham
Principal.

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August
Thirteenth
1920.

Lieut.-Colonel K.M. Perry,
Manitoba Club,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Colonel:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and thank you very much for your congratulations on my appointment to the Principalship of this University. Your kind words come as a double pleasure, because you were an old graduate of the University and also one of my old officers.

Naturally I was sorry to leave the service of the Militia, but the principal reason for that sorrow was that being here deprives me of many opportunities of seeing the men with whom I was so intimately associated in France.

I am much interested in what you tell me about taking a position at the R.M.C. I do not know just what it is, but I have every confidence in Macbrian's judgment. I regard him as the hope of the Canadian Militia.

Cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am, dear Ken,

Ever yours faithfully,

Manitoba Club.
Winnipeg.

August 6. 1920.

my dear General.

will you allow me to
offer you my sincere congratulations
on your appointment to McGill
University: much as I regret
your leaving the militia, as
a McGill graduate, I am glad

the old university is to have the
benefit of your services.

I am sorry that I did
not have the chance of seeing
you in Ottawa. General

McBrien offered me an
appointment at R.M.C., &

I should have liked your
advice. Rightly or wrongly,

I have accepted it. I shall

hope to see you in Ottawa

towards the end of the month.

with best wishes, I am,

yours sincerely

Henry

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B. or.

McGill University

Montreal.

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August
Sixth
1920.

Dr. A. W. Thornton,
147 Grey Avenue,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Thornton:-

I thank you most sincerely
for your kind note of the 4th instant.

Naturally one felt very diffident
regarding the part one had to play at the
special Convocation, and I was glad when every-
thing passed off so well. Those honoured were
delighted with the ceremony and were pleased,
as they very properly should be, with the
distinction.

I thank you for the assurance
that everyone connected with the University
stands ready to co-operate with me in every
possible way. Loyalty amongst all members of
the staff, no matter what position they occupy,
is very essential to the up-building of any
organization; and I am sure the sole desire of
each one of us is to see McGill advance.

I hope that you thoroughly enjoy
your well-earned vacation.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

147 GREY AVENUE
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Aug 4, 1920

Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal McGill Univ.
Montreal.

Dear Sir

After a somewhat strenuous year, I am taking a little holiday during the month of Aug.

But I cannot refrain from congratulating you on the success of your first work in connection with the University, at the Special Convocation yesterday. On all sides I heard mention of the good effect produced.

There is a great work to be done
at McGill, and I trust and pray
that during your term as Principal
you may see realized, the desire
that must be in your hearts, that
McGill ^{may} make its influence felt
in the mental, moral and commercial
life of the whole Dominion.

I think I am safe in saying
that every man connected with
the University stands ready to aid
you in every possible way, to place
McGill in the place, which she should
occupy, among the Educational
Institutions of the world. Wishing
you every success and blessing

I am, Sir
very truly Yours.

A. W. H. Hooton

Dean
Faculty of Dentistry