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J. George Adami to W.O.

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(hand-written)

My dear Sir William,

The indications to-day are that Sir Sam is becoming increasingly alarmed and that he is coming to reason. Last week - Bruce having shown him your letter and Sir W. Paterson having warned him that the C.A.M.C. would not stand his Board and its Chairman - he was raving - said that he would have no d -- d Sir Wm. Osler's intermeddling, that he would get after the Principal of McGill, and that he would show Colonel Adami that if it was a matter of resignation he would facilitate it: would have him before him that very afternoon.

But he did not - and the days have passed and I have not been telephoned for. Meantime more and more people have taken up the matter and to-day I hear that he received the General in a sucking dove manner.

The question is whether we should proceed further and demand the deletion of the Committee of Enquiry. You know how it is packed. On the next page I give you an analysis. I wonder if I am right in my psychology, namely that constitutionally a bully is a coward.

You speak in yours of a letter from me. Did I write to you? I do not think so. I spoke to you, if you remember at lunch at Simpsons.

Yours ever,
J. G. Adami.

P.T.O. ←

Constitution of Board of Officers:

1. Col. H. A. Bruce, Toronto, Medical Adviser to Minister.
No experience as C.A.M.C. Officer. As Administration officer was head of Medical Unit.
2. Col. F. A. Reid, London, Ont., Director of Recruiting and Organization, Shornecliffe. No previous administrative experience: leader of London Conservatives: retail seller of motor care in civilian life.
3. Col. Wallace Scott, Toronto, O.C. Moore Barracks Hospital, Shornecliffe. Nephew of Sir S. Hughes. O.C. of the worst administered Canadian Hospital.
4. Lt.-Col. McKeown, Toronto, President Standing Medical Bd., Shorncliffe. One of the reactionary leaders at the Toronto Academy of Medicine against Macallum etc.
5. Lt.-Col. F. W. Wilson, Niagara peninsula; A.D.M.S. Canadian Training Division Shorncliffe. An honest man and fair minded, but like 3,4 and 6 one whose administration as a C.A.M.C. officer is to be enquired into by the Board.
6. Capt. C. Hunter, Winnipeg, Member of Standing Med. Bd. Shorncliffe. Secretary to the Board (see 5).

5 out of the 6 from Ontario, 3 out of 6 from Toronto: no representative from London or Bramshott or C.A.M.C. units overseas from England: 5 out of 6 co-workers at Shorncliffe.

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