

Pembroke House,
133 Oxford St., W.1.

J. George Adami to W.O.
January 4th, 1918.

Dear Sir William,

Macphail is back and I had a talk with him yesterday. To my surprise I found that he was not merely lukewarm, but to a certain extent opposed to the establishment of a C.A.M.C. Journal at the present moment. He is, as you know, a pessimist, and is profoundly affected by the present state of affairs. He doubts whether, at the present juncture, we are justified in devoting the labours of a staff here in the Office to the journal, in employing compositors and others in the printing works, and using up paper, when conditions are so critical regarding man power; add to which there seemed to be at the back of his mind some doubt as to whether, unless something more directly associated with war activities can be found for him, (in which case he would act as Editor as a side issue) he would not be better employed and more useful in Canada than here in London.

I mention these matters to you in order that you may be prepared when you meet him.

I herewith enclose you an obituary notice of dear old Girdwood, received from Ruttan this morning.

Yours ever,