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August 3, 1989.

Dear Gordon :

Thank you for your letter of August 1st, 1989 and for your progress report and suggestions. Please continue to correct spelling mistakes. Some of them may be my own . If any spelling should be retained as it appears, we can discuss these details later.

As for re-grouping the letters, it is too late now to do this without making for a big delay and much work for me. The printer is starting in and I will be doing the proof reading as the work moves along.

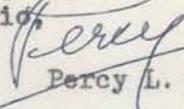
I plan to index\* the work .. I can make an additional index\* with a grouping of the letters as to their sources where they were written, just like your suggestion. This would be handy to those readers who are looking for letters from a definite source.

I have asked the Mayor to contribute a page to the book. I called on him yesterday and loaned him a copy of the letters and the front sheets of the rare book "WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT." I am also giving you a copy of the same pages for you to keep by you.

I am giving you a marked up copy of the letter I gave to Angus for your information, which you are also to keep.

I wish to invite you to write a FOREWORD for the whole publication. The rare book has its own introduction. I have written an introduction for the letter section. I still have to gather material and prepare the part for Captain CHARLES SMITH RUTHERFORD, V.C. etc. For\* the present, the printers require the number of frontal pages before the rare book section. This I will prepare within a week. I can reserve a page for your FOREWORD, the contents of which can be of your own choosing, and can be submitted later.

Aside from the publication, I have been trying for some time to interest certain councillors in my park proposal for the harbourfront. I had wished to meet with two or three of them privately to discuss the proposal. Months ago, I was promised a small meeting, but nothing materialized. Yesterday, the Mayor invited me to address the whole town council at a special meeting in September or early October. This I hope to do, as I feel I have something very important to offer to the town, plus the expertise and know-how for the placement of twenty acres of park out in lake west of the west pier. The outer harbour is useless for small craft dockage until outside protection is provided from severe storms. The piers were built piecemeal for protection of the inner harbour from both drifting sand and storms. I understand the whole bit, and I am very familiar with the moods of lake Ontario. Consultants can come in , but they are "landlubbers" and when they get into the water with their schemes they are "all wet". I have asked for ONE DOLLAR A YEAR SALARY from the town for my effort in planning and the directing of lake placements, all of it to be take-home pay. I feel confident I will now have the Council's good will and support. Angus is a great fellow and will not just fool around.

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*Copy of Letter for Rt. Col. C. Gordon King*

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*For information*

August 2nd, 1989.

*Will ask Gordon to  
write a Foreword  
article for the whole  
publication*

Read,  
His Worship, Angus V. RARD, Mayor,  
The Town of Cobourg,  
Victoria Hall,  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, Ontario. K9A 2M2.

Dear Angus :

The printers, Haynes Printing Company, Ltd. have been instructed by the undersigned to print another book. It is expected this printing process will require several months to complete. The subject matter deals with the armed forces and World War One.

*Note →*

The book will deal with three or four sections. Recently I acquired a rare volume of 120 pages entitled "WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT", published in 1915 for the Canadian Field Comforts Commission. It is my plan to have this volume re-printed as is. I have also recently acquired an excellent clear copy of the Cobourg Heavy Battery, Fourth Draft, Minstrel Show program that was staged in the Victoria Opera House in June, 1916, just before that draft left for Halifax and overseas. This too will be included. I have made a large collection of W.W.I. service personnel letters, mostly Cobourg people, sent home and published in the Cobourg World Newspaper from 1914-1919. These letters are to be re-printed in this new book. Also I plan to give a special section to CHARLES SMITH RUTHERFORD, V.C. I am in the process of collecting the material for this last bit.

*Note →*

On loan for your perusal is an outline of the "First Canadian Contingent" and a collection of the letters. I wish to have these returned to me after you have had a chance to look through them.

The new book will be 7" x 9", hard cover only, a jacket, and quality printing. It may run to 275 pages or more, indexed, and I am only printing 500 copies, the printing is to be at my own expense and the printing may cost \$@ 20,000.

I wish to reserve a page in the front of this book for you, as Mayor and a veteran. I would like to print your photo as it appeared in "Cobourg 1914-1919". Also a brief story relating to the wonderful military history of the town from 1812, the 1837 Rebellion, The Fenian Raids of 1866, the 1885 Prairie affair, the Boer War, W.W.I. war, W.W.II. war, the Korean War of the early 1950's and of course the Military Depot.

Cobourg can certainly be proud of its past military history and achievements. Will you please accept my invitation to contribute a page to this volume. The message can come later, but at this time I wish for your consent in order to reserve the page.

Please let me know soon, your decision in accepting this invitation.

*Angus immediately accepted  
the invitation on presenting  
the letter & copies personally  
Aug. 2 - 1989.*

Yours very truly,

*Percy*

Percy L. Climo.

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*C. Gordon King was invited  
to review the letters and to  
make recommendations.  
Early July - 1989.*