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City of Winnipeg

Canada

January 21, 1919.

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Chairman and Members,
Committee on Finance,
Winnipeg.

Gentlemen:

I herewith enclose a communication from Brigadier-General H. G. McDonald, requesting the cooperation of the City of Winnipeg in obtaining employment for Manitoba returned soldiers, which was referred to the Committee on Finance by Council last evening.

Yours truly,


City Clerk.

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Headquarters. Overseas Military
Forces of Canada. Argyll House
246 Regent Street. LONDON. W.1.

30th., December 1918.

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Council

To:-
THE MAYOR OF WINNIPEG.
City Hall.
WINNIPEG. Man.
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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to be, at present,
the Senior Officer in the Manitoba Regiment.
This Formation comprises the following Infantry
Battalions in the Field:-

- 8th Battalion. (90th., Winnipeg Rifles).
- 16th Battalion. (Canadian Scottish).
- 27th Battalion. (City of Winnipeg).
- 43rd Battalion. (79th., Cameron Highlanders of
Canada).
- 52nd Battalion.
- 78th Battalion. (Winnipeg Grenadiers).

In addition to the above there are large
numbers of citizens of the Province of Manitoba who
have joined other units and branches of the Service.

The natural expectation is, that in the near
future large numbers of these men will be discharged
from the Service to re-enter civil life, and the
Officers of the Regiment look forward with a degree of
anxiety to this critical period. Each man on discharge
will, in most cases, receive a considerable amount of
deferred pay, and, in all cases, a gratuity of three
months pay. While this will provide for the
necessities of the moment, I consider it will also tend
to produce a reluctance in some cases to seek civil
employment. I feel quite certain, however, that if
opportunities for employment of any kind are provided
immediately upon, or even prior to discharge, there will
be a much greater response than if such opportunities
are presented to the men after a period of idleness.

I venture therefore, to address this letter
to you and to several prominent citizens of Winnipeg,
in the hope that you will interest yourself in the
matter, and in the hope that you will see fit to join
in some concerted action to provide that the opportunities
for employment are presented to the men at the earliest
possible moment after their return home.

Many men will accept work if offered to them
prior to their discharge, who would not seek it if
returned to civil life with money in their pockets.



Farm work will at first appeal to a great many, and while a considerable proportion of this number will not stick at this work, even a few months' such employment will tend a great measure to re-establish the habits of industry which are so essential.

I understand that the Dominion Government, in conjunction with the Provincial Authorities are taking some steps in the matter, but I feel sure that your co-operation will not only be welcomed but will greatly facilitate conditions.

I can assure you that anything you can do will be most deeply appreciated by every soldier from Manitoba;

Yours faithfully,

A. J. McDonald

Brig-General.
General Staff.
Headquarters.
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Committee on Finance,
Winnipeg.

Gentlemen:

I herewith enclose communication from Mr. H. Bragg, Municipal Representative, Repatriation and Employment Committee, asking for cooperation of the City of Winnipeg in obtaining employment for returned soldiers, which was referred to the Committee on Finance by Council last evening.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the City Clerk.

City Clerk.

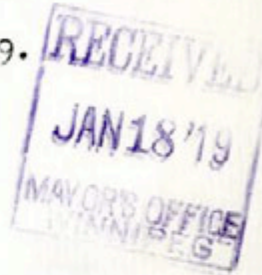
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REPATRIATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

45 RIDEAU STREET
OTTAWA

January 15, 1919.



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His Worship,
Mayor C. F. Gray,,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mayor Gray:

By an early mail you will receive a circular letter from me, asking for co-operation, and for certain information; which is being sent out to all Municipalities, in the firm hope that co-operation will be forthcoming.

Meantime, I desire to let you know that Mr. Mills, one of the Field Secretaries of this Committee, will be in your city before long, and I am asking him to call upon you, so that you may be able to secure any information you may desire from him, about the work of the Committee.

Thanking you for your co-operation and courtesy, I am,

dear Mayor Gray,

Yours very truly,

Harry Bragg
Municipal Representative.

H.B/N.

January 27, 1919.

Brig.-Gen. H. F. McDonald,
General Staff Headquarters,
Overseas Military Forces of Canada,
Argyll House,
246 Regent Street,
London W.1, England.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 30th December 1918, addressed to the Mayor of Winnipeg, requesting the cooperation of the City in obtaining employment for Manitoba returned soldiers. Your communication was referred by Council to the Committee on Finance and was considered by the said Committee at its meeting held on the 24th inst., and I am instructed by the Committee to inform you that the City is taking a very great interest in this question and is doing everything in its power to assist in reestablishing the returned soldiers in civil life. As regards employees of the City itself on active service, which number about 700, the City Council has pledged itself to

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reinstate these men in their former or other position with the City.

I can assure you that the Committee will be only too glad to receive and consider any suggestions that you may care to offer on this matter.

Yours truly,

MP.GG.

Secretary

January 27, 1919.

Harry Bragg, Esq.,
Municipal Representative,
Repatriation and Employment Committee,
45 Rideau Street,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., addressed to His Worship Mayor Gray asking for the cooperation of the City in obtaining employment for returned soldiers.

This communication came before the City Council on the 20th inst., and was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee has instructed me to inform you that the City is taking a very great interest in this question and is doing everything in its power to assist in reestablishing the returned soldiers in civil life. As regards employees of the City itself, on active service, which number about 700, the Council has pledged itself to reinstate these men in their former or other position with the City.

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Yours truly,

MP.GG

Secretary.



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REPATRIATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

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45 RIDEAU STREET
OTTAWA



February 13, 1919.

M. Peterson, Esq.,
Secy. Committee on Finance,
City Hall,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Peterson;

Your letter of the 27th ultimo has been awaiting my return to Ottawa, for reply.

Of course, in the case of the city of Winnipeg, I know that everything that can be done for the soldiers will be done promptly and cheerfully. You will understand, however, that in issuing this circular and post card, it was necessary to send it to every Municipality, so that not one could complain it had been overlooked.

I cannot, of course, make any suggestion to your city, which will, of course, work on the most practical lines, but if, on the other hand, there is any way in which this Committee, or myself personally can be of any assistance to you, it will be a great pleasure to me.

Please give my kind regards to Mr. Brown and Mr. Hunt, and accept the same for yourself, and believe me,

Yours very truly,

Harry Bragg

Municipal Representative.

H. B/N.

February 24th. 1919.

Harry Bragg, Esq.,
Municipal Representative,
Repatriation and Employment Committee,
45 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Bragg:-

I am duly in receipt of
your letter of the 13th. inst., and I am directed
by the Committee to express its appreciation of
your kind offer of assistance.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Hunt reciprocate
your kind regards and the writer also extends his
good wishes.

Yours very truly,

MP.ES.

Secretary.