

As you know, because there are such a number of visiting scientists in England, there is a demand for the establishment of a scientific liaison office in England at Canada House. Our great difficulty is in finding the proper people to send. Nearly everyone has volunteered to go, but most of our people who would be acceptable are doing work of the most vital importance here, and while we fully appreciate the necessity of such an office we consider the most essential thing is for us to produce actual results here. However, we are canvassing the matter and will make a selection in a few days.

The chemical-warfare work is going along well and the actual work has started on the experimental field in Alberta. The organization has been set up and while the administrative director will be an officer of the Department of Defence, the actual administration of the real technical work will be done by Davies, Maass, Flood, etc. Maass has done remarkable work in the chemical field, has placed Canada in the first rank, and is one of the most energetic and productive people I have ever met. He wants to go to England again but I hesitate as he carries the most extraordinary load of detailed work, as well as general supervision of all the work across Canada, and his liaison with the United States is most valuable. He takes no holidays at all and works on an average of sixteen hours a day. I know of no one whose heart is more in the war or who is using his abilities and talents more effectively.

I was down to Kingston at the meeting of the Royal Society when we were both made Fellows at Large, and there was great enthusiasm when your citation and fellowship were announced.

I had a pleasant trip to Halifax where I combined business with pleasure and it was gratifying to see the appreciation of the fighting services for the work the council is doing.

The ceremony at McGill, where I got a D Sc was interesting; Dorothy Thompson was given an honorary degree and made an excellent speech. Honorary degrees were also given to Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice, His Excellency Hu Shih, the Chinese ambassador to Washington, and Rt Hon Malcolm MacDonald. While I got the degree, I felt that it was a recognition of the work of the council and that I was getting it in your place.

All the staff of the council wish to be remembered to you, and my wife joins me in sending best wishes and regards to Mrs McNaughton and yourself.

Sincerely yours

C.J. MACKENZIE

19 June, 2 July, 2 August 1941

HQ Canadian Corps
2 July 1941

Dear Dean Mackenzie:

This is just a line to acknowledge your letter of 19 June 1941, which reached me today and which I have just read through with the great interest that I always find in all communications from yourself.

Brigadier Kenneth Stuart has just arrived by air and he has also been giving me a short account of the recent developments at home. Your ears must have burned with the praise which he gives to the work of the National Research Council and particularly of yourself and of Dr Maass.

As regards the organization of liaison with this country, I do think it would be well to place some of the council's men in the London office of the Canadian Ministry of Supply. Mr C.A. Banks, who is in charge of this office, is most sympathetic to the proposal and I understand he has cabled Mr Howe advice that it should be done in the very near future.

My wife joins me in sending kindest regards to yourself and Mrs Mackenzie, and with best wishes to all.

Very sincerely yours

A.G.L. McNAUGHTON

Ottawa
2 August 1941

Dear General McNaughton:

I received your letter of July 2 and was glad to hear from you and to learn that you find interest in the informal news-letters which I have been sending you.

I have not seen Brigadier Kenneth Stuart since he got back but have heard indirectly of his trip and hope to see him within a few days.

The matter of liaison has given me considerable thought. We have finally decided to send Dr Howlett to London and have associated with him Mr [A.H.R.] Smith who is already there, and they can pick up what clerical staff is required. I discussed the matter with the minister and the deputy minister of Munitions and Supply, as to whether our liaison office should be attached to Canada House or Mr Banks's office. There seemed