

Letter From Mrs. Hay To Men Of the 52nd

Mrs. A. W. Hay, widow of Colonel Archibald Hay, late of the 52nd, writes from 28 Artillery street, Quebec, to the woman's department of the Times-Journal, expressing thanks for copies of the papers containing reports of the banquet, church parade, etc., for the 52nd, and conveying messages to the battalion. Mrs. Hay says:

"I have read the account of the welcome given the dear old 52nd, over and over, also the beautiful tribute and kind thoughts paid to my dear husband. I feel very proud when I read them and realize what the men thought of their old colonel. He was so proud of his battalion and willing to work day and night in order to have them fit. How I should have loved to have been in Fort William to welcome them home had he been returning with them.

"I was very much disappointed not to have seen the battalion on its way west, for I had made up my mind, though I knew it would be hard for me, to try and see them passing through Lévis, just across the river from Quebec, and had a parcel of smokes, chocolates, etc., ready to take over, expecting them to go through in the afternoon. But I was doomed to disappointment when my friend who had been doing all he could to get in touch with

them, telephoned to say that they would arrive at midnight, and, not expecting to see anybody, would all be asleep at that hour. So I gave up the idea of going over.

"The citizens of Fort William and Port Arthur certainly gave them a splendid reception, and I am sure the men appreciated it.

"I was so pleased to see how the men love and admire Colonel Foster. He is an extremely fine man."

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