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TORONTO

February 11th, 1915.

James Goldie Esq,
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Dear Mr. Goldie:

RE RAINBOW RANCH.

In your letter of December 20th you said that at the end of December you would send a statement of expenditure and receipts in detail, and I was waiting to receive this before writing you, but it has not yet come. The various statements enclosed with your letter however, give a good idea of what the year's work is going to be, and in thinking over the position, it seems to me to resolve itself into the following. --

The Ranch owes to our three selves approximately \$21,000. and to the Bank of Commerce \$10,000., a total indebtedness of \$31,000. The expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1915, will have exceeded the receipts by practically \$4,000. From present appearances we cannot hope to get any better price for the apples than for the year which has just passed. There is apparently very little to be gained from live stock, as we seem to have missed the market in this respect.

The obvious answer to the above is that in some way or other the expenditure for the ensuing year must be \$4,000. less than the year which is closed, and at the same time the place held together.

I know this is a most serious problem, and may be an impossible one, but I would like to hear from you as to how it can be worked out, and had hoped to get some light from your detailed statement of receipts and expenditures.

The situation here does not improve as the winter progresses, and in fact as each week goes by the strain gets heavier.

I had a very interesting letter written by Dormer on January 18th, from the Officers Hospital in London, in which he mentioned nothing about receiving the D.S.O., but said he was leaving the hospital the next day for a short stay at Brighton before returning to the front. He was shot in the face, the bullet entering under the left eye, and coming out on the right hand side at the base of the nose. In the charge where he got his wound, which was on the night of December 31st, 45% of his regiment was lost and only one officer came out without being hit. This is a terrible record, and it would seem as though the Germans must have some pretty good sharpshooters to manage to pick off practically all of the officers. Dormer speaks of receiving your letter enclosing copy of the one you wrote to me. It is too bad we could not have given him a more encouraging outlook, but under all the circumstances I guess he expected things to be about as they are. He says he sees very little hope of being able to get out to B.C. this year.

Will you write me in regard to the ensuing year and whether you can evolve any plan for carrying things along without the Ranch getting any deeper into debt.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Allison