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Ottawa, September 26th, 1921.

Memorandum:

Mr. Harkin,-

In connection with the inspection of historic sites in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, undertaken by General Cruikshank, Mr. T. S. Mills, and myself, I beg to report as follows in regard to

CHRYSLER'S FARM.

The monument at this place consists of an obelisk, on either sides of which are two large guns on concrete bases. There is also a chain fence with wooden posts surrounding the monument. The site is otherwise fenced on East and South sides only.

It was found that the small crossed swords above the inscription, had been stolen.

The inscription is as follows:

"In honour of the brave men who fought and fell in the victory of Chrysler's Farm, on the 11th November, 1813."

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This monument was erected by the Canadian Parliament in 1895."

General Cruikshank states that a small metal trophy of arms, similar to that which is on the Chateaugay monument, has been stolen, but he does not recommend the replacing of it. He brought attention to the fact that lettering requires re-gilding or painting, and he adds that the inscription is inadequate, and recommends that a tablet with a more appropriate inscription, giving necessary details, should be placed upon the monument or its immediate vicinity. He also mentions the fact that the Provincial Highway from Kingston eastward to the Province line is to be widened, and will take off several feet from the front of the lot, but this will be an advantage instead of a detriment.

Our engineer, Mr. T. S. Mills, in his report, draws attention to the fact that the monument is in good condition, but the cannons, chain fence and posts require painting. One of the posts of the chain fence is broken off and requires to be replaced. He estimates the cost of the material for the above work at \$20.00, and the labour to be undertaken by the caretaker.

He states as follows regarding the encroachment on the monument plot by the Ontario Public  
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Highway:

"In connection with the plot on which the monument is located, the revised highway from Toronto to Montreal will encroach on the front of the plot. While in Cornwall I took up with the Resident Engineer of the Department of Public Highways, Province of Ontario, the question of the revised location of the highway adjacent to the site. According to their plans, the new right of way for the highway will encroach on the southerly or front portion of the monument plot approximately forty-two feet. The travelled road, however, will not encroach within the southerly limit of the inner link chain fence surrounding the monument. The north edge of the proposed north ditch will be about twenty feet south of the new north boundary of the road. If a tile drain is provided along the south side of the present link chain fence the latter could still remain in its present condition. If the new highway is constructed according to present plans, the monument will be only forty-five feet distant from the centre of the proposed road in place of eighty feet as at present. Attached hereto is a sketch showing the approximate location of the monument, the present road and the proposed road. While the new highway takes several feet off the south portion of the present lot, it will bring the new highway closer to the monument. I consider, however, that a tile drain with a paved inlet and outlet should be provided across the front of the link chain fence along the southerly boundary and the drain graded over so that a suitable approach may be available from the roadway to the small enclosure. This work should be carried out by the Provincial Highways Department at their expense."

I think this matter should be taken up officially with the Provincial Government.

The work to be undertaken by the caretaker should be proceeded with without delay.

Mr. W. A. Van Allen, who was previously employed by the Militia and Defence Department as caretaker, has since been appointed by this Department to look after the monument as part time caretaker, his duties including painting, etc.

Survey notes and other papers should be secured from the Militia Department.

Annexed hereto, please find photographs.

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