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G.W. Tindal, Esq.,
Secretary-Treasurer,
The Ontario-St. Lawrence Development Commission,
Morrisburg, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Tindal:


Thank you very much for your letter of September 10th advising that you are having our Chrysler Vana plaque sent to Winnipeg.

I have looked into the question of the crossed bronze swords that were mounted at one time on the obelisk. I find that they were part of the original monument as erected by the Department of Militia and Defence in 1895. Although there is no record of when they were removed a photo taken in 1935 does not show them.

As your new setting for the monument is quite impressive by itself I doubt if the addition of the swords would provide any appreciable attraction. In fact, I am afraid they might detract from the clean line simplicity of the obelisk. However, I appreciate your bringing this to my attention.

I will see that the matter of recasting the tablet is hastened.

Yours sincerely,


D. Herbert,
Chief.

