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Red Roof

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May 4th -

Dear Dr. Macnechan,

Your two most
kind letters and the delightful
article in the Halifax Herald
have at last found me here,
I hope, if it has occurred to
you to wonder at my tardy
acknowledgment of them, that
you have remembered how near
I live to the Roof of the World,
to which the mails climb
slowly.

I need not say that I have

The Coleridge Magazine has not reached me. If you can assist
copy right - I receive
it direct? I should
like so much to
keep it. etc

Taken the greatest pleasure
in your generous expression
of liking for "The Imperialist."
I confess I had wondered, a
little here on my remote
hills top, whether anybody
had listened to me in Canada
and had come rather to
the conclusion that I had been
too far away to be well
heard, or perhaps I had
forgotten my country's note.
But that anyone should write
like this reassures me quite,
and that you alone should
see the book as you do
justifies me very happily in

having written it, I share with
you the conviction of the ~~importance~~
individuality of the Canadian
type. The spirit of place always
seems to me strong in the land.
I want to come back and work
at it from closer range, and
own I think this will be possible.
I am especially curious about
your eastern part. My mother
is a New Brunswicker - Shediac,
and all that country has
the charm for me of surseely
description. I am sure it is
as different from Ontario as
Massachusetts is from Illinois.
We feel that we have been
almost long enough in India

and I hope to sail through
the "Ditch" for the last time,
westward bound, in November,
and be in Canada next summer.
The Empire is a big place, and
interesting everywhere, but
ours is by far the best part
of it, and the most full of
the future.

I rejoice that you enjoyed
Dr. Drummond. The dear original
was Dr. W^m. Cockrane of Brautford
who christened most of the Presbyterians
now there. He has been dead
these five or six years — or I
would see hundreds!

Please accept my best and
warmest thanks
and believe me

Yours very sincerely
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