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Dr. H. M. Tory,
President, University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Dr. Tory:-

A day or so ago Principal Grant of Upper Canada College, Toronto, came to see me to discuss a matter in which he was much interested.

On the recent visit to Canada of Colonel L.S. Amery, Assistant Secretary of State for the Colonies, Principal Grant discussed with Colonel Amery the idea of getting Canadians into the Colonial Civil Service of Gr. Britain in such parts of the Empire as Uganda, West Africa, etc. Colonel Amery was very keen about the matter and practically agreed to arrange for the admission of at least twelve, provided these twelve were graduates of a Canadian University and were men whom the University recommended as being of the type who should make successes of such positions.

Colonel Amery said that if twelve men offered or were likely to offer, he would send an official of his Department to Canada in order to more thoroughly explain the requirements of such positions and to interview, if possible, the applicants. He suggested that a committee of University officials be appointed to deal with the applications and to make the necessary recommendations.

Personally I would like to see the Colonial Civil Service, including the Indian Service, thrown open to Canadians. I also agree with Grant that it would be a very good thing from an Empire point of view if Canadians were admitted to such a service. The vacations they would enjoy