

President's Office.



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My dear Sir Arthur:

I am glad to hear from you and hope that you are picking up all the time and will soon be thoroughly well again, and that everything is proceeding favourably with you. Next week you will have a busy time with the visit of the Prime Minister, just as we had, and I am sure that you will enjoy his address.

The suggestion that you make as to placing some of the senior members of the professional staff of the National Research Council as honorary professors in University Faculties raised some questions that one would like to consider pretty carefully before coming to a decision. Already we have Professor Huntsman, who is connected with the Biological Board of Canada, on our staff, but in the winter he spends a good deal of time in Toronto and occasionally gives advice as to research work that is being carried on in connection with Fisheries.

The situation with us is a little more difficult because alongside of the University there is now the Ontario Research Foundation controlled by a commission under the Government. A group of scientific men is being associated with these laboratories, and the probability is that the number will grow. It therefore is necessary for us to consider carefully where the first step would lead us. Assuredly we could not put on men from Ottawa without also putting on men from Toronto, and yet we do not wish so definitely to associate ourselves with the Ontario Research Council as to cut ourselves off in any way from co-operation with the Dominion Research Council.