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My dear Walkem:-

I have your letter of June 26th with reference to the constitution of the Vancouver Harbour Board.

Personally, I can never see why these Harbour Boards should be political appointments, yet such a practice apparently prevails throughout Canada. For instance, after the last election the Montreal Harbour Board resigned and an entirely new Board was appointed, all the members of which were strong supporters of the present party in power. You will also recall that my old friend, Sir David Watson was asked to resign from the Quebec Harbour Board, a proceeding of which I most strongly disapproved and am quite ready to believe that it had something to do with shortening his life.

I agree with you that it would be a good thing to have an Engineer on such a Board and, of course, if an engineer was appointed we would all like to see him a McGill man. I am afraid, though, that you being a McGill man is hardly likely to count as much as whether you are a Liberal or not. However, I am writing by this mail to Dr. King, who also is a McGill man, and I hope favourable consideration will be given to your application.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,