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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

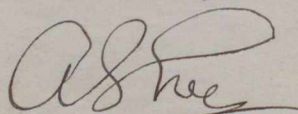
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I read with interest the account in the "Star" of your speech at the dinner given to Dean Brown, with which for the most part I concur.

We have the staff! Let us give them a little more freedom and opportunity. It seems to me that there is some lack of courage, or enterprise, in making advances in Mathematical training, more particularly in Engineering, where the standard is practically the same as when I first came to McGill and taught Mathematics in the Engineering Faculty twenty-eight years ago. At least the abler students should be given more opportunity, it may very well be that the training of the average student is about as good as it can be.

We have here a very able and genial graduate student, a Russian, named Kruming, a friend of the Porters, who married Sir Stopford Brunton's sister. He has just come from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he spent more than a year. He stated before the Porters and others, when I was present, "The M.I.T. has wonderful apparatus, but they have not got a King, and they have not got a Gillson". It is true! These two professors are giving excellent graduate courses to joint classes of mathematicians, physicists and engineers, rather a choice band of students.

Yours very sincerely,



A. S. Eve,
Director of Physics.