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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of August 4th, in further reference to criticism of our Poultry Department, and note that the latest has come via Mr. Arthur Bates, Manager of the Brome Lake Duck Farm.

Since sending out the letters requesting reports, I have been giving the Department special consideration. I am anxious to discover any weaknesses that may exist, and I intend to take any steps that may seem advisable to ensure efficiency and satisfactory service in the work we are doing.

Professor Maw is absent at present, but I have made some enquiries with regard to our contact with the Brome Lake Duck Farm. My understanding was that two years ago, we were able to give those in charge of the Brome Lake Duck Farm considerable help. They were in difficulties I believe. Both Professor Maw and one of his assistants paid many visits to the farm and even conducted an experiment on it, with the result I am told, that marked improvement was effected in various features of the enterprise.

I am told that Mr. Bates is a man of very pronounced ideas though his experience is limited to this particular farm and he has never had any instruction in poultry. He was in charge I understand when our people were asked to help solve their problems. From what I can gather I should judge that he belongs to a type which is common on farm enterprises owned by business men.

Faithfully yours,

H. T. Darton
Dean.

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