

Memorandum re. Forest Products Laboratories
and their Relation to McGill University,
Prepared for the Information of the Principal
of McGill, Sir Arthur Currie.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The Forest Products Laboratories are under the Forestry Division of the Department of the Interior, of which Sir James Lougheed is Minister, the Deputy Minister being Mr. W. W. Cory. Mr. R. H. Campbell is Director of the Forestry Branch and in immediate control of the Laboratories. Mr. Campbell is an invalid and, although he has not been superannuated, he is not taking any active part in the work of the Forestry Branch. Mr. E. H. Finlayson is carrying on Mr. Campbell's duties.

Mr. Cory, the Deputy Minister, has from the very beginning advocated the transfer of the Forest Products Laboratories to Ottawa. Sir James Lougheed gave a snap decision last spring at a meeting with Mr. Kynoch, supporting Mr. Cory's request to have the Laboratories removed to Ottawa, since then nothing has been done. Mr. Finlayson will not be here before the end of next week or the beginning of the week after, and I have arranged with Mr. Kynoch to have an interview with him. According to Mr. Kynoch, Mr. Finlayson is not at all in favour of transferring the Laboratories to Ottawa. The only argument in favour of this change is that the Deputy Minister would be able to exercise a closer supervision over the work. He has never been in Montreal to visit the Laboratories.

The Laboratories were organized in the autumn of 1913, an arrangement having been made by which McGill University undertook to provide accommodation and to allow the use, without charge, of certain equipment in the Faculty of Applied Science. Dr. McIntyre was the first superintendent