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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
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Dear Sir Arthur,

Following our conversation yesterday morning, when I called on you primarily to enlist the continued support of the University in connection with the work of the City Improvement League Committee on Town Planning, which will probably be making a special study of land law and expropriation in the near future, I have the following remarks to make on supplementary matters we talked of which appeared to interest you:-

1. Through lack of town planning control in the past, the "areas of deterioration" in Montreal have spread in all directions, the Ghetto, for instance, is now within a couple of furlongs of the University gates, and Chinatown may come on its heels. I take the view that it would be useful to have a small committee on the protection of the university district make a study of the situation. I think I can supply some food for thought with reference to past, present and probable future developments.

2. Some years ago, the possibility of moving the University bodily to a new site came under consideration. I collaborated with the late Mr. Vaughan and the late Mr. Perreault in preparing a valuation of the university land on the theory of its use for stores, hotels and apartment houses. By the time the area of deterioration has reached and crossed Sherbrooke Street.