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Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
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Dear Sir Arthur:

The reporting of after-luncheon speeches is one of the most difficult and generally unsatisfactory things an evening paper has to do.

Time is the outstanding difficulty. The reporter is compelled to sit throughout the whole of the speech, then make his way back to his office with as much speed as possible, and prepare his report which, of course, he has no time to do while the speaker is on his feet. The best that the paper can ever hope to do is to get the reporter's work into its second edition and it is only in exceptional circumstances that even this is possible. As a rule such report finds its way only into the last edition of the day and even this is possible only if the utmost speed is observed all down the line.

Under these circumstances the report is bound to be sketchy. Of course there is no excuse for a reporter failing to get the whole trend of the speaker's remarks. Still less for his omitting the main point or points. But I am sure you will appreciate the difficulties under which both reporter and city editor work where rush copy of this sort is handled. Of course it is possible to print a more adequate and fuller report the next day. But by this time