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Dear Sir Arthur

I am taking this liberty of writing to you to call your attention to an article in the Montreal "Gazette" of last Friday or Saturday (I am not sure which. - I have no copy by me).

I feel so deeply insulted by it, - as I am sure most of my colleagues must feel, - that it seems best to communicate at once with you. For a combination of impudence with stupidity it would not be easy to match that article. In form it is a cock-a-whoop about an alleged triumph over Communism! & the writer rubs his hands with satisfaction at the thought of these mischievous professors being admonished. (Incidentally he blames the United Church for putting in a word in favour of Christian democracy).

It is the whole tone of the thing, as well as its actual contents, that I feel so deeply insulting. I do not see how any man, Canadian-born or not, is to do his conscientious best if at any time a scoundrel financier can wave a fat finger at him & declare "I have my eye on you!" The writer should be plainly told that he is doing his best to make it impossible for men to stay & work in Canadian universities & still retain their self-respect. Could there be any worse publicity for Canada at this juncture than the talking of an attitude which, if it succeeds, must make the name of Canada a by-word among the nations?

Such talk will not frighten the eager ones; but it will infuriate the responsible ones & drive them to something like despair.