

November 9th, 1932.

Hon. Adelard Godbout,
Minister of Agriculture, Province of Quebec,
QUEBEC, P.Q.

My dear Mr. Minister:-

You are, of course, aware of the change that has come about at Macdonald College. Dean Barton, after a long term of service during which he did much, not only for the college, but for agriculture in the Province, has gone to-day to Ottawa to assume the position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

When I was made aware of the negotiations tending towards his appointment I gave my consent at once, for I felt that in the end and taking the long view of our requirements, Dean Barton could render more service to the country at Ottawa than at Macdonald.

I am now busily engaged in seeking a successor, and am making every possible effort to find a man who will lead wisely the staff and students of the college, will make a contribution to that rehabilitation of rural life which must ever be one of our main aims, and will at the same time carry on and direct those agricultural reseraches, the importance of which is becoming more and more evident.

I feel that your own attitude has helped very materially in the pleasant relations which have grown up between Macdonald College and your Department. I am sure that Dean Barton's own personality helped to cement the connection and I am most anxious that, whoever we appoint, this cooperation which I believe to be so valuable to the Province will continue.