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Sir Robert Falconer,  
Principal, Toronto University,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:-

A letter has just been received by Dr. Porter from General MacNaughton which seems to show that it is advisable for the Universities to make another attempt to induce the Government to make a grant to the more needy of the returned soldiers who are now in our Universities.

I have, therefore, advised Dr. Porter to communicate with you as Chairman of the Committee, appointed by the Conference, to interview the Premier on the Education of Soldiers. Apparently, action should be taken at once, as there is a Parliamentary Committee now considering the question of pensions, allowances, etc., to whom this application should be made. It would seem from General MacNaughton's letter that there is a fair hope of something being accomplished at this time.

On thinking over your suggestion that Sir Arthur Currie's name should be substituted for yours as Chairman of this Committee, I have come to the conclusion that this substitution had better not be made at the present time, seeing that Sir Arthur Currie is still in the service of the Government as Chairman of the Militia Council and does not take over his duties as Principal of McGill University until August 1st. When the Committee goes to Ottawa to make this last attempt, they might call upon Sir Arthur Currie and secure his cooperation in their effort, if he feels that it is advisable for him to give it. On the other hand, I do not believe he would feel free to act