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Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding herewith copy of a letter which I am to-day sending to the Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, re the Forest Products Laboratories.

The Minister arbitrarily demands that we furnish suitable accommodation or he will remove the Laboratories to Ottawa. The cost of providing the accommodation is more than the University is justified in undertaking at the present time and I am afraid the Minister must be allowed to do with the Laboratories as he pleases. On many occasions by word of mouth and by letter I have endeavoured to persuade him that he was giving approval to a retrograde step, but the influence of the Deputy, apparently, is very strong. Old correspondence on this subject reveals the fact that the Deputy persistently opposed the establishment of the Laboratories here.

Only a few years ago there was some consideration given to the question of the Government paying rent to McGill for the building on University Street. One can scarcely understand the change when the Government now demands that we spend more than \$100,000. in order to accommodate them.

Yours faithfully,