

September 3, 1932.

Dr. J. C. Hemmeon,  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

My dear Professor Hemmeon,

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce proposes to make a study of the Cost of Government in Canada, national, provincial and civic. They have appointed Sandford Evans as Chairman of the Committee of experts and have asked that we make available for consultation one of the members of our Department of Political Economy.

I wrote to Stephen about it and he replied that unquestionably you would be the best man for that sort of thing, though we both wondered whether you had the time for it, as neither one of us knew how much time it would take.

In conversation with the local representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, they told me that they proposed to provide a staff to do the spade work, and that the General Advisory Committee would simply draw conclusions from the information dug out by them and give advice as to what information was necessary.

It seems to me that you might consider going on this advisory committee. There would be remuneration for your services, but how much I do not know. The other members of your Committee would be Gilbert Jackson of Toronto, Dr. Brittain of the Statistical Department and Mr. Clark, General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The week after next, that is, the week of the 12th, the Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual meeting in Halifax, and I suppose on the way back from that Colonel W.L. MacGregor would like to get the committee together, either here or in Toronto.

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