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CANADIAN PULP AND PAPER ASSOCIATION

511 St. Catherine Street West

Montreal, Feb. 27, 1928.

Sir Arthur Currie, C.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

Our Research Section met here this morning to receive a report from its chairman, Mr. R.W. Hovey, upon his conference with you with respect to the scheme under which the several interests sharing accommodation in the new Pulp and Paper Research Institute are to function. Mr. Hovey included in his report a diagram intended to illustrate the proposed line-up, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Hovey explained that he had discussed this with you and that you had expressed approval of the same.

We want particularly to emphasize that this plan provides for three things (1) complete autonomy for the University over its own affairs; (2) equally complete autonomy for the Pulp and Paper Division of the Forest Products Laboratory over its own affairs; (3) representation for McGill University on the Administrative Committee by invitation with particular reference to building administration and allocation of space. By this arrangement we hope to reduce the opportunity for friction to a minimum as well as to secure complete and harmonious co-operation between all the parties concerned.

A resolution was passed expressing the Section's acceptance of the plan and I was directed to advise you of the action taken and to invite a formal confirmation of the same from you.

We find that these formalities are necessary in order to convince the authorities at Ottawa that a workable plan has been agreed to, as otherwise they would not feel justified in proceeding with the expenditure required for their part of the equipment. Definite assurance from you that the plan as proposed is acceptable to the University should leave no room for further hesitation in this respect.

Yours very truly,  
CANADIAN PULP & PAPER ASSOCIATION

(signed) Edward Beck

Secretary

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