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O t t a w a,
26th January, 1933.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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My dear Sir Arthur,-

I have read your letter, regarding relief methods, with great care.

We discussed the matter at the conference with the Provincial authorities a few days ago and I believe there is no disposition on the part of the responsible authorities to do other than ~~we~~ maintain relief on such a basis as will at least preserve the morale of those who find themselves compelled to accept assistance from the State. There have been abuses under Provincial administration, but, on the other hand, the abuses have not been as great as might have been expected. I strongly hold with you that the trained worker is the only safe guide in the distribution of family relief; and I am of the opinion that the Provinces, who must accept the primary responsibility in the premises, are fully seized of the necessity for action being taken along that line.

I confess to you that I have worried greatly over direct relief being granted at all -- and yet what else is there left for us to do, in the face of existing conditions.²

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With kindest personal regards,

Yours faithfully,