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Essay Competition

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am especially obliged to you for your helpful and encouraging letter of March 14th and for your personal information am glad to tell you that the gentlemen who are associated with me in the proposed Essay Competition are Sir James Aikens and Sir William Price. For several reasons they do not wish their names made public at this time.

The point you raise as to whether or not the essayists should be divided into two classes is one that has caused us a good deal of thought and we had almost come to the conclusion that if we threw the competition open to all Canadians that the students would feel that they might be in competition with their professors and others who would have so much better opportunities of obtaining information that the students would have no hope of being able to write an essay sufficiently good to secure the first prize and with this discouraging prospect would not take the same interest in the competition as though their particular competition were limited to men of their own class. Personally, I prefer one competition and I would like to see the prizes total not less than \$3000. with the first prize of say \$1500. and if you, in the light of your experience and after reading what I have here written, still believe that we would get the interest of the University students if the competition were open to all Canadians, then we will seriously consider doing this and consolidating the prizes.

The second point you raise in regard to the limiting the essays to 30,000 words is well taken but the reason for fixing that as upper limit is that several publicists who are looking forward to giving the widest publicity to the essays that may secure