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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Sir:-

I hope you will forgive me for troubling you in an unwarranted way. It is my misfortune to be chairman of the committee which publishes the Canadian Forum. We are attempting to run a monthly magazine of the same kind as English weeklies like The Spectator, The Saturday Review and The Nation. Needless to say we have much to learn but we are making an honest effort to do the same thing in Canada as they do in London. The magazine is not a publication of the University of Toronto, though the committee is composed largely of members of the University Staff.

It is our practice always when possible to see that editorial paragraphs are written only by men who have a close personal acquaintance with a subject; and we are faced with a difficulty in securing adequate editorial comment on the appointment of General Byng as Governor General. Ordinarily, Major Hume Blake, who is one of our editorial staff and held a staff appointment in the Canadian Corps for a long time overseas, would have dealt with this subject through his personal acquaintance with General Byng. Unfortunately Major Blake is in England. Sir Robert Falconer whom I had hoped to secure left last night for England too. Under the circumstances we feel that there is no one to whom we could turn so well as yourself if you will permit us to do so. We should like to publish as the first of our editorial paragraphs at the beginning