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Dr. A. B. Macallum,
Research Council,
Department of Trade & Commerce,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Macallum:-

As you are aware a number of years ago the Government made an annual allowance to McGill University of the sum of \$2,000, to enable our Library Department to catalogue all the Scientific papers which are published in Canada in connection with the International Catalogue of Scientific Publications, which is being fathered by the Royal Society of London.

This year the grant did not appear in the estimates, and I was informed yesterday that it has not appeared on either the first or second supplementary estimates. The Secretary of the University, Mr. Glasco, tells me that he has written to the Finance Minister with reference to this omission, but has received no answer as yet. As the time is rapidly passing and the matter should be acted on by the Government at once, I shall be very glad if you will take the matter up and see that this grant is continued for the present year at least.

This matter is one which properly comes within the functions of the Research Council, seeing that the Catalogue in question is one which embraces all the Scientific publications, including the publication of all the Research work which is done in the Dominion year by year.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will take this matter up with the proper authorities at once and have the sum put in the estimates and