

June 28, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Clarke,

The Physics Department of McGill is extremely anxious to carry out some fundamental experiments in radio-telegraphy at the time of the total eclipse of the sun on August 31, 1932. The optical shadow crosses the Province between Montreal and Three Rivers, but that particular phase of the eclipse which interests us takes place many miles to the east and the best locality for the work would be somewhere on the Labrador Coast, or in Newfoundland.

The electrical companies in Montreal interested in the work have donated or lent us apparatus for the occasion, but we are experiencing difficulty in raising money for transportation. The forthcoming total eclipse will provide an opportunity for useful experiment which will not be repeated under such favourable conditions for a great number of years. It therefore occurred to me that perhaps your Company might be willing to donate transportation from Montreal to Cornerbrook, Newfoundland for two men and a limited amount of apparatus, leaving Montreal about the beginning of August and returning about the middle of September. (The apparatus would be packed in four cabin trunks and would weigh about 1000 lbs.)

I recognize that this request is a little unusual and if you feel that the Clarke Steamship Company cannot help us, do not hesitate to say so. The University is so pressed for money in these days of financial stress, that it has been impossible to meet all the additional requests growing out of the scientific work in connection with the eclipse.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.