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Alex Johnson, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

As you are aware, this University has within the past year increased to a considerable extent its facilities for instruction in Electrical Engineering. We have erected a new wing of the Engineering Building which will be devoted entirely to the Department of Electrical Engineering, and we have been enabled to rearrange our entire laboratory equipment in such a way that it can be used to the best advantage.

As a part of the work, we propose to institute courses in Communication Engineering. There are many reasons for which we feel that this is desirable, indeed is even necessary. Canada is a country of great distances and small population, where speed and certainty of communication are essential not only to our material progress, but to efficient government. This is furthermore a branch of engineering in which the demand seems to be greater than the supply, an exceptional condition in that profession at the present time.

While, of course, we have made no definite decision as to the actual content of the course, it appears likely that it might consist of two branches - an undergraduate and a research side.

In the undergraduate part of the work our endeavour would be not so much to give technical instruction in the building up and use of communication equipment, as to furnish a thorough engineering background to equip the young engineer for employment in his profession.