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Sir Arthur W. Currie, Principal,
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Dear Sir Arthur,

For the last two or three years I have been thinking of leaving the Canadian Ingersoll Rand Company, either to start business for myself as an Engineering Manufacturer's Agent or to associate with another company to manufacture equipment along the lines of my own experience. Either course will enable me to use my experience and extensive connection to greater advantage than at present, although it will be a wrench to leave the Company after years of service and in which I have a financial interest. Naturally I am considering the matter with great care. Business associations are not lightly broken, and I wish any move to become permanent if possible.

Paralleling what the future may develop along these lines has been the question lately whether the need does really exist for work to be done in McGill and about which we have had some correspondence; and, if so, whether I could do justice to it.

As you know I have very strong convictions that there is a big work to be done; and that almost its whole value depends upon the man who does it. I am not sure whether my ideas are held as strongly by you and by your associates. Unless the need is borne in upon you all as it is to me, it is better to wait until time sheds a stronger light on the matter. Conviction is the only foundation to build upon. I have not discussed the question with any one recently, as I feel that it lies with you.

I am sure you will absolve me from any charge of trying to make