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Lt. General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., etc.,
Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 16th. inst., thinking the matter over, I have been wondering whether you could, in your Technological Laboratory, make a specialty of export packing, not only for the benefit of your students taking the Commercial Course, but also for the manufacturers of Montreal. This idea has been re-curring in my mind for a number of years, and I have always intended to advance it in this country, if the opportunity should occur to do so. My idea is that some technical institution should take up this question of packing and study it, and possibly put themselves in a position to solve problems of packing which might be submitted to them. I confess to be speaking in a good deal of ignorance as there might be many difficulties connected with such an idea, and again it might not be supported, but if it would not be troubling you too much, I should be extremely gratified and obliged if you would let me know what you think of it.

I am particularly emboldened to write to you on the above subject since reading some words in a recent address of Professor Ira Allan Mackay to one of your graduating classes. Amongst other things he expressed a hope, -

"that the institutions of government and the universities would come closer together that the country's scholars and statesmen would work hand in hand".

If you could help us out in this idea, it seems to