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German Department  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Mich., U.S.A.

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Dear Ira,

I wonder whether you received a note from me two or three weeks ago enquiring when Dr. Walter was due to retire from the German department in McGill, and suggesting the possibility of my becoming a candidate for the position?

When I didn't hear from you I wrote to Sir Arthur and had a nice letter back from him in which he said that he would be glad to bring my name before the Selection Board when the time came to choose a successor to Dr. Walter.

Do you know when that time will be exactly? I am asking because I expect to be over in the old country this summer and there is a possibility of my being offered a chair in an old country university. In many ways I would prefer to be in Canada, where, I rather think, I am now more at home than in England.

Things are going fairly well here but I don't feel that I wish to remain here altogether or become a good American! Their ways and manners are very different from ours. By the way, could you tell me the salary that is attached to the German department?

I trust that Mrs. MacKay and deWolfe are well and that all is going well with you.

I would like it as a favour if you would treat the matter I have touched on regarding a possible vacancy in McGill as confidential.

With very sincere regards and hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. W. Eaton

P.S. I hear that the farmer will have none of the longer year in Saskatchewan University and that they are now faced with the necessity of letting out students earlier or introducing a three-term or quarter system.

J.W.E.