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Dear Chancellor,

Let me acknowledge your letter of yesterday, with documents mentioned. I regret that apparently I have not made myself clear to you.

What I had in mind when I proposed representations to the Dominion Government suggesting restitution of the former grants to the entomological services of Canada had less to do with Macdonald College in particular than with what I consider is of utmost importance to the cause of agriculture in general in Canada.

I believe in scientific agriculture, and I know of no other industry that needs, or deserves what science can bring to it more than agriculture. This country loses millions each year by the ravages of blights, pests and parasites; it was stated recently that Canada was losing \$150,000,000 annually by insect pests alone, and I am informed on very good authority that this is probably an under-estimate. To combat the pests and to save the loss the total expenditure in Canada has been very small. Now, more than ever, we should continue our efforts to combat this wastage. Then, too, it is useless to hope that we can hold any preference we may be given in the markets of the Empire for our apples, potatoes, etc. unless we ensure that they are of a quality to compete successfully with the products of other parts of the world. I am sure there is no possibility of successful competition if our entomological services are cut down.