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Sir Arthur Currie, Principal,
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My dear Sir Arthur:

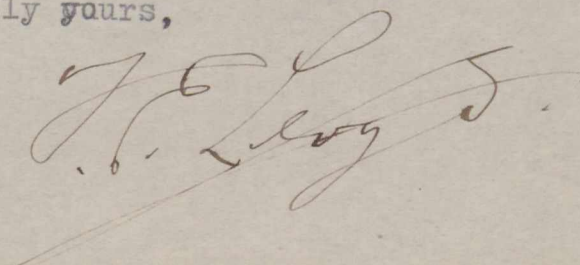
My attention has been drawn on several occasions lately, but in a quite informal way, to the possibility of the Forest Products Laboratory being removed from McGill to Ottawa.

Should this be done, I for my part would regret it, for the reason that, with our assured equipment for botanical work, the Department of Botany will be in a position to cooperate effectively with the Forest Products Laboratory in giving special instruction in matters relative to certain economic problems, as for example, the problem of paper pulp diseases. I mention this in particular, because we are now planning for work along this line.

Mention has been made of the possibility of having here a school for paper manufacture. This proposal may serve to illustrate that we have the possibilities in our various university departments concerned a splendid opportunity of doing just this sort of thing. This Department could contribute largely to this work, and I am anxious that this should be done. Professor Derick concurs with me in this.

I beg to inclose a memorandum covering this question, and to ask you, if I may, to take the matter under consideration from the University point of view. I realize that the problem of housing the Forest Products Laboratory is a difficult one because of the condition of the premises now occupied. But I understand that after all there is no danger of the house falling in, even if it looks to a layman to be in a precarious condition.

Faithfully yours,



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subject.*