

COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION COURSES  
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Dear Sirs:

Your letter was duly received and I have been giving the matter to which you refer a great deal of consideration.

The situation which you outline is not, of course, a novel one, nor are these problems faced by Canada only. The difficulty of reconciling adequate centralized authority with efficient local government was the principal one which the founders of Confederation had to contend with and the question has arisen in a more or less acute form on various occasions since that time. Similar problems exist in the United States and even in France strong action has had to be taken to counteract separatist movements in Brittany. The whole matter is complicated by the fact that in Canada and the United States we are confronted not only by the question of administrative efficiency but by constitutional enactments and political problems as well as by local sentiment cutting across the boundaries of political parties.

The subject, without doubt, merits deep consideration by all Canadians and any man or groups of men who are able to approach it with open minds and are qualified by study and experience to do so might well render valuable service.

Yours sincerely,