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General Sir Arthur Currie, C.G.M.G.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I stepped outside the office where I was talking to you this afternoon when you started to speak on the 'phone, and before your conversation was over, Colonel Bovey came along and as he had asked me to step in and sign a paper I went with him. When I returned, you were no longer where I had seen you.

You spoke of the disfavour your judgments as Chairman of the Church Property Commission were getting you into and expressed the belief that they would do harm to both the College and your reputation. May I be permitted, Sir, to disagree with you on this point. The feeling of all persons with whom I have spoken, without exception, is that your attitude as Chairman has been fair and impartial, and evinced a desire on your part to do what was right. Your rulings were based upon broad principles, enunciated in the early judgments of the Commission, which being unanimous must be held to be sound, and the later cases, in so far as the principles laid down could be applied, followed along these lines.

After all, the man who wins out in the esteem of the public is the man who performs his duty as he sees it no matter how unpleasant that duty may be. He who strives to please everybody pleases nobody, and I feel quite sure that the best elements in the country will recognize that you were impelled by a high sense of duty in accepting the Chairmanship of the Commission in the first place and in rendering