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My dear Sir Arthur:

I thank you for your letter of the 9th instant, in which you urge reconsideration in the matter of the grant for the work of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene. When the matter comes up again in Council I shall be pleased to place the representations of your letter before my colleagues for their consideration.

Perhaps I should let you know that the omission from the Estimates of any sum for the work of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene was in no way due to any lack of appreciation of the importance of the work being carried on by the Committee. The Government has found it necessary, owing to encroachments upon Federal jurisdiction, which have become increasingly numerous, to adhere more strictly to the evident intention of the Constitution in assigning certain matters to the Provinces and others to the Federal powers. Mental hygiene would appear to be a case in point.