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Dear Sir Arthur,

I hear that within the last two or three days a representative of the Department of the Interior has been in Montreal asking for tenders for the removal of the machinery, etc., of the Forest Products Laboratory to Ottawa. They are evidently proceeding to move in the matter of the removal of this Laboratory in spite of the assurance which was given to you that nothing would be done until you had an opportunity of discussing the matter fully with the Government authorities.

I understand that the man who is selected to be Minister of the Interior, under whose jurisdiction the Forest Products Laboratories would come, is Mr. Stewart from Alberta. When Mr. Stewart went back for election after his appointment as Minister of the Interior he lost his seat, and the Government are now endeavoring to get another seat for him. In this way the Department is left without a regular Minister and apparently taking advantage of this fact the Deputy Minister (or others) is endeavoring to railroad the matter through and have the Laboratory removed before a permanent Minister is appointed.

I am obliged to leave for Ottawa to-morrow afternoon to attend a meeting of the Research Council which will be held in Ottawa to-morrow evening and Friday, and I am, therefore, writing this to you so that you may have immediate knowledge of what is transpiring and then be in a position to take the necessary steps