TELEPHONE CABLE ADDRESS: VANDERBILT 976 BARGLOTEL NEW YORK ELIOT CROSS 111 EAST 48TH W. SEWARD WEBB, JR. WILLIAM EVERDELL, JR. NEW YORK CITY WELD M.STEVENS JAMES M. TODD HUGH S. ROBERTSON WARREN T. MONTGOMERY MANAGING DIRECTOR May 31, 1930. Dear Sir Arthur Currie: I have just arrived in New York and am able to reply to your letter of the 13th. The scheme that you outline is a very attractive one but a great deal will depend upon whether you can find the rare type of man that you are looking for. We have not in England anyone quite the same calibre who is free to do this kind of work as Robert M. Hague of Columbia. Nearly all our good men are so fixed that they would not be attracted for a single year's work, but Hagge has been continually doing separate investigations and is at the moment in Paris completing another. If you know his book on French Finance you will realize that he is a perfect investigator. I do not quite know his status as head of the Business School for Columbia when he is away so much. It is possible that A. W. Flux, of whom McGill will have many memories as he was with you a good many years, will be retiring from the British Board of Trade before long. He might be very glad to have a year's work of this kind. If you like I will write to him and sound him should that be an easier way of approaching the matter. Although he has reached the age limit for Civil Service he is of course full of energy. I am to succeed him this year as President of the Royal Statistical Society. You will undoubtedly give a greater attractiveness if you put the figure to, say, 1800. I shall be in New York until the 18th and I could visit Montreal in a pinch if you so desire, though it was not included in my plans. With all good wishes. Yours sincerely, Sir Arthur W. Currie, G. S. M. G. K. C. B. The Principal and Vice Chancellor, Mc Gill University, Montreal.