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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Before leaving for his holidays on Saturday, young Charlie Peters of our staff who covers McGill as a news assignment asked me if I would write to you about an incident which occurred in the course of his work last week.

It seems that he had become aware some time ago of a proposed visit by Sir Henry Meyers, President of the British Museums Association and others, for the purpose of making a survey of Canadian Museums. He informs me that he told Mr. Lionel Judah, curator of Redpath Museum at McGill, that he had this story for publication. At the request of the latter, he refrained from publishing it on the promise that he would be given the first release of the story. One can judge of his chagrin on Friday evening last when he saw the enclosed article in the Montreal Star.

It is not our policy to complain when we lose out on stories, but the circumstances surrounding the present case are of such a character that we feel that it would have been better to have gone ahead and published the information that we had without making Mr. Judah aware of it, but as you know our policy is at all times to cooperate with the University authorities in all matters of news. It seems rather hard then that we should be penalized for keeping faith in the matter of this particular piece of news.

I am bringing this matter to your attention, not only in the interests of our newspaper, but also in the interest of Charlie Peters who is diligent and conscientious in all work that he undertakes. I have stated the case as he has explained it to me and I feel that it is the correct presentation of the facts, and I would esteem it a favour if