

President's Office.



November 14th, 1924

Principal Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Please excuse me for not having answered your letter of the 5th November before this, but I was in doubt as to what answer to send, and I have talked the matter over with one or two. I quite agree with you as to the propriety of not making a formal protest against any action that the Royal Institute of British Architects may take, for I think that it is not at all unlikely that in answering any application from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, if they felt they had to refuse, they would definitely put the blame on us, and that would be most unfortunate. All the distance that I think it would be wise to go would be to request that they should not put us at a disadvantage by giving privileges to American Institutions such as they will not give to us.

I think also that this should be communicated to them indirectly. If any one in England who knows our situation has a chance of speaking to an influential member of the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects he might prevent any harmful discrimination. Of course there is always the danger of a representative going farther than one would have gone oneself. Had Mr. Noxon, the Agent-General of Ontario, been in London at present we might have communicated with him, but he is in Japan and may not be back for some months. I am afraid I am at a loss to suggest any one else. The more I have thought of it the more I have considered it unwise to make any formal representations.