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I believe he accepted the position as Chairman of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research largely to get the Council going and when the Government of Canada would have established a Research Institute he intended to return to his first-love, -teaching. As soon as the Prime Minister of Canada gave him an assurance that at the next session of the House legislation establishing such an institution would be introduced Macallum tendered his resignation and came to us as head of the Bio-chemistry Department.

It is the belief of all his colleagues that during those two years when he was not teaching his work was must as much the promotion of educative work along the line of research as if he had held during that time a university post. If during those two years he had gone as a research expert into some private company, industrial or commercial, where his services might have been expected to result in profit to the company, I could understand the contention that he had given up educative work altogether. The establishment of the Research Institute by the Government of Canada was something strongly advocated and urged by research men at our universities, one of the most enthusiastic of whom always was Professor Macallum, and I think it was largely to get the work going that he gave up his position at Toronto, intending to return to teaching and private research when that end had been accomplished.

Before going to Ottawa in 1918 he had been a teacher for 40 years, 31 of which had been on the staff of Toronto University. He has been one of the greatest teachers, researchers and educators in medical work that this continent has ever produced. As a teacher he has never received much of a salary, while his brothers, who practised their professions, all have large incomes. It was his love of research and education and teaching that kept him in the profession, and it seems to some of us contrary to the spirit of the Carnegie Pension Fund, if, after a recognition of his forty years as a teacher and the character of his work during the two years he was away,