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My dear John :-

T. B. MACAULAY PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

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I am afraid that you will think I am presuming, and perhaps unduly meddlesome, but I really think I should pass on to you a thought which has long been in my mind, and to which I attach steadily increasing importance.

That thought is that it would be most highly desirable that you and some of the other Governors of McGill, who are specially interested in Macdonald College, should run down and look carefully over the Agricultural Department of the Mount Hermon Schools established by Mr. Moodie, near Northfield, Mass. The object of Sir William Macdonald in establishing the Schools at Ste. Annes was to help the English-speaking farming community of Quebec and Eastern Ontario. It is hardly necessary to ask whether the work as at present carried on is fulfilling Sir William's hopes and intentions. How many farmers' sons of the province are agricultural students at the College ? How many of these will return to their fathers' farms and continue their agricultural pureuits ?

The more I think over the matter, the more convinced am I that while there is little need of an Agricultural University at Ste. Annes, there would be a tremendous field of usefulness for an Agri-