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Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G., P.C.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir George Foster:-

Dr. Ruttan has shown me a letter written to him by you with regard to the removal to Ottawa of the Forest Products Laboratories now set up in buildings belonging to this University.

I do not know whether the action of the Senate with reference to the Research Institute will have any bearing on this matter, but I would like to join with Dr. Ruttan regretting the decision to remove the Laboratories to Ottawa. I believe that it is a good thing to have such Laboratories in close proximity to the Laboratories of the University where an atmosphere favourable to research prevails. I should think it has been found to be a good thing for those in charge of the Forest Products Laboratories to be able to meet frequently the Professors of our Science Departments. On the other hand, we at McGill like to keep in close touch with the research work of the Laboratories and to feel that we are helping in some small degree.

Until the Research Institute is established at Ottawa I believe the Forest Products Laboratories will do better work if left where they are and I believe the Pulp and Paper industry will agree with me in this.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,