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Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
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Dear Sir Arthur,-

As I mentioned in conversation the other day, it is a common practice in Europe to maintain contact between the larger Universities and the larger Research Institutions by appointing as Honorary Professors in the Universities certain men who have been on University staffs and have then taken up the work of directing Research Institutions. And it has occurred to me that possibly yourself and the Governors may feel inclined to establish a connection between McGill and the National Research Laboratories in Ottawa by appointing me as an Honorary Professor, of Chemistry.

I believe that the establishment of such a connection would be of mutual advantage to McGill and to the work of National Research in Canada. The National Research Council is profoundly interested in the training of Chemists in our Universities, especially in Research work, as it must look to the Universities to train in the methods of Research the men from whom its staff must be recruited. Its interest has already been amply demonstrated by the extensive system of Scholarships which it has established. With the completion of the \$3,000,000 Laboratories now in the course of erection, its demands for well-trained Research men will be very considerable.

As an Honorary Professor, I could maintain a valuable contact with the chemical training at McGill. I should be glad to give occasional individual lectures, or short courses of lectures on aspects of pure chemistry and on industrial chemistry, especially as applied to the development of Canadian resources. The work of the Graduate School in chemistry would also be facilitated, as it would be possible for graduate students to carry out in certain cases part of their thesis work in the Laboratories at Ottawa, if the Director of the Laboratories were on the McGill Faculty as an Honorary Professor. We, for our part, would benefit by the closer contact with the University and Research in pure science. I expect that several University Professors will join our staff, and, in order that the outlook in our Laboratories may be broader than a mere industrial one, we should appreciate an arrangement that would enable us to keep in touch with the admirable Graduate School in Chemistry at McGill.

Yours sincerely,

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