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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
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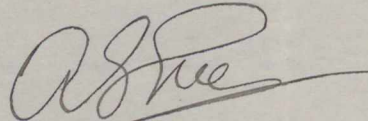
Dear Sir Arthur:

It is quite desirable to convert the Government to the view that it is better to reduce salaries and wages severely rather than throw more men out of employment. It is a matter of simple arithmetic, as follows:

For simplicity, take five men earning \$100 a month each. Dismiss one man and you have apparently saved \$100 a month. But this is not the case, because the man and his family have to be supported either by superfluous and unnecessary work or by charity, whether from the Government or private sources. Hence the net saving will certainly be not more than \$50 a month, with a train of evil consequences, dissatisfaction, underfed children, and so forth. On the other hand, if each man is reduced 20%, there will be a real saving of \$100 and little hardship because the price of food and clothing has fallen 20%, and the price of rents has come down and will continue to fall until better times.

This proposition is obvious and known to everybody, but the mystery is why it has not been acted upon.

Yours very sincerely,



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