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MONTREAL.

10th December, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

You may well imagine our disappointment at the position taken by the Hon. Mr. Massey. We realize, of course, that the matter is entirely in the hands of the Massey Foundation and that such a decision is consistent with the course followed in Toronto in relation to Lord Irwin. There are, however, these differences: In Toronto, there is room in Massey Hall for a large attendance. We are not so happily situated in Montreal. In Toronto they have the Canadian and Empire Clubs, both active. In Montreal the Canadian Club stands alone.

Because of the hall difficulty, I should imagine that in Montreal there might be a large number of people who should hear Sir Arthur Salter, but will be unable to do so.

In these circumstances, I think that the Canadian Club luncheon, particularly if it follows the university address, would not impair the significance of the lecture which is the main purpose of the visit.

Before acknowledging Mr. Massey's letter, I should like to have the benefit of your views. I know that we must accept his dictum, but should like to point out the special circumstances of Montreal. I would not do so, however, unless that course were wholly acceptable to you.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'J. E. Macpherson', is written below the typed name.

Att.