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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal, McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Principal,

A last word about the new Arts Building!

After visualising the prospect for weeks I have finally come to the rock bottom conclusion that we cannot obtain a more becoming front view than the present one without the unnecessary expenditure of a large amount of money. I am loth to invest a single penny in unnecessary building costs which may be ultimately saved for salaries and scholarships. The monument most needed at McGill at present is an admittedly best University Arts Faculty in Canada or on the continent. There is more money wasted in futile architecture on this continent than in any other way. No one would be dissatisfied or disappointed if we substantially maintain the present front view while, on the other hand, if we destroy it there is bound to be a large amount of dissatisfaction and fault finding.

I, therefore, suggest that the following repairs may be made in the present front view:-

1. The Molson Hall should be raised a story by converting the present gable roof into a flat roof. The doorway memorial tablet and ensemble would remain substantially as at present. The Molson Hall would be still the Molson Hall.
2. The roof of the Molson Hall and the roof of the east wing