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Dear Sir,

Certain public-spirited Canadians, in order to stimulate an interest in that portion of Canada lying north of 56^o, have provided a fund of \$2,000 which it is suggested be expended in prizes for the best essays on this subject contributed by Canadians in competition under the suggested terms set forth in the attached draft.

It is thought that the competitors should be divided into two classes, one class limited to students enrolled in Canadian universities, the second class to admit all other Canadians, each class to be awarded prizes totalling \$1,000., to be divided into a first prize of \$600., a second prize of \$250, third prize \$100, and a fourth prize of \$50.

Before definitely announcing such a competition we desire to have the views of the principals of our leading Canadian universities, first, on the broad issue as to whether they would welcome such a competition, and give it their sympathetic support, and, secondly, on the questions set forth in the attached questionnaire, and their suggestions as to any modifications or additions in the terms of the competition that would make it more effective. I am addressing you, therefore, in the hope that you will find time to give this matter your attention, and will write to me in due course on this subject.

I attach hereto a general statement covering what seems to us to be the issue as to the Canadian North, a draft of the suggested terms of the competition, and a questionnaire.

It is our wish that the subject of this letter be treated as confidential in the meantime, and we will appreciate very much your early consideration of what is here presented so that no undue time may be lost. I shall be glad to give you any further particulars you may wish, and I will look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,