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Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear General Currie:-

Your letter of the 7th. reached me last night. You undoubtedly flatter me by joining my name with those of Dr. Clark and Mr. Stevens. Quite frankly my difficulty is that outside of two subjects - Pensions and Scientific Research - I have no line of talk which I could hope to give without prolonged preparation. I am particularly slow in this regard, and find it well nigh impossible to get the time during the Session to study available material.

To-day the Special Committee on Soldiers' affairs will be named, and it seems a foregone conclusion that I shall have to again accept the chairmanship of that Committee. If last Session was any criterion, this post will involve me in daily heavy work leaving little time for even other parliamentary duties.

Do you think the students would be interested in Scientific Research? The subject, to my mind, is now worn a bit bare, but perhaps they have not heard as much about it as we have in Ottawa.

My whole inclination is to meet you more than half way, although I feel myself quite unqualified for the job.

There is certain legislation coming before the Ontario House in which my Companies are peculiarly interested. I have promised therefore to hold myself in readiness to appear before a Committee of the Legislature when these items are under consideration. So far I have been unable to