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Mr. Laurence Tombs,
League of Nations,
Geneva. Switzerland.

My dear Mr. Tombs,

Let me thank you for your letter of February 20th and for its interesting disclosure, that so many McGill graduates are in Geneva. Can that in any way be a tribute to the "international-mindedness of McGill"? I have also received the proposal of the French delegation having to do with the reduction and limitation of armaments and certain verbatim reports: thank you very much for your courtesy in sending them to me.

I am taking the liberty of sending to you a copy of an address I made before the National Republican Club in New York in January. In addition to myself, a Major General of the regular army spoke, but his remarks were largely what you would expect from any general in the regular army. The third speaker, however, was a man by the name of Vinsen, a member of Congress from Alabama or Georgia. He was a very truculent person and claimed that as the U.S. was the only nation that could afford a large army and navy, therefore they should have the largest. He also gave it as his opinion that it was a condescension on the part of the U.S. to allow Great Britain to have a navy equal to the American navy. Many other bombastic utterances by the same man were heartily cheered.

Please remember me most kindly to Miss Hurlbatt and all the others you have mentioned.

The three great problems in Canada just now are, the unemployment situation, the railway investigation, and the St. Lawrence waterways.

Regarding the unemployment situation, the government has spent many millions in its endeavour to help those out of work. To these millions the provinces and the municipalities have contributed, but once more we have charges which can easily be substantiated, that the men who are to be benefited receive only about one-fifth of the money that has been voted. We decided not to have the dole,