

May
Thirty-first
1920.

Right Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir Robert:-

A few years ago the Government of the Dominion of Canada decided to make an annual grant of the sum of \$2,000. to McGill University for the purpose of having a catalogue made of all the Scientific papers and the results of Researches carried out in the Dominion of Canada each year. The actual work of making this catalogue was undertaken by the Redpath Library of McGill University. A regular cataloguer was employed exclusively for this work, and the catalogue has been made and forwarded to the Royal Society of London, which made itself responsible for the whole work of the International Catalogue of Scientific papers, of which this Canadian work formed part.

My attention was directed yesterday by the Librarian of the Redpath Library to the fact that this grant had not been received this year, and that no provision had been made for the grant in either the main estimates nor in the first or second supplementary estimates.

The Bursar of the University, Mr. Glassco, informs me that he has already communicated in reference to this matter, with the Minister of Finance, but has not as yet received from him any reply.

It is of the very greatest importance that this work, which sets forth to the public the whole body of scientific investigation carried on by Canada each year and renders the same available for public use, should not be discontinued.