

LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY,

MONTREAL

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Dr. F. D. Adams,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Adams:

With reference to the suggestion which you made in our conversation in your office yesterday, I see no objection to making a general survey of the condition of the University Library in consultation with some Canadian librarian of prominence and demonstrated ability. Indeed, such cooperation could be of advantage in any undertaking to improve the working of the Library or to promote its growth.

There will always be a certain amount of individual criticism of the Library, as there may be of any Department of the University, when the needs of the many do not at the moment coincide with the personal wants or views of the critic. I understand, however, that your suggestion is concerned rather with the broader question of making the Library an efficient and progressive factor in the work of the whole University in the first place, and, further, of placing it, so far as finances and rate of growth are concerned, upon a level at least with the average American University. With less than that I do not think we should be satisfied.