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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
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My dear Sir Arthur:

I have just received your letter of the 13th instant, concerning the letter which you got from the John Price Jones Corporation. The reason for that letter is this: We have to go, probably before the year 1930 is out, and get some more money in order to keep this institution running. We have engaged the John Price Jones Corporation to make a survey of our situation and suggest what methods of campaigning they think most effective for us. They had one of their men, Mr. Duncan, the Vice President of the Corporation, come up here and spend a week or two gathering all the information he could. Naturally he mainly saw those who were in some way or other, whether officially or by interest, closely associated with the University. He said he would like to get information from those outside of the Dalhousie circle, and we of course replied to go ahead and get all the information he could. The more impartial the information he could get, the better we felt it would be for us. He has, accordingly, sent letters to a certain number of college men, public men, and so on, who have never had any affiliation, either as students or otherwise, with the University.

I think what he would like to get from you is your estimate as Head of McGill, to whom many of our students go and where members of our Faculty are known, any information as to our reputation for good or bad academic work and our outlook on higher education.

As for suggestions for you to give him, I might add this one, that our first duty should be to develop our existing departments to the fullest extent, and especially those which would help to train men for the development of the native resources and natural industries. In other words, the economic situation of the Maritime Provinces is not yet on a sound basis, and it should be the duty, in my estimation, of Dalhousie to put stress on the departments which could be most effective in training men to tackle the economic situation.