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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ulto.

It is true that as a result of representations made to the Colonial office last year tentative suggestions were made by them which disclosed their willingness to accept for Colonial service applications from Canadian Universities.

Sir Robert Falconer and I called on the Under Secretary for Colonial Affairs last summer and discussed the matter with him. As a result the Colonial office were to send to Canada, last fall, one of their staff who would go to the various University centres and outline the plan in detail. Owing to lack of available funds that visit on his part did not take place, though we expect him next spring.

Certain action has been taken - Mr. Justice Duff of the Supreme Court at Ottawa has agreed to accept the chairmanship of a committee who will first consider all applications. If a sufficient number apply next spring, a representative of the Colonial Office is to come to Canada for the purpose of interviewing the candidates and to inform the committee of the factors which should govern their recommendations.

If candidates are selected they would have to go to the Old Country about August next and after a three months course at Woolwich, I think, they would then be posted to positions in the Colonial Service, principally in centres in Africa. The Indian Civil Service is not thrown