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A. R. McMaster, Esq.,
Room 268,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

My dear Mr. McMaster:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 16th, with enclosure as stated.

I am very sorry indeed that Dr. Hemmeon did not reply in writing to your letter of March 28th. I have seen him to-day and I know that he is writing to you. Let me give you the assurance, also, that Dr. Hemmeon's reluctance in going to Ottawa arises solely from the fact that he fears he will not make any contribution to the matter under discussion. I can also assure you that his reluctance did not arise from any feeling that it would be imprudent for him to express frankly his views on the situation, owing to the fiscal views of a certain number of the Board of Governors of McGill.

Since I have been identified with the University, and I can speak positively of that period only, I have never seen any indication on the part of a single member of the Board of Governors of this University of a desire to influence in any way the personal views of any professor. Professors at this University know that they are always at liberty to express their personal views anywhere they choose. All I ask of them is that they disclose a knowledge of the subject. If there was any attempt to stifle their views we certainly could not call ourselves a University and I, for one, would not tolerate any attempt at stifling the public expression of the views of any professor, or of influencing that public expression in any way. Many of our professors have expressed themselves in the