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Sir Arthur Currie
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My dear Sir Arthur,

The abandonment for the present year of the Universities' Conference has left unsettled one matter of business which should be decided at once. On the 9th and 10th of June there was held in Ottawa a "Canadian Modern Language Conference", the object of which is explained by the following extracts from the minutes.

"The Conference was brought about by Professor M.A. Buchanan of the University of Toronto, after consultation with others, at the request of the AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF DIRECTION AND CONTROL, which has undertaken under the auspices of the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, an investigation of modern language studies in the United States".

"The American Council on Education, which is directing the American enquiry, was ready to associate itself with whatever authoritative body should become the sponsor of the proposed study of modern language instruction in Canada, and the Carnegie Corporation, which is financing the American investigation, offered to finance the similar undertaking in Canada."

"A motion, accepting the proposal to undertake a study of the kind described, and expressing appreciation of the opportunity afforded by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Corporation, was carried unanimously."

"Moved that the present Conference appoint a committee for a systematic study of Modern Language Education in Canada:"

"That the Conference of Canadian Universities be asked to sponsor the undertaking and cooperate with the American Council on Education in publishing a report:"

"That the Ministers of Education of the various Provinces be asked to facilitate the work of the committee and to suggest additional members if desired."

"Carried unanimously."