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Dear Ernest,

Yours of the 6th.

I am so glad Sir Edward is receiving from you the degree of
Doctor of laws.

Answering the easier of your two questions first. On previous occasions he has been referred to as "Edward Wentworth Beatty."

Now as to the more difficult of the two questions. He is a complex personality - I suppose all of us are - though he gives the impression on first knowledge of being very simple and very direct. He is extraordinarily vigorous mentally; industrious; tenacious; ambitious; generous; so loyal to his friends that he becomes frequently involved in minor difficulties because of it; dominating; lonely, for he is a man with practically no close personal friends. Finally, to damn him completely - I like him.

You know of course of all of his accomplishments in Canada and of the great service he has rendered to the Dominion, to the Province to the municipality, and you know, too, that had it not been for Sir Edward this University probably would have disintegrated, - at least, it would have had a far rockier road to travel over.