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This morning I received your letter of March 30th. Of course, Ruttan's death was expected. He had failed very rapidly in the last six months. When I returned to Montreal last May I saw a remarkable change in him, but yet he came to Convocation and walked from the Library to the Capital Theatre, where Convocation took place. The last University function he attended was the special Convocation at which an honorary degree was given Ramsay Macdonald. I saw him in his room shortly before he died and knew that the end was very near. He retired, as you know, the year before last under full salary for the year, and his pension allowance was then about \$3500 per annum. He felt that that would not be enough to enable him to keep on his apartment and his connection with his Clubs, so I went to him and told him not to worry, that as long as he lived the University would pay him a pension at the rate of \$5,000 a year. It cheered him greatly, and we were glad to do this kindness to such an old and valued servant of the University.

His brother still survives, but is in most indifferent health, also suffering from the same complaint that carried off Ruttan. His address is, Dr. A. M. Ruttan, Provost, Alberta.