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McGill University has received encouragement from the Rockefeller Foundation to take up a more aggressive study of Human Relations.

We have decided to begin by making a thorough investigation of unemployment conditions in Greater Montreal. In this study the Departments of History, Political Economy, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Education, Public Health and Law will cooperate.

We thought of having most of the investigational work carried out by post-graduate students under a Director, and it is to help me find such a Director that I am making this appeal to you.

I know that much work similar to what we propose has been carried on in different centres in the old country and that there you have more highly qualified investigational workers than we have here. We hope to get a man who would come to us for a year, to consult first with the heads of the Departments above-mentioned, agree with them upon the scope and character of the investigation, and then set the post-graduate students to work. The findings will be considered by the Director and the Committee of Professors, and it is our hope that a really worth-while contribution could in this way be made to the problem of unemployment in this large industrial city, with its admixture of races, its manufacturing plants, its seaport associations, its pronounced seasonal unemployment periods, and the many other phases in which it differs from many places in Canada but at the same time furnishes a cross-section of Canadian urban life not to be found elsewhere.