

Text Books.

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Dear Sir Arthur:

I have just received your letter of December 3rd, which apparently was addressed to my brother in error.

I thoroughly concur in your views with respect to the work of the Board of Trade and Canadian Manufacturers Association Textbook Committee and appreciate that neither Professor Stanley nor any other member of the University Staff can very well publicly associate himself with that Committee.

It was my understanding that Professor Stanley would simply give the Committee the benefit of his advice unofficially and that his name should not appear publicly in any way in the matter in order to avoid any possibility of embarrassment to him or the University. I am not only speaking to Mr. George Henderson personally on the subject, but am sending him a copy of your letter.

I do not want you to think the Textbook Committee has set itself up to judge the textbooks from a technical or academic standpoint as it certainly does not consider itself competent in that respect. My understanding of its functions is that it is to review the books from the standpoint of the subject matter dealing with Canada and the Empire although when faulty construction and printing are found in books these features are drawn to the attention of the authorities.

As you probably know, the appointment of the Committee was the result of some very severe