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The Honorable,  
The Board of Direction of  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

It was not until after my return a short time ago from a month's visit to Puerto Rico that I heard the sad news of Sir Arthur Currie's death. His passing a quarter of a century too soon constitutes an irremediable loss to our University, the Dominion of Canada, and the U.S.A. — in fact to the entire world of science and education.

I had hoped that he would find time to join me in the great work that I have undertaken for the American Association of Engineers on "Vocational Guidance in Engineering Lines." Before our book bearing that title was issued, I had a very satisfactory talk with him on the subject; and he asked me to take up the matter with him again later on. An unavoidable volte face in our policy of publication obviated the necessity of our acting together on the old basis; but some months ago I wrote him a letter suggesting that McGill University undertake in Canada to bring the book to the attention of high school students there in the same manner that the American Association of Engineers is arranging to bring it to the attention of such students in this country.

My letter was received during Sir Arthur's absence abroad; and after his return he did not reply. I am sending herewith a copy of it. Enclosed are a few papers that will explain the nature and extent of our strictly altruistic undertaking. The circular to the members of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, issued a few days ago, will give you an indication of the enthusiastic reception that our treatise has received both at home and abroad.

As one of McGill's oldest living graduates, and as a Canadian-born engineer, I ask that the preceding suggestion be given due consideration by our University, and that I be notified of the result thereof. If more data be needed, I can supply them.

Respectfully and faithfully yours,

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