



OTTAWA, 16th May, 1922.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

Adverting to our recent interview respecting the proposal to remove the Forest Products Laboratories from Montreal to Ottawa, I would point out that while there are strong administrative reasons why the laboratories should be located at Ottawa, nevertheless in view of the representations which you have made I would be prepared to submit for the consideration of my colleagues a suggestion that action be deferred for the time being if I had some definite assurance that we would be provided immediately with a suitable building in Montreal. As matters stand now the building in which the Laboratories are housed is in such a poor state of repair that the lives of the employees are endangered and we cannot assume responsibility for what might transpire. The building cannot be put in a safe condition and some other building will have to be provided. There is a suitable building available in Ottawa.

In order that you may know just what is needed I am sending down one of our young men Mr. E. H. Finlayson, who is aware of all the negotiations that have taken place respecting this subject, and he will tell you just what kind of a building is needed to properly house the Laboratories. We will expect to get this building free of charge.

Yours faithfully,

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