

5th November, 1928.

Dr. H. M. Tory,  
President - National Research Council,  
178, Queen Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Dr. Tory,

I am so grateful to you for your kind letter and enclosure, i.e., copy of a letter written to Dr. Hibbert, and I hasten to explain what happened.

I have been laid off work for the last two weeks, and half of that time I was in bed with a throat infection which made me feel pretty miserable. During the early part of my convalescence, Hibbert came in to see me, and showed me a letter which I may not have read carefully enough, and I certainly was not in any condition, perhaps, to think accurately on important matters. He showed me the letter he was writing to you, and as I read it, I took it to mean chiefly that he wanted to know in what way our University should act so as not to conflict with the National Research Council work.

We had talked on several occasions about promoting the industrial work in the University, and I had contemplated (just prior to getting ill) making a visit to some of our wealthy men, asking them if they would not contribute towards the enlargement of our present Industrial Research Laboratory in order that we might do our share, especially as regards Mining and Chemistry, in contributing to the country's work.

I certainly did not read into his letter the doubts that he seems to have made as to any harm that would come to the University from the National Research Council, although I do recall being rather struck with the fact that he was asking questions that you probably would not feel ready at this moment to answer. No doubt, if I had read the letter more carefully, I would not have let it go out.

I was likewise struck with the fact that such a