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Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

It has come to my ears today that the Department of the Interior, or some other Department of the Government, is calling for tenders for the removal of the Forest Products Laboratory from Montreal to Ottawa.

This Laboratory is now housed in a building belonging to McGill and our Scientific Departments and the Forest Products Department are working in close harmony. The idea of moving it to Ottawa came up in the days of the old Government and I had from them an assurance that no action would be taken until the Government had given Mr. Beatty and myself an opportunity of discussing the whole matter with them.

I am attaching herewith a copy of a letter I wrote you on December 8th. Later in the week I shall send you copies of all the correspondence which has been exchanged between the University and the Government regarding this matter.

I should like very much to have from your Government the same assurance as I had from the old Government, namely, that no action would be taken until Mr. Beatty and myself had an opportunity of discussing this matter further with the Government

Yours faithfully,

Principal.