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Dear Mr. Nelson,

I have a confidential letter from Sir Robert Borden, inquiring whether there would be any preference from the standpoint of the Research Committee, as between an appointee from the far west or one from the east as representative of the Canadian Council. Of course, there is some advantage in having a colleague in the east. It would also cost the Institute less to secure a meeting which, I think, should be planned in the course of the year. As Sir Robert states that either Professor MacKenzie or Professor Corbett would be technically suitable for membership in the committee, I should think it would be rather better to appoint one of these gentlemen rather than a resident of British Columbia. It depends a good deal on what sort of problem you will be dealing with this coming year. If it is a problem affecting all Canada, it would seem to me that the local interest of British Columbia would not enter into the question as it might otherwise.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell.