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The Honourable,  
Sir Lomer Gouin, K.C.M.G.,  
Premier of Quebec,  
Quebec, P.Q.

Dear Sir Lomer,-

In the interview which you kindly gave me, on the subject of increased aid to higher scientific and technical education in the Province of Quebec, you invited me to state in writing the views I then advanced and to formulate the proposals as to the measures to be taken to lessen the handicap that technical education in the Province today experiences. In accepting this invitation, which I now do, after the fullest and most careful consideration, I desire to thank you for the courtesy you accorded me on that occasion.

Regarding the present position of higher scientific and technical education in the Province of Quebec, it is unfortunately impossible to state, in detail and specifically, what is lacking either in the teaching, the staff and the equipment of the Ecole Polytechnique or in the facilities for teaching and research on the scientific side of McGill University. There is the further difficulty that it would be invidious for one in the position I occupy and, as it were, an outsider, even if I had the fullest information on the subject, to specify in the various scientific departments of these institutions the deficiencies which prevent them, and especially the Ecole Polytechnique, from giving the service to higher technical education which they should give.

It is, however, allowable for me to indicate in a general way what the situation is with regard to the two institutions. My experience of two years as Chairman of the Research