

Dear Sir Arthur Currie--

Thinking over our interview, I realize that while I probably gave you some very interesting views on agriculture, I rather sidestepped your practical query as to what Macdonald College could do to serve the farmer. That is unfortunate, as I have before now attempted in detail to solve that special problem--not necessarily for Macdonald College, but in general discussion of the situation of agriculture.

Therefore, I offer the suggestion that the College be used, this winter and spring, as the centre for a series of roundtable discussions between farmers, economists and the heads of our great banks and railways. I am sure that the latter group would gladly co-operate, either in person or by deputy. For the economists, several who claim that title--such men as my friend A.R. McMaster,--have agreed that much good might come, from such meetings. For the farmers, I can guarantee to conscript a few real working farmers and to chaperone them in such fashion that they would talk freely.

The result could be only of benefit to all the interests concerned, and would be of the greatest value as an advertisement of the College. The special matter of its service to the farmer would arise constantly in the discussions.

If this idea strikes you as useful, I should recommend that it be put into effect as soon as possible, as this is, for Quebec farmers, the only really slack season.

Coldbrook Farm,  
Sweetsburg, Que.,  
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Yours very truly,

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