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Dear Sir Arthur:-

I enclose herewith a record of the time I have spent in University teaching, with a view to giving you the information that you require in connection with the Carnegie Pension question.

I have been, since 1884, only two years unconnected with university work. Those two years (1918-1920) were spent wholly as Administrative Chairman of the National Research Council of Canada. When I left my position at Toronto I intended to keep out of university work only just long enough to get the Research Council activities directed along the most approved lines. Much of my service as Chairman was given to enlisting the co-operation of the Universities. I had also to deal with Studentships and Fellowships instituted by the Council, and to inspect, from time to time, what the holders of these were doing, in order that these Studentships and Fellowships should function as the Council wished.

I had, further, to superintend the administration of grants for research, and the work in this line initiated the development of a great deal of research work in the Universities.

It may be claimed that the two years I was out of University work deprived me of any right to a pension, but the Carnegie Foundation has reinstated in the list of those eligible for its pensions professors in American universities who left their positions for war service for two years or more, counting the years so spent as if in university service. I left my university post for those two years on a similar basis.

When my case was brought up before the Board of the Corporation some four or more years ago, it was, I understand, allowed that I should be considered as having the same claim as the professors who had left their university posts for war service, and the final adjustment of my claim to a pension was to be determined when I would retire from McGill.

I may add that at the end of May next I shall have taught for fifty years, and that on April 7th I shall be 70 years of age.

I trust that this statement and the information on the accompanying sheet will supply you with what you require to bring my case up for consideration and settlement. I