

September, 29, 1925.

Brig.-General C. H. Mitchell, C.M.G.  
Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science,  
University of Toronto.

Dear General Mitchell:-

I was in Ottawa recently at a meeting of the Professional Institute of Civil Servants, and I was requested to endeavour to enlist the co-operation of the Universities in a plan by which some of the civil servants hoped to be able to improve their positions.

As matters stand at present the civil servants get three weeks holiday with pay, and any further periods are either allowed without pay or are not allowed at all. Quite a number of them are anxious to attend the summer courses now being held at the Universities, but as most of these courses last for six weeks, it is not possible for the civil servants to attain their object. It was suggested at the meeting that we might be willing to join in making a representation to the Commission, proposing that a civil servant who desired to attend a summer course at his own expense might get three weeks additional holiday with pay for the purpose. Certificates showing attendance would of course have to be shown.

I should be very much obliged if you would let me know what your reaction to this suggestion is. I am quite sure that this University would be glad to do anything possible, and as I expect to be seeing Dr. Roche early next month I should be glad to take up with him the best method of approach.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.