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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur—

I am sorry to say that J. R. Booth has given us rather a black eye by declining to subscribe at all to the McGill drive, so Sir Henry Egan tells me. Sir Henry says the old man was not very definite in his reasons, but intimated that he had a big income tax to pay this month, and also that his sympathies were with Queen's university rather than with any other. The latter view struck me as rather curious because when Queen's had a drive about a year and a half ago, the Booths certainly did not contribute any large amount, and indeed I am not sure that they gave anything at all. However, Mr. Booth has never shown any reasonable recognition of his public responsibilities in the matter of help to good causes, so I am not very much surprised at the outcome. It is, however, unfortunate for us because if Mr. Booth had shown a decent lead, or any lead at all, we would have been sure to do well here. *but once*

As it is we will do the best we can. I wonder though if you could, with propriety, drop a line to Mr. Booth expressing the hope that he would be able to help in the campaign, without indicating that you had had any word from Ottawa. If you think this would not be out of the way and will advise me, I will have a deputation wait on the old gentleman later.

With regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. D. Ross

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