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Dear Sir Arthur:-

I read with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction the Premier's letter to you regarding the Forest Products Laboratory, and particularly his postscript.

The Minister of the Interior has evidently obtained his information from the Deputy, and, in reply to his arguments, I may state briefly, first, that there has never been any obvious disadvantage to the Department by having the Forest Products Laboratory in Montreal. In the past this has been a research organization and has shown a high degree of efficiency, higher than any Department in Ottawa with the exception, perhaps, of the Mines Branch in the Department of the Interior. Secondly, the buildings are unsuitable but could be made thoroughly efficient by the expenditure of less money than would be required to adapt