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The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Canada.

re: ROME SCHOLARSHIP

My dear Prime Minister,

Some time ago the Royal Institute of British Architects drew the attention of this Institute to the possibilities afforded by the British School at Rome for the study of Architecture by students from all parts of the Empire. I enclose two copies of a memo. of even date outlining a scheme in this connection.

I may mention that Architectural Education in this country is now highly organized. This Institute is composed of the provincial architectural bodies, all of which require certain standards of professional education on the part of their members. This education is largely provided by certain of the universities and schools of art, and the provincial governments spend very substantial sums in this connection. What has hitherto been lacking in this system is an adequate provision for travelling scholarships.

This Institute is now engaged in raising funds for the institution of three or four such scholarships, the very existence of which would go far to stimulate and coordinate the various efforts put forth in the cause of architectural education. It is felt by my Council that it would be appropriate that one, at least, of these scholarships should be provided by the Dominion Government, and that a scholarship relating to the British School at Rome would be appropriate as a Federal contribution to the scheme.