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262 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
Oct. 4, 1933.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 2nd in which you state that you have already spoken to Professor Traquair and that he could accept our invitation to address us on October 17th.

However, our Executive had not counted upon the payment of honorarium and travelling expenses and it seemed to be the concensus of opinion yesterday that much as we would like to have Professor Traquair the Society could not afford the expense. As you know, we usually have from sixty to seventy-five people at our Annual Meeting. The refreshments and other sundry expenses amount to quite a sum when the limited income of the Society is taken into account.

Under the circumstances, therefore, we will leave it entirely to your good judgment to pick for us some speaker who can come to us upon the same terms as in previous years. As far as I am aware there has been no expense to our Society in connection with visits by previous speakers.

I regret the considerable amount of trouble which we are causing you, but trust that you will appreciate our position and that we may have the pleasure of hearing further from you very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Burdand
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

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