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Dr. R. F. Ruttan,
Dept. of Chemistry,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Dr. Ruttan:-

As you know, I made the suggestion to Mr. E. P. Cameron that it may be possible to find one or more leaders in the pulp and paper industry who would be interested in presenting to McGill a suitable building to provide a permanent basis of co-operation in research on forest products. The assumption is that there would be accommodation for the Forest Products Laboratories, which would be operated by the Government on their appropriation of over \$100,000. per year, and that there would also be accommodation and co-operation whereby the pulp and paper industry could carry out special research at their own expense. Furthermore, it is assumed that McGill would be interested in providing the Eddy bequest or some other fund for work in some way related to forest products and would round out the co-operation by training students and handling cellulose research, etc.

I am merely writing to know what you think of the possibility and whether McGill would welcome a proposition of this kind. I have thought of placing the matter before Sir William Price in a personal way by reason of my great interest in the attainment of organized research for the pulp and paper industry. Naturally it would be unwise to take any step of this kind if there might be a re-action on the part of the University or the Government later. Of course it is only a chance that the donation would materialize but there is nothing like trying.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

JSB/J.

(Sgd.) John S. Bates.