

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF LAW

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The Principal
McGill University
Montreal

Dear Mr Principal:

The Dean tells me that he has forwarded to you my application for leave of absence, and it occurs to me that perhaps I should add a few words with regard to my plans.

It would probably be quite easy for me to obtain temporary teaching work at Oxford, and I could in any case occupy my time fully with study and writing. But I do not wish to teach, and I have written so much during the last few years that I would much prefer to do some practical work, and indeed I think that mine own usefulness as a professor would best be served in this way. My own preference would be to obtain some temporary official work at Geneva, or perhaps in London under the Foreign Office or the Dominions Office, my object being to get some inside knowledge of the actual working of international and constitutional machinery. I hope this would meet with your approval.

At the same time I realise that the University would have the first claim on my time, and I therefore writing ^{an} to say that I should be quite willing to undertake any special work that might be of service either to the University or ^{to} the Government of Canada, if I should be asked to do so.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

H. A. Smith