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Toronto, 2, February 28th 1928

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am going to ask a great favour. Could you possibly find it convenient to spend a day in Ottawa either in the week of March 18th or in the early part of the week of March 25th? I am calling together representative heads of all the service clubs in Canada - Rotary, Kiwanis, Gyro, Lions, etc. There will probably be one or two men representing each Club.

My purpose is to hold an informal Conference in Ottawa to secure the approval of the men gathered together for support of the Lady Willingdon Fund for Mental Hygiene. The specific proposal is that every member of every service club in Canada be invited to donate a dollar per annum for five years.

I addressed one service club in Toronto and this club was so favourable to the idea that I felt it would be worth while to attempt to nationalize the project. Friends in Quebec and British Columbia have also given encouragement.

After an informal discussion in Ottawa, Her Excellency will be pleased to receive those who have been good enough to make the journey. Our Committee will defray travelling expenses involved.

I am writing this letter as an S. O. S. for you to help our Committee save the day. Indeed, I cannot extend an invitation to the men concerned unless I have a distinguished Canadian for them to meet,, and I want you to be the man if you will be good enough. There will be only twenty or so of us all told and, while I am prepared to outline the aims of the Lady Willingdon Fund - the ways in which it will be spent etc.- I need someone of substance to carry these men off their feet. It would not be fitting, of