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MONTREAL

THE MACDONALD PHYSICS BUILDING

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To -
Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

This morning before nine o'clock a fire occurred in one of the basement laboratories of the Macdonald Physics Building. The circumstances appear to indicate gross carelessness.

On Friday, February 8th, the men in charge of the rink thawed out their connections with the water pipes of the Physics Building, lighting a fire outside. This caused smoke and sparks inside the laboratory. Dr. Shaw, who was in charge, reported the matter to the college engineer and to me also on my return from Toronto. As the conversation was by the telephone, I sent the following letter to Mr. Lawrence (copy enclosed).

In spite of this, the rink men repeated their manoeuvre ^{today} ~~last night~~ and set fire to the wood-work inside the building. The results might have been serious but for the very prompt action of the janitor.

The claim for damages will be forwarded in