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Professor of Bio-Chemistry, McGill, 1920.

The two years above referred to - 1918-1920 - were spent wholly as Administrative Chairman of the National Research Council of Canada. He was induced to take this position in order to get research work going and I believe he always fully intended to return to the University. Much of his time as Chairman was given to enlisting the cooperation of the Universities and to dealing with studentships and fellowships instituted by the Council. He had further to superintend the administration of grants for research, and the work in this line initiated a great deal of research work in the universities. His work was practically wholly educational and he dealt more with universities than with anything else.

I understand that the Foundation has re-instated in the list of those eligible for its pensions Professors who left their positions for war service for two years or more, counting the years as if spent in University service. Professor Macallum left his University post for those two years on a similar basis. The war disclosed the advantages of and the necessity for research, and I can well understand that when pressure was brought to bear upon Professor Macallum to accept the position of Chairman of the National Research Council of Canada, he was induced to believe it was war work. I hope that his case may receive the same favourable treatment as was accorded other Professors who gave up strictly professorial work during the war. In April next Macallum will be seventy years of age - fifty years of which has been spent in teaching. If there is any further information you desire I shall be pleased to supply it.

May I conclude by expressing once more the hope that Macallum's case will be treated favourably by your Board.

With all kind personal wishes, I am,
Yours faithfully,