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teaching, and for that reason has neglected the research side. He stands very high with the Electrical companies in Montreal, being the Consulting Engineer of Shawinigan.

I have had a small committee (on which Sir Herbert Holt and Mr. Julian Smith sat) examining the qualifications of those we might invite to come to McGill. Sir Herbert and Mr. Smith spoke very highly, and the latter enthusiastically, of Christie, regarding him in some respects superior to Herdt when Herdt was Christie's age. Holt and Smith have both voted for Christie's promotion and I think I shall agree, because I hesitate to put a man at the head of the Department over him in view of his long association with the Department, his academic qualifications, his teaching ability and the respect he has won for himself in the electrical business world. None appreciates more fully than I do what you have said about the paucity of electrical research at McGill, but I think I must try to mend the defect in another way. I shall endeavour to give Christie more time for research, but my greatest hope will lie in the appointment of a man of promise from outside as an Assistant.

With many thanks for your frank letter and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,