

March 21st, 1933

Professor Walter Rautenstrauch,
Professor of Industrial Engineering,
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New York City.

Dear Professor Rautenstrauch,

I have just discovered a most unfortunate conflict of dates. On Tuesday the 18th of April next you are booked to address the Montreal Junior Board of Trade in the Windsor Hall. At the same time the Annual Massey Foundation Lecture is being given by Sir Arthur Salter, Director of the Economic and Finance Section of the League of Nations, who is lecturing upon "Modern Mechanization and its Effect on the Structure of Society". I think that a considerable number of Montrealers would particularly wish to hear both lectures and feel that the conflict should be avoided if it conveniently can.

Unfortunately the Massey Lecture was arranged and widely announced in the Press some weeks ago, so that it would be impossible to change the day. The Board of Trade would be willing to change the date of their dinner, but naturally they desire to consider your convenience first. I am informed that the 19th, 24th, or 25th of April would suit them very well as alternative dates and feel that you would be doing a favour both to the Junior Board of Trade and to the University if you could conveniently postpone your Montreal lecture to one of these evenings.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Stanley Cook, the Secretary of the Board of Trade, and will let him know your decision as soon as I hear it.

I should be grateful if you would reply by wire, collect.

Yours faithfully,

Principal