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My dear Dr. Ruttan:

In your letter of March 2nd, you expressed the desire of having my decision regarding the position at McGill University, not later than June 1st and I was quite convinced that I would be able to give you a definite reply long before that date. In fact, after having given the matter considerable thought, I had already made up my mind to remain in my present position and I was largely influenced in this decision by the recent developments in my work here which give good promises for the future.

At that time, Mr. R. W. Hovey, visited me here and brought the question up for discussion. I told him, among other things, that it would in any event be impossible for me to leave Hammermill before the summer of 1926, and that since I should have to depend a great deal upon consulting activity in order to make up the difference between my present income and the salary offered by McGill University, the financial sacrifice would for a couple of years most likely be too great for me.

Mr. Hovey told me that these were matters which he would like to discuss on his return to Canada and asked me not to make any decision until I heard from him. I wished to explain this to you in order that you might understand my reason for not having written to you before.

On May 9, Mr. Hovey wired me from Montreal that the discussion was progressing fine and that I could expect a proposition within two weeks, and on June 10th I received a cable from him from Gothenburg, Sweden as follows:

"McGill plan settled. Am much pleased. Hovey".

Not having further particulars as to what the settlement refers to I have been awaiting letter from him.

Yesterday I received a wire from Sir Arthur Currie in which I am invited to come to Montreal to discuss the