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General Sir Arthur William Currie,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with our conversation on the 7th instant, after the close of the proceedings at the dinner of the New York Graduates Society of McGill University, I am writing to repeat the request which I then made you to the effect that you review over your signature in the Canadian papers my forthcoming treatise on "Economics of Bridgework".

From your inspiring speech of that evening I judge that, like myself, you are convinced of the extreme importance at the present time of studying and applying true economics in every line of endeavor. In no line is this as fundamentally important as in that of engineering — the basis of practically all the material progress of mankind.

My book aims to treat thoroughly every major economic problem that can arise in the specialty of bridgework and most of the minor ones also — and I do not believe that I am going to fall far short of my aim and ideal.

But, in preparing the treatise, I have had in mind a far-wider-reaching object than that of augmenting the science of bridge design; for I have reason to hope that this work will be the means of starting specialists in many other lines of technics to writing books on the economics of their specialties. If, eventually, the engineering profession should possess an exhaustive treatise on the economics of every