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REMARKS:

I have asked  
Mr. Hackley to make a  
digest of the bill. However  
it provides for both equity  
and credit, the latter  
either direct or by guar-  
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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

March 7, 1944.

My dear Governor Towers:

According to a press report which I saw the other day, the Bank of Canada has plans to provide additional credit facilities through the establishment of an industrial development bank as a subsidiary.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me have any information that is available in the form of a bill, explanatory statement, or such other material as would enlighten me in regard to this matter. As you are doubtless aware, we have been giving considerable attention to various proposals that are designed with similar objectives, and I am naturally very much interested in the subject.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Honorable G. F. Towers,  
Governor,  
Bank of Canada,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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# Bank of Canada

Ottawa, March 14th, 1944

The Honourable Marriner S. Eccles,  
Chairman of the Board of Governors,  
Federal Reserve System,  
Washington 25, D.C.

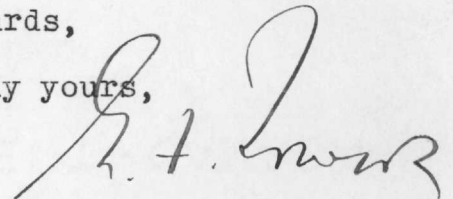
Dear Mr. Eccles,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 7th. The Industrial Development Bank Bill at this date is still being debated in Parliament and has not yet been referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee. Therefore, as yet there has been no detailed consideration or amendment of the various sections in this legislation. However, I am enclosing a copy of the Bill presented for second reading together with an explanatory statement by the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance which was given when the Bill was introduced.

We will be glad to forward you any other interesting material on this subject which may become available in future.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



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March 22, 1944

Honorable G. F. Towers, Governor,  
Bank of Canada,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Governor Towers;

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 14 with which you enclosed a copy of Bill 7, An Act to incorporate the Industrial Development Bank, together with a mimeographed explanation of the bill by Mr. D. C. Abbott, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance.

Since a number of proposals for assistance to small business are under consideration here in Washington, these papers will be of real interest. I am pleased to note that you will forward to me additional material on this subject which may become available.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

LC/mg  
cc: Miss Benton ✓

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