

*Joint
Hospital
Committee*

512 ST. CATHERINE STREET WEST,
MONTREAL.

February 5th, 1930

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

*file: Concert
Proposed
Hall*

I have just read your letter of the 3rd instant with interest. Personally, I do not feel that \$200,000.00 would cover the cost of a suitable building on the McGill Campus, to be used for various purposes, but this figure was mentioned by one who would like to see a Music Hall erected.

I am enclosing you a copy of my letter to Dr. Martin, dated December 21st, 1929, which explains itself, so you may be familiar with the subject when it comes up at the Joint Committee Meeting.

I note what you say about Dr. Collip, which is most interesting and I trust will develop as you anticipate for the benefit of the world at large.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Lindsay

CWL:SH.

Copy of letter enclosed

MONTREAL, December 21st, 1929.

Dr. Charles F. Martin,
Dean of the Faculty of Medecine,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Dr. Martin:-

In reference to the proposed Convalescent Home, it appears to me it could be accomplished without any public campaign if a group of people would join together and contribute the amount required. It seems to me an amount of \$200,000.00 should provide the land and building and say \$50,000.00 for furnishing.

According to Miss Parker's Budget, she with the assistance of the girls she is training, would expect to make it pretty nearly self-supporting, and I think this could be done, provided the greatest economy was enforced from the start.

I am somewhat familiar with the operations of the Montreal Convalescent Home on St. Mark Street - they have about nine private beds paying at the rate of \$3.00 per day as a maximum and about nineteen public ward beds which do not pay very much and in some cases free. Their cost as shown in their last Annual Statement was on an average of \$1.54 per day and they broke about even for the year. Half of the patients are from the M.G.H. They are very desirous of extending their work. It is run by Miss Stewart, the President, and a Committee of ladies and personally I have great faith in the assistance of ladies running institutions of the kind on an economical basis.

I think, as stated on Thursday that the Provincial Government might do something for a new Convalescent Home backed by the influence of the R.V.H., the M.G.H., yourself and other prominent and influential citizens. The Jewish people are looking for a site for their Hospital and one of them recently told me that they had land in N.D.G. offered to them from ten to forty cents per foot, which they were seriously considering. A ready made outfit, would no doubt, be less expensive if the proper building and location could be found but this would be very difficult and personally I favour new premises and then we can get something up-to-date and approaching

Dr. Charles F. Martin

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our requirements. I suggested six months time in order to get plans and things under way. I find where there is no definite time fixed things drag indefinitely and sometimes peter out entirely.

I would not in any way wish to interfere with any building plans for Hospital extension the Joint Committee have on hand or with any future campaign which may be under consideration, but am of the opinion that the new proposed Convalescent Home is of sufficient importance to the Hospitals and the community to proceed with it immediately and make it a separate issue. Delays are dangerous.

If something on the above lines meets with the approval of yourself and friends and the R.V.H. and the M.G.H., who would no doubt be the largest contributors of patients and the undertaking be put through in the time specified, I would be pleased to subscribe the sum of \$50,000.00 towards the enterprise, payable \$25,000.00 when the ground is broken and the balance one year later.

If the above meets with general approval it might be wise to get some of our leading wealthy and prominent men to head the list as their influence and support would insure success of the undertaking.

I thought your address was instructive and interesting and of value to the community and especially those who are interested in philanthropic and charitable works.

Wishing you A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

CWL:SH.

(sgd) C.W. Lindsay.

Royal Victoria Hospital

Montreal

August 10th,

1931.

C. F. Martin, Esq., M. D.,
Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

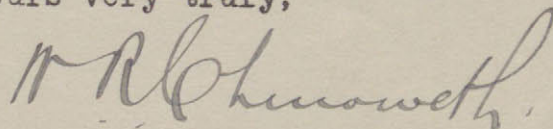
Dear Doctor Martin:-

I am enclosing for your observation the edition of August 7th of the "Montreal Herald", outlining the proposed million dollar convention hall over the McTavish reservoir.

If we have any good objections to advance regarding this proposal, I think that some action should be taken on behalf of the hospital and college.

I shall await your further advice.

Yours very truly,



W. R. Chenoweth,

Superintendent

August 14th, 1931.

Alderman William S. Weldon,
City of Montreal.

Dear Alderman Weldon:-

In the edition of the Montreal "Herald" of Friday, August 7th, appears a cut of a "Million Dollar Convention Hall for Montreal". It refers to you as the prime mover for this project and gives other particulars.

Will you please tell me just how far this project has gone. Naturally, McGill University is most profoundly interested.

Thanking you for the favour of an early reply, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Montréal, August 17th, 1931.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Currie:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., re proposed Convention Hall, I beg to explain that in the preparation of a referendum to be submitted to the tax-payers in September next, each alderman was requested to state what work would be most necessary to be done in his ward; naturally, I said that for years the public have been clamoring for a Convention and Music Hall, especially in the Centre of the City as there is nothing of that kind since I had the old Windsor Hall demolished, to make room for the extension to the Windsor Hotel when I was Managing Director there.

It was suggested to me by the Director of Public Works that as were going to cover over the reservoir any way, it would make a very fine site for a Convention Hall, as the City would not have to purchase any land and the foundation is already made.

The services of Messrs. Perry & Luke, architects, were then enlisted to make a tentative plan for same, and in the event of the referendum going through, they could be engaged to perfect the plans as in the case of any similar work being done in the other wards.

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Sir Arthur Currie,

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If, as it so happened last year, the Federal and Provincial Governments subscribe to the unemployment fund, we will proceed with our proposed programme of work to the extent of the subscription and a referendum will not then be necessary, as last year's contribution took care of almost ^{all} the work we had outlined for a referendum in 1930.

Hoping that I have been sufficiently explicit in this letter and assuring you of my readiness to give any further information, I remain

Yours very truly,

Member of the Executive
Committee.

August 18th, 1931.

Alderman Wm. S. Weldon,
Executive Committee,
City Hall,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Alderman Weldon:-

Thank you very much for your letter of August 17th. I would like to have an opportunity of discussing this matter with you. Could I go to see you, or will you come to see me some morning? If you would telephone to me we could arrange when and where we could meet.

Yours faithfully,

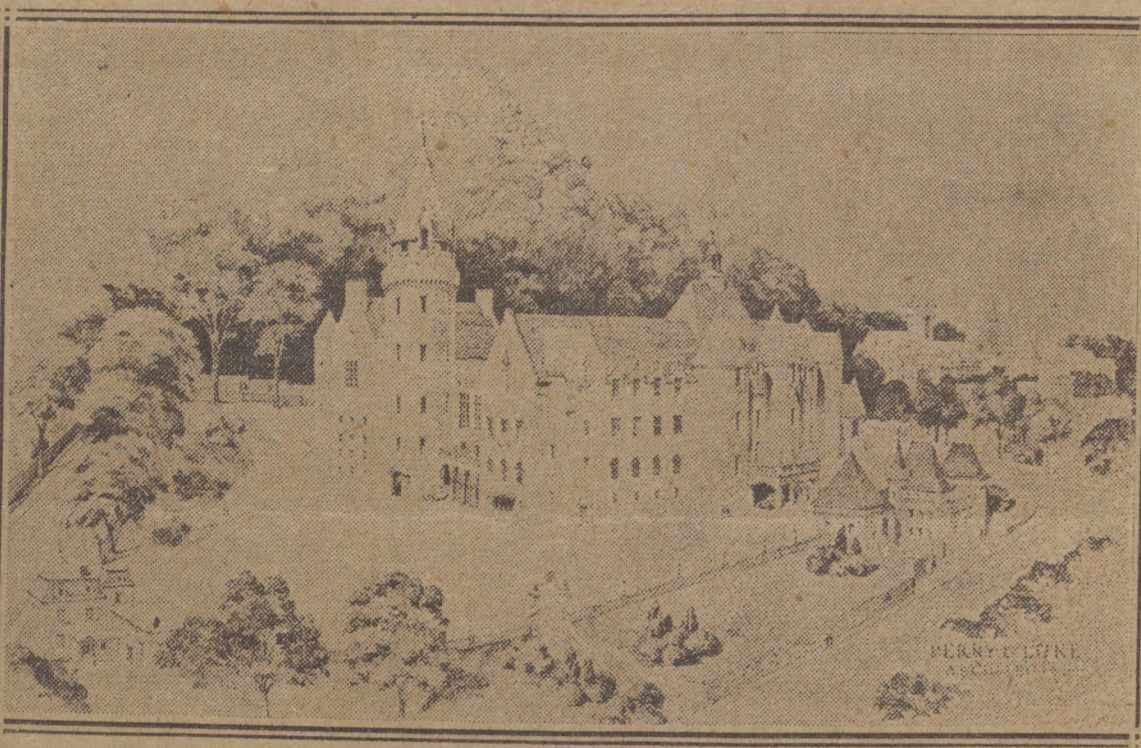
Principal.

Montreal Herald

MONTREAL'S MODERN EVENING NEWSPAPER

MONTREAL, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1931.

Million Dollar Convention Hall For Montreal



Montreal's million dollar convention hall, plans for which are proceeding apace, is pictured above as drawn by Luke and Perry, Architects. Ald. William S. Weldon, prime mover for the project, is backed by Mayor Camillien Houde. The hall will be built over the McTavish street reservoir, which must be covered over anyhow. It will seat 7,800, in the large hall, and will have smaller committee rooms. Unemployed relief funds may be used in its construction.

el Youth
in Lake

Lindberghs Are
Getting Restless
Over Long Delay

August 28th, 1931.

The Editor,
The Gazette,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir:-

In this morning's issue there appears an editorial entitled "A University and Hospital Zone". This is, I believe, the first editorial comment you have made with reference to the proposed erection of a convention hall over the McTavish Street reservoir, and you refer to a conference the University authorities had with civic representatives last Wednesday. May I say that your comment does not represent fairly what took place at the conference.

I am the University authority who attended that conference on Wednesday last. I first heard of this project by seeing an issue of the Montreal Herald of August 7th on the front page of which appeared a cut of the "Million Dollar Convention Hall for Montreal". I presume the Gazette also noted this news. I immediately wrote to Alderman Weldon and asked him to inform me

just how far the project had gone and saying that the University was most profoundly interested. As a result of his reply I asked for an opportunity of discussing the matter with him, and the interview took place last Wednesday morning.

I protested vigorously against the erection of the convention hall on the site mentioned on the following grounds:-

1. The site is on neither street-car nor bus routes, but is at the top of a steep hill and well away from hotels and stations so that motor traffic, when the hall was being used, would be very heavy.
2. There are two approaches, one by Pine Avenue and one by McTavish Street. The third possibility of entering from the McGill campus in front of the Medical Building and so into Carleton Road would not be countenanced by the University.
3. The crowding of Pine Avenue by motor traffic especially at night would probably be a serious annoyance to the Royal Victoria Hospital, for that part of Pine Avenue is now marked "Quiet, Hospital Zone" and the heavy traffic might at times impede the ambulance service.
4. McTavish Street is very steep and not wide so that cars climbing to the Hall would do so mostly in second or low gear and hence would be particularly noisy. This route passes the University Library with its reading rooms where quiet is essential, and the Presbyterian College, where many University and Theological students live and where lectures are given.
5. The three nearest north and south streets, Peel, McTavish, and University, are all steep and in the winter are apt to be dangerous to motor traffic if this is congested, and are frequently very slippery for pedestrians, while each has at its Pine Avenue end a difficult corner.
6. The traffic would therefore interfere seriously with the amenities and necessary quiet of a hospital and university neighbourhood, and would with such steep and difficult streets lead to serious congestion and probably to accidents.

7. Moreover for pedestrians the site is unsuitable. Even the Moyses Hall in the Campus is considered out of the way by the general public who would much prefer a more accessible site and a less strenuous climb both in the hot summers and in the cold and slippery winters.
8. I pointed out that in all probability the erection of a convention hall would result in more prostitutes than ever living between the University area and St. Catherine Street.
9. I wound up my protest with a plea that if it were decided to cover the reservoir, the wisdom of which I questioned, that the City might erect an aquarium - an institution of an educational character, and one of great interest always to the public.

This constitutes, I believe, a little more than what you choose to term "a rather mild and uncertain criticism". Let me conclude by saying that Alderman Weldon gave an assurance that the matter would not be pressed in view of the University's protest.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

August 28th, 1931.

The Editor,
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Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith letter
from Sir Arthur Currie. We trust that
you will use this, preferably in the form
of an interview.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey,
Director.

CONVENTION HALL

Objections to the Reservoir Site

1. The plans contemplate crowds of six or seven thousand so that the traffic will be heavy.
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9. How about hot, warm.

CURRIE'S PROTEST HALTS CONVENTION HALL PROPOSITION

McTavish Street Plan Aban- doned at Behest of Mc- Gill's Principal

OUTLINES OBJECTIONS

Finds Site Unsuitable for Traffic Approach and Sees Amenities of Region Sacrificed

With reference to an editorial in The Gazette of yesterday morning on the subject of the proposed erection of a convention hall over the McTavish street reservoir and dealing with Wednesday's conference of university and civic representatives, Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University, said yesterday that he had discussed the matter with Alderman Weldon, who had given his assurance that the matter would not be pressed in view of the university's protest.

"In this morning's issue," said Sir Arthur, "there appears an editorial entitled 'A University and Hospital Zone.' This is, I believe, the first editorial comment you have made with reference to the proposed erection of a convention hall over the McTavish street reservoir, and you refer to a conference the University authorities had with civic representatives last Wednesday. May I say that your comment does not represent fairly what took place at the conference.

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POINTS OF CASE.

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A UNIVERSITY AND HOSPITAL ZONE.

Representatives of McGill University are reported to have conferred with Ald. Weldon on Wednesday regarding the proposed erection of a half-million-dollar convention hall over the McTavish street reservoir. Alderman Weldon is, we understand, the father of this project. In the discussion on Wednesday there appears to have been expressed some doubt as to the suitability of the site, the criticism coming, presumably, from the University authorities present. If these authorities had used this conference for the purpose of voicing a vigorous and determined protest against the project they would have been serving the interests of the University much more wisely and effectively.

To construct a public auditorium over a reservoir from which so many people of Montreal draw their drinking water is objectionable upon sentimental grounds, but there are other and more practical considerations of sufficient importance to condemn it. The site is in the heart of the university and hospital district and its proximity must inevitably hamper the work of both institutions, this being particularly true of the Royal Victoria Hospital, whose patients require quiet surroundings as a condition essential to their satisfactory recovery. A public auditorium of the kind suggested cannot be other than a source of noise, which, however harmonious, must interfere with the quiet of the hospital and the classroom, and there is no guarantee that the noise emanating from such a place would be harmonious in every instance; in an age of jazz music this is too much to expect. Moreover, the increased traffic which the presence of such an auditorium would create, the honking of horns and the grinding of brakes, and so on, would in itself constitute an objection sufficiently strong to ensure the summary rejection of the project by all those who have the true interest of the University and the Hospital at heart. Ald. Weldon, perhaps, is indifferent to these considerations, but the University authorities ought not to be, and some much more forcible protest should have been uttered by them than what appears to have been a rather mild and uncertain criticism.

The public are not inclined to be tolerant of the expressions of vandalism which, in the minds of some aldermen, are mistaken for civic improvements. A sufficiently striking example of this crudity of thought has been afforded in the admission of tram cars to the mountain, and in the erection of some sort of pavilion, or eating house, on the mountaintop. Mount Royal was intended to be preserved as a natural and unspoiled recreation ground for the inhabitants of the city and its visitors, and as such it was maintained until recent years. Little by little, however, encroachments are being made which, under the guise of improvements, are robbing the mountain park of its most attractive feature. If Ald. Weldon and his associates in the City Council approve of this kind of thing, the public do not, and the sooner these mischievous activities are discontinued the better it will be for all concerned. The proposed auditorium over the reservoir is one more example of aldermanic indifference to considerations of public and private comfort which the people's representatives should, in all circumstances, observe and respect. The convention hall proposal ought to be abandoned, whether the University authorities discharge their responsibilities in this regard or not. More than that, the city should create a university and hospital zone embracing all the territory up from Sherbrooke street and between University and McTavish streets. In respect of other hospitals in the city the same principle should be invoked as far as local conditions permit, but so far as the Royal Victoria is concerned, situated as it is close to the University and operated in association with it, there are no difficulties to be overcome. As to an auditorium or convention hall there are plenty of other sites available, equally central, much more accessible, and in every way more appropriate for the purpose.

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Montréal, September 1st, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Pursuant to our conversation of last Wednesday re Convention Hall, at which time you intimated that it was the intention of McGill University Authorities to erect a convocation Hall in the future, it occurred to me that the McGill University Corporation might grant to the City the ground necessary upon which to build such a Hall, say on the site of the David McCord Museum, and the City would erect same, and grant permission to the University the use of said hall, when and as required by it.

I am writing this letter with the sanction of my Colleagues on the Executive Committee as they are unanimous in assisting me to have such a place in the so called English quarter of the City.

I may mention that I have had the Chairman of our Board of Assessors make me a statement of the value of the block immediately opposite on the south side of Sherbrooke Street, including the Drummond Estate property and find that same is in the vicinity of \$750,000.00.

That, of course, will kill the project, as I pointed out already that you can figure another twenty-five per cent of the cost of the building for foundation.

As a resident of St. George Ward,

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Montréal, September 1st, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie,

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for forty-one years, I am profoundly interested in having such a hall in our midst, as there is a crying need for same, and if the present opportunity is allowed to slip, we may never have one.

Awaiting a reply at your earliest convenience, I remain

Yours very truly,

Member of the Executive
Committee.

September 24, 1931.

Alderman W. S. Weldon,
Executive Committee,
City Hall,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Alderman Weldon,

Your letter of September 1st arrived during my absence on a short vacation, and I must apologize for the delay in acknowledgment.

Colonel Bovey tells me that Messrs. Perry and Luke, the architects, called here during my absence, and were told by him that before any consideration could be given to the suggestion that the University might grant to the City the ground necessary for the erection of a Convention Hall, it would be advisable for them to furnish me with a rough sketch plan, which I might discuss with my Committee.

I must make it clear that I am in no way able to undertake that the Board of Governors would consent to the alienation of any portion of our property. If they thought well of the suggestion, it might be possible to form a joint corporation, such as is now in possession of the building housing the Pulp and Paper Research Institute on University Street, which would hold the land on, say, a 99-year or emphyteutic lease. The plans would, of course, be subject to our approval, and any arrangement arrived at would involve considerable use of the building by the University.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

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Montréal, September 25th, 1931.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., and in reply thereto express my regret that the opportunity to obtain a Convention Hall in the centre of the City, half of which would have been paid by the Federal and Provincial Governments, has passed as the Provincial Premier gave our Committee to understand that any buildings erected, which would entail a further burden upon our budget, would not be permitted in the Unemployment Relief Programme.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Member of the Executive
Committee.

29 Murray Avenue
Westmount

May 29th 1930

Sir Arthur W. Currie; G.C.M.G. K.C.B.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Have I your
permission to state that
the site once offered by the
University as a site for a
Memorial Hall would be
still available if a hall

be held "in aid of a Concert
Hall Fund," and are now
waiting to hear whether
McGill University has plans
regarding a campaign for
funds before taking further
steps ourselves, not wishing
to conflict in any way but
rather wishing to be of assistance.

Your assurance as to the
possibility of the site being
still open would I assure you

suitable for concerts as well
as convocations or other
similar purposes could
be erected thereon?

We women have such a
cause very much at heart
and are prepared to work
for it. We have already
organized two large
concerts for next winter to

be the greatest possible
incentive and encourage-
ment to our hopes of making
the Concert Hall a reality.

Thanking you for the interest
you have already expressed
in this matter, I am,

Most sincerely yours

James M. Murray

Wm^o Alexander Murray -

June 4th, 1930.

Mrs. Alexander Murray,
29 Murray Avenue,
Westmount, P. Q.

In reply to your letter of May 29th, let me quote from a letter I wrote to Mrs. Green-shields on April thirteenth, 1923: -

"At the meeting held in the Chancellor's office some time ago you, on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire, stated that it was the intention of that organization to raise about \$1,000,000, which would be used for the erection of a Hall, and that this Hall would be placed at the disposal of the University whenever the Governors desired if the University provided the property. I am authorized to give you the assurance that the University will permit you to erect the building on its property if the amount of money raised is sufficient to erect a building, which, from the point of view of architecture, design and accommodation, will be suitable for the purposes for which it is intended, and if it meets with the approval of the Board of Governors. It is to be understood that the building will make provision for a Convocation Hall and such other facilities as usually accompany such a hall.

"Furthermore, our understanding is that after a certain period has elapsed, and I think the time mentioned was twenty-five years; the building will revert to the University as its property.

"I am quite sure the terms of management
"of such a building could be made agreeable to
"all concerned.

"The Governors are aware that the building
"site under consideration is that of the 'Joseph
"property' on which at present stands the McCord
"Museum. As this particular site has been set
"aside for a Convocation Hall, there is, I think,
"no question but that they would consider this the
"most suitable location for the proposed War Memorial."

I can give you the assurance that
we would be quite willing to make the same arrangements with
any other responsible group.

You ask if McGill University has
plans regarding a campaign. We have such plans, but we are
not ready to announce a definite date.

It is the conviction of the Board
of Governors that a campaign on behalf of the University must
precede any other campaign in which they might be expected
to take an interest. Collectively, and as Governors, they
do not look with favour upon any campaign that would, in
effect, "muddy the stream". It is ten years since the
University has sought assistance from the citizens of Mon-
treal, and it has, on more than one occasion, stood aside
when assistance was being sought for other institutions.
We have now reached a stage when the University must get
funds, or else very much curtail her activities.

I assure you that we value very
much the interest of the women of the City of Montreal, and
we feel that we can count on your very valuable co-operation.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

June 4th, 1930.

C. W. Lindsay, Esq.,
1112 St. Catherine Street West,
M o n t r e a l .

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

I have your letter of the second, and I think in reply I had better send you a copy of a letter I have this day mailed to Mrs. Alexander Murray.

It is my hope that the next campaign will make it possible to proceed with the erection of a Convocation Hall which would be available for such services as Mrs. Murray has in mind. No institution in the City is so hard up for funds as this University. Ten years ago, when the last campaign was held, it was in a pitifully run-down state and it needed every cent of the money then raised, and more, to enable it to keep going. In fact, after the buildings were erected which the Governors had obligated themselves to erect, and after salaries were increased as they had then been promised, every cent of the money raised in 1920 was used up. And so, for ten years we have been carrying along as best we can, each year going a little farther into debt until now we have reached a point when additional funds must be raised or the University will have to curtail its activities very much.

I was glad to see you looking so well the other day. With all kind wishes,

I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

1112 ST. CATHERINE STREET WEST,
MONTREAL

June 2nd, 1930.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. J.J. Louson and Mrs. Theo. Gnaedinger, came to see me by appointment at my house about ten days ago in reference to a new hall, which might be used for music, conventions, convocations and in various other ways.

Mrs. Murray, who appears to be the leader in the movement told me she had an interview with you on the subject and stated that you advised them to do nothing in the way of a Campaign until after the McGill campaign takes place and she appeared to be prepared to follow your advice.

After discussing the proposition for some time we seemed to conclude that the ladies might work in together with your campaign and be of service to you in this way and at the same time accomplish their ends, if your campaign would include the proposed hall.

I encouraged this part of our interview as it seems to me they can be of great value in connection with the McGill Campaign and their influence, good will and in some cases financial aid should be worth a lot.

I have great faith in the ladies and their work in connection with our various Institutions and see satisfactory results from them in a number of different Institutions I am associated with and I see no reason why they should not help to carry the load. What would we do without the ladies in connection with Financial Federation?

It occurred to me that Mrs. Murray would be approaching or writing you again after our interview.

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MONTREAL

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

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I was sorry the weather was not more
favourable for your Garden party but the goodwill was
there just the same.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Lindsay

CWL:SH.

29 Murray Avenue
April 11th 1930

To, Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.B., K.C.B.

Dear Sir Arthur;

I should by rights
have written before now to thank
you for your courtesy in seeing
me last week and allowing me
to talk to you about some ideas
that have for some time been
under discussion in musical
circles regarding the Concert
hall that Montreal so badly needs.

There are many who believe
that the time has come for steps
to be taken towards creating a

fund - on the general nucleus of
a fund, having for object the
advancement of music in shape
of, perhaps a symphony orchestra
as some think of first importance;
or, as others, myself among them,
think even more necessary, a
building in which to hold concerts,
an auditorium worthy of our city.

As I stated when talking with you,
some of us intend giving a few
high-class concerts, with only the
present facilities for concert-
giving to avail ourselves of, and to
devote proceeds towards such fund,
which would undoubtedly consume
a long time, probably years.

Another and much quicker way
being to organize a campaign and

raise the whole fund at a sweep.

Since the talk with you however and learning that the University contemplated a similar movement in the near future, I do not think that this idea will be pushed at the present time at any rate.

I really believe though that something definite must be done before long to give Montreal a proper hall for concert purposes there being so much dissatisfaction with existing circumstances which are, to say the least, a reproach to our otherwise fine progressive city.

You did mention that, when the

Allow me to remain,

Very sincerely yours

James M. Murray

Mrs. Alexander Murray
29 Murray Avenue

Telephone No: "Westmount 0411"

University should be in a position to erect new buildings, one of these would very likely be a Convocation Hall that is so much needed. And that in such an event there might be some possibility of a special arrangement being ^{made} to allow of the hall being used for concerts when not otherwise required.

This might certainly help towards a solution of the situation, though not to the same extent as having a civic hall, or one put up by private enterprise.

It gives something to hope for however and, when your plans are more matured, I should appreciate another opportunity to discuss interests with you, many of which may be mutual.

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29 Murray Avenue
March 28th 1930

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.; K.C.B.

Dear Sir:

I should much appreciate an opportunity for having a few minutes conversation with you in order to obtain your views with regard to plans that a few music-loving friends have lately formed touching the possibility of taking steps towards giving our music-loving city a building specially designed for concert purposes, the sort of auditorium the absence of which has so long been deplored.

The point having been reached for discussing plans I venture to approach you as the Principal of McGill University, in view of the University's position with regard to music and its influence upon musical culture in Montreal, hoping confidently for your interest and possibly your cooperation in these plans.

By therefore you will kindly allow me to call upon you some day soon, possibly during the coming week and at any hour convenient to yourself, - it will afford me great pleasure to

place our views before you
and to explain what has already
taken place and what is contemp-
tated in the future.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir, — Very sincerely yours
James M. Murray

Mrs. Alexander Murray
29 Murray Avenue
Westmount

Tel. No. Westmount 0411

April 3, 1930.

Mrs. Murray called today and asked my opinion as to the advisability of a campaign to raise money for a large concert hall.

I discouraged her by saying that I was sure that at the present time such a campaign would not receive the support of the men on the Board of Governors of McGill University because a campaign now of that magnitude would "muddy the street".

She seemed very interested in all I had to tell her of McGill's problems and I am sure she is a friend of the University.

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Mrs Alexander Murray.

29 Murray Avenue.

Montreal needs a Concert Hall. This is apparent to those whose desire it is to improve the culture of our city - uphold the dignity of Canada's Metropolis and provide a place wherein not only artists of fame may be heard, but also where outstanding local talent may be given an opportunity of expressing itself in fitting surroundings. The subject has long been discussed in music circles, but concerted effort has been somewhat lacking, owing probably to the need for sponsorship. From year to year the Montreal Music Week Committee under the guidance of the Delphic Study Club have brought this matter up at their annual music week luncheons, and such lovers of music as the Hon Mr A. David and Mr Justice Surveyor have spoken of this need. Time and again engagements of noted artists have had to be cancelled owing to lack of accomodation. At the present time, the Windsor Hall, with a capacity of little more than one thousand seats is the largest concert hall we have. At times, the Ball Rooms of the Mount Royal Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel have been used, but really ~~not~~ neither of these is large enough for big concert work. Cortot's recent recital had to be staged at the St Denis Theatre, as will also the coming recital of Kreisler, and a theatre does not lend itself to this kind of work. This is evident by Cortot's remarks as to our need. In Montreal a Concert Hall would be a splendid business proposition, the same as it is in other large cities. Properly managed it should produce dividends to those who see its possibilities. One important point would be location, and Montreal is cosmopolitan enough to see the advisability of such an edifice being erected in a central section of the city. What would be better than a point within the boundaries of Bleury, Pine, Guy and Dorchester. Sherbrooke Street might be a good suggestion as a location which would be dignified and away from general commercialism. The type of building. One which would produce revenue the year round, apart from concert work. By this it is meant that in addition to the concert halls, a section could be erected for music studios to accomodate Professors and Teachers of Music, and also Club Rooms for Music Clubs. For instance, last year the Ladies Morning Music Club paid the Ritz Carlton \$335. for the use of the Ball Room and \$90. to the Y.M.C.A. There are many such clubs that could also be attracted to a music centre. As regards the main portion of the building, a hall would be needed with a capacity of at least 4000, and other smaller ones of say, 1000, 1500 and 2000 seats. These halls could be rented, not only for concerts, but for Balls such as the Armistice Ball and the Junior League. Similar organizations would be prospects, not to mention conventions and other mass meetings. Apart from Concerts and Recitals sponsored by independent concert managers, the Concert Hall Management, imbued with the idea of bringing to the fore Canadian talent, could arrange recitals themselves. Indeed a Concert Hall has great possibilities. Financing such a project could be done by the flotation of bonds, and it is not improbable that a Provincial grant could be obtained and undoubtedly the city would show some interest. Convocations and conventions of all kinds could be accomodated in a hall of this nature.

A CONSERVATORY FOR MONTREAL.

IN PURSUANCE of the policy of facilitating cultural development in this Province, the establishment of a Conservatory of Music for Montreal is announced. This will be welcome news to many. There is no city on the North American Continent that has a greater music-loving public, none that responds more readily to opportunities to hear fine music. Unfortunately, those opportunities are not frequent. Moreover, the facilities for study are not as comprehensive as could be desired.

Apparently it is the intention of the Government to establish a Conservatory at which students may obtain a thorough grounding, a substantial musical background, as it were, preliminary to finishing their studies abroad,—a Conservatory, moreover, to which successful students may return and take up teaching positions. It is a laudable idea, and it is susceptible of practical elaboration. Fortunately, music is a department of culture into which politics can hardly enter.

It would, however, be most unfortunate if any strangers gathered the impression, from the announcement that a Conservatory is to be established by the Government, that Montreal has no facilities for musical studies. On the contrary, there are several. McGill Conservatory has done splendid work in the past, and is continuing to do such work, alike in grounding pupils and in preparing them for advanced studies, in every branch of music. The long record of successful Canadians who have won places for themselves in the world of music testifies to the thoroughness of McGill's training. But this institution is not within the reach of everybody, nor is it large enough to take care of more than a small proportion of those desirous to study. A new Conservatory under Government auspices will therefore meet a long felt need.

512 ST. CATHERINE STREET WEST,
MONTREAL.

April 1st, 1930.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Enclosed please find copy of
letter to the Hon. Mr. David, dated March 31st,
which explains itself.

I do not know just what is in
his mind in reference to a Conservatorium of Music
but thought I would like to get an expression from
him and at the same time see what he thinks about
the proposed Music or Convention Hall. I think it
was Mr. Beatty or Col. Molson who said in writing
to me, the question would be brought up at the
next Meeting of the Governors of McGill College
if the site would be available. I have not heard
if it was brought up or not?

Trusting you are keeping well
and with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Rindsay

CWL:SH.

Copy of letter and Clipping enclosed

C O P Y

The Honourable Athanase David.

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I think some of the Music halls in Boston, perhaps Symphony Hall among others have Conservatoriums in connection with them in the same building.

I have been interested in the welfare of McGill Conservatorium of Music, since its inception. There have been numerous undertakings during the past twenty years to get a Music Hall built here, as you probably know, but for some reason or another none of them succeeded, but when we see your name and the Government interested in some such undertaking it looks more promising and will no doubt develop for the benefit of all concerned and prove a success.

I would be interested in some such undertaking and be prepared to assist it in every possible way and I am confident the community would highly appreciate anything you see fit to do in such an undertaking. The need for such a building is greater than ever before.

Trusting to hear something further about it from you in the near future.

Yours very truly,

CWL:SH.

(Sgd) C.W. LINDSAY.

C O P Y

MARCH 31st, 1930.

The Honourable Athanase David,
Messrs. Elliott & David,
275 St. James Street,
MONTREAL.

Dear Mr. David:-

I am interested in the enclosed clipping in reference to a Conservatorium of Music. I also realize there is need for a Community or Music Hall, which would be suitable for large gatherings, on similar lines to the Massey Hall in Toronto, with a seating capacity of 3,000 or more.

As I know McGill are also interested in a Hall of this kind I want to see Sir Arthur Currie about it and he was very much interested and in writing to Mr. Beatty Chancellor of McGill later on about it he said they would bring up the question at a Meeting of the Governors of McGill College.

Mr. Louis Bourdon has been speaking to me on the same subject and he states he is unable to bring the best musical organizations here from the U.S. on account of not having a suitable music hall to accomodate them. He spoke about the Boston and Philadelphia Symphony Orchestras in this connection.

I understand McGill College have land on the North-East corner of Sherbrooke and McTavish Street, which would be suitable for such a building and on talking the matter over with our President, Mr. J.A. Hebert, Mr. Louis Bourdon and others, they seem to think it would be a central and suitable location for such premises.

I note there is a movement on foot on the part of Miss Martha Allen and her associates for a small Theatre, and the thought has just occurred to me, might it be combined in this same building and perhaps the Conservatorium which you have in mind.

April 4th, 1930.

C. W. Lindsay, Esq.,
512 St. Catherine Street W.,
M o n t r e a l .

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Let me acknowledge your letter of April first. Let me add that I have just been talking with a deputation of women, who came to see me with reference to the same project. They were anxious for me to support a campaign to be launched immediately, to raise funds for a large hall to be used for concerts and other kindred purposes.

I told them that McGill was intensely interested in such a project and had repeatedly shown that interest by its willingness to give a site on which such a hall might be built; but that the Governors of the University would not at the present time look with favour upon any campaign to raise such a large amount for such a purpose. In their opinion, the McGill campaign must come first. It is ten years since the last campaign, and the condition of the University at that time was such that the money raised was used up either in buildings or endowment in a couple of years. So that for the past seven or eight years, the University has had no additional revenue and has been steadily going into debt. The time has, therefore, come when something must be done. The University has stood aside on two or three occasions to make way for campaigns for other purposes, but it cannot wait any longer.

It has been suggested, of course, that this project of the large hall be included in the campaign, and I think that suggestion is worthy of very earnest consideration.

I hope you are keeping well,
and with all good wishes,

I am,
Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

512 ST. CATHERINE STREET WEST,
MONTREAL.

January 30th, 1930.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Some time after my interview with you in reference to the music hall, I wrote to Mr. Beatty on the subject and sent him a copy of the memorandum I left with you and got a reply from him expressing his interest in the suggestion, but seemed to think it might mean a campaign which he would not care to put ahead of the University Campaign. It was my thought that it might be accomplished by a few who would undertake the financing of it.

I also sent a copy of the letter to Col. Molson and he showed considerable interest in his reply and said the question would come up at the next Meeting of the Governors of McGill.

In talking it over with some others, they estimate the cost of the building any place from \$200,000.00 upwards, according to the size and class of construction.

There is no doubt in my mind the community are in need of some such building for the numerous meetings which it might be used for and as stated to you, if it is the opinion and desire of others to furnish a hall for the people, I will be pleased to be one of the number to contribute towards it.

You probably heard of my offer to Dr. Martin in reference to a Convalescent Home. I understand from Mr. Chenoweth and Dr. Haywood there is need for a Convalescent Home and that it would relieve both Hospitals considerably and could be operated at a much lower cost than a general Hospital. I also understand this question will come up before the Joint Committee at their next Meeting, and thought you would be interested and like to know some particulars before the meeting.

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MONTREAL.

Sir Arthur W. Currie.

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I have heard it said that there is an over-production of doctors and nurses. If this is correct the same thing may apply to Hospitals the way they have been increasing during the past few years and on account of the number of prospective Hospitals now on hand. For example, The Montreal University proposes a 500 bed Hospital in connection with their new University; Notre-Dame 200 additional beds; Verdun 150; St. Henry about the same; the M.G.H. about 100 private and about the same number of public beds, and there may be others I do not think of, but on the other hand I understand the Hospitals are all full, so one has to be well informed to know the exact situation.

I am pleased to note your various activities in this morning's "Gazette" and other Meetings where you have given addresses and am glad to note your health permits of these good works.

Trusting you are well and with
kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Lindsay

CWL :S.H.

February 3rd, 1930.

C. W. Lindsay, Esq.,
512 St. Catherine Street West,
M o n t r e a l .

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

I have read with much interest your letter of January 30th. In fact, ever since your interview with me in my office I have many times thought of your ideas and your promise to help in the provision of a large hall which could be used for community gatherings.

In this project the University is very much interested and has always been willing to have such a building erected on its grounds provided the architecture was of such a class as could be approved, and also provided that the University enjoy certain facilities, such as the use of the hall for Convocation purposes and for concert purposes.

In plans which Professor Hobbs prepared and which have been shown as indicating the future development of the University, provision has been made for some such building at the corner of McTavish and Sherbrooke Street where the McCord Museum now stands.

I do not think that a building such as would satisfy the University could be erected for anything like \$200,000. Money seems to go such a short distance these days. When I remember that the comparatively small addition to our Library cost \$134,000, I am quite convinced that it would mean several

times \$200,000 to supply us with a hall of sufficient size, and properly furnished. The general needs of the University are so great and so pressing that I know our Governors hesitate to launch any campaign or to identify themselves very actively with any campaign that would detract from the success of McGill's next appeal. We put it off for the sake of the hospitals, and their delay of a year or two, coupled with the break in the stock market and harder business conditions generally, have involved an embarrassing postponement of our campaign. Each year the financial condition of the University becomes worse, with the result that we find it increasingly difficult to keep up with the procession and much more difficult to retain a position of leadership.

Dr. Martin has not told me of your offer in reference to a convalescent home. I know such an institution is very necessary, and were it provided the demands on the hospitals could be more easily met. Because we have no convalescent home, patients are kept much longer in hospital than they should be allowed to stay, with the result that the hospitals are not able to take care of the wants of all seeking admission. I shall be much interested in what Dr. Martin has to say and shall not fail to attend the Joint Committee at the next meeting.

You will be very interested to learn that in our laboratories in the Biological Building Dr. Collip has made a discovery of striking importance and one which will be received most acceptably. Some say that it will be as big a thing as insulin. It has to do with the health of women.

With all kind wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

*Memorial
Conv. Hall*

March
Twenty-seventh
1923.

W. D. Lighthall, Esq., LL.D.,
34 Royal Insurance Building,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Lighthall:-

Let me acknowledge both your letters
of March 24th.

I am afraid the newspapers have left an impression in the minds of the public not altogether justified by the action which the University authorities have taken up to the present regarding the Memorial Hall, the erection of which is being considered by the I.O.D.E. Matters are in a very nebulous state at present. We have simply told the I.O.D.E. that we are interested in their proposition and that if they can raise sufficient funds to erect a building of suitable architecture and other requirements we will be willing to enter into some arrangement with them by which the building can be erected on our property, always providing we can work in harmony as to management and that we may have the accommodation in the building at all times which we may require.

As you suggest, there are a good many elements which enter into the proposition and all must receive due consideration.

I shall bear in mind what you say regarding the McCord Museum and can readily give you the assurance that if the Museum is moved from its present site suitable quarters will be found for it.

With many thanks for your letters, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Lighthall & Lighthall,
Barristers & Solicitors

34 Royal Insurance Building

W.D. Lighthall, K.C. LL.D.
W.L. Lighthall, B.C.L.

Montreal,

March 24th 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie;-
Principal McGill University
Sherbrooke Street West.
City

Dear Mr. Principal;-

McCord Museum.

Observing (by the newspapers) that you are approving of the McCord Museum corner as a site for the Memorial Hall proposed by the I.O.D.E. - I beg leave, as representing Dr McCord, to call the attention of the University to a provision in the Deed of Gift by him, that in such case a building of equal kind be provided for this Museum. Removal has of course, always been contemplated. His own view has been that a separate entrance was an indispensable element, to mark the individual character of the institution. May I suggest that McGill might make it one of the conditions of the Hall enterprise that a part of the Hall, with a separate entrance, be devoted to the McCord Museum. The Hall itself - as a Memorial - would in any event naturally suggest the deposit within its walls of some selected relics of the Great War, such as flags.

I am, dear Sir Arthur.

Yours truly.

W. D. Lighthall

Lighthall & Lighthall,
Barristers & Solicitors

W.D. Lighthall, K.C. LL.D.
W.L. Lighthall, B.C.L.

34 Royal Insurance Building

Montreal, March 24th 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University
Sherbrooke Street West
City.

Dear Sir;-

Memorial Hall.-

Having a year or so ago, made some public suggestions on the subject of such a Hall may I now briefly repeat, for the benefit of all concerned, my general thoughts.

1. As to financing, three elements of our people ought to be appealed to, and should unite, namely (a) McGill University, which needs a Convocation Hall, and should own it, subject to conditions arising from the subscription; (b) the elements who desire a Memorial of our war dead (c) the musical and other elements in the city who feel the need of a great public hall in Montreal. Even if the last should turn out an indefinite quantity, they would make a valuable supporting voice which would strengthen the subscriptions.

No one of these three elements of our English speaking community (to whom alone we can look) is strong enough to carry such an enterprise alone.

The next point I would like to make is about the architecture. The leading idea being that of a Memorial, the whole impression of the building should be that of a memo-

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Montreal, March 24th 1923.

General Sir Arthur Currie.....2.

rial - not sepulchral, but eminently grave and dignified - no frills. It ought not to seek to be a monument of Victory, but rather of Remembrance. If it could also suggest a note of Empire and Imperial history, that would be good.

Yours truly.

W. D. Lighthall

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Convocation
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February
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Rev. Arthur W. Lohead,
Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
Weihweifu, Honan, China.

My dear Mr. Lohead:-

I thank you most sincerely
for your letter of last November. I passed it
on to the McGill News who will make use of it.

I have written at some length to
MacVicar giving him a brief recital of what might
be done with the money collected in the campaign.
Please ask him for the letter to read. From it
you will see that there is not much prospect of
the southwest corner of the University grounds
having erected thereon what you are please to call
"a hideous round building like a great gas reservoir"

I hope that it will be possible for
you to be one of the number participating in the
reunion next autumn.

Please let me wish you all success
in your mission and every good fortune and good
luck.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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REV. ARTHUR W. LOCHEAD.

WEIHWEIFU, HONAN Nov. 29th 1920

Sir Arthon Currie D.S.O. L.L.D.

Principal of McGill University.

Montreal. Canada.

Sir;-

McGill News of September reached me a few days ago, and I read it, barrin' the advertisments, from cover to cover. The news of our Alma Mater brings not a little joy to McGill's sons and daughters here in Honan, for it tells us that the University is still alive, and is planning courageously for an enlargement of her activities, and has increasing faith in herself, in her place in the Commonwealth, and in her patrons. But before increasing prosperity and the generosity of her noble patrons, and of her graduates, transforms plans into buildings, cannot something be done to save the South -west corner of the University grounds from having erected on it a hideous round building like a great gas reservoir? Could anything be uglier and more inconsistent than Convocation Hall in Toronto University, or Albert Hall in London? And yet I fear that we are going to go them one better in McGill, for is not the finest site that the University posses already earmarked for desecration? "Acoustics demand a round building" some one will say. The Convocation Hall of Edinburgh University, McEwen Hall, is a round building, and yet its

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acoustics are about as bad as possible. If a round building is necessary, do try to tuck it away near the Wesleyan College or the power house, and keep the Sherbrooke front, including the South-west corner for a consistent pile of noble buildings worthy of a great seat of learning.

I am, my dear Sir Arthur,

Your very respectful and obedient servant,

Arthur W. Lochead
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*P.S. Kindly hand the copy to the Editor of the McGill News
and thus let the ideas contained here see the sunlight of criticism.
A.W.L.*

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December
Fourteenth
1920.

Miss I. C. McLennan,
50 Ontario Ave.,
Montreal.

My dear Miss McLennan:-

I have your letter of this date and agree with you that the best thing to do at the present time is to wait until we have given the matter of our Saturday's conversation further consideration.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Tuesday.

December, 14, 1920 -

50 Ontario Avenue
Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur -

Since we saw you on
Saturday, my self &
have thought & talked about
our proposal to you, to
give the University
\$10,000 to offer as a
prize - in competition -
for plans for the
Memorial Hall -

We quite realize the
difficulties of making so

limited an amount of
money, in this way,
for so great a building
as the Memorial will be
and suggest leaving the
matter over till after the
New Year, when you
may have received
from Ottawa, some
information as to how
they are arranging the
competition for the War
Memorial. I will write
to a New York architect
who has had to do with
large building dis- or has.

a Professor at Columbia, for his advice -
Possibly, our idea of a Prize in memory
of my nephew will have to be
abandoned and a Scholarship
considered -

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Isabella C. B. Luman.

Principal

December
Fourteenth
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Colonel H.C. Osborne,
Secretary Battlefields Memorial Committee,
Militia Department,
Ottawa.

My dear Colonel:-

I should like very much to get a copy of the regulations which are to govern the competition re monuments to be erected in France; i.e., if you have a copy to spare.

I have received a proposal with reference to a particular building, the erection of which is contemplated at McGill.

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing you a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.