

Inter-department Correspondence



FROM

THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

This report concurred in by every member of Arts Survey Committee.

Extracts from Report on the Redpath Library made by Professors Waugh and Woodhead for the Arts Survey Committee:-

The Library is under the general management of a Committee of Corporation which has 21 members; only 2 are representatives of the Faculty of Arts; representation should be greatly increased. Committee only meets three times a year, its control over library policy is perfunctory. It rarely if ever appoints a sub-committee.

Function of a University librarian is to purchase, house, and render accessible such books as teachers and students need. All other functions are secondary.

In reviewing the employment of the Library's pecuniary resources, it must be remembered that there are many special funds which must be spent on objects specified. Nevertheless true that money is used for the purchase of books and other things which contribute little or nothing to the advancement of learning.

If in the future there is any notable increase in amount of money allotted to the Library, the teaching staff, we hope, will be allowed to exercise a decisive influence on its appropriation. We believe that the Library's existing resources are not being employed as wisely as they might be

The Library is the Arts students' workshop and its careful and effective administration is a matter of cardinal importance.

The task of selecting books for a University library at the present time is exceedingly onerous and difficult. The publication of books is now largely controlled by publishing companies who publish books rather than instruct the public. Many priceless books are doubtless never published at all, and some published are smothered in a mass of publications of a superficial kind. The Committee feels that the whole weight of University knowledge and experience should be brought to bear on the selection of books for the Library. The Library Committee should be one of the most active and interested of all administrative bodies in the University.

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The Principal.

September 22nd, 1931

E. L. Judah, Esq.,
Curator of Museums,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Judah:

This morning the Principal brought to my attention two suggestions made by the Faculty of Arts in its recent survey report. Though these suggestions appeared at first sight to be matters of library administration, they really involve the established policy of the Museums Committee.

The Faculty of Arts, in its report, recommends among other changes that both the Exhibit Gallery and the Library Museum be allotted to the use of students as study and reading rooms.

Two questions are involved:

1. Does the Museums Committee endorse the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts?
2. In the event of its so doing, how soon and where would the cases and material be adequately stored, what new equipment would be required, and how soon could the new arrangement be put in operation?

Will you be so good as to let me know how soon the Museums Committee can consider this matter, which is of some urgency.

Faithfully yours,

University Librarian

GRL/AC

Redpath

November 2nd,
1933.

My dear Dr. Lomer,

While chatting with Lady Roddick at her tea yesterday, she mentioned the fact that she was surprised to learn the number of students who had no idea that our Library was known as the Redpath Library. She said she had talked with you as to what steps might be taken in order that this ignorance might be removed. I shall be pleased to discuss the matter with you at any time.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
Librarian

MONTREAL

Monday.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I would like to thank
you sincerely for the pleasant
opportunity of meeting Dr.
Keppel and to express my
appreciation of the time
you spent in the Library.

May I add my good
wishes for the New Year which I
understand you begin today?

Faithfully yours,

Gerhard R. Lomer.

December 5, 1932.

Doctor G. R. Lomer,
University Librarian.

My dear Dr. Lomer,

It was very kind indeed of you to take the time to offer me your congratulations on my birthday. I assure you that I appreciate very much this thoughtful courtesy.

I spent some time with Doctor Keppel this afternoon. He confessed that in the opinion of those best capable of judging, our Library was one of the best on this Continent and he also said many kind things about our Librarian.

He acknowledged that he could detect that there was some feeling on the part of Locke towards (or against) McGill, and that he would try to get to the bottom of it. He said that he agreed with us in our appreciation of the situation; that what we needed most was more accommodation and its attendant staff. He pointed out that the Foundation had been forced to cease its grants for building of libraries, but intimated that if we could provide the additional Library space necessary he would be prepared to debate with us the help the Foundation could offer towards its maintenance.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Memo to the Principal July 1933

The deficit on the Library, \$77,000, is roughly about 30% of our total annual deficit.

It is the salary list that takes the bulk of the expense, not the purchase of books.

In 1906 the Library had a gross income or budget of barely \$13,000 for all purposes other than purchase of books and periodicals.

In 1906 it had a staff of 10.

Today it has a total staff of 54 on the salary list alone and more on the wages list.

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The Growth of the Library
High Increase in Cost of Library
The Profession & its Salaries
Overcrowding

June 26th, 1930.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

I have your letter of the 24th, and regret that two of your assistants, Miss Horne and Miss Mott have resigned.

I am also sorry that it is not possible to approve of all the recommendations you have made with reference to increases in salaries, nor can I approve of a reduction in the amount spent on books and binding in order to increase salaries.

From the accountant's office, I learn that in 1920-21 the total expended on the Library was \$26,184.20.

In 1925-26, it was just under \$60,000, while last year it was just over \$70,000.

In 1920-21 salaries and wages absorbed 54% of the appropriation.

In 1925-26 they absorbed 50% and in 1929-30, 55% of the appropriation, whereas the amount spent on books and binding in 1920-21 absorbed 35%; in 1925-26, 38%, and in 1929-30, 36%.

Last year we increased your salary appropriation by a large amount, but in view of our very large deficit I could not this year approve of all the recommendations you made for increases in salary. I agree with you that there is no real economy in low salaries. But there comes a time when

I cannot meet every request for an increase in salary, and I must ask the Department to help me keep these deficits as low as possible. I think you will agree that I have always been sympathetic with your recommendations.

Although our capital in 1920-21 was impaired, even after making allowance for all the money subscribed in the campaign the appropriation for the Library has trebled in the last ten years.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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June 24, 1930

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I regret to have to report that two of my assistants, Miss Horne and Miss Mott, both graduates of our Library School, have resigned after two years' service to accept other library positions in Montreal which offer more adequate salaries.

May I take this opportunity of suggesting that there is no real economy in low salaries as it encourages frequent changes or involves the appointment of a cheaper grade of assistants than the work of a large University Library requires. In fact, I should prefer to transfer a certain amount from the Book Fund to the Salary Account, should no increase be possible this year, rather than run the risk of further curtailing services which I have been trying for ten years to build up as consistently and intelligently as I can.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

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Redpath library.

	<u>1920.21</u>	<u>1925.26</u>	<u>1929.30</u>
Salaries & Wages.	54% 14,208.57	50% 29,773.97	55% 38,653.47
Books & Binding	35% 9,184.53	38% 22,460.03	36% 25,166.49
Other	11% 2,791.10	12% 7,185.37	9% 6,798.39
Total.	<u>26,184.20</u>	<u>59,419.37</u>	<u>70,618.35</u>
Bldg.	5,949.43	12,027.86	(Bal.) 14,300.00

April 26, 1929.

MINUTES OF LIBRARY STAFF MEETING, APRIL 10, 1929

A meeting of the heads of departments of the McGill Library and Medical Library was held on Wednesday, April 10th, to discuss the question of salaries.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. D. Carter, unavoidably absent, presenting her ideas as to salaries (see Schedule A), and also one from Miss L. A. Young to Dr. Lomer (see Schedule B) drawing attention to the need for increases, in which was included a carefully prepared schedule of the absolute minimum cost of living for a librarian, which amounted to \$1,530.00 a year. It was brought out in discussion that the cost of living was notably higher in Montreal than elsewhere. The point was emphasized that university library salaries should be compared with university salaries, teachers' salaries, and those of staff nurses in hospitals, as being professional institutions supported by public funds.

The salaries for teachers in high schools range from \$1,700.00 to \$2,200.00 a year: and it must be borne in mind that teachers have also longer holidays and pensions.

Staff nurses receive \$840.00 to \$2,400.00, in addition to all living expenses and medical attendance.

Salaries in special libraries in Montreal begin at \$1,440.00.

Salaries in Ontario have recently been increased, so that the maximum is now well over \$2,000.00.

In view of these facts it was thought that there should be an immediate substantial increase for those who have been on the staff for five years and over, with yearly increase for all up to a certain maximum.

The accompanying schedule prepared by Mrs. Carter covers all departments of work in the library and its adoption was recommended as a satisfactory standard.

SCHEDULE A

PROPOSED SALARY SCALE, SUBMITTED BY MRS. M. D. CARTER

Assistant Librarian.....	\$2,500.00
Department Heads..... (College graduates, library school graduates and experience)	\$1,800.00 to \$2,280.00
Senior Assistants..... (College graduates and one year library school or equivalent in experience)	\$1,500.00 to \$1,740.00
Junior Assistants..... (College graduate and no training or college graduate with summer library school training or undergraduate with one year library school training)	\$1,200.00 to \$1,440.00
Clerical Workers..... (Example:- Assistant in order department - anyone rising from ranks of "children" - typists, etc.) [Office training and experience]	\$ 900.00 to \$1,140.00
Pages.....	\$ 480.00 to \$ 600.00

If appointment is made at minimum rate a definite raise each year should occur automatically.

(Example:- \$2.50 a month for pages.
\$5.00 " " " junior assistants and
clerical workers
\$10.00 " " " senior assistants and
department heads.

Scale of Increases

Department Heads.....	\$1,800.00 1st year
	1,920.00 2nd "
	2,040.00 3rd "
	2,160.00 4th "
	2,280.00 5th "
Senior Assistants.....	\$1,500.00 1st "
	1,620.00 2nd "
	1,740.00 3rd "
Junior Assistants.....	\$1,200.00 1st "
	1,260.00 2nd "
	1,320.00 3rd "
	1,380.00 4th "
	1,440.00 5th "

Clerical Workers.....	\$ 900.00	1st year
	960.00	2nd "
	1,020.00	3rd "
	1,080.00	4th "
	1,140.00	5th "
Pages.....	\$ 480.00	1st "
	510.00	2nd "
	540.00	3rd "
	570.00	4th "
	600.00	5th "

[I should suggest that persons appointed without library training should be reappointed on the condition that they would take six weeks' training within a reasonable length of time. Without any library training the persons are likely to know their own work without having an understanding of the work of the library as a whole. Such a situation is a detriment, not only to the individual, but to the whole library administration. The only other substitution for training would be that the persons work in each department for a specified length of time.]

SCHEDULE B

ESTIMATED MINIMUM ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS IN MONTREAL

Submitted by Miss L. A. Young

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
Room or apartment.....	\$30.00	\$360.00
Board.....	40.00	480.00
Clothing.....		300.00
Laundry.....	2.50	30.00
Dry cleaning.....		10.00
Health (including dentist).....		40.00
Car fare.....	3.00	36.00
Holidays.....		50.00
Church and charity.....	5.00	60.00
Recreation.....	2.00	24.00
Subscriptions, gratuities, and presents.....		50.00
Insurance.....	5.00	60.00
Sundries (including stationery and stamps)...	2.50	30.00
Savings.....		
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Total.....		\$1,530.00
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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

January 9, 1929.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

As you were not able to be present at the Quarterly Meeting of the Library Committee here yesterday, I am sending you the following summary of the reports and discussion:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
2. The quarterly reports were presented, showing a steady increase.
3. A recommendation from the Library School that its entrance requirements be raised to three years of college work and that a degree be conferred at the end of the fourth (Library School) year was referred to a committee for further consideration before being brought to the attention of Corporation.
4. The resignation of Miss K. Perrin was accepted and Miss D. A. Lomer was given two months' leave of absence, without salary, in order to attend courses for foreigners in Italy.
5. An extension to the Library building and an increase in staff and funds was unanimously approved as an immediate necessity. The

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circulation has increased in the last eight years from 13,966 to 111, 527, and the number of readers from 16,869 to 74,964.

After consultation with Mr. Glassco, in your absence, the above information was given to the Gazette and appeared this morning in the form enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

W. P. Lomer

Enc.

University Librarian.


19th January, 1929.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
McGill University Library,
McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I have your letter concerning the
Library Architect for any new building plans you may
have in mind, and I will bring the matter to the
attention of the Finance Committee at its next
meeting.

Very truly yours,


Acting Principal.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

November 13, 1928.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

You may not be aware that the congestion of the Redpath Library building has been before the Library Committee now for at least two years and that temporary relief was provided by the Principal's stable. This, however, is now becoming inadequate and the work of two of our departments is being held up because of lack of space to store material.

I realise that an extension to the building is at the moment impossible, but it may be practicable to provide temporary storage on the University grounds or near them where we could place material not immediately necessary. I assume that it would not be a good plan to refuse gifts simply because of our temporary lack of space.

A second urgent need is provision for keeping the building clean. The stacks are at present in a filthy condition (as you can see from the sample of dust enclosed which was removed from one of the shelves). At present we have a woman who comes two and a half days a week and it seems to me absolutely necessary that she should put in full time doing nothing but cleaning the stack, as

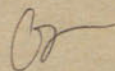
15th November, 1928.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
University Librarian,
McGill University Library,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Your letter of the 13th inst., with reference to accommodation in the Library, has been received. I shall be very glad indeed to come in and look over the Library with you early next week when I return to town.

Faithfully yours,



Acting Principal.

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the three sections of the stack include fifteen floors. The additional cost of this service would be \$8.75 per week.

I shall be glad to show you over the building at any time that may be convenient to you.

Faithfully yours,

Q. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

December 6, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You may be interested to know that at the recent meeting of the Eastern College Librarians which I attended last week at Columbia University one of the points considered was the relation between library positions and salaries and those of the teaching staff in the college.

For your information I summarise the chief points in a survey of American university libraries.

1. Since 1900 the salaries of university librarians have, in the majority of cases, risen to the same level as that of full professors.
2. In university libraries the tendency is now to regard the librarian as an administrative officer of the same rank as a dean rather than a full professor.
3. The assistant librarian is now regarded as having the rank and salary of a professor.
4. The question of the relative status of heads of library departments is under consideration, the tendency being to regard them as, by training and experience, superior to college in-

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MONTREAL

P. Lomer
GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

October 20, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In accordance with the instructions in your letter of October 17th, I am not proceeding with the matter of an informal report to the Governors. I shall be glad, however, if you can bring to their attention the figures on the enclosed sheet, as there is no other way of informing them of the continued and unusual increase in the use of the Library.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Enc.

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For Board

October 17th, 1932.

Dr. Gerhard R. Lomer,
University Librarian.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Your letter with reference to the presentation to each Governor of an informal report on the use made of the Library, brings up again a question with which we had to deal several years ago. At that time it was decided that as a matter of University policy, permission would not be given to departments to circularize the members of the Board.

I shall be happy to present a report to the members of the Board at the next meeting, if you care to let me have the data.

Ever Yours faithfully,

Principal

MCGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

YEAR	STUDENTS	READERS	BOOKS LENT
1921-22	2,757	43,575	71,279
1931-32	2,863	113,590	151,282
Increase		70,015	80,003

The annual increase is equally significant and emphasises the pressing need of more space that has been felt for some time.

YEAR	STUDENTS	READERS	BOOKS LENT
1930-31	3,237	104,529	122,070
1931-32	2,863	113,590	151,282
Increase		9,061	29,212

To meet this growing demand for Library service the hours per week have been increased, and the days on which the Library is closed have been decreased. In spite of these accommodations, both space and staff are taxed beyond their capacity.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

December 18, 1928.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

The overcrowding of the Library, a matter of both books and students, is so well known that only a brief summary of the situation need be given. This year we are carrying on, under the greatest possible disadvantages, a condition that next year will be quite impossible to handle, unless an extension to the building is provided. This has repeatedly been impressed upon the Library Committee and reported to Corporation. Everything that the Librarian can do has been done to alleviate the situation. It is no longer a matter of internal administration. It is now a problem that can be solved only by the Finance and Building Committees.

The extension which was built in 1921 was intended to provide for a normal ten years' growth. Even under ordinary circumstances, we would be approaching the end of that period, but we passed it at a much earlier date, owing to the unforeseen development of the Blacker Library of Zoology (by which the University

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has been made over \$100,000. the richer), by the continued development of the Emma Shearer Wood Library of Ornithology, by the Gest Chinese Research Library, and by the Library School. In addition to this there is an unusual growth in the annual presentations, indicating an increased interest in the Library. Statistics showing the growth of the Library are appended.

During the past year the books added to the Library occupied 1,000 feet of shelving. In addition to this, the Principal's stable has been filled with thousands of books for which there is no room elsewhere and the small remaining available space there will not last through the summer.

The Graduate School has 154 students registered this year. The Library has no place whatever for them. It has temporarily taken the reading room of the Blackader Library of Architecture and has provided twenty-one tables, but this provision cannot be made for next year.

The situation is one which requires immediate decision and action unless the work of the University is to be seriously handicapped in all directions involving Library service.

Faithfully yours,

J. P. Lomer

University Librarian.

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Notes:

The session 1918-19 marks the end of Mr. Gould's administration. The present Librarian assumed office on January 1, 1920.

It will be noted that during the eight years of his administration the circulation has increased from approximately 14,000 to over 111,000; that the number of readers has increased from 16,000 to 74,000; and that the annual accessions have increased from 4,700 to over 10,000 (maximum, 13,000). During the same period the number of students registered in the University has increased from approximately 900 to over 2,000, so that while the number of students has doubled, the circulation has increased to 6.70 times as much.

The Library is working to capacity in every department and further service can be expected only if provision is made for extension of building, staff, and funds. The statistics prove that the utmost has been done with the plant provided.

Year	+Students	Circulation	Readers	Accessions	Cards filed
1918-19	897	13,966	16,869	4,706	—
1919-20	1,151	16,580	30,454	5,673	—
1920-21	1,781	49,723	40,472	6,296	18,900
1921-22	1,887	71,279	43,575	10,420	24,955
1922-23	2,061	76,624	53,429	12,017	30,645
1923-24	1,978	81,701	50,532	13,103	39,306
1924-25	2,002	66,936	49,800	12,256	40,070
1925-26	1,957	64,847	58,888	11,503	51,913
1926-27	2,108	100,383	68,402	8,617	37,238
1927-28	2,246	111,527	74,964	10,242	38,504

+Excluding Medicine and Macdonald College.

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*Travelling Library Defeat
Appeal to Dept of Education
Quebec.*

January 11, 1933.

W.P. Percival, M.A., Ph.D.,
Director of Protestant Education,
Quebec.

Dear Dr. Percival:

We have been so busy sending out libraries that we have not had time to report to you before. You will be pleased to know that we have already sent 32 school libraries containing about 1,200 books and have spent approximately \$150.00 on new books for these libraries. You will see that this is a large percentage of our yearly grant which covers both General and School Libraries.

Unfortunately, we have just been notified that our appropriation for the year has been cut \$500.00, and it seems as though we should have to curtail our work among the schools just when its expansion seemed fully assured. Do you think that your Department would consider helping us in this emergency by making any additional grant beside the \$100.00 which you have given us for the last few years?

You will remember that we have extended the privileges to the schools in allowing them to keep the libraries for 6 months without any additional fee, and this, of course, involves the buying of more books, as they are rarely exchanged during the school term.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that some of the Secretary-Treasurers of the School Boards have refused to sign the application forms and the teachers have taken the responsibility themselves, but, we feel that in some cases, the libraries have not been ordered on this account. We are enclosing an application form and would like to know if your Department would authorize us to send the Libraries and take full responsibility without demanding signatures from them. It is really only a matter of form and we have only lost one library in over 20 years.

Hoping you will give this matter your helpful consideration.

With kind regards,

(Signed) E. G. Hall,

Librarian,
Trav. Lib. Dept.

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
LIBRARIAN

May 4, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I shall be glad to have your opinion as to the policy which we should pursue in our Traveling Library Department with regard to work with schools.

The alternatives are these:

1. To refuse all applications from schools and terminate all book service of this kind.
2. To continue to develop school library service (with a view to demonstrating the desirability of school libraries) and ask for a financial contribution from the Department of Education for country schools and from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners for the city schools.

Your opinion will be based partly upon the relations between the University and these two educational bodies - a relation about which I have no knowledge. The other factors concern the Traveling Library Department, and for your information I summarise these briefly:

1. The Traveling Library Department was established as a memorial by the McLennan family in 1901, but the original funds proved insufficient and annual contributions have been made by Miss McLennan. This year, however, a contribution of \$500.00 has been withdrawn - possibly only temporarily.
2. The Traveling Libraries were originally sent throughout the whole Dominion from British Columbia to Labrador and Newfoundland. They encouraged certain localities to establish local libraries and the McGill Traveling Library System was copied in some of the provinces.

ask Fred Clark to see me about this,

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Sir Arthur Currie.

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3. As a result, we have withdrawn service from provinces or localities which are now self-sufficient and have concentrated on the remaining sections of Canada, and have tried to follow the example of state library commissions in the United States in the present definite movement to establish school libraries.
4. Accordingly quite a few years ago we began to bring the attention of the Traveling Libraries to the schools, and have had exhibits in the High School during the Teachers' Conventions and explained the system at Macdonald College to the regular classes and in the short special courses.
5. As a result, the effect is being felt, and we have at present sixty libraries sent to schools which would otherwise be without this equipment.
6. About ten years ago, through the efforts of Miss Carrie Derick, the Department of Education agreed to pay half the fees (the normal fee is \$4.00 for a box of forty volumes for four months) for libraries sent to schools in the Province of Quebec. In 1928 Dr. Parmelee obtained a grant of \$100.00 a year for this purpose, and Dr. Percival, on his appointment, agreed to continue this contribution, which at that time was sufficient for the number of libraries sent to schools.
7. The increase in the number of libraries and the necessity of buying new books (in addition to the reduction in revenue of \$500.00 already referred to) makes it impossible to balance our budget without an additional grant from the Department of Education and the Protestant Board of School Commissioners.

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LIBRARIAN

Sir Arthur Currie.

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8. Miss Hall, who is in charge of the Traveling Library Department, brought this matter to the attention of the Board in a letter dated January 11th, (a copy of which I attach to this memorandum) but at the meeting of the Board the request was tabled, and I understand that there was some criticism about this request for funds coming from McGill. At this point the matter now stands.

My personal opinion is that the educational authorities have shown a lack of appreciation of their responsibilities in providing book equipment for the schools in this province and city and that they have assumed a narrow and unco-operative attitude in regard to the entirely disinterested efforts of the McGill Traveling Library Department to aid and encourage them in improving the condition of the schools in respect to reading facilities for teachers and pupils.

I trust that the above facts may give you sufficient information, but if there are any further details you require, Miss Hall and I will be glad to supply them.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Enc.

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Flowers

Lomer says no restriction in
the deed of gift for the estab-
lishment of the Travelling
Libraries.

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May 10, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

With reference to our recent conversation on the subject of the future policy of the Traveling Library Department, I enclose a brief memorandum of the present situation, together with a statement from the Comptroller showing the financial condition of this Department. I shall be glad if you will bring these to the attention of the school authorities at their next meeting.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Enc.
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McGILL UNIVERSITY TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS:

1. The Traveling Library Department was founded in 1901 primarily for the distribution of traveling libraries, It has for the past twenty years been supplying a certain number of these to schools and has borne all the charges involved, except the fee.
2. Since 1929-30 the Department has received \$100.00 annually from the Department of Education to cover half the fees of libraries sent to schools. This amount was originally established by Dr. Parmelee and was continued by Dr. Percival.
3. Though the sending of libraries to schools has involved the purchase of books not already in the Traveling Library Department, no provision has been made to defray this expense, even in part, and the use of funds for this purpose has, in consequence, reduced the supply of books for other purposes.
4. The Traveling Library Department has tried for many years by exhibitions at teachers' conventions, by talks to teachers in training at Macdonald College, and by personal circulars to encourage the development of school libraries, and has followed the recommendations of the committees of the National Educational Association and of the American Library Association appointed to develop this aspect of library service.
5. The funds of the Traveling Library Department have been reduced through the depreciation in the income from the original endowment from \$1,070.00 in 1928 to \$850.00 in 1932, and by the withdrawal of an annual donation of \$500.00 by one of the founders.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

1. The University ask the Department of Education and the Protestant Board of School Commissioners whether, in view of the four-year demonstration of the value of libraries in the schools, this service should not be established as a legitimate part of the school educational work of the Province and City of Montreal and that the supply of books from the Traveling Library Department henceforth cease.

2. Should these educational authorities desire the continuance of the service of the Traveling Library Department, an amount of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$2,000.00 should be contributed annually for the purchase of books and the distribution of libraries to schools.
3. That, failing the adoption of the responsibility for school libraries, either in toto or through a contribution of funds, on the part of the educational authorities, the Traveling Library Department give notice that it can no longer supply libraries to schools.

May 10, 1933.

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TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (COMPARATIVE)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>1932-33</u>
Credit Balance, June 1st				6.23	235.93
Miss McLennan, Permanent Trust	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
do. Annual Donation	250.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	
Provincial Grant		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Contributions	100.00	100.00			175.00
Revenue from Endowment	1,070.60	1,086.12	1,066.01	951.98	850.00
Miscellaneous (Fees etc.)	777.36	839.76	748.87	712.02	284.51
					Sur- plus to Apr 30
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>2,677.96</u>	<u>3,105.88</u>	<u>3,394.88</u>	<u>2,750.23</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Dr. Balance, June 1st	406.33	238.02	506.31		
Salaries	1,205.00	1,758.33	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,545.00
Books	838.21	1,137.35	717.73	414.61	681.60
Freight and Expenses	466.44	478.49	464.61	399.69	
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>2,915.98</u>	<u>3,612.19</u>	<u>3,388.65</u>	<u>2,514.30</u>	
Surplus			6.23	235.93	
Deficit	238.02	506.31			101.16

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TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

Statement of Income and Expenditure to March 31st, 1933.

April 20th, 1933.

INCOME - Credit balance May 31st, 1932 235.00
Miss McLennan - Permanent Trust 480.00
Provincial Grant - not yet received to-date 100.00
Revenue from Endowment - Estimated 850.00

1,665.00
(Original Budget from Income \$2,165.00 to be
divided as follows:- Salaries 1,545.00
Books 620.00
but due to cancellation of Miss McLennan's
special contribution the Appropriation
for books is reduced to \$120.00)

EXPENDITURE - To March 31st, 1933

Books 573.98
 Outstanding Orders 42.98 616.96
Salaries - Paid and Pledged to May 31st, 1933 1,545.00 2,161.96
Overexpended \$ 496.96

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES FREIGHT ACCOUNT - Surplus to March 31st, 270.42

TRAVELLING LIBRARY EXTENSION - Surplus to March 31st, 37.50

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SPECIAL FUND

Donation by Mrs. F.D. Adams, April 4th 100.00
" Miss Winnifred Munderloh, April 8th, 75.00
CREDIT BALANCE \$175.00

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\$482.92
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May 13, 1933.

Dr. W. P. Percival,
Director of Protestant Education,
Department of Education,
Quebec, P. Q.

My dear Dr. Percival,

I have seen a copy of the letter which Miss E. G. Hall, Librarian of the Travelling Library Department, McGill University, sent to you on January 11th last. I am sorry the matter was not brought to my attention in order that I might present to your Board the question referred to in its true light.

As you probably know, the Travelling Library Department of McGill University was established in 1901 as a Memorial by a prominent Montreal family. The original funds proving insufficient, one of the members of the family made an annual contribution of some \$500.00, which this year has been withdrawn, probably only temporarily.

The Travelling Libraries were originally sent out through the whole Dominion from British Columbia to Labrador and Newfoundland. They encouraged certain localities to establish local libraries, and the McGill Travelling Library system was copied later in several of the Provinces.

As time went on, we withdrew service from certain Provinces and localities which are now self-sufficient and have concentrated on the remaining sections of Canada. Especially have we tried to establish school libraries, bearing all the expense except the fee.

Since 1929-30 we have received \$100.00 annually from the Department of Education, to cover half the fees of Libraries sent to schools. The establishing of school libraries was increasingly encouraged by McGill. We drew the attention of schools to these Travelling Libraries,

we have had exhibits in the High School during the Teachers' Conventions and have explained the system at Macdonald Colleges to the regular classes and in the short special courses. As a result, at least sixty libraries have been sent to Schools which would otherwise be without this equipment. Though the sending of libraries to schools has involved the purchase of books not already in the Travelling Library Department, no provision has been made by the Department of Education to defray this expenses, even in part; and the use of funds for this purpose has, in consequence, reduced the supply of books for other purposes.

As I intimated above, the founder of the Library has withdrawn the special annual grant of \$500.00 and the income on the endowment has dropped as well, so that it is impossible for the McGill Library to continue such an extensive service to the schools.

It is for your Board to determine whether such service should be now established as a legitimate part of the school educational work of the Province; if not, it may be that the supply of books from the McGill Travelling Library Department must henceforth cease. There are some who have hoped that in view of the demonstration by McGill Travelling Library Department of the value of libraries in the schools, the Department of Education might realize its responsibility to see that this service is maintained.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 16, 1933.

Dr. W. P. Percival,
Director of Protestant Education,
Quebec, P. Q.

My dear Dr. Percival,

Let me offer my apology for my absence from the meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction to be held next Friday. It is my intention this year to attend the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada which takes place at Kingston May 17th to 20th. I am particularly anxious to go to the Society's meeting, for two reasons:-

(1) My Professor Lloyd is this year's President, and

(2) I was elected a member of the Society several years ago and have not yet presented myself for reception. I feel that should I delay longer, it would be regarded as a discourtesy. I am very sorry that I cannot be at Quebec, as there are one or two things on the Agenda of particular interest to me.

I am afraid I have not made myself quite clear regarding the Travelling Libraries, as I notice on the Agenda Paper, Item 6 is "Request from McGill University concerning the Travelling Libraries." By the letter I wrote you on May 13th, I intended that you disregard the letter received from Miss Hall. McGill University is not making a request for assistance. We simply state the position regarding the Travelling Libraries Fund and suggest that the Protestant Committee declare its future policy in connection therewith.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
LIBRARIAN

June 5, 1933.

Mrs. McMurray,
Secretary to the Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Mrs. McMurray:

May I trouble you to let me know whether the Principal has received any reply to the communication regarding Traveling Libraries made to the Department of Education. I shall be glad to have some indication as to our future policy as it will be necessary to notify schools this Summer if we are not to continue our service in the Autumn.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

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University Librarian.

I told him, unofficially, but apparently he wants it from you. *A. M. M.*

June 7th, 1933.

Dr. G. Lomer,
University Librarian.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Your letter of June 5th addressed to Mrs. McMurray has been handed to me. I have had no communication whatever from the Department of Education in reply to my letter regarding Travelling Libraries, but Professor F. Clarke, who attended the last meeting of the Protestant Committee, tells me that it was then agreed to raise the vote from \$100 to \$125.

This, of course, is no solution of our problem, and by no means indicates a definite policy on their behalf. We, therefore, shall have to curtail our service, as we cannot afford to spend on the Travelling Libraries more than the funds that are available.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

June 10, 1933.

Dr. W. P. Percival,
Director, Protestant Education,
Department of Education,
Quebec, P. Q.

Dear Dr. Percival,

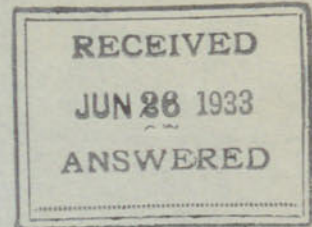
With reference to the matter of the Travelling Libraries sent out by the McGill Library to various schools in the Province, about which I wrote you two letters just prior to the last meeting of the Protestant Council of Public Instruction, may I say that Dr. Lomer has again approached me in the matter, stating that he must now arrange the budget for the Travelling Library Department for 1933-34.

In the absence of a reply from you I have told him that we shall curtail our service to schools, as we cannot afford to spend on the Travelling Libraries more than the funds that are available.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Department of Education
Quebec, P. Q.



HON. CYRILLE F. DELAGE

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MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT,
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June 22nd, 1933

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of June 10th.

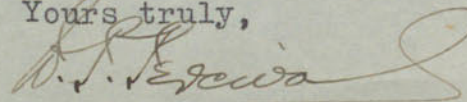
The Protestant Committee did not see its way clear to establishing Travelling Libraries or to make a substantial grant towards the funds of the McGill Travelling Libraries at the present time. However, in view of the fact that the number of Libraries sent out this year has exceeded the anticipated maximum the Committee authorized me to say that the amount of \$2 per Library would be paid for the current session up to the maximum of \$120. I am sending today a cheque for \$120 to the head of the Travelling Library Department.

Before your last letter arrived I had made arrangements to discuss this matter further with the chairman of the Protestant Committee because of its importance. Unfortunately, I was unable to see him on the occasion of my last visit to Montreal. It is with regret that I learn that it is now too late and that you have decided to curtail this service to schools.

I can assure you that the system of libraries which has been built up in the schools has been of very great service and any substantial retrenchment made by McGill will be a severe handicap.

When your plans have been executed I shall be pleased to learn the extent of the restriction.

Yours truly,



Director of Protestant Education

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Dr. Lamer*

June 29, 1933.

Dr. W. P. Percival,
Director of Protestant Education,
Quebec, P. Q.

Dear Dr. Percival,

Let me acknowledge your letter of June 22nd, in which you say that the system of libraries which has been built up in the Schools of the Province by our Travelling Library Department has been of very great service, and that any substantial retrenchment by us will be a severe handicap. It was because I felt sure it would be a handicap to the Schools that I thought it well to give you warning of the situation. I fear, however, that perhaps I did not make myself plain.

The Travelling Library Department was founded in 1901, primarily for the distribution of travelling libraries. It has for the past twenty years been supplying a certain number of these to schools, and has borne all the charges involved, except the fee charged in each case for freight charges, etc, and whatever excess or balance above fees there has been out of the \$100 given by your Department during the last few years.

About ten years ago, the Department of Education of this Province agreed to pay half the fees (the normal fee is \$4.00 for a box of 40 volumes for 4 months) for libraries sent to Schools in the Province. In 1928 you granted an annual amount of \$100.00 a year for this purpose, which at that time was sufficient for the number of libraries sent.

When this travelling library work began, there was no obligation upon us to send the libraries to schools, but we began to do so in order to impress upon the schools and upon the educational authorities the value of a school library. We have carried on that entirely disinterested

demonstration for a number of years, through the generosity of those interested in this Travelling Library work. Now the situation is that these funds have been very much reduced, and that we must therefore curtail the activities of our Travelling Library Department, not only as it affects the Schools but throughout the entire work of that Department.

The question naturally arose, Have we demonstrated to the educational authorities of the Province of Quebec the value of libraries in the Schools? If so - and they wish us to continue the service on their behalf - to what extent are they prepared to co-operate with us? If we had the funds, we should gladly continue as we have been doing; but the circumstances are such that we must curtail our operations, and that the service to the Schools must eventually cease if it is not financed by the Province to a much greater degree than at present.

The reply of the Department of Education to my letter, in which I thought I had placed the situation clearly before them, is an annual increase of \$20.00 over the usual \$100.00 grant towards freight charges, etc. This, of course, does not help the situation at all; it only enables us to send out a few more libraries.

The sending of libraries to the Schools has involved the purchase of books not already in the Travelling Library Department. As we have gradually extended the privileges to the schools, adding more schools from year to year, and allowing them to keep the libraries for six months without any additional charge, the buying of more and more books is involved, because there is really no exchange of books during the school term. To continue the work, we have had to use our own funds, and in consequence to reduce the service to other centres, and we have more applications for libraries than we can fill. There is also the replacement cost, wear and tear, etc., and the labour involved in looking after the circulation of these libraries.

Therefore, in setting the whole situation before the Provincial authorities, McGill asks them if they are now willing, after our demonstration of the great educational value of school libraries, to make any real contribution to the work? If not, as I have already said, the service must be greatly curtailed. And in proceeding to curtail the activities of the Library as it affects the schools, we should, naturally, withdraw from the city schools first. But we shall endeavour to carry on for another year, as outlined in Miss Hall's letter to you dated June 29th. This will give the Department of Education time to consider well the whole situation and to advise us what their policy will be in future years.

Ever yours faithfully,

Department of Education
Quebec, P. Q.

HON. CYRILLE F. DELAGE

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MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT,
AND DIRECTOR OF PROTESTANT
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August 2, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

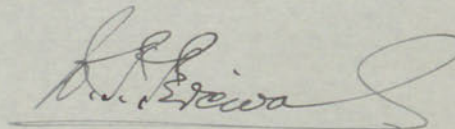
Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have delayed replying to your letter
of June 29th until I could reply definitely con-
cerning the arrangements to be made in future with
regard to the Travelling Libraries.

I appreciate the fact that you have not
withdrawn the Travelling Library service entirely,
but that you will continue to provide these libraries
for the rural schools.

This work has proved to be so useful that
it must not be withdrawn. I am therefore endeavour-
ing to make arrangements to supply Travelling Lib-
raries next session and in future to those schools
which will not receive the benefit of the McGill
service.

Yours truly,



Director of
Protestant Education.

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL,

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

To Colonel Bovey

was this dropped,
and why? -

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Col. B doesn't know.

The Principal says
let it stand.

March 1932

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*Re Gallery to Accommodate
Graduate Students*

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

September 23, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In accordance with your suggestion yesterday based upon the Faculty of Arts Survey Report, I have calculated the seating capacity and cost of equipment necessary to turn the Gallery of the Reading Room into a room for graduate work.

The total cost for the thirty-six desks and chairs would be \$756 plus \$171.

I enclose a plan showing the proposed re-arrangement of the space now used for exhibition purposes.

Faithfully yours,

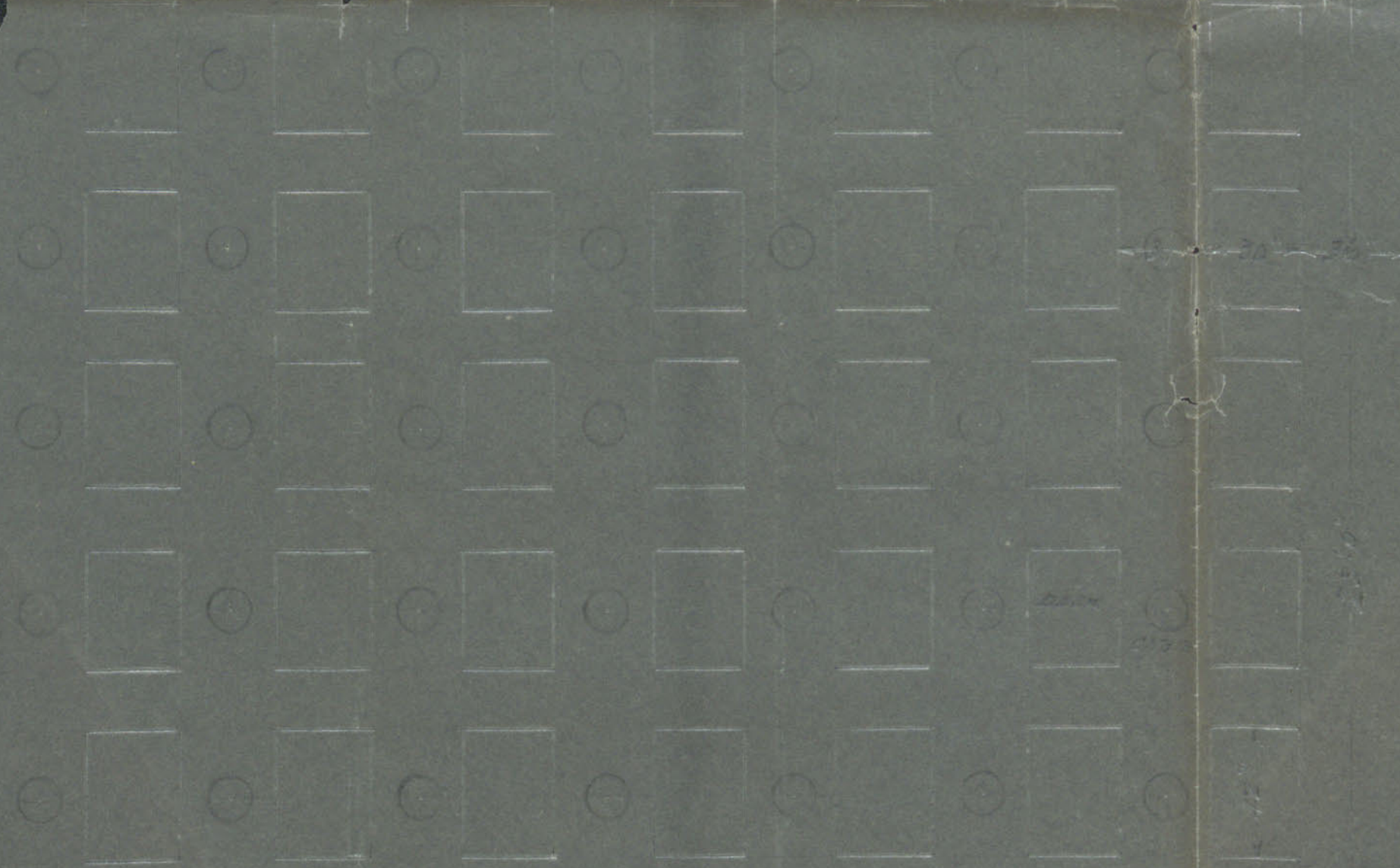
G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

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PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT OF DESKS
MEZZANINE - PENDING ROOM

39'-0"



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7'-0"
DESK SEE INTERIOR
PAGE 21

30'-0"

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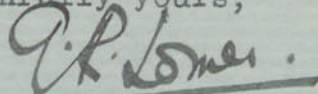
Dear Sir Arthur:

With further reference to the Gallery of the Reading Room, I quoted this morning on desks of the style apparently approved by the Faculty of Arts Survey Committee.

An alternative would be the provision of kitchen tables similar to those used for the past two years by graduate students. These may be obtained at \$4.25 each, or \$153.00 for the three dozen, (wholesale price probably lower). Chaires at \$1.50 each can be obtained, or \$54.00 for the three dozen.

This cheapest provision of the equipment would amount to \$207.00.

Faithfully yours,



University Librarian.

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LIBRARIAN

September 23rd, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

With reference to the Faculty of Arts Survey Report, which you read to me yesterday, there are one or two points which might be kept in mind for any further consideration of this subject.

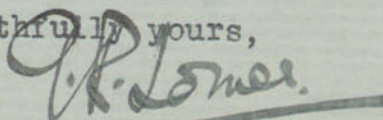
In the first place, the Library Building is not the library of the Faculty of Arts, but is the University Library, and was so established when the building was constructed in 1892. It has housed, in addition to the general collection, the books used by the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Applied Science. The gradual provision of library space by these three Faculties in their own buildings has served to postpone a congestion inevitable in any growing library.

The Faculty of Arts is the only Faculty that has not had the foresight to provide library space within its own walls, though the Arts Building was the latest to be reconstructed. The present lack of space may conceivably be charged to their own failure to follow the example of other Faculties within the University.

I may take it for granted that you will instruct me as to whether you wish a statement from the Library point of view on the various suggestions and criticisms made in this Survey Report. There are certain contradictions and inconsistencies which are obvious even in a hasty hearing such as I had yesterday.

The actual conditions in the Library will be apparent to you when you undertake to visit it as you promised, and I am relying upon your observation of conditions to convince you of what seem to me to be ill-considered proposals.

Faithfully yours,



University Librarian.

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Relative allotments
Physics | Chemistry | Library.

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
LIBRARIAN

April 6th, 1933.

Mrs. McMurray,
Principal's Office,
McGill University.

Dear Mrs. McMurray:

We beg to confirm the figures
given you over the telephone in regard to funds
allotted to the Chemistry Department and the Physics
Department:-

Baillie Fund (Chemistry Department)

Books	-	\$400.00
Continuations, etc.	-	625.00
Amount allowed from our General Book Fund for periodicals.	-	50.00

Physics Appropriation

Books	-	\$300.00
Continuations, etc.	-	375.00
Amount allowed from our General Book Fund for periodicals.	-	337.75

Hoping this information is what you
require.

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Faithfully yours,
ORDER DEPARTMENT,
per: O.P. Harrington.

*Faculty Control of a Library Most Common
in small Colleges*

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LIBRARIAN

April 8, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I trust that you will not object to my disagreeing with your description of the Library at the last meeting of the Committee when you referred to it as the "Library of the Faculty of Arts." This expression originated, I believe, in the unofficial and somewhat biased report made by a few members of the Faculty of Arts a year or two ago, and it fails to take account of the whole policy of the Library during the last twelve years - namely, that it is the Library of the whole University and that its point of view is broader than that of any one faculty.

In view of the public service which the University renders to the community, and its progressive educational policy in the City and Province, I feel that it is particularly important that such an instrument of this policy as the Library should not be limited by any attempt to restrict its services chiefly to one faculty.

I do not need to remind you that the Blacker Library of Zoology and the Blackader Library of Architecture, which are large and important sections of the Library, do not primarily concern the Faculty of Arts, and that the Gest Chinese Research Library, which contains about a

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Sir Arthur Currie.

quarter of our total number of volumes, is a reference library for all who may care to use it. The Traveling Library Department has for over a quarter of a century been doing pioneer work throughout the whole of the Dominion, and the Library School has also broken new ground and supplied a need not otherwise met.

The growing circulation and increased reference use of the Library, and the long continued and hearty co-operation of the University Book Club, which could easily double its membership if we had room for it, all go to show the continuity and breadth of wider work of the Library, which can best be represented by saying that the Library is the Library of the whole University.

An examination of the control of college and university libraries shows that faculty control is most common in the smallest and least progressive colleges, and general representative control increases in proportion to the size and is greatest in the largest libraries. The McGill Library has consistently tried to embody the progressive ideas of librarianship, and further improvements at present are limited only by lack of funds and space, not by unwillingness or a narrow vision of what might be done at McGill.

Faithfully yours,

J. F. Jones.

University Librarian.

H/

April 11th, 1932.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

My dear Dr. Lomer,

Let me acknowledge your letter of April 8th and say that certainly there is no objection on my part to your disagreeing with my description of the Library as "the Library of the Faculty of Arts".

As a matter of fact, I do not think there is very much difference between the views we hold regarding the Library, and perhaps the expression I used was scarcely fair to all the services which the Library renders and to the place it holds among University activities. What I had in my mind at the time was that while the Medical Faculty, the Royal Victoria College, Physics, Chemistry, etc. had each separate libraries, in their own buildings, the Arts Faculty had to depend largely upon the facilities of the General Library. I have many times regretted that when the Arts building was reconstructed, we made no provision for reading rooms and book space for the Arts students and professors. This lack gives rise to the expression used in the report you refer to, that the Library is "the workshop of the Faculty of Arts".

I know that the General Library cannot be, and should not be a Departmental Library in any sense. But I think it would be well if we had a greater representation from Arts on the General

Library Committee. I am sure that then the views of some of the Arts Faculty members would change regarding the matter.

Let me assure you that I fully agree with your statement that the Library is "the Library of the whole University", and I have always thought that you have consistently tried to embody in your policy nothing but the progressive ideas of Librarianship. I appreciate only too well that further improvements are impossible only because of lack of funds and space.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Reading Room Engineering

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

October 7, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Chairman,
Library Committee.

Faculty of Applied Science Reading Room

Dear Sir Arthur,

At the Library Committee meeting on October 4th a report was read from Professor Ernest Brown, representing the Faculty of Applied Science, in which he stated that the question of re-opening the Reading Room in the Faculty of Applied Science had been deferred, the reason being as follows:

"The Faculty took action and application was made to the Board of Governors for a grant to enable us to carry out the scheme under which proper supervision of the books would have been provided. The Dean informs me that an appropriation has not been made and, therefore, no action can be taken for the current session."

As you had no recollection of this matter coming before the Board of Governors, you directed me to remind you that this matter might, after all, not be closed and that the proposal might still be considered.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

Secretary to the Committee.

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Jul 4. 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur :

I have to report that I have attended the celebration at the University of Louvain and have duly delivered the address. It was an academic ordeal nearly as long and as trying as a coronation, with four hours on

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a slippery and straight-backed bench, but the McCall address was placed in the hands of Cardinal Van Rocy and duly deposited, by a row of minor officials, in a large clothes-basket concealed at the back of the platform.

My second duty, that of getting Mr. Kipling's manuscript, was a much easier and a pleasanter task, and I am

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Grateful for the opportunity
of meeting him and his
Kipling. The MSS. is to be
insured for \$10,000, and I
am making this arrangement
here with Sotheran until
delivery in Montreal, when
it will be covered in the
Library in her care.

With kind regards,

Faithfully Yours,
O. K. Lomer.

Louvain celebration
Kipling letter

May 3, 1927.

Dr. Gerhard Lomer,
c/o American Express,
Rome, Italy.

Dear Dr. Lomer:-

I am forwarding you herewith the programme of the celebrations at Louvain in case your arrangements may be effected. I am also forwarding you a formal invitation and a certificate stating that you are the representative of McGill, in order that you may get the benefit of any reduction on French railways. We are sending the address under separate cover.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

Paris, June 24/27.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have received your letter about Mr. Kipling's manuscript and have written to him asking for an appointment at his convenience.

The address for the University of Louvain has arrived safely and I am off tomorrow to Belgium.

Perhaps I may take this opportunity of reporting that I have visited the French and Italian agents of the Library and have left them with a better idea of our needs and our methods. I have also seen Casey Wood & shall see him again next week. His enthusiasm for the Silk still continues. May I recall the suggestion of an LL.D. for Mr. Blacker next autumn?

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

J. R. Jones.

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March 10th, 1927

Sir Arthur William Currie, G.C.M.G.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly accept with the publishers compliments a little set of books, edited by Dr. John H. Finley, and published by Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, New York, entitled "The University Library."

I take the liberty of sending the set to you today by prepaid express in the hope that you may now and again, in the pages of these handy volumes, find a half hour's entertainment.

We are about to assume the control of "The University Library" in Canada, and we think of offering it by mail to families who are without the advantages of library or bookstore. Would you care to express an opinion as to the suitability of this set for distribution among our Canadian people, and especially having in view the Adult Education Movement.

You will notice that vol. xxv contains a biographical index.

Very sincerely yours,

D. McInsh

President

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Dear Romeo

What shall I say

11/30/27. W. Currie

March 18th, 1927.

D. T. McAlinsh, Esq.,
President, McAlinsh & Co. Limited,
4 to 12 College Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Let me acknowledge the courtesy which prompted you to forward me the series of volumes published by Doubleday, Page & Co., entitled "The University Library".

You have paid me the compliment of asking me to give my views as to the suitability of this set for distribution among our Canadian people. I regret that I cannot express a very high opinion of the collection. In fact I see nothing in particular to recommend this set. I hope you don't mind me writing so frankly, but I feel it would not be fair to this University if I gave expression to approval, which would, no doubt, be used for canvassing purposes.

In view of this adverse opinion I presume you would prefer that I should return the set to you, and this I am doing.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

March 16, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With regard to "The University Library", a series of volumes published by Doubleday Page in the United States and about to be published by McAinsh & Company, Limited, in Canada, I have examined the set and regret that I cannot express a very high opinion of the collection.

It is apparently a rather miscellaneous collection of excerpts of prose and poetry arranged only partially on an unsatisfactory chronological basis, as a reading course for people who have only a few minutes a day to devote to this purpose. There are already other and much more satisfactory series on the market and I see nothing in particular to recommend this set. In spite of the fact that Dr. Finley's name appears on the title-page, I suspect that practically the whole of the editing was done by Nella Braddy, about whom I can find no information.

I return herewith volumes I and XXV and the letter which accompanied them. I do not feel that this is a publication to which the authority of university approval should be extended.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

March 19, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With further reference to my letter of March 16th regarding "The University Library", I enclose a post card from McAlinsh which possibly may refer to the same publication. If so, it is being given away as a premium, which would corroborate the opinion of it which I expressed.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

Enc.

University Librarian.

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McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

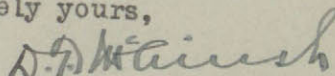
Dear Sir:

In venturing to send you a set of the "University Library" I took the liberty to ask you to express a candid opinion of the merits of this set, and I therefore appreciate your prompt and courteous response, and your willingness to devote time to the examination of the books.

Please be assured that under any circumstance, to use your letter without permission, no matter how commendatory, would be considered by us a breach of ordinary business ethics.

It is likely that we shall sell this book by mail, operating especially among the younger men who have not had the advantages of a university education. If the "University Library" had met with your approval for the purpose indicated, we should certainly have been pleased.

Sincerely yours,



President

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

April 14, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Even the basement corridor of the Library is now crowded with duplicates and other books which are not of immediate value. Plans have been made for the exchange and sale of some of these volumes next winter but, in the meantime, space is urgently needed for the storage of uncatalogued material now occupying the sixth floor of the stack and for a classroom for the Winter Library School.

It has occurred to me that possibly you would be willing to allow the use of another room in your stables for the purpose of storing duplicates and other material of minor value. In this way three steps would be accomplished:

1. The crowding of the basement corridor next to the furnace room would be remedied and the fire risk would be lessened.
2. A portion of one floor of the stack would be released for the proper storage of valuable books.
3. A classroom would be provided for the Library School.

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Sir Arthur Currie.

If you feel that such arrangements could be made, I shall be glad to plan to have the work done during the summer, in order not to interfere with either the end or beginning of the session.

Thanking you for the consideration which you have always given the necessities of the Library,

I am,

Faithfully yours,



University Librarian.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

February 26, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Law Library Storage

Dear Sir Arthur,

This is to report to you that, with Professor Corbett, the Law Representative on the Library Committee, I examined the storage accommodation which you have kindly offered for the Law books now unsatisfactorily and inaccessibly stored in the Stadium.

We found that the large room on the second floor at the southern end of the stables would prove satisfactory, as it is large, high, dry, and fireproof. The only disadvantages, and these can possibly be easily remedied by Mr. Lawrence, are the lack of light and heat. I am taking up these matters with Mr. Lawrence and will report to you the probable cost of the cheapest kind of wooden shelving, the installation of electric lighting and, possibly, enough heating to keep the room above freezing point.

Thanking you for your kind offices in this matter, which are especially appreciated in this emergency,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

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*Re Stock Space in Basement of
Divinity Hall*

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

August 8, 1930

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose copies of my letter of June 23 to Miss McDonald, and her reply of August 5, regarding the possibility of borrowing space for book storage in the basement of the new Divinity Hall, now under process of construction.

I am anxious that a request from the Library Committee should reach the Board for its meeting on October 15.

Our Library Committee meets on October 7. Would you prefer to have this matter come up then or to bring it to the attention of Mr. Campbell at an earlier date?

Faithfully yours,

G.R. Lomer

GRL/F

University Librarian.

Divinity Hall
3480 University St.,
Montreal.

August 5, 1930

Gerhard R. Lomer, M.A., Ph.D.,
Librarian,
McGill University Library.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

In reply to your communication of June 23, I must apologize for the delay which has taken place. I was out of town and have only lately returned.

I have not seen all the plans for the new Divinity Hall, but I believe there is to be a large space in the basement reserved as a book stack, which will not be used for many years as our present collection will not fill the shelving in the main reading room.

I have heard unofficially that there are to be quite a number of changes in our Faculty, and think it would be wise to apply to the Secretary of the Joint Board of the Theological Colleges affiliated to McGill University - W. S. Campbell, Esq. The next meeting of the Board will probably be held on Wednesday, October 15. There have been quite a few business arrangements between McGill and our Joint Board concerning heating, etc., if you think it would be better to arrange through Sir Arthur Currie.

The Rev. Professor Oswald W. Howard, 450 Lansdowne Ave., Westmount, is the secretary of the Faculty and their first meeting will probably be on Monday, September 29th.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Barbara McDonald,
Librarian.

Ma: 2646

June 23, 1930

Miss Barbara McDonald,
Librarian,
Divinity Hall,
Montreal.

Dear Miss McDonald,

You may remember that some time ago when you were showing me the plans for the new Divinity Hall I suggested that, if all your book storage space were not immediately needed, I would like to make an application for permission to use some of it temporarily.

I understand that the construction of your new building is now under way and I shall be glad to know whether the possibility of extra space still exists. If so, to whom should application be made and by whom - Sir Arthur Currie or by me?

Assuring you that I appreciate your cooperation, I am

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

August 13, 1930.

Rev. Professor Oswald W. Howard,
Secretary to the Faculty
of the Joint Theological Colleges,
450 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount, P. Q.

Dear Dr. Howard,

Will you please ask your Faculty to consider a request I now make on behalf of McGill University, to allow us to borrow some space for book storage in the basement of the new Divinity Hall now under process of construction?

You are probably aware of the congested state of our Library. In fact, such is the condition in that respect that some of our books are now stored in the garage in the rear of the Principal's Residence. I understand that in your new building there is a large space in the basement reserved as a book stack, but which cannot be used by the Theological Colleges for many years.

I hope that you may be able to oblige us in this respect, and we shall remain profoundly grateful.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

August 13, 1930.

W. S. Campbell, Esq.,
Secretary of the Joint Board
of the Theological Colleges,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Will you ask your Board to consider a request I now make on behalf of McGill University, to allow us to borrow some space for book storage in the basement of the new Divinity Hall now under process of construction?

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I hope that you may be able to oblige us in this respect, and we shall remain profoundly grateful.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

August 13, 1930.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Replying to your letter of August 8th with reference to the possibility of our borrowing space for book storage in the basement of the new Divinity Hall, I think we should make early application. I have therefore written to Mr. Campbell and to Dr. Howard.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Librarian,
Redpath Library.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

August 18, 1930.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal's Office,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Thank you for your note of August 13
informing me that you have written to Mr. Campbell and
to Dr. Howard regarding the possibility of obtaining
book storage space in the new Divinity Hall.

Faithfully yours,

Gerhard R. Lomer

University Librarian.

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Bethlehem, D. St.

Aug. 16. 1930.

Sir Arthur Currie, K.C. M. G.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Your letter regarding storing of McGill
books in the stacks of the new Divinity
Hall has just reached me. I shall
certainly bring your request before the
Faculty at the earliest opportunity. At
present we are all scattered abroad,
as your own Faculty is. We do not
expect that Divinity Hall will be
completed until the end of the year.
It would not be in a fit state to
receive your books before then, so
that there will be plenty of time

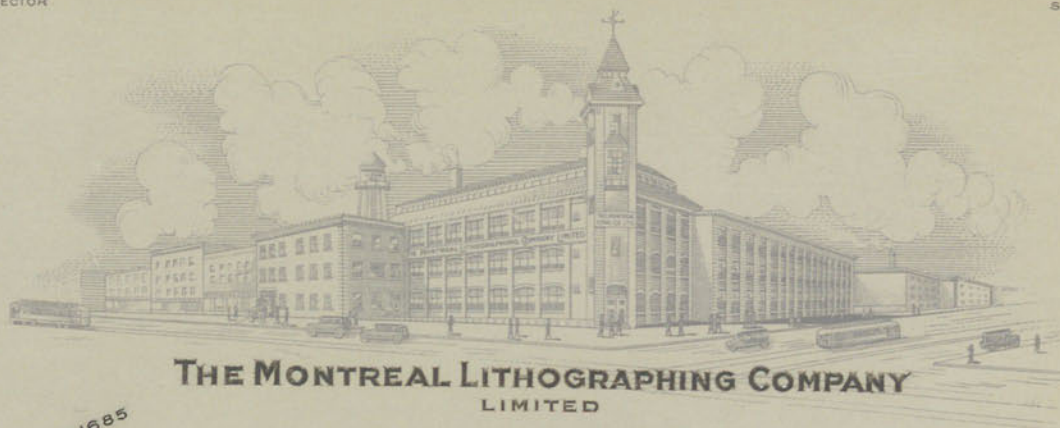
I present your request before we meet
in the latter part of September. I shall
certainly do this at our first meeting
and communicate the result to you,
which, I trust, will be favourable.

Yours very truly,
Oswald W. Howard.

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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 13th
in reference to book storage space in the base-
ment of new Divinity Hall.

As far as I can see at present there
should be no difficulty in letting you have some
space.

I will submit your letter to our
Board of Governors at their next meeting.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Campbell
Secretary
John Brady
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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

April 10, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

For your information I enclose copies of recent correspondence regarding our application for permission to use the basement stack of the new Divinity Hall.

Should permission be granted during my absence, arrangements have been made to proceed immediately with the transfer of books.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

L/F
Enc.

McGill University Library

March 4, 1931

Rev. Professor Oswald W. Howard,
Secretary to the Faculty of the
Joint Theological Colleges,
450 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Howard,

With reference to the correspondence which Sir Arthur Currie had with you last August regarding a request of the part of this University for the privilege of using temporarily the basement stack of Divinity Hall, may I ask, in the absence of the Principal, whether your Committee has approved this request and, if so, if it is possible to say at approximately what date the building will be finished.

Faithfully yours,

L/F

University Librarian.

March 6, 1931

G. R. Lomer, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.,
Librarian
McGill University.
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Your letter of the 4th instant regarding Sir Arthur Currie's request that McGill should have temporary use of the basement stack of Divinity Hall for the storing of books, has been duly received.

On receipt of Sir Arthur Currie's letter last autumn, I brought the matter before the Joint Faculty of the Theological Colleges. It was then thought that no action could be taken in view of the fact that Divinity Hall was, at that time, very far from completion. I shall bring the matter up again at the next meeting of the Faculty, when I hope that the Faculty will be able to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors in regard to your request.

I notice that you speak of the "temporary" use of the basement stack. Personally, I should be very glad if such a request should be granted.

I shall write you again as soon as any action is taken by the Faculty and Joint Board.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Oswald Howard

Secretary.

March 24, 1931

Dr. G. R. Lomer, PhD.,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lomer:

At yesterday's meeting of the Joint Faculty of the Montreal Theological Colleges, I read your letter in regard to obtaining the temporary use of the basement stack of Divinity Hall for certain books belonging to McGill University.

The Faculty requests me to advise you that the building is as yet far from finished; moreover, we do not know precisely what use we may make of the basement for ourselves; consequently no definite answer can as yet be given to your communication. Your request will receive further consideration at a later date.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Oswald Howard.

March 25, 1931

Rev. Professor Oswald W. Howard,
Secretary to the Faculty of the
Joint Theological Colleges,
450 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount.

Dear Dr. Howard,

Thank you for your letter of March 24
notifying me of the consideration which the Joint Faculty
of the Montreal Theological Colleges has given to our re-
quest for permission to use the basement stack of Divinity
Hall.

On Sir Arthur's return I shall notify
him as to the present situation and I am sure that we
shall both look forward to hearing, at a later date, that
it will be possible for us to make temporary use of the
space in question.

Faithfully yours,

L/F

University Librarian.

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

October 9th, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Now that the new Divinity Hall has officially been opened, would it be possible for you to ask them to consider definitely our request for the loan of shelf space in their basement stack?

I have seen the accommodation, and understand that a considerable amount of shelf space will be unused for a year or two.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

GRL/AC

October 9, 1931.

Dr. Oswald Howard,
Secretary, Joint Board of the Theological Colleges,
450 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount, P. Q.

Dear Dr. Howard,

Dr. Lomer has been to see me this morning to ask that I take up with you again the matter of the loan to our Library of shelf space in the basement of the new Divinity Hall. I note from correspondence he submits that on March 6th you said that you would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Faculty and hoped that a recommendation would be made to grant the University the temporary use of the basement stack for the much-needed storage for our overflow books. Then on March 24th you wrote again saying that the matter would have to be deferred until the building was finished.

Now that Divinity Hall is open, will you be good enough to ask the Joint Board to grant this favour? Dr. Lomer understands that a considerable amount of shelf space will be unused for a year or two.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

October 28th, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur: Re: Library Storage

For your information I am making the following report of progress in the matter of Library storage:

- I LAW BOOKS The room in the Stable containing surplus Law books, and uncatalogued material, is being cleared by the transference of this material to the South room on the first floor of the Old Divinity Hall.
- As this requires a complete rearrangement of the volumes, work will necessarily be slow, but I have two men on the job, and Miss Craig and Professor Scott are being consulted as to the arrangement in the new room.
- II NEW DIVI-NITY HALL In accordance with your instructions, I have arranged with Reverend Dr. Howard to occupy a portion of their basement storage stack for a period of three years and at our own risk. This space will contain between ten and fifteen thousand volumes. Our first use of it will be for the books on religion, ecclesiastical history, and the Bible, at present only moderately used in our own stack, and likely to be of greater use in the new location.
- III PRINCIPAL'S STABLE The space vacated by the Law books will be used for the "London Times" and the "Gazette", at present stored in Old Divinity Hall.
- IV OLD DIVI-NITY HALL Two additional basement rooms are being prepared for dead storage of duplicates, presentations of future value, and paper material.

copy to the Principal.

October 28th, 1931.

Dr. Oswald Howard,
Secretary,
Joint Board of the Theological Colleges,
450 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Howard:

With reference to the generous permission of the Joint Board of the Theological Colleges in answer to Sir Arthur Currie's request for the use of a part of the basement stack in the new Divinity Hall, I wish to express our very deep appreciation of the timely assistance which you are affording at this moment.

After having seen the shelving in question, I now suggest that we take advantage of this space immediately on the following conditions, which I trust will meet with the approval of the Board:

1. Two double stacks and one single stack will be available with a storage content of between ten - fifteen thousand volumes.
2. The space will be available for our use for three years, at the end of which the continuance of the loan may be considered by the Joint Board.
3. The books placed on the shelves will be at the risk of the University, by which insurance will be carried on such books in storage.
4. Books required by the University Library will be called for by the Library messenger who will be authorized to withdraw the books from the shelves.
5. It is proposed that the books on Theology and Church History in the Redpath Library building will be among the first placed on the shelves in Divinity Hall, and

THE LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Sir Arthur Currie
re: Library Storage

October 28th, 1931

Trusting that this rearrangement, though it involves a good deal of extra work, will alleviate our present congestion, and also make the books more available when needed,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

J. P. Loner.

University Librarian.

GRL/AC

Dr. Oswald Howard.

October 28th, 1931

the University Library will be glad to extend the use of these volumes to the students and staff in Divinity Hall, provided that they are used subject to the regulations in force regarding the other volumes in your Library.

Trusting that these suggestions will meet with your approval, and with sincere thanks for your kind cooperation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,


University Librarian.

GRL/AG

C O P Y

The Joint Board of
THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES
affiliated to
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

3520 University Street
MONTREAL

November 4th, 1931.

G. R. Lomer, Esq., Ph. D.,
Librarian, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lomer:

At its meeting on Monday afternoon, the Joint Faculty of the Theological Colleges received your letter of October 28th for consideration. The conditions which you enumerate are all thoroughly satisfactory to the Joint Faculty, and there is nothing to hinder your placing the books on our shelves at any time that you care to do so. I would suggest that in bringing them in, you should bring them through the side door at the north of the building, as this is on the same level as the stock room.

The Joint Faculty was very gratified to know that you are putting books on Theology and church History in Divinity Hall, and also with your generous statement that these books may be used by our staff and students, subject to the regulations in force in our own library.

Yours very truly,

Oswald W. Howard.

Secretary, Joint Faculty.

Proposed Use of David Morrice Hall.

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

April 6, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

At its regular quarterly meeting held yesterday, the Library Committee considered the possibility of obtaining permission to use the David Morrice Hall in the Presbyterian College as an extension to the Reading Room of the Redpath Library, and the suggestion was made that possibly Moyse Hall might be placed at the disposal of the Presbyterian College for its convocations.

As this matter was left in your hands for further action, I am sending you this memorandum of the proposal of the Library Committee.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

H/

University Librarian.

June 8th, 1932.

Reverend Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie,
Principal, Presbyterian College,
Montreal. I. Q.

My dear Principal,

At the Spring Quarterly Meeting of our Library Committee, the question of the congestion in the University Library was again discussed, and I was asked to bring before you the suggestion that the University might possibly come to some arrangement with the Presbyterian College for the use of the David Morrice Hall as an extension reading room. I understand that this Hall is only used about two or three times during the year, and we should, in exchange, be glad to offer you the use of Moyse Hall instead.

I wonder if the Presbyterian College would be willing to help the University temporarily by allowing us the use of the Hall for this purpose? No alterations would be necessary, I am sure. It is just that we are so crowded in the library now that we cannot find room for the students to read.

I should greatly appreciate it if you can see your way clear to grant this request.

With kind regards,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

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THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
(AFFILIATED TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY)
MONTREAL

June 18th.1932.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

On my return to Montreal on Wednesday, I found your letter of the 8th. instant, regarding the David Morrice Hall, awaiting me, and I brought the matter before a meeting of our Board of Management held Thursday evening. The members of our Board are of course sympathetic toward the request, but it was thought well to appoint a small committee to meet with representatives from your library committee, in order to ascertain in detail just what the proposal would involve. The members of this committee, other than myself, are as follows: Rev. G. H. Donald, 1523 Crescent Street, D. M. Rowat, Aldred Building, Place D'Armes; W. J. Morrice, 760 Victoria Square.

I would suggest that you arrange, through Dr. Donald, to have these men meet your representatives at the College at some convenient time. Unfortunately, I am leaving the city again on Monday, to be away until about July 20th. and will therefore not be able to give the matter any personal attention until after that date.

Yours faithfully,

J. Scott MacKenzie

Principal.

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Friday afternoon
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until*

*MacKenzie returns
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THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
MONTREAL

July 6, 1932

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal

Dear Sir:

RE: DAVID MORRICE LIBRARY
THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL

A letter from you was read to the College Board some few weeks ago by Principal Mackenzie, and a Committee was appointed to look into the matter.

I have taken communication of a letter from the late David Morrice, dated November 23rd, 1880, to Principal MacVicar, from which the following is an extract:

"I have resolved, after mature consideration of the whole matter, to erect for the purposes of the College only, a Convocation hall, and suitable library buildings, with a much needed new Dining hall and twenty-five or thirty new Dormitories for the use of the Students."

Under the circumstances, after conferring with Mr. Wm. J. Morrice, we have come to the conclusion that the matter should not be taken up until Principal Mackenzie's return to Montreal.

I/P

Yours very truly,

Wm. J. Morrice

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July 12th, 1932.

D. McK. Rowat, Esq.,
Secretary of the Board of Management,
Presbyterian College,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Sir,

Let me acknowledge with thanks
your letter of July 6th. I note that the matter
of the use of the David Morrice Hall by the
McGill Library will not be taken up until Principal
Mackenzie's return to Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

September 22nd, 1932.

Reverend Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie,
Principal, The Presbyterian College,
Montreal. P. Q.

My dear Principal,

I had a letter on July 6th from
Mr. D. McK. Rowat, Secretary of the Board of
Management of the Presbyterian College, in which
he informed me that the College could not give
me an answer regarding my request for the use of
the David Morrice Hall by the McGill Library
until you had returned to the City.

Will you bear this in mind and
let me know as soon as you conveniently can?
It means a great deal to McGill if the Presby-
terian College can see fit to grant our request
for the temporary use of the Hall. I sincerely hope
your answer will be, yes.

With all good wishes for the coming
session,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Copy for Mr. Arthur

September 26, 1932.

Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie,
Principal
Presbyterian College,
McTavish Street,
Montreal.

COPY

Dear Dr. Mackenzie:

As the annual meeting of the Library Committee will be held on Monday, October 10th, it would be a great convenience if I could have a memorandum on the proposed use of the David Morrice Hall by McGill University for Library purposes (as outlined at our recent conference), should your committee meet before October 10th.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my very cordial appreciation of your assistance in this matter.

Faithfully yours,

H/

University Librarian.



THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
(AFFILIATED TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY)
MONTREAL

October 7th.1932.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

At a meeting of our Board of Management, held last evening, your request regarding the use of the David Morrice Hall was carefully considered. I am glad to be able to tell you, that the Board is most sympathetic in the matter and wishes to do everything possible in order to meet the need of the University for additional reading room for the Students. They feel, that while it may *occasion* *some* inconvenience, there is no insuperable obstacle in the way, and a Committee was appointed, of which Mr. D. M. Rowat is Chairman, to discuss the details of the proposition with representatives whom you may appoint, and with authority to issue the matter if satisfactory arrangements can be made, so that there may be the least possible delay in your taking possession.

The hope was expressed that it might be found possible to hold our Opening and Closing Convocations in the David Morrice Hall as before. This means a great deal to many friends of the College, who do not relish the idea of having these functions held elsewhere.

It seems to me that it would not be really difficult to arrange this, because any furniture that you would bring into the hall, apart from the book shelves, could be removed easily and replaced afterwards, and the book cases themselves would not interfere seriously with the accomodation of a Convocation audience.

I am very hopeful that we can work this out to the satisfaction of all concerned, and I am much gratified by the feeling shown by our Board in the whole discussion. There was absolute unanimity in the matter. I am informing Dr. Lomer also of the action taken.

Yours faithfully,

J. Scott MacKenzie

Principal.

October 8, 1932.

Reverend F. Scott Mackenzie,
Principal, Presbyterian College,
Montreal.

My dear Principal,

I am grateful for your letter of even date regarding the use of the David Morrice Hall for Library purposes. Let me assure you that your kind consideration of our request is very gratifying to the University authorities and to myself personally. I have asked Dr. Lomer to get in touch with your Committee, to work out the details in a manner which will be mutually satisfactory, and we shall of course wish to respect your wishes regarding the use of the Hall on certain occasions.

With kindest personal wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Presbyterian college - Convocation Hall.

To be used as a Reading Room.

Presbyterian college ~~eg~~ suggest rental of \$200⁰⁰ per month
including light, heat & cleaning. \$1600 -

12 Kolorphone lights would cost installed 370 -

Furniture: 25 tables 175 -
100 chairs 300 -
Book bases 125 -

Salaries 1000 -

\$570.

Reserve the right to use the Hall @ 48 hours
notice

Agreement for session only.

October 26th, 1932.

Reverend Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie,
Principal, Presbyterian College,
Montreal. P. Q.

My dear Principal,

Let me thank you for the trouble you have taken in getting together your Committee, to consider whether or not the David Morrice Hall could be made available to McGill University, to be used for Library purposes.

Dr. Lomer tells me that your Committee suggest a rental of Two Hundred Dollars per month, which would include light, heat and cleaning, the agreement to be for one session only, and the Presbyterian College to reserve the right to use the Hall any time at 48 hours' notice.

When we add to this expenditure the amount we would have to spend to instal proper lights, plus the cost of the necessary furniture and the salaries for supervision, we find it is more than we can afford, and therefore there is nothing to do but to tell you that we cannot make use of the Hall on the terms which your Committee offer us.

Once more thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully

Principal



THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
(AFFILIATED TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY)
MONTREAL

October 27th.1932.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I quite understand the position of the University in the matter of taking over the David Morrice Hall for Library purposes: the expense involved might seem hardly to be justified, especially in view of the uncertainty of tenure. Our Board is of course responsible for the terms suggested, but I know they did not want to suggest something prohibitive, and if you thought it worth while, I am sure they would willingly discuss the matter further. So far as our using the Hall is concerned, apart from the Opening and Closing Exercises each session, it would rest largely with me to decide when it might be required, and I would certainly not disturb the arrangement unless it were really necessary.

I am sorry to see this plan fall through, and I wish to assure you, that if I can still be of any service as an intermediary I shall be pleased indeed to do so.

Yours faithfully,

J. Scott MacKenzie

Principal.

ALEX^R BISSETT
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7th November, 1932.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, C.G.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

*David
Morrice
Hall*

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

On my return from a trip to the West your letter addressed to Dr Mackenzie with reference to the proposed use of the David Morrice Hall by McGill University has been brought to my attention. I am sorry if the terms submitted by the Board are regarded by you as being somewhat onerous and I would like to make clear to you that as far as the Board of the Presbyterian College is concerned it was their desire to meet the requirements of McGill as far as possible. The conditions laid down in our letter were really tentative and our thought was that they would form a basis for discussion if that was necessary. The Committee who met your Mr Bentley tried to convey this thought and my purpose in writing to you is to make that quite clear.

If there is any suggestion which you have to offer I will be very glad to take it up promptly with the College Board. Might I add that it is the desire

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of all to have as close relations between the College and the University as possible and our Board felt that the use of the David Morrice Hall as a Library was a further step in this direction.

Yours very truly,

Alex Russell

Chairman

Book Storage - Animal House

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

February 18, 1929.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

Referring to your letter of January 31st
I shall be glad to accept your offer of the old
Animal House for book storage for the present, since
no better accommodation can apparently be provided.

Will you be so good as to ask Mr. MacFarlane
to let Miss Haddow know when the building will be ready
for occupation ?

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.


per C. F. M.

25th February, 1929.

Dear Mr. Macfarlane,

Dr. Lomer tells me that he will accept the offer of the old Animal House for book storage as soon as it is ready for occupation. I think we might let him have it. but I would like to make sure, first of all, about the availability of other places for animals in the Biological Building.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. W. Macfarlane,
Superintending Engineer,
McGill University.

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

January 26, 1929.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

With reference to your offer this morning of the stable behind the Royal Victoria College for book storage, I think that, after a rather complicated series of moves, we will be able to free for the use of the Gest Library five large sections of shelving in the upper section of the Chinese Library. It will not, however, be possible to move the London Times for the present, as they require special shelving and are continually consulted.

This moving will involve the following:

1. Packing in cases (for storage in the Royal Victoria College stable) the law books now in the Principal's stable.
2. Using the shelving thus released for books that are seldom used in various sections of the Library stack.
3. Transferring to some of the space thus made available the books now occupying the space desired by the Chinese Library.

THE LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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Dr. C. F. Martin.

For this moving and packing I should estimate that from three weeks to a month would be required and the services of two men to assist a member of the Library Staff who would have charge of the alterations.

I shall be glad to explain the proposed changes to you in detail, if necessary, next week.

Thanking you for your consideration of the interests of the Library as a whole,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Q. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

J. C. F. H.

31st January, 1929.
(Dict. 30th January)

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
McGill University Library,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

With reference to the storage of books
in the stable at the Royal Victoria College, Mr. MacFarlane
has an alternative suggestion.

There is a commodious Animal House next to
the Power House which will soon be vacant. There will be
room for a great many cases in it, and it should be free
from dampness. I will call on you early in the week when
I get over my present attack of cold and get out of my bed.
We can then discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

Acting Principal.

April 5, 1935.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I remember the question which arose a few years ago about the old numbers of the GAZETTE in the Library, and in looking for something else the other day in the Goverhorns' Minute Books, I came across the following:

Meeting of October 30, 1897, it was RESOLVED
"That the Board accepts with pleasure Mr. Richard
White's kind offer to place in the University
Library the early volumess of the Montreal Gazette
and agrees to hold the same at the risk of Mr.
White and his heirs, upon the understanding that
they shall be returned at his or their request."

Yours faithfully,

Dr. G.R.Lomer,
University Librarian.

*Re Earliest Issues of The Gazette on file in our
Library*

The Gazette
Montreal.

Personal

SEPT. 26th 1927

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE
PRINCIPAL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY
M O N T R E A L.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I attach copy of a letter received to-day from the librarian of McGill University, Mr. Lomer.

In explanation would say that, last week I asked one of our people to call on Mr. Lomer and inquire whether the first volumes of The Gazette and the first volumes of the Quebec Mercury, as well as other old volumes of The Gazette were in the Library. Although the volumes of The Gazette of 1785 or 1786 are still in their possession the really valuable volumes, namely, the first two complete volumes of The Gazette, 1778 and 1779 do not appear to be there, nor is the Quebec Mercury, the date of which is somewhere about 1822 or 1823.

Some years ago, possibly 30 or more, Mr. Gould at that time Librarian at McGill, called on my father to see these old volumes, and as we were not, at that time, housed in a fireproof building, Mr. Gould suggested it was rather a mistake to have such valuable property kept in premises where there might be a possible loss by fire. A personal agreement was made between my father and Mr. Gould that he would be willing to allow McGill to take charge of these volumes, the principal reason for this action being that they would be stored in a

fireproof building and be cared for by the Librarian of the University and that they would be available for inspection by students who might take an interest in these old volumes and in this way be of greater service than they were at that time locked up in our safe.

I have had it on my mind for some time to make inquiry and find out just what has become of these volumes and our inquiry of last week has lead to the letter, copy of which I attach. My primary object in making this inquiry was not to ask that the volumes be restored to us but more to keep track of them, as I have had, for a long time, a suspicion that possibly somebody might have got hold of them and they may have disappeared from McGill Library altogether. On the other hand, there is quite a possibility that for safe keeping they may have been put away with other records and that Mr. Lomer's attention not being called to them, he does not know just where to put his hands on them, and I am writing you to ask your good offices to assist me, if possible, in tracing these volumes.

As the volumes were handed to Mr. Gould so many years ago, and as it was purely a personal transaction between my father and the Librarian, we fail to find any records either in our Company Minute Book or correspondence, although I remember there were letters exchanged at the time, so we really have nothing to show, as far as we have yet ascertained without making a thorough search, as to the date and exact character of the transaction.

What I am, naturally, interested in, as I say above, is not in asking McGill to return the volumes, but to get some trace of where they are, as they are of a character that cannot be replaced, and so far as we are concerned, of inestimable value.

Could I ask you, if it is not too much trouble, to take this matter up and see if any record or trace can be found of these volumes. In the absence of our own records I would believe these volumes were handed to McGill somewhere in the early nineties, but it may have been at a later date. That we had them and that they were given to Mr. Gould, I have not the slightest hesitation in affirming, as we have, as you know, a facsimile of the first page of the volumes that were given containing the two years of the original Gazette printed entirely in French and beginning from June 1778.

We have, in addition to the volumes Mr. Lomer says he still has, namely, those dated about 1786/7, several other old volumes, but no complete volume, and it is the original and first two years I am, naturally, most interested in. The size at that time was quite small being, approximately, 7 x 10, and the volume of the Quebec Mercury was possibly a little larger printed all in English.

Anything you can do to assist us in tracing these volumes will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Smeaton Colick

C O P Y

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

SEPT. 23rd 1927

SENATOR WHITE
THE GAZETTE
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:

I promised your representative a few days ago to send you a statement, if I could find one, regarding the way in which the early "Gazette" came into the Library. I have examined Mr. Gould's records and the Minute Book of the Library Committee without success thus far. I am still searching correspondence.

This is merely to assure you that the matter has not been overlooked and that further information will be sent as soon as it is available.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully
SGD. G.R. LOMER
Librarian

LIBRARIAN'S SECRETARY

FILE

General Gazette.

Special _____

September 27th, 1927.

Personal.

Honourable Smeaton White,
The Gazette,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Senator:-

This is to acknowledge your
letter of yesterday.

I will see Dr. Lomer at once
and we shall have a search made. I sincerely
hope that the volumes of which you speak can be
found.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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MONTREAL

October 19, 1927.

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Montreal Gazette

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have not overlooked the matter of doing my best to investigate the alleged possession of the early numbers of the Montreal Gazette by the Library as a transfer made between Senator White and my predecessor, Mr. C. H. Gould.

I have made as thorough a search as possible without satisfactory result and would ask you to keep in mind the following conditions which bear upon the matter:

1. The contents of the Library have been rearranged three times in the last few years without bringing the volume in question to light.
2. The staff has almost entirely changed since the transfer is supposed to have taken place and I cannot obtain even opinions on the matter.
3. The system of Library records at the date in question was not as complete or accurate as at present and I cannot find any mention of the volume, though I have searched the correspondence and the Minute Book for several years.

THE LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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Sir Arthur Currie.

The one definite fact is that the Montreal Gazette for 1788-89 appears in our catalogue, in our accession book, and in our shelf list without any reference to an earlier volume. If there had been an earlier volume the presumption would be that it would naturally be catalogued at the same time or would be entered if subsequently received. Mr. Gould was very particular about early Canadiana and I cannot conceive of him not making the usual entries. The volume which we have was on exhibit in the Gallery of the Reading Room for many years, together with other early Canadian volumes, during Mr. Gould's tenure of office, and I feel certain that he would have exhibited the earlier volume if it had been in his possession.

I regret that my information should be of so negative a character, but I have no record to show that this volume was in the Library when I was appointed Librarian and all my efforts to trace it in the records at my disposal only go to indicate that either the volume never was here or, if it could be proved to have been here, the ordinary Library record of it was not made and for such an omission I can propose no explanation.

Faithfully yours,

P. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

October 22, 1927.

The Honourable Smeaton White,
The Gazette Printing Company,
St. Antoine Street.

My dear Senator:-

We have made a serious investigation into the facts relative to the files of the Montreal Gazette in the University Library and concerning the transfer of certain numbers between the Gazette Printing Company and the Library.

I find that in three complete rearrangements of the Library contents the volume in question has not appeared and that no present member of the staff has even any opinion on the matter.

Dr. Lomer has searched the correspondence and the minute book and can find no record, nor is there any reference to the volume in any catalogue. The Montreal Gazette for 1788-89 appears in the catalogue, in the accession book and in the shelf list without any reference to an earlier volume. It was on exhibit for many years together with many other Canadian volumes and had we then been in possession of an earlier volume, it seems almost certain that it would have been exhibited. Mr. Gould, the former librarian, was very particular about Canadiana, and it is most unlikely that such a volume would have been in his possession without being either exhibited or catalogued.

Thus the only facts at our disposal indicate that the volume was never in our possession and I fear that there is little or no prospect of success in further investigation.

The Gazette
Montreal.

OCT. 25th 1927

Personal.

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE
PRINCIPAL MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL.

My dear Sir Arthur:

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd with reference to the first volumes of The Gazette, which, I believe, were given to Mr. Gould, the then librarian, for safe keeping. As I wrote you in my first communication, I fail to find any formal acknowledgment from Mr. Gould for these volumes and, consequently, as the whole claim is based on my recollection, we cannot hold, nor do we propose to hold the University at fault in this matter.

The only further suggestion I make is that, I do not believe this volume, - which I would readily recognize - can be duplicated, and if at some future date you should learn some institution or dealer had the first two years of The Gazette, viz: 1778-79, bound in one volume, I believe this would identify what we are looking for. I am not altogether without hope that the volume is still in Montreal as I know one collector, who is still alive, was a most notorious purloiner of rare volumes and was caught in the act more than once. It is quite possible that at that time, or about the date these were sent to McGill this collector may have caught his hooks on this volume and it may yet turn up.

I was very much shocked when my father told me he had parted with the volume, as it is a matter of great interest to the historian, and although we are not especially ambitious to claim the ownership, it is a great disappointment to feel we had these volumes proving the early history of The Gazette and that they should have disappeared.

I have, in my possession, a little booklet printed by the same printer under the date of 1776, the firm then being F. Mesplet and C. Berger. This book, I believe, represents the first printing production made in either Upper or Lower Canada, as I am of opinion the city of Halifax had some printing machinery prior to this date. I, naturally, hesitate to part with this interesting little volume with the recollection of what has happened to our files. In any case, I wish again to thank you for the personal interest and trouble you have taken in this matter and can only ask, as I say above, that you keep it in mind so that at some future date we may be able to get some trace of it.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Wolik

The Gazette
Montreal.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FEB. 12th 1930

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE
PRINCIPAL MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL.

My dear Sir Arthur:

You will remember some time ago I wrote you inquiring about certain old volumes of newspapers which my father had given to Mr. Gould, at that time the librarian of the University.

What occurred was: one day, probably about the late nineties Mr. Gould was visiting my father at his office and inspected these volumes. He pointed out the risk that we were running in keeping, what he considered, such valuable property in a building that was not fire-proof, and suggested they be put in his charge and he would undertake to keep them in the University Library - the understanding being that we were not parting with our property but simply handing it over to him for safe-keeping.

When I wrote you inquiring about these volumes you advised me no record existed in the Library concerning them and you could not give me any information. I have had our people follow the matter up and now find the following volumes are on exhibition in the Library building.

<i>Property of J. R. White</i>	—	Gazette du Commerce	No. 1	1778	Bound	Volume
<i>Source unknown</i>	—	The Montreal Gazette	Jan.	1804	"	"
<i>Mrs. Beaumont</i>	—	Montreal Gazette		1806	"	"
<i>Source unknown</i>	—	Quebec Gazette		1781	"	"
		Quebec Mercury		1805	"	"

These are the volumes I referred to and are the property of The Gazette. It occurred to me that possibly not being the property of the Library they were not listed in the catalogue and this might explain why you were not able to find any trace of them in the inquiry you made resulting from my letter.

The present situation is that we do not wish to give up our proprietorship in these volumes and if it is necessary that they should be repaired or anything

done to preserve them in proper condition, we will be very glad to do whatever is necessary; at the same time, we recognize the force of Mr. Gould's argument which he used with my father by having them in the University Library - that they would be available to students and others who might be interested in them to a greater degree than, perhaps, they would be in our own establishment. If an arrangement of this kind is not entirely satisfactory and as we now have proper fire-proof accommodation where we could keep the volumes, will you be good enough to take up this matter again and see whether, by any chance, the claim of ownership has been transferred to anyone else than the University, as the history of the volumes as reported above is, I can assure you, absolutely correct, although, unfortunately, I cannot put my hand on any letter from Mr. Gould acknowledging receipt of the volumes, but possibly the University Library file may show this if the records are further examined.

Yours sincerely

Sumner White

2 Mr. Komer

Please note, verify if possible and see me about it.

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W. C. Wood

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

February 14, 1930

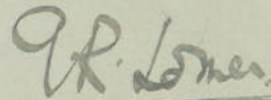
Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to Mr. White's letter of February 12th which you referred to me, so far as I know no record exists in the Library regarding these Gazettes. What their early history was I have not been able to find from an examination of the Library Committee minutes for a period of years. The accession book indicates that they were catalogued just before my appointment in 1920 and probably in the interval following Mr. Gould's death. In the record they are entered as "source unknown", which would seem to confirm my opinion that no available Library record of them exists. I do not know where my predecessor kept them before they were catalogued, and I have no means of proving that they either were or were not presented or loaned by the Gazette.

Should you so desire, I could have a search made of the minutes of the Committee from the beginning but an examination of old correspondence files would be out of the question without more definite information regarding the probable date when the volumes first came into the Library.

Faithfully yours,



University Librarian.

L/F

21st February, 1930.

Honourable Smeadon White,
The Gazette Publishing Company,
M o n t r e a l .

My dear Senator,

With further reference to our recent correspondence regarding the old volumes of newspapers loaned to the University by your late father, I have to inform you that the bound volume of the "Gazette du Commerce" No. 1 - 1778 really contains two volumes, the issues of 1778 and 1779.

I am quite sure the reason this was not acknowledged as being in our possession in 1927 was that our library officials did not recognize the "Gazette du Commerce" as the Montreal Gazette.

The earliest issue of the Montreal Gazette we have appears to be for the years 1788-89.

On the cover of the volume of the Montreal Gazette, January, 1804, appear the words "Property of T. R. White".

Our records with reference to the Montreal Gazette, 1806, and the Quebec Mercury, 1805, simply state, "Source unknown". We have searched the files back for many years and can find no correspondence

4. Dr.Lomer phoned to say that "1781 Quebec Gazette" was the property of the Library. It bears the notation that it came to us on Nov. 10, 1922, from Mrs.J.B.Learmont; that is the ordinary way of indicating a gift. Moreover, the accession note of that volume is 1922. The others all are in the accession book 1919-1920.

concerning them. Dr. Lomer thinks that Mr. Gould had somehow or other neglected to make any note concerning them, and after Mr. Gould's death there was nobody on the library staff who knew the history of the volumes, and so they were marked "Source unknown".

With reference to these four:-

Gazette du Commerce No.1, 1778-79
 The Montreal Gazette, January, 1804
 The Montreal Gazette, 1806
 The Quebec Mercury, 1805

we are quite willing to acknowledge that the ownership rests with the Montreal Gazette and that your information concerning them constitutes the correct history. Yet we sincerely hope that you will leave them in the Library, and I assure you that our records will in future disclose their source.

With reference to the Quebec Gazette of 1789, this is distinctly shown in our records to have come from Mrs. Learmont and to have been given to the University in the regular way, on November 10th, 1922.

I am sorry it has taken so long to clear up this matter, but had our officials known that the Gazette 1778-79 was really the "Gazette du Commerce" there would have been no confusion.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

The Gazette
Montreal.

FEB. 25th 1930

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Personal

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE
PRINCIPAL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY
M O N T R E A L.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have yours of the 21st and am glad to learn the volumes we gave to the Librarian for safe-keeping have turned up. I note what you say with reference to the volume of the Quebec Gazette of 1789 having been donated to the University by the late Mrs. Learmonth. I have no doubt this is absolutely correct, and as my correspondence with you with regard to the dates of the volumes was largely from memory, I did not know whether this particular volume was one of ours or not and, naturally presumed, being with the others, it was one of the same lot. However, I am glad to have your letter recognizing our ownership in the other four volumes, and I presume the Librarian has knowledge of this situation, as we would like to, if possible, follow it up in the way I suggested in my letter, namely, to put the volumes in a good state of preservation, at our expense, should it be required. We are quite willing to carry out the arrangement suggested in our former letter with reference to the volumes remaining in the custody of the University,- the only time we would be likely to require them ourselves would be in the case of an exhibition when we would wish to either show them in Montreal or elsewhere.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in this matter, I am,

Yours sincerely

Samuel Holik

February 26th, 1930.

Honourable Senator Smeadon White,
"The Gazette",
M o n t r e a l .

My dear Senator,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th February with further reference to the volumes of early numbers of "The Gazette" in the Redpath Library.

I have given the Librarian full details of the situation and our records will be made immediately to disclose the ownership of these volumes as outlined in my letter of February 21st and your reply of the 25th February.

Dr. Lomár has just left on his annual vacation trip, but upon his return next month I am sure he would be very glad indeed to consult with you as to your offer to put the books in a good state of preservation.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

February 26th, 1930.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

With further reference to the volumes of "The Gazette" given to the late Mr. Gould by the proprietor of the newspaper for safe-keeping, please note that Senator White is willing to leave the volumes in our care and says that the only time they would be likely to require them would be in the case of an exhibition, when they might wish to show them, either in Montreal or elsewhere.

In the letter which I have from Senator White today he also says that he is quite willing to put these volumes in a complete state of repair if it is necessary.

I attach herewith, for your information, copy of my letter to Senator White of February 21st, and would ask that records now be made in the Library to disclose their source as outlined therein.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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MONTREAL

February 27, 1930

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

re: MONTREAL GAZETTES

Dear Sir Arthur,

This will acknowledge your letter and enclosure of February 26th; they will be brought to Dr. Lomer's attention upon his return from Bermuda March 24th.

I have instructed the Head of the Cataloguing Department to enter the source of the Montreal Gazettes in question in our accession book, as outlined by you.

Yours faithfully,

George W. Furman.

Secretary to the Librarian.

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The Gazette
Montreal.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JULY 25th 1930

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
PRINCIPAL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY
M O N T R E A L.

My dear Sir Arthur:

Referring to our recent correspondence with reference to old volumes of The Gazette which, under your letter of February 21st, you acknowledged having in the University Library under the charge of the Librarian there, four volumes which were given to the University for safe-keeping.

I send you inclosed a clipping from The Gazette of this morning which may have escaped your attention and in which you will note that the four volumes in the possession of the University, as well as a number of others, were in our possession at that time. In checking up I find we have practically all the other odd volumes mentioned in this paragraph with the exception of "1812". Will it be too much trouble to have your people make a further search and ascertain whether the volume of 1812 is not also in the Library. My recollection of this particular volume is that it is about $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " in size and contains two columns on each page. Speaking entirely from memory, I believe it had the Royal Coat of Arms on the front page and was more or less an "Official Gazette" but as it is not an official gazette in the sense that we now understand it - containing a considerable amount of news matter of that period - it would be of interest if this particular volume could be located.

You will remember when I first wrote you asking that a search be made for these old volumes, I advised you I had no record in writing and was depending on my memory. The item, however, taken from The Gazette of 1880 I think will prove to your entire satisfaction that my memory was not very much at fault in connection with the volumes we gave to Mr. Gould.

There is no special rush about this matter and being the holiday season possibly it may not be convenient to take it up at once, but if you would put it on file for

your librarian on his return from his vacation, should he be away at the moment, I would feel obliged.

Incidental to these volumes, you will remember that I asked as to their condition and if there are any repairs to be made in order to ensure their preservation, we will, of course, be glad to attend to this.

Yours sincerely

Sineaton White

Fifty Years Ago (1880.)

It is ten years since The Gazette entered into the hands of the present management of Messrs. Thomas and Richard White, and we seize the opportunity to make our acknowledgments for the cordial and generous support which has been tendered to it. The Gazette is, we are inclined to think, the oldest in the world retaining its original name. We have in our possession the first volume ever issued of it. It was published in French at the time, and the first number bears date June 3, 1778. We have also volumes of the years 1788, 1804, 1812, 1816, 1831 and 1836, and it has been continuously published ever since. It has always possessed considerable influence upon public opinion and for a great many years past has been the acknowledged representative of the British people in the Province of Quebec. It has never swerved in its political faith, having always been true to its allegiance to the Crown and staunch in its Conservative principles.

To Dr. Lomer:

Please note and return. I should be obliged if you would have another search made.

Antoine

July 26, 1930.

July 26th, 1930.

Honourable Smeadon White,
THE GAZETTE,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Senator,

This is but a brief
acknowledgment of your letter of yesterday.
I shall ask the Librarian to make another
search for the volume of 1812.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
LIBRARIAN

July 28, 1930

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

A copy of the inclosed letter and that of the clipping attached thereto, has been made, and at the earliest opportunity another search will be undertaken for the missing volume.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.
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University Librarian.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

October 13, 1930

Gazette

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose, for your files, a copy of my
letter to Senator White with reference to his letter
of July 25 addressed to you.

Faithfully yours,

G.R. Lomer

University Librarian.

L/F
Enc.

COPY for Sir Arthur Currie.

October 13, 1930

Senator Smeaton White,
3450 Stanley Street,
Montreal.

My dear Senator White,

Some time during the summer you wrote to Sir Arthur Currie with regard to the 1812 volume of the Gazette asking to have a search made to see if perhaps it was in this Library.

I have had a careful check made of our holdings and enclose copies of our records as they stand at present for the Montreal Gazette, the Gazette du Commerce, and the Quebec Mercury. I do not find any record for the year 1812. We shall, however, keep this date in mind and make a further search when checking uncatalogued material.

I regret very much indeed that you should be put to inconvenience in the matter of tracing these volumes but, as I told Sir Arthur, this transaction occurred during the régime of my predecessor and I have been able to find no record of it though I carefully looked through the Library Committee minutes for fifteen years. It is possible that some idea of when the transfer actually took place might enable me to search the library correspondence files for that period. We have at present a very strict rule regarding the acknowledgement of loans of this sort and of indicating the source of all gifts and it is as painful to me as it is annoying to you to find that there is a gap in records which should be complete. I have found, however, that a decade ago when the Library was smaller many things were done informally and without regard to future complications which usually arise from insufficient records.

I would like you to feel that we have done all that seems possible to trace the volume which you think might possibly have been included in the transfer and that we are

as anxious as you are that no doubt should be left in this matter.

As far as the binding or repairing of the volumes is concerned, they have been placed in the hands of the Superintendent of our Bindery, who is looking after them personally. Whatever charge is involved will be gladly borne by the Library as a slight and inadequate indication of its appreciation of your kindness in leaving the volumes with the University.

Faithfully yours,

L/F
Enc.

University Librarian.

COPY

COPY for Sir Arthur Currie

The Gazette

Montreal.

Oct. 14, 1930

G. R. LOMER, Esq., M.A.,
LIBRARIAN, MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
M O N T R E A L .

Dear Mr. Lomer,

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th with reference to the old volumes of The Gazette and "Quebec Mercury", given to the University Librarian some years ago for safe keeping.

The history of this transaction has, I think, already been brought to your attention, namely, they were given to Mr. Gould, the then librarian, somewhere between 1895 and 1900, and when I made my first inquiry of Sir Arthur I was told no records existed and, unfortunately, we did not have, or could not find, Mr. Gould's acknowledgment.

I am very glad that the matter has now been satisfactorily straightened out; and understand, according to your records, these volumes are held as the property of The Gazette by the Library according to our original intention so that they would be more available to students by being in the Library than they would be in the vaults of The Gazette.

There is another purpose we have in retaining the ownership of these volumes, namely, that if there should be an exhibition in which we were exhibiting samples of modern printing we might like to include these volumes as well as other old samples of printing we have, so that I would understand, on the order of our Secretary-Treasurer or any other authorized officer of the company, these volumes would be delivered to us.

I am much obliged for the trouble you have taken in this matter and again assure you of our satisfaction in having it settled.

With regard to the volume of 1812. I am not sure of this but if we did have this volume the record would probably be in the dates suggested above, namely, between 1895 and 1900.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Smeaton White.



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE
CUSTOMS DIVISION

REPLY (IF ANY) TO BE ADDRESSED TO
" COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS "
REFER TO FILE No. 140721

Book Plates

OTTAWA, 17th April, 1928.
CANADA

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant with respect to the marking of the country of origin on book plates imported from England by the McGill University Library.

I may state for your information that, under the provisions of Section 12 A of the Customs Tariff Act, printed or lithographed matter imported into Canada is required to be marked with an indication of the country of origin "in a conspicuous place that shall not be covered or obscured by any subsequent attachment or arrangement of the goods", and, accordingly printed or lithographed book plates are required to be marked with an indication of the country of origin on the obverse side, as marking on the reverse side would result in the indication being obscured when the book plate is put to the use to which it is intended.

In the circumstances the department is unable to comply with your request and authorize delivery without marking or with marking on the reverse side.

Yours truly,

for Commissioner of Customs.

Wilfred Bovey, Esq.,
Director,
Dept. of Extra-Mural Relations,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

April 12, 1928.

J. Watson, Esq.,
Dominion Appraiser,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Watson:-

I enclose you herewith note from the Library concerning a ruling made here regarding book-plates, together with sample of the plate referred to.

You will note that these plates are engravings and are not printed. They have been made at great expense and the stamp 'Printed in England' entirely spoils them.

We are quite prepared to pay the correct rate of duty on them as engravings but I hope that we need not have them stamped.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey,

Director, Department of Extra-
Mural Relations.

Bindery

PETER REDPATH MUSEUM

McGill University.

Lyman Entomological Room.

Montreal, 31 May, 1930

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Librarian, McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer:

It was with much satisfaction that we received, this morning, a number of last year's Entomological periodicals sent you for binding a little over a month ago. Not only is this a great improvement in the matter of expedition through your Binding and Cataloguing Depts., but the binding itself is much better both in quality of materials and workmanship than that you have had done for us in recent years. A word of commendation is also due as to the cleanliness of the books when delivered.

Coming from one who has probably had more experience with binders and binding than anyone else connected with the University, I hope a very small suggestion may be permitted. In cutting off the corners of the boards at top and bottom a little too much is being removed, making the notch deeper than is customary in the best British and Continental binderies. There is nothing to be gained by it and its possible danger in weakening the back after a few years' time is obvious.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Albert F. Winn.

For your information.

G. R. L.

Bodleian Librarians visit

June 10th, 1930.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

The Principal has asked me to tell you that he is very sorry he will not be in Montreal on September 13th to meet the representatives of the Bodleian Library and the Librarians from Cambridge during their stay in Montreal en route to the United States.

The Principal thinks Dr. Martin is likely to be the only senior professor here, and is sure he would be very glad to show these people some attention. He will speak to Dr. Martin about the matter.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Principal.

Dr. Colby

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MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

October 4, 1929.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

If there should arise an opportunity of adding Dr. C. W. Colby to the Library Committee, I should be very glad to have his name kept in mind. Dr. Colby was formerly a member of the Committee and is at the moment particularly interested in developing its Canadian Section.

Faithfully yours,

G. Lomer

University Librarian.

L/F

*Rep. of Corporation
instead of Dr. Colby
returning in 1930.*

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
MONTREAL

Students Mutilate Books

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

January 7, 1932.

file
Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

When you are passing the Library this week, would it be possible for you to step inside the door and see the exhibit of mutilated books at present on view? This is a serious problem and there seems to be no satisfactory solution, except the development of a better spirit among students.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Enc.
H/

Library Exhibits

Damaged Books

Whole Pages* Extracted From Some Volumes

Following a pointed editorial on the subject of library pests recently printed in the Daily, the library authorities wish to point out to the student body the extent of the damage done by these persons. With this end in view they have exhibited in the case just inside the main door an enlarged copy of this editorial, and arranged beneath it are grouped many valuable books, reference ones for the most part, which have been shamefully mutilated.

Borrowers of these books have underlined passages in ink, have torn leaves and in many cases have taken out a whole page, no doubt to save themselves the trouble of making notes of its contents. There are available, at the moment, no exact statistics showing the amount of damage done, but it is understood that it totals a very considerable sum.

The library authorities are anxious to put a stop to this wholesale mutilation of their property not only because of the expense involved in the replacement of books, but also for the reason that these missing pages may cause much inconvenience to other students.

The volumes on view are mostly dictionaries and other reference works, books in constant demand and for which it is not necessary for students to sign. Thus there is no way of ascertaining by whom the damage has been done and the only preventative measure would be to place all books behind the desk. This, naturally, would waste considerable time for those who require the works in question, besides entailing extra labour on the part of the staff.

Those in charge do not want a recurrence of this type and wish to point out to all users of the library and to those anonymous nuisances the annoyance and expense that destruction of this sort causes the University.

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June 13th, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of Dr. Lomer I am writing to bring to your attention the effect of the recently imposed tariff of 4% sales tax and 1% excise on the expenses of the Library. On one package of books presented to the Library we have had to pay \$12.50 sales tax as the shippers valued the gift at £50.00. This lady, Mrs. Lord of London, has sent us another gift which will be received shortly, and intimates that more will follow. Our messenger yesterday paid \$10.70 sales tax on 39 packages, many of which were periodicals. These very great additional charges will reduce our allowance for purchasing books by \$2,000. per annum at least. Also, in addition to the actual cost of sales tax, we will have to send a man to clear every package that comes to us from all countries outside of Canada, whereas formerly four-fifth of our mail was delivered by the Post Office, and the cost of carriage from the Post Office to the Library will amount to considerable. Our Customs Brokers are of the opinion that we could be exempt of this tax if the matter were taken up with the Department at Ottawa, therefore I feel that the seriousness of the situation should be brought to your attention.

Yours faithfully,

F.L. Clements

Gifts and Customs Department.

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Beatty

June 16th, 1931.

F. L. Clements, Esq.,
McGill University Library,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Clements,

Thank you for your letter of June 13th, in which you tell me the effect of the recently imposed tariff of 4% sales tax and 1% excise tax on the expenses of the Library.

There is at present in course of preparation an estimate of what this tax will mean on goods purchased for the whole University, and it is my intention to take the matter up with Ottawa immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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September 14th, 1931.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir,

May I, on behalf of our League as well as for myself personally, express to the University our sincerest thanks and appreciation for the civic photographic exhibition of the City of Glasgow, together with a book-exhibit on the same subject, which Dr. Lomer was instrumental in placing on view in the University Library Exhibition Gallery, for one month from August 12th to September 12th.

I understand that the exhibit was very successful, and I take this opportunity for again thanking you for the co-operation that we always so generously get from McGill University, towards the accomplishment of our civic endeavours.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly

THE CITY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE, INC.

Milton L. Hersey, President.

To Dr Lomer

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September 21st, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I return herewith the letter from Dr. Milton Hersey, dated September 14th, 1931, regarding the Glasgow Exhibit, and Mr. Frank D. Potter's letter of August 31st, 1931, together with your reply of September 8th.

I have acknowledged the gift of the pamphlet to Mr. Potter, and thank you for sending it to the Library and for letting me see the letter from the City Improvement League.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian

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September 16, 1931.

Dr. Milton Hersey,
President,
The City Improvement League,
Room 8, Windsor Hotel,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Dr. Hersey,

I am grateful for your kind
letter of September 14th, and am glad that
Dr. Lomer's contribution was so much appre-
ciated.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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September 25, 1931

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
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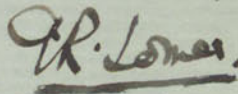
Dear Sir Arthur:

You may be interested in the sequel to some of our exhibits in the Gallery of the Reading Room.

As a result of the Glasgow Exhibit, arranged in co-operation with Mr. A.J. Livinson, M.A., we have been presented with a cheque for \$58.05, by the Zionist Order of Habonim, in order to purchase a historical atlas of Palestine which we could not otherwise afford.

As a result of the present exhibit of Early French Woodcuts, presented by Lady Roddick, we have received from her a cheque for \$300.00 to purchase a very fine facsimile edition of the earliest Heraldic Manuscript in existence.

Faithfully yours,



University Librarian.

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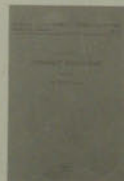
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Nov. 22. 30.

Dear Sir Arthur:

You may wish to
see the two screens
that the library is
sending to the exhibition
at Buenos Aires.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

November 25th,
1930.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Thank you for your note about
the University Memorial Service. I was glad to
know that it seems to have met with general approval.

Thank you also for giving me the
opportunity of seeing the Exhibit you are sending
to the Exhibition at Buenos Aires. It is very
well done.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Accessions

January 4th, 1927.

Dudley Oliver, Esq.,
Bank of Montreal,
Drummond & St. Catherine Sts.,
Montreal.

My dear Dudley:-

Let me reciprocate most cordially your good wishes for the New Year, and may I at the same time thank you very much for your thoughtful courtesy in sending me the complete record of the officers killed during the war and their next of kin. I think the best thing is to deposit this in our library.

Dudley,

With all good wishes, I am, dear

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM L. CLEMENTS LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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November 14th, 1927.

MY DEAR SIR:

One of the earliest contributions toward the improvement of higher education in America was made by Benjamin Franklin. In 1749, he printed "Proposals for the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania," in which he presented an outline of his ideas on this subject. Many of them are still deserving of thoughtful attention.

The text of this essay has been reprinted many times, and it has been commented on by writers on educational topics. It has not, however, heretofore been reproduced in its complete form, with his extensive notes showing the sources of his inspiration, and embodying his illuminating comments on his own ideas.

This Library, at the instance of one of the members of its Committee of Management, Mr. William Smith Mason, has reprinted these "Proposals," exactly as Franklin meant to have them read. In order that they may be read by those who are responsible for the direction of higher academic education in the United States at the present time, the Library wishes to present a copy to the President of each of the larger Colleges, Universities, and Technical Schools in this country, and to a few others who are interested in the improvement of educational practice. The Library would like to send you a copy, and will do so upon receiving your assurance that you care to see it.

Franklin, with all his other claims to remembrance, wished to be remembered as a printer, and therefore Mr. Mason has had the volume carefully printed at the Harvard University Press, under the personal direction of Mr. Bruce Rogers. The number of copies is limited, and none will be available for the general public. They will be given only to those who reply to this letter.

Very truly yours,

Randolph G. Adams
Custodian.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, Pres.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

interest to receiving the work and beg to
thank all concerned for making it possible.

Yours faithfully,

November 17th, 1927.

Principal.

Randolph G. Adams, Esq.,
Custodian, William L. Clements Library,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I hasten to reply to your
letter of November 14th and to give you the
assurance that I would very much like to
receive the reprint of Benjamin Franklin's
"Proposals for the Education of Youth in
Pennsylvania".

I shall look forward with
interest to receiving the work and beg to
thank all concerned for making it possible.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

*Consulat Général
de la République Française
au Canada*

Montréal, le 4 janvier 1929

Monsieur le Principal,

Désireux de rendre hommage à l'Université McGill et à son Département d'études françaises, j'ai l'intention de demander au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères d'offrir quelques livres à votre Bibliothèque. Si vous voulez bien accepter ce don, je vous serais reconnaissant de prier le Bibliothécaire de McGill de me faire parvenir la liste des ouvrages qu'il préférerait recevoir. Pour des raisons administratives, j'attacherais du prix à obtenir cette liste avant le 1er février et, afin d'éviter toute erreur, il serait bon d'y indiquer, si cela est possible, avec le titre de chaque ouvrage, le nom de l'auteur et celui de la maison d'édition.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Principal, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

AR/AB

Monsieur le Docteur MARTIN
Principal
Université McGill
Montréal.

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7th January, 1929.

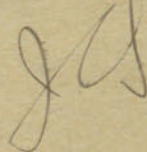
Dr. G. R. Lomer,
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McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter which has been received from the Consul-General for France and which I am holding against Dr. Martin's return.

I note that the Consul-General asks Dr. Martin to send a list of the books desired by McGill before the 1st February. I am, therefore, giving you this information now so that you may be in a position to advise Dr. Martin when he returns. I presume that you will wish to consult the head of the Department of Romance Languages.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'J.S.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

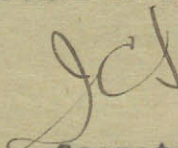
7th December, 1929.

To
The Consul-General of the
Republic of France in Canada,
84, Notre Dame Street West,
M o n t r e a l.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of January 4th, addressed to Dr. Martin,
and to inform you that it will be placed before him
immediately upon his return to the City at the end of
the present week.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary,
FACULTY of MEDICINE.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.
LIBRARIAN

January 11, 1929.

Professor J. C. Simpson,
Secretary,
Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University.

Dear Professor Simpson,

In answer to your letter of January 7th,
I have written to the undernoted members of the French
Department asking them to suggest to me, before January
19th, the French books that they think would be suitable
for presentation by the French Government.

From these, together with our own Library
suggestions, I shall be able to prepare a list for
Dr. Martin's consideration before the end of the month.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you
for your kind offices in the matter of the Chinese
encyclopaedia for the Gest Library ?

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Professor René du Roure.
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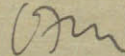
31st January, 1929.
(Dict. 30th January)

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
McGill University Library.
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Shall I await replies from the
other members of the French staff with reference to
the list of books which the French Consul-General
is willing to present to us? I think they ought to
hurry up a bit if they have anything to suggest.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Principal.

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In sending it to you, the hope is expressed that you may see fit to aid and support this obviously desirable project. After the work has been examined, it is hoped that it may find a place in the Library of McGill University.

28th December, 1929.

William Marston Seabury, Esq.,
36 West 44th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir,

The Principal regrets the
delay in acknowledging your book "Motion
Picture Problems - The Cinema and the
League of Nations"

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Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Principal.

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February 17, 1930.

Sir Arthur Currie, Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

For some time past I have been engaged in making an examination and report on the National Railways of Mexico.

The report has only just been issued and it occurred to me that you would like to have a copy for the University library and I am, therefore, sending it to you with my compliments.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



WWC:FM

February 19th, 1930.

W. W. Colpitts, Esq.,
Messrs. Coverdale & Colpitts,
Consulting Engineers,
52 Wall Street,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Colpitts,

It is most thoughtful
of you to send me the copy of your report on
the National Railways of Mexico for use in the
McGill University Library.

With kind personal
regards, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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February 27, 1930

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24th and also of the book entitled "National Railways of Mexico", as presented by Mr. W. W. Colpitts.

The Presentation Department has made acknowledgment to Mr. Colpitts. The book is being catalogued at present, after which it will be sent to the Engineering Library. It will be announced in the "Daily" in the next report of the Library of "Recent Additions". This report will be sent to the Daily about the first part of next week.

Faithfully yours,

George M. Surman.

Secretary to the Librarian.

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24th February, 1930.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I am sending you today a book entitled "National Railways of Mexico", being a report to the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico made by Messrs. Coverdale and Colpitts, Consulting Engineers of New York.

This book has been donated to the Library by Mr. W. W. Colpitts, and I should like you to see that it is so entered in our records. I think you might also let the "Daily" know that this book has been given to us, in order that the engineering students may be advised that it is accessible to them.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

P.S. Kindly make suitable acknowledgement to Mr. W. W. Colpitts of 52 Wall Street, New York City.

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To Dr. Lomer:
Please note and
return correspondence.

NEW YORK

August 31, 1931.

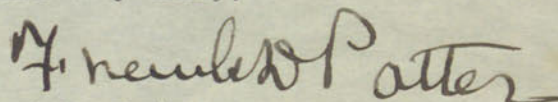
Sir Arthur Currie, President,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago I was looking over some old papers that belonged to my father, the late Brigadier-General Joseph H. Potter, U.S.A., and ran across the original of the enclosed pamphlet. I showed it to one of my friends who is a student in Indian matters and he was very anxious to have a copy so I had some struck off and forwarded one to the Language Department of my own Alma Mater, - Ohio State, and also to several of the Universities and Colleges located in the territory that was formerly occupied by the Sioux Indians, and as they too seemed considerably interested, I thought you might like to have a copy also.

In the late '60s, my father was in command at Fort Sanders, (long since abandoned), situated near where the City of Cheyenne now stands, and I imagine it was at that time that the pamphlet came into his possession. When I was a very young lad, in the middle '80s, he had his headquarters for some time at Fort Supply, old Indian territory, (Oklahoma), and I picked up some smattering of the Cheyenne language, nearly all of which I have forgotten a long time ago, but I would be surprised if that tribe had nearly as extensive a vocabulary as is listed in the booklet. I have no reason to doubt its authenticity but it seems hardly likely to me that some of the words were in general use among the Sioux in 1866. For instance, it seems improbable that many Sioux women included "chemise" in their wardrobe. I also note the word "gin", and I would be surprised if the late Chief Sitting Bull, to whom I was once presented, was a consumer of Martini Cocktails.

Yours very truly,



Frank D. Potter.

FDP/HG
Enc.

September 8, 1931.

Frank D. Potter, Esq.,
Messrs. Pouch & Co.,
1 Wall Street,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Upon my return to the University this morning, I find your letter of August 31st in which you so kindly send me the pamphlet "Lacotah", a Dictionary of the Sioux Language.

I am taking the liberty of presenting this to the McGill University Library, and am very grateful for your courtesy.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

COPY FOR THE PRINCIPAL

December 1, 1931.

Consulat Général de France au Canada,
620 Cathcart Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

I am very pleased indeed to learn from your letter of November 25th that, through your kind offices in this matter, the Government of France has graciously granted our request for missing parts of the "Collection de documents inédits sur l'Histoire de France", and has sent, as a presentation to McGill University, a certain number of volumes, of which you enclose a list.

Will you be so good as to give these to the bearer, who is an authorized messenger of the University Library?

I wish to assure you, on behalf of the Library Committee, of our very deep appreciation of your continued co-operation in this matter, and I feel certain that the addition of these valuable publications will be an important accession to our section on the history of France, which it is always our desire to make as complete and representative as possible.

I am, on behalf of the Library Committee,

Faithfully and gratefully yours,



University Librarian.

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*Accessions Library
Macaulay Japanese
medal.*

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL March 7, 1932.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I send you herewith a bronze medal commemorating the opening of a law library in Tokyo, Japan, established by Mr. R. Masujima, an outstanding leader of the Japanese Bar, and for many years our own honoured legal adviser in that country. Mr. Masujima's ideal when establishing his library was not merely a collection of Japanese law works and law reports, but also as large a collection as possible of legal authorities and decisions from other countries, particularly those of Great Britain, Canada and the United States. We co-operated with him in regard to the Canadian Section and it was on this account that we received this medal.

I am told that the inscription consists of a poem in the Japanese language but in characters which are described as "Classic Chinese". It is a poem commemorating the deeds of ten Samurai who in a civil war in Japan, destroyed themselves.

Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie

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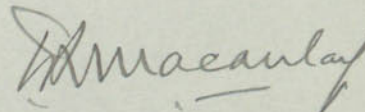
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The great bravery, devotion and sacrifice of these ten men is the theme of the poem and one of their descendants, (Mr. Masujima himself), a lawyer by profession, has erected this building for the double purpose of being a monument to the ten heroes, and of housing the law library.

You will note that the medal is a very beautiful one and that the engraving is exquisitely done.

I have come to the conclusion that this fine memorial medal should have a more honoured resting place than being merely stored and forgotten in our vaults. I am, therefore, sending it to you in the hope that it will be given a worthy place, either in the library or in the museum of McGill University.

Sincerely yours,



TBM/McC.

President.

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This inscription is in the Japanese language, but the characters are described as "Classic Chinese". (This inscription was not decipherable by a Japanese, but a Chinese familiar with both languages can understand it. The engraving of the inscription is of the finest workmanship).

The inscription is a poem, an eulogy, in which there are many proper names and historical references. In order to get the meaning and application of each reference, it would be necessary to have access to books not available here.

The sense of the inscription is :

Poem by Masu Shima.

In commemoration of ten of the Samurai who, in a Civil War in Japan, did destroy themselves. The date is not given (this may be designated by one of the references), but the great bravery, devotion, and self-sacrifice of the Ten Samurai is the main theme of the poem.

A descendant of one of the Samurai, a lawyer by profession, erected a building which serves the double purpose of monument to the Ten Heroes --- and also serves to house his law library, and is used (presumably) as a studio or study.

The name of the building is Sho Kinto.

The inscription is of the time of the reign of the Emperor Taisho (1911-25), but a Chinese date also appears : Kapp Tze , which is 1923.

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The Song of 'Sho Kiu Do ⁽¹⁾ Law Library by Rokujiro Masujima. ~~(2)~~

The Lake of The Sun-Valley (2) is vast with green waves,
Where the Right Atmosphere of Heaven and Earth is preserved.
When descendents of Akashiro (3) seeking revenge for their lord,
Ten warriors committed suicide and left behind their flagrant names.
Thereafter for many generations their great sons
Have been loyal to our country and would die for our Mikado.
I was originally a hermit of my farmland,
Summoned here to take my duty in a new field.
While my mind has remained unmoved as mountains,
No outside actions could disturb the inside tranquility.
I have been hard at work for over fifty years,
And shall yet keep on for a decade or two.
The virtue of archery (4) has been taught from my family,
"Self-seeking for righteousness" is guidance of my life.
My father ^{first} named his study Sho Kiu Do.
And the three words were painted by Old Master So (5).
I have since studied law for many thousands of days,
And fully comprehended the meaning of this motto.
Though archery and law are of different professions,
"To seek for righteousness" is the single aim in common.
I name my new library by the same words Sho Kiu
And fill it with law books of England and America
Whose laws excell those of all other nations,
For their codes interweave all practical facts.
We must uphold righteousness from which never depart,
And at the same time emphasize also the exercise of propriety—
To receive and treat others with a desicive manner
And to meet emergencies with skillful tactics,

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But never shall we bend our principle for worldly conveniences,
 So that the dignity of justice may forever be preserved maintained.

Who says that the law books are but scraps of old paper?

The spirit of human constitutions shall never die.

This has been cherished by judges and lawyers for generations

In each of which it has been renewed in accordance with time.

If one can only understand the essentials of law,

He will certainly become a scholar of virtue and ability.

Moreover Righteousness is God ruling over the Universe-

International relations should come also under His dominion.

If every nation observes the law of righteousness,

There will surely be no cause for the storms in the four seas.

Ah! Members of the Japanese Law Association,

Why do you depend so much on the present government?

Let us be independent, fortifying ourselves with righteousness,

And act accordingly whatever righteousness may direct.

We will thus execute all political bandits and treacherous officials

Without even the employment of daggers or swords!

The Cliques of Niu and Li (6) were diseases for a State;

Government can not pursue its right course till party politics ends.

Unscrupulous politicians and mean scholars should be given no chance

To usurp and play with the column constitutions and laws.

I sit in my Sho Kiu Library as in a stronghold,

And advocate that judicials ought to supervise executives.

When righteousness succeeds in the control of politics,

A universal peace may then prevail throughout the world!

Translate by Kiang Kang-hu.

NOTES.

- (1) Sho means righteousness, Kiu means to seek and Do means ^a/hall or a building.
- (2) The Sun-Valley signifies Japan which literally means the Root of the Sun.
- (3) Akashiro was the designation of Sorai Okio, a famous ^{Japanese} Sumurai scholar lived 1665-1728.
- (4) From a Confucius' saying: Archery is the art of a gentleman. When you missed the target, never murmur against others but to seek ^{again} the right aim yourself.
- (5) A Japanese calligraphist.
- (6) Niu ^{Shang}-ju and Li Lin-fu were leaders of two opposite political parties of the T'ang dynasty in the 8th century.

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OFFICE OF
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MONTREAL March 14, 1932.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

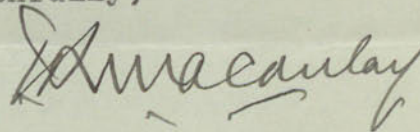
My dear Sir Arthur:

I have your letter of March 8th, and have since received the translation of the poem on the medal, made by Dr. Kiang Kang-hu.

I have been very interested indeed in reading this translation and would ask you to kindly convey to Dr. Kiang Kang-hu, my sincere thanks.

I am sending your letter and photographic copies of the translation to Dr. Masujima, who will, I am sure, be very appreciative.

Yours faithfully,



TBM/McC.

April 6, 1932.

Dr. Gerhard Lomer,
Librarian,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter
from Mr. T.B. Macaulay by which you will note that he
wished to present the enclosed medal to the Museum, and
I am also enclosing a translation of the inscription on
the medal which has been made by Dr. Kiang.

Yours very truly,

Principal.

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McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

April 26, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I enclose a copy of a letter to Mr. T. B. Macaulay
regarding the bronze medal which he presented to McGill
with a covering letter dated March 7th.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer

University Librarian.

Enc.

H/

April 26, 1932.

T. B. Macaulay, Esq.
President,
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Metcalf Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Macaulay:

Sir Arthur Currie has transferred to this Library, for safe-keeping, the bronze medal commemorating the opening of the Law Library in Tokyo which you so kindly presented. It will be a welcome addition to our collection of medals, which I hope will be on exhibition next autumn.

May I take this opportunity of extending to you a very cordial invitation to visit the Library exhibits and museum, and to assure you that we shall be glad to make the Library useful to you in any way that is possible.

Faithfully yours,

H/

University Librarian.

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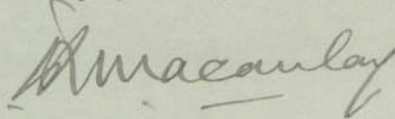
MONTREAL
May
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1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur :-

I have much pleasure in enclosing to you a letter from Dr. Masujima, with which he sent the translation of the inscription on the bronze medal which I had the pleasure of sending to you a short time ago. I am sure you will find the chant " Sei-Kiu-Do " very interesting, and I know you will be glad to have it for your files.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosures.

Cable Address: "Aarcua Tokyo,"
Code: Bentley's Phrase Code,
Telephone: Ginza (57) 2655.

Masujima Law Offices.

*Sei-Kiu-Do Building,
No. 3 Uchisaiwai-cho Ichome,
Kojimachi-ku, Tokyo, Japan.*

4th May, 1932.

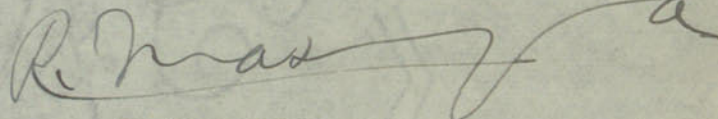
T. B. Macaulay Esq., President,
Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

My Dear Mr. Macaulay,

I am much obliged for your two letters together with the "Gazette" copy. I appreciate your kind thought of presenting the Sei-Kiu-Do Library Medal to Sir Arthur Currie, the principal of McGill University. I enclose a copy of my translation of the Chant of Sei-Kiu-Do. Will you please hand it to Sir Arthur after your perusal.

With highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,



R. Masujima

May 31st, 1932.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
The McGill Librarian.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

The enclosed has been received
from Mr. T. B. Macaulay. It should accompany
the Medal which we sent some time ago for the
Museum.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal

May 31st, 1932.

T. B. Macaulay, Esq., LL.D.,
President,
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Mr. Macaulay,

Let me thank you for sending
me the translation of the chant "Sei-Kiu-Do"
which you have received from Dr. Masujima, which
we are glad to have to place with the medal.

I am sorry we did not see
you at Convocation.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL
July 12, 1932.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I enclose herewith two pamphlets which I have just received from Dr. Masujima, which refer to the medal which you already have.

Sincerely yours,

W. Macanby

TBM:MC

Enclosure.

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Library Presentations

SCEAUX , Seine , 15 , rue Jacqueline
September 12th 1931.

Sir ,

I have pleasure in forwarding you by the same mail a copy (de luxe) of my latest book " SEPT ESSAIS DE LITTERATURE ANGLAISE " , for the Library of the MacGill University .
I hope you will be interested in the book yourself . Also , should the Essays be reviewed in any paper or review of your province , I should esteem it a great favour if you would kindly inform me of the fact.
I remain , Sir , very respectfully Yours ,

Paul Chauvet

The President .
MACGILL UNIVERSITY,
CANADA.

October 24, 1931.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
McGill Library.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I am sending you a book and
letter from M. Paul Chauvet. Please return
his letter, with your comments, if any, on
the book. Do you consider it worth a
review?

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 24, 1931.

M. Paul Chauvet,
Sceaux, Seine.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending
me a copy of your latest book "Sept Essais de
Litterature Anglaise" for the McGill Library.

Wishing you every success,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

November 10, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I return M. Paul Chauvet's letter and have placed his "Sept Essais de Litterature Anglaise" in the Library. Professor Noad has confirmed my impression that there is nothing unusual about the book that would warrant a review. I have accordingly acknowledged to M. Chauvet receipt of the volume as a presentation.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Lomer

Enc.

University Librarian.



at sea

R.M.S. Duchess of York
April 30.

Dear Sir Arthur

While in London last week I
lunched with Lord Warrington of Clyffe.
As a member of the Privy Council he
sat some years on the Labrador Boundary
Case and has in his possession a
voluminous record including copies
of many ancient and rare maps
which he considers to be quite valuable.
His Lordship asked me to suggest
what he should do with these maps,
etc. and mentioned the McGill
Library. Lord Warrington remembers
meeting you in England and he
will be writing to you offering
to present the material to the

University. As there are only
seven sets in existence I strongly
recommend that the gift be ac-
cepted.

With kind personal regards

Yours sincerely

J. P. C. [Signature]

P. S.

During the billeting period
at Salisbury Plain I lived at Lord
Warrington's country place at West
Lavington for six weeks.

J. P. C.

October 8th, 1928.

Dr. A. F. Sainz de la Peña,
Consul General for Cuba,
Hotel de la Salle,
Drummond Street,
Montreal, Que.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of October 6th advising me of the kindness of the Republic of Cuba in donating to McGill University a copy of the "Evolution of Cuban Culture" by Dr. Jose Manuel Carbonell and other books by your noted countrymen.

Will you please convey to the Under Secretary of State our sincere appreciation of this courtesy and say that the books will have an honoured place in our Library. You will also receive a formal acknowledgment from the Librarian.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Principal.

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April 7th. 1932

Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Let me thank you for your very cordial and instructive letter of April 5th. I am very happy to know that the programme has been accepted by the University Library.

The contents of your letter, re. the Dramatic activities of the University, gave me quite a thrill, as I had no idea that such progress had been made. I shall look forward with great pleasure to seeing the Moyse Hall, when next I visit Montreal. In fact, I shall probably make a special trip to see it, some time this summer.

It was exceedingly kind of you to tell me about my old friend, Dr. John Todd. By way of reciprocation, let me say that I sat next to Les Patrick at the Lambs Club Gambol last Sunday night and he said so many charming things about you, that I sincerely hope to have the honor of meeting you in the not too distant future.

With best wishes always, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Percy T. Moore

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To Dr. Lomer:
Please note and return
correspondence.

March 31st. 1932

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal, McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.
Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Under separate cover, I am sending you an autographed Souvenir Programme of the Players Club Revival of "King Henry the Fourth" in which I played the role of Worcester. I would like to present this to my Alma Mater.

I graduated in the Arts Class of '98 and have been acting since 1901. I believe that I am the only McGill Graduate on the American Stage.

This presentation of Henry the Fourth was, without doubt, the most memorable one the Stage has ever known. Among the Principals in the Caste are some of the finest actors on the American Stage. Even the supernumerary ranks were filled with famous Painters, Sculptors and Literateurs.

I feel that the Peter Redpath Library is the proper place for this most valuable Programme.

Some day, I hope, McGill will have a Course in Dramatics and to these students this Programme should be very interesting.

Trusting that you will do me the honor to accept it as a slight token of my sincere appreciation for all I owe to dear old McGill, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Percy T. Moore

Dear Macmillan
Give me a brief outline
of what we are doing in
the Dept., Dramatic Club, Players Club etc. etc.

April 5, 1932.

Percy T. Moore, Esq.,
The Episcopal Actors' Guild,
1 East 29th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Moore,

Let me acknowledge with very cordial thanks your letter of March 31st and the autographed souvenir programme of the Players Club revival of King Henry The Fourth. This makes a most interesting souvenir, and I am sure the Library will be very happy to have it.

Last Friday night at the performance of "The Man in Possession" by the Montreal Repertory Theatre Incorporated in our Moyses Hall Theatre in the Arts Building, I sat near Doctor John Todd and asked him if he remembered you. He did, at once; and went on to tell me of your interest in the theatre. I do not know whether you have ever seen the Moyses Hall. It is a perfectly appointed theatre, seating 480 people. In its erection we were fortunate in getting perfect acoustic properties. One hardly knows how we ever got along without it, as it is used on an average twenty-five nights in a month from November first to March thirty-first. There is a very active Students' Players Club and a Red and White Revue, while the Players Club of the English Department is also an active body and for ten consecutive Saturdays turned away an overflow of people who came to see children's plays put on by that organization.

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Attached herewith I am sending some notes given to me by the English Department.

With renewed thanks for your letter and the programme,

I am,

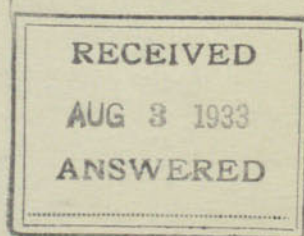
Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Dear Dr. Homer
What is your advice
1 Aug 33 WLB

Accessions
after refused
Delia
Aelia

Jul 24/33



Sir

I enclose a list of books and I wish
to dispose of them as in good clean condition
I do not think any other copies of those marked
with a asterisk will be found in Canada
The "Lady of the Lake" is bound in full leather
and is in as splendid state of preservation. The
book on "Green" is quite unique and is in
its original cover. Of course payment
can be made after you have received
them & are satisfied. I will send them
upon leaving for you by express paid
I am asking 100 dollars for the whole list

Yours truly
Henry S. Golds

- ⊕ Lady of the Lake - Sir Walter Scott - Engravings from paintings by Richard Cook bound in leather published 1810.
- ⊕ ~~Library~~ ^{Library} Gazette 1821 - bound in one Vol containing criticism of Shelly's "Queen Mab".
- Holyhead Road (London to Holyhead) 2 Vols illustrated.
- Minstrel Memories by Harry Reynolds.
- Reflections of Major General ^{Wyndham} Wyndham Childs.
- My Northcliffe Diary by Tom Clarke.
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- The War in the Air - Official Report of the Air Raids in England and the War Front. with one Vol of Maps.
- Politicians of the War by Lord Beaverbrook.
- Empire to Commonwealth by Heeps Hall.
- Correspondence of George 3rd 1780-82 by Sir John Fortescue.
- Law Life and Letters by Lord Birkenhead 2 Vols.
- ⊕ Livery of Eve by F W Bain.
- World Crisis by Winston Churchill 3 Vols.
- ⊕ Official Enquiry into life of Prince ^{of} Wales by Right Hon Spencer Percival. Published 1813.
- Lord Balfour by Ian Malcolm.
- Chapter of Autobiography by Lord Balfour.
- Disraeli by Andre Maurois.
- Speeches of Hon R B Sheridan - Published 1853.
- ⊕ Maps. Plans, Views and Coins Illustrative of travels of Anacharsis the younger in Greece during the middle of the fourth century before the Christian era. Published in 1806.
- ⊕ Sir Richard Wittington^h Lord Mayor of London by Walter Besant. Annotated by Reginald R Sharpe.
- ⊕ New Weeks preparation of the Lords Supper published 1747 containing Royal Warrant. permitting publication dated 15th May 1744

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

August 11, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I return herewith Henry S. Gold's letter of July 24th which we received from you on August 3rd, together with a list of titles. Most of these are already in the Library and, with our limited funds, we are not in a position to make any offer. I would suggest that your correspondent refer to Dora Hood's Book Room, 720 Spadina Avenue, Toronto 4.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

Enc.
H/

August 14, 1933.

Henry S. Golds, Esq.,
Delia,
Alberta.

Dear Sir,

I apologise for the long delay in acknowledging your letter of July 24th, but our Librarian was away and I wished to consult with him. I find that most of the books enumerated in your list are already in our Library and that, owing to limited funds, we are unable to make any offer for the balance. I respectfully suggest that you refer to Dora Hood's Book Room, 720 Spadina Avenue, Toronto 4.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Delia
Allia
Aug 21/33

Sir Arthur Currie
C. C. M. C. K. C. O. B.

Sir

Permit me to thank you for your
letter whilst regretting you were
unable to purchase the books I think it
Very kind of you to give me two books
Book Room address. I have written
them as you suggest.

Yours
Henry S. Golds

COPY

June 17, 1926.

Mr. Hans Damaske,
McGill University Library.

Dear Mr. Damaske,

I enclose herewith a statement for use for immigration purposes. It is understood that your appointment begins on July 1st for three months at the rate of \$60. a month. Application for a position beginning October 1st should be made as early as possible.

Faithfully yours,

University Librarian.

COPY

January 5, 1927.

Mr. Hans Damaske,
McGill University Library.

Dear Mr. Damaske,

With reference to our recent conversation regarding your salary, I find that the rate was raised on October 1st from \$60. to \$75. a month. I am asking the Bursar to increase this amount now to the rate of \$1,000. a year, to take effect from January 1st. This increase will appear in your cheque at the end of the month.

Faithfully yours,

University Librarian.

~~Aug. 15-~~
~~15 aug~~

April 28, 1927.

Hans Damasko, Esq.,
University Library,
McGill University.

Dear Sir:-

As a result of my interview with you on the 26th instant it was understood between us that you would continue your duties as an Assistant on the Staff of the McGill Library until July 1st next, at which time you would be granted six weeks vacation with salary.

I now learn from Miss Young of the Library Staff that there was a most positive and definite understanding between you and Dr. Lomer that your services would be available until August 15th and that your salary would continue until October 1st, the date on which your year's engagement expires. I am now writing to Dr. Lomer to ask him for confirmation. Upon Dr. Lomer's reply will largely depend whether or not you will be given any consideration for a vacation period.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

April 28, 1927.

A.P.S. Glassco, Esq.,
Secretary, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Glassco:-

I enclose herewith copy of letter sent
today to Mr. Damaske and also copy of one addressed to
Dr. Lomer.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

April 28, 1927.

Dr. Gerhard Lomer,
University Librarian,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer:-

On April 26th I had an interview with Mr. Damaske as the result of which I today wrote him a letter a copy of which is attached.

As you may know, Mr. Damaske is joining the Staff of Western University at the beginning of next session and now has no intention of visiting Germany, which I believe you understood was his plan. Miss Young tells me that you told her she could count on Mr. Damaske's services until August 15th, when he would receive six months vacation for which we would pay him. Apparently he has been approached by the German Consul who wishes him to coach the Consul's children during the summer vacation. Mr. Damaske intimated to me that he wishes to leave on July 1st and that he would like us to pay him for a further six weeks, being a vacation to which he understood he was entitled.

I would like very much to know what your understanding was with him, as upon your reply will depend what consideration I give him. I may add that I was not very much impressed by him at our interview.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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April 18th, 1933.

TELEPHONE
FITZROY 5208

Mr. E. W. Beatty,
Chancellor of McGill University,
Windsor Station,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

I am wondering if it will be possible, through your good graces, to secure Dr. Lomer's opinion, not endorsement, of The Book of Knowledge. My reason is that as head of McGill Library, Dr. Lomer's opinion is invaluable to many teachers and librarians of the Eastern Provinces who look upon McGill Hill as a font of knowledge and opinion on the books worth while in their profession.

This afternoon I met Dr. Lomer and explained my wish to secure his opinion. He was inharmonious and seemed to feel that I should have secured an appointment previous to introducing my subject. Finally he said that it was unethical for him to issue such an opinion. Furthermore that librarians and teachers should be able to judge for themselves without the assistance of his opinion. It nevertheless remains a fact that Dr. Lomer's opinion is exceptionally strong as Librarian of the University Library, Director of the Travelling Library and as Director of the McGill Library School. As his opinion is intrinsically worth while to many teachers and librarians who look to him for at least indirect guidance, I feel that if in any way he could stretch a point and express his opinion, he would be doing a service to friends and graduates of McGill University. I tried to make a distinction between his endorsement and his opinion on The Book of Knowledge.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, as Principal of McGill University, wrote a letter about The Book of Knowledge 7 or 8 years ago, a copy of which is enclosed.

However if it would be possible through your good graces to secure Dr. Lomer's opinion, not endorsement, of The Book of Knowledge, it would be greatly appreciated by our Society. I am enclosing a rough draft of a letter which might contain the foundation for such an opinion.

Thanking you in advance for any action you may be disposed to take, I am,

Yours very truly,

John A. J. Currie

JAC/ED

The Grolier Society, Limited,
1502 St. Catherine St.W.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Gentlemen:-

The Book of Knowledge, Canadian Edition, is a valuable asset in the McGill University Library as well as in the Travelling Library.

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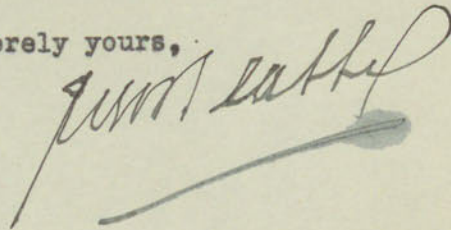
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

MONTREAL
April 19th, 1933.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I enclose herewith two letters, one from The Grollier Society, and the other from the University of Texas, which I think should have been addressed to you rather than to me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Currie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.



McGill University,

Montreal,

The Grolier Society Limited,
Toronto,

Dear Sirs,

The Book of Knowledge will be helpful in accustoming young people to methodical habits of reference and independent investigation.

It is so delightfully arranged that it will be read continuously for the sheer pleasure of reading; and the reader will be led on and on, almost unconsciously, from one topic to another, with absorbing interest.

I am happy to endorse the Book of Knowledge for the delight it puts into learning and the manner in which it supplements the ordinary class-book used in school.

Yours truly,

Principal.

March 14th, 1930.

Miss M. L. J. Black,
Librarian,
Fort William Public Library,
F O R T W I L L I A M, Ontario.

Dear Miss Black:-

I was much interested in your letter concerning the booklet to be published on the subject of Library Service. There is a great need in Canada for rural libraries. An adequate supply of books must be in each library or should be obtainable on loan from conveniently placed central libraries. What is most important is the library staff. The librarian must be not only a librarian but an educator, must not only be able to advise book borrowers what to read, but must be able to persuade them to read the right things, and to lay out reading courses for them. It is impossible to calculate the service which chains of rural libraries would render to the people of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Oakhaven
Hplands
Victoria, B.C.

Dec 4.

My dear Sir Arthur

Your letter would not
have remained unanswered
were it not that I have
been laid up with sciatica -
which the Dr attributed to
one thing but certain friends,
with the frankness of old
acquaintance, lay to early
indiscretions. The Dr is prob-
ably right - He is a Mc Gill
graduate. My letters to
Mae Innes were written

by hand and I notice in ²
the type written copy there
are a number of obvious er-
rors - due probably to my
writing - I am having them
re typed and will be most
happy to send you a copy
at an early date.

I was sorry not to have heard
you in Victoria by my
daughter and granddaughters
claimed me on arrival and
as they had only a few days
left, to stay, monopolized
every minute

I have bound copies of

3
the "Free Lance" from Aug. '67
to Jan'y '69. It was a more or
less comic weekly published
in Montreal and will be remem-
bered by all old timers. The
Fraser institute has I believe
the only duplicate. It was
published by my brother George
T. and abandoned when
he and Graham started
the Star. I was wondering
if your librarian would
consider it worth while, if so
I would gladly send it -

Kindly remember me to
Lady Currie - I remain

H
most pleasant recollections
of our trip

Yours very truly

W. B. Lanigan

Oakhaven
Uplands
Victoria, B. C.

Jan 19. 28

My dear Sir Arthur.

I forwarded today
per C. P. Express prepaid
the volume of the Free Lance
I spoke of in previous letters
The parcel was addressed to
you.

With kind remembrances
to Lady Currie and
family
Yours very truly
W. H. Lanigan

January 26th, 1928.

W. B. Lanigan, Esq.,
Oakhaven, Uplands,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Mr. Lanigan:-

Thank you very much for the volume of the "Free Lance". It is exciting a good deal of interest and will be a welcome addition to our Library. Will you please accept my personal thanks and also the thanks of the Governors and the Library.

We are in the middle of our coldest spell, with yesterday an example of a real blizzard, though we have been blessed with an unusual amount of sunshine during January. I am paying my regular visits to the Curling Clubs - speaking at the Thistle a week or so ago and last Saturday at the Royal Montreal, where I used to see you now and then. The Charity Bonspiel takes place next Saturday. I suppose you are steadily playing golf and I only mentioned curling to induce you to think of your fellowmen living in other climes.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December 12th, 1927.

W. B. Lanigan, Esq.,
Oakhaven, Uplands,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Mr. Lanigan:-

Thank you for your letter of December 4th and for the promise to send me a revised copy of your letters to Mr. MacInnes.

We had Sir Frederick Whyte here over the week-end and I heard his address to the Women's Canadian Club last Saturday. As usual he spoke in a very charming manner and gave them one of those kind of addresses which make you anxious to hear more. He left for New York last night and I am leaving tonight. With Mr. Tsurumi and Sir Frederick I speak to some group whom Shotwell, Greene and Carter have got together. I believe Tom Lamont, Morgan's partner, is Chairman and I know they are holding a morning session at John D. Rockefeller's home. It looks as if they are anxious to induce some of the wealthy New Yorkers to make a continuance of the Institute possible. You may therefore have the pleasure of renewing your acquaintance with Mrs. Catt in the course of the next two years.

I know that our Librarian and all interested in our Library will be very glad indeed to have the bound copies of the Free Lance from August '67 and January '69. I think they would constitute a delightfully charming historical record and we shall gratefully accept them.

W.B. Lanigan, Esc., - 2 -

My family are all well and
would, I know, like to be remembered very kindly
to you.

With all good wishes, I am,
dear Mr. Lanigan,

Yours faithfully,

Library Acc.

January 4th, 1926.

Dear Dr. Lomer:-

Mr. Dudley Oliver has forwarded me the attached records which are a list of all the officers killed during the war and their next of kin.

I have made an acknowledgment.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Librarian,
McGill University.

Lib. Acc.

September 28th, 1923.

Lucien Pacaud, Esq.,
Secretary, High Commissioner for Canada,
Kinnaird House,
Pall Mall East,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Mr. Pacaud:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31st addressed to the Principal of McGill University with reference to a volume entitled "Hom-Idyomo"- an outline of an auxiliary International language.

This volume has just come to hand and I am sending it to the Library of the University. I thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

CABLE & TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
"DOMINION", LONDON.
TELEPHONE N° GERRARD 3917.

IN ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION
ON THIS SUBJECT, PLEASE QUOTE

AND ADDRESS LETTER TO
THE SECRETARY.



OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

KINNAIRD HOUSE,
PALL MALL EAST,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

31st August, 1923.

ack.
Dear Sir,

Some little time ago several copies of a volume entitled "Hom-Idyomo" - an outline of an auxiliary International language - by a Mr. Cárdenas, were delivered at this Office but there was nothing on them to show for whom they were intended. Mr. Cárdenas has just called to say that he forwarded the books in the hope that they might be despatched to the leading Universities in Canada.

I am sending a copy of the work to your address, under separate cover, although I ought to make it clear that I have no knowledge of the author or of the value of his compilation.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Jucien Pacaud

Secretary.

The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

EPL/H

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Principal
and Vice Chancellor.

July 17, 1934.

Robert M. Lester, Esq.,
Assistant to the President,
Carnegie Corporation of New York,
522 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Sir,

The Australian War History, a gift to the University from the Carnegie Corporation, has been received in good order at the Principal's Office, and is being turned over to the Redpath Library, who will send an acknowledgment of the Corporation's generosity in presenting this most interesting History to McGill.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

August 24, 1934.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

I am sending to you to-day nine volumes of the Australian War History, a gift to the University from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

After they have been accessioned would you let me have back Vols. III and IV in which Col. Urquhart has placed guides and which he would like to retain for a time.

I think I already sent you copy of my (unofficial) acknowledgment to the Carnegie Corporation. I believe they are donating a set of this History to all Canadian universities.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
University Librarian



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

August 14, 1934.

Mrs. D. McMurray,
Principal's Office,
McGill University.

Dear Mrs. McMurray:

I have sent to Dr. Maude Abbott, who is interested in Florence Nightingale, Mr. Brown's letter offering for sale an autograph letter.

I return herewith Mr. Pitts' letter regarding pictures connected with the early life of Sir Arthur. We are not in a position to do anything in the matter, and I doubt if the McCord Museum has any funds.

Faithfully yours,

Q. R. Jones

University Librarian.

Enc.
H/