

MEMORANDUM re PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

1. Just as in the primary years Physiology is the most important subject in the curriculum, as it teaches students the functions of the human body, and teaches them to think scientifically, and prepares them for the approach to the study of clinical medicine, so does Pathology in the final years occupy a similar position. It teaches diseased processes, it demonstrates organs and tissues that are diseased, by means of autopsies, and it further investigates all tissues removed from the body by surgical operations. Moreover, the study of Pathology deals with the microscopic appearances of diseased tissues, and the causes that bring about such changes.
2. In the Hospital, the Pathological Department makes autopsies, examines microscopic specimens, makes cultures of diseased tissues, examines blood preparations and performs a variety of tests, all of which help the clinicians to understand the nature of the diseases with which they have to deal. Further, it conducts such research work as develops from the clinical material. All this is purely hospital work.
3. In its relations to the University, the Pathological Department teaches the subjects above outlined to the students of the three last years. To be thoroughly efficient, this teaching must depend on the material derived from hospital sources, (autopsies, tumour examinations, body fluids, etc.) It is, moreover, most important, in order to obtain good results, that such material should, where possible, be dealt with when still fresh.

In addition to this, a Pathological Department in a university must see to it that research work is developed from such material.

Other research work, independent of this material, should be

conducted by the University assistants and the students on problems of a general nature.

4. This University department requires class-rooms for lectures, rooms for demonstrations, (say to 100 students), rooms for assistants who are doing special work, a small library, rooms for re-agents, sterilizers, etc. Furthermore, if the hospital work be allotted to this institute, it must of necessity have space for post-mortem examinations as well.
5. It is admitted in every first-class university that the Pathological Institute must be closely in touch with the hospital service, in order that the place may be kept alive with material that will benefit the whole profession, most of all the clinical teachers. Not only this, but if the Department be isolated from close contact with hospitals, the money spent is largely wasted, and the institute will not be a living factor in medical teaching.

Dr. Ruttan in his remarks at the Faculty, admitted that were there but one hospital connected with the University, that it should be closely annexed to the Pathological Institute.

It would seem strange, then, that because two hospitals exist in Montreal, that this Pathological Institute should of necessity be remote from both.

6. It is inconceivable that an independent Pathological Institute unconnected directly with hospital services, could maintain an active scientific standard, and, moreover, the added cost of such an arrangement would be a most unbusinesslike and unpractical undertaking. It has been admitted for years, that the establishment of the present Pathological Department in the University buildings has been a mistake. Rarely did Professor Adami or his assistants do any work other than class teaching in this Department. On the other hand, he brought all

his practical work to the hospitals where alone he could find the necessary material and equipment for his work.

7. It might further be mentioned that all hospital specimens which are kept for the University Museum come from the material found in the Hospital Services.

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February
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ON MARCH 6th, 1922.

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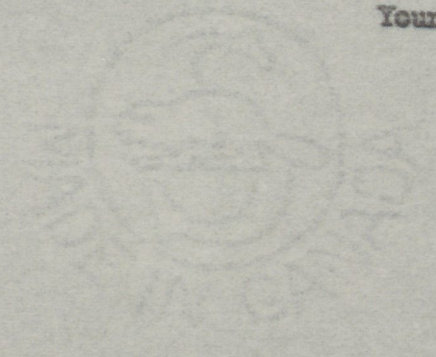
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January
Thirty-first
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Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.,
Barr of Montreal,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Vincent:-

I am calling together in the next few days the Building Committee for the Board of Governors of McGill University for the purpose of laying before them the purport of the interview between the officers of the Royal Victoria Hospital and Mr. Beatty and myself, held last Friday morning.

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I should welcome a letter from you confirming this understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Head Office
Bank of Montreal
Montreal

February
second,
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Dear Sir Arthur,

I am glad to know from your letter of the 31st ultimo that you will call a meeting of your Building Committee at an early date and will lay before them the purport of the interview we had with you and Mr. Beatty on Friday last.

I have called a meeting of our Governors for to-morrow afternoon and after that meeting I shall reply more formally with regard to Royal Victoria Hospital's attitude toward the new Pathological Building.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Dunlop

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
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BANK OF MONTREAL

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April
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Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.,
Bank of Montreal,
St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Vincent;-

You will be interested in knowing that the Architects are hard at work on the plans for the Pathological Buildings. In this connection you will remember suggesting that the Building Committee of the Board of Governors consider the advisability of securing the services of Messrs. Stevens & Lee, as Consultants. On first consideration, the Building Committee felt that there was no necessity of going to this expense.

We have been in communication with your Architects in Boston, who have asked a fee of one and a half percent. To our Consultants on other Buildings we have not paid more than three-quarter percent, except in the case of the Gymnasium, where we are paying Messrs. Ross & Macdonald one percent.

On further consideration of the Pathological Buildings I realize, that, as we have the hope of making our Medical School the model and most efficient school on this Continent, it would be as well for us to have as perfect a Pathological Building as it is possible for us to get, and for that reason we should get the best advice possible as to the Architecture. If we engage Messrs. Stevens & Lee as Consultants, would the Royal Victoria Hospital be willing to pay half of their fee, that is three-quarter percent? If you will agree to this the Building Committee will engage Messrs. Stevens & Lee at once.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal.

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Head Office
Bank of Montreal
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April
tenth,
1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, when I made the suggestion to you that architects who specialized in hospital work and were fully informed on all modern improvements and developments should be employed for the new Pathological Building, I did so as a Governor of the University and solely with the view of having your Pathological Building up to date in every respect and one of which McGill would have reason to be proud.

I am not interested in Stevens & Lee, of Toronto and Boston, beyond the fact that I am aware of the excellent work they have at all times done for Royal Victoria Hospital, and I think I am not going too far in saying the architecture and facilities of the Hospital are superior to those of any other Hospital on the continent.

In view of what I have said, I need hardly add that I am not in accord with the views of the Building Committee of the Board of Governors of McGill University that there is no necessity of going to the expense of employing consultants. Royal Victoria Hospital's finances are not such that they can afford to spend money unless it is absolutely essential to do so, and feeling so strongly the desirability of employing experts, I have arranged with Stevens & Lee that they will reduce their fee to one per cent., which I hope will be satisfactory to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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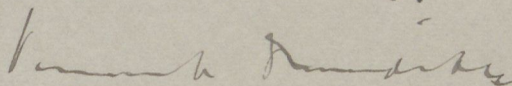
Ninth
May,
1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, advising me of a meeting of a committee in connection with the new Pathological Building, as our Superintendent, Mr. Webster, through his long experience, is probably better informed in regard to all matters of this nature than any of the members of the Board, I am asking him to attend the meeting at Nobbs & Hyde's office, Phillips Square, on Wednesday next at 4 p.m.

I am,

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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
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June 2nd, 1922.

Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.,
Bank of Montreal,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Vincent:-

Plans for the new Pathological Building have been approved and working drawings are now being prepared. We hope to call for tenders shortly.

When completed I am told there will be nothing finer in the way of Pathological Buildings on the continent, but it is going to cost more than we hoped to be called upon to spend. I fully expect that it will cost at least \$450,000., whereas we hoped to be able to supply a satisfactory Institute for \$300,000.

I think we should come to some agreement on the matter of the tunnel by which it is planned to connect the Institute with the Royal Victoria Hospital. This tunnel is a convenience to us both, but a greater convenience to the Royal Victoria Hospital than to McGill. The only purpose for which we must have a tunnel is to provide a conduit for heat, whereas the tunnel must be made much larger in order that bodies may be brought from the Hospital to the Laboratories. The Building Committee have asked me to represent to you that, in their opinion, the Royal Victoria Hospital should bear, at least, two-thirds of the cost of the construction of the tunnel.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.,
Bank of Montreal,
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Dear Sir Vincent:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of yesterday in reference to the contribution which the Royal Victoria Hospital is prepared to make re the tunnel which will connect the Hospital with the new Pathological Building.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the University let me thank you for agreeing to pay half the cost of the above mentioned work.

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Principal.

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Fifth
June,
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Dear Sir Arthur,

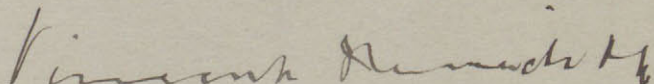
In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I am glad to learn you are putting up a Pathological Building that will be a credit to McGill. I should be sorry if you were to erect any building of this nature of which you would not have reason to be proud.

As you are aware, Royal Victoria Hospital's finances are far from being in a satisfactory condition, and even after we receive the money from the appeal, we shall still be overdrawn with our bankers.

This being the case, your request is unwelcome, but as you say the tunnel is being made larger than would otherwise be necessary for the convenience of the Hospital, we shall be prepared to pay half the cost, which I hope will be quite satisfactory to you.

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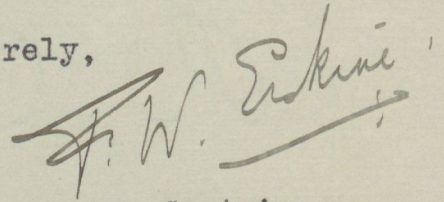
June 25th 1924.

Dear General,

I am in receipt of your letter of June 23rd regarding the formal opening of the McGill Pathological Institute on October 6th next. In reply, I am desired by His Excellency to say that he deeply regrets that he will be unable to attend this ceremony, as he will be away in Manitoba all the first part of that month.

His Excellency is very sorry that circumstances will not permit him to be present on that occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Captain.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G.,
McGill University,
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September 20, 1924.

Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Papineau,
Spencerwood,
Quebec.

My dear Colonel;

I am in accordance with my promise writing to give you a few details regarding the opening of the Pathological Institute, at which the Lieutenant Governor has kindly promised to be present. I enclose you a programme which will give you the general order of proceedings.

It is intended that the procession leave the Redpath Museum at 3.45p.m. and walk to the Pathological Institute, a distance of about seven minutes' walk. The Lieutenant Governor will be at the rear of the procession with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University. We assume that His Honour will wear his official uniform as Lieutenant Governor.

The academic procession will be formed as usual with Juniors leading, and those at the front will enter the building at once and take their places in the Lecture Theatre. As the Lieutenant Governor enters, the National Anthem will be played. The Lieutenant Governor will then take his place on the platform. The others on the platform will be: The Chancellor, Mr. E.W. Beatty, the Vice-Chancellor, General Sir Arthur W. Currie, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Charles F. Martin, the Head of the Department of Pathology, Dr. Horst Oertel, The President of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Mr. H.V. Meredith, the Speaker, Professor A.E. Boycott, and yourself as A.D.C. to His Honour.

The proceedings will consist of the brief opening address followed by a short history of the Pathological Department, and by Dr. Boycott's formal address. After this the Chancellor will offer the Lieutenant Governor a box containing a replica of the Key of

the Building, and will ask him to declare the Building open.

At the close of the proceedings the Lieutenant Governor will leave the room accompanied by the Chancellor and the Principal, and it is hoped that he will remain to join the others at tea in the Building, and will make a thorough inspection of the premises. A formal dinner for the delegates is taking place in the evening, and an invitation to this will in due course be sent to His Honour. At 8.30 p.m. the Founder's Day Ceremony takes place in the Royal Victoria College. The Annual Convocation, at which the Principal will deliver an address, will open at 9.00 p.m. and will be followed at 10.00 p.m. by a reception. Invitations for this ceremony will be sent to His Honour and Mrs. McKenna, and we hope that it will be possible for him to be present.

I hope that the foregoing will give you the information that you require, but if anything more is needed, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

August 2nd, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel Papineau, A.D.C.,
Government House,
Quebec, P.Q.

Dear Colonel Papineau:-

Will you please convey to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appreciation of McGill University and myself for his acceptance of our invitation to attend the formal opening of the new Pathological Institute and the Founder's Day ceremonies on the 6th of October next.

I presume that His Honour will consent to our request that he declare the building open. Later on I shall advise you as to the arrangements in connection with the ceremony.

Yours faithfully,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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July 29th, 1924.

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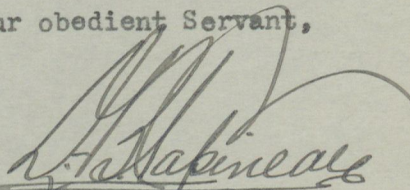
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Sir:-

I am directed by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 18th inst., and have to inform you that His Honour will be pleased to attend the formal opening of the new Pathological Institute, on the sixth of October next, and also to be present at the autumn Convocation and Founder's Day ceremonies.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Lt. Colonel, A.D.C.

June 23rd, 1924.

Captain F. W. Erskine,
Government House,
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Dear Captain Erskine:-

On the afternoon of the 6th of October next we are having the formal opening of our new Pathological Institute and in the evening the Founder's Day ceremonies and Convocation.

The new Pathological Institute, to which you will find reference made in the Annual Report of this University, will be the equal of any on this continent and the event of its opening will be the most important university occasion since the centennial celebration. The University would be much honoured and it would be the source of the greatest possible gratification to myself if His Excellency, as Visitor of the University, could make it convenient to be present on that occasion. We should like him, if he would do so, to declare the building open.

This opening ceremony will be followed by a dinner to about fifty delegates and by the Founder's Day address and Convocation at the Royal Victoria College at 8.30. We trust that if His Excellency is able to come to Montreal for these ceremonies he would be present at the dinner and at Convocation.

Yours faithfully,

July 18th, 1924.

Hon. N. Perodeau,
Lieutenant-Governor,
Province of Quebec,
Quebec, Que.

My dear Mr. Perodeau:--

On October 6th next the University proposes to conduct a formal opening of the new Pathological Institute, and on the evening of the same day to hold the autumn Convocation and Founder's Day ceremonies.

The Pathological Institute, as you probably know, has been constructed by the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation, the University and the Royal Victoria Hospital and is, without doubt, the equal of any building of its kind in North America.

It would afford us great pleasure if you, as the representative of His Majesty in this province, would attend these ceremonies and would declare the building formally opened.

Trusting that you will be able to accede to this request, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 29th, 1924.

Professor P. E. Nobbs,
14 Phillips Square,
Montreal.

Dear Professor Nobbs:-

I beg to acknowledge and to
thank you for your letter of July 26th enclosing
copy of "Analysis of Cost and Contents of the New
Institute of Pathology, McGill University".

We expect to open the building
formally on Founder's Day, October 6th.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

NOBBS & HYDE
ARCHITECTS

PERCY E. NOBBS, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., R.C.A.
GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.B.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

ack
July 26, 1924.

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

re: Pathology Institute.

Dear Sir Arthur,

By way of final report for our
file of committee work on the Pathological
Institute, we have made an analysis, copy of
which I enclose for your information.

Yours very truly,

Percy Nobbs

PEEN/C
Enc.

ANALYSIS OF COST AND CONTENTS

THE NEW INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

(1) THE COST works out as follows, exclusive of fees and interest charges:-

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Construction | \$300,000.00 |
| Engineering | 102,000.00 |
| Equipment .x. | <u>60,000.00</u> |
| Total cost of works-- | <u><u>\$462,000.00</u></u> |

(.x. The expenditure on new equipment was \$49,000.00; but some equipment was provided from existing buildings - total value, say \$60,000.00)

(2) THE CUBIC CONTENTS of the building are as follows:-

| | Cu. Ft. | % |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Effective contents | 444,000 | = 55.2 |
| Passages and Stairs | 91,000 | = 11.3 |
| * Engineering, Machine Rooms, etc... | 21,000 | = 2.5 |
| Walls, floors and ducts, roof space | <u>248,000</u> | = 31.0 |
| Total cubic contents, 804,000 c.f.= | | 100% |

(* The machine room accommodation is small, as the steam and power are provided from a central station.)

(3) THE COSTS, per cubic foot, work out as follows:-

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Construction | 37.3 ¢ |
| Engineering | 12.7 |
| Total | <u>500</u> per cubic foot |
| Equipment cost | 7.5¢ per cu. ft. of building. |

NOBBS & HYDE,

Architects.

Montreal, July 26, 1924.

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PATHOLOGICAL BUILDING
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

ARCHITECTS' REPORT NO. 1.

MAY 10, 1922.

TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:-

1. Preliminary
Conferences.

GENTLEMEN:

On advising us of our appointment as Architects for the Pathological Building, the Secretary of the University suggested that we should get in touch with Professor Oertel and Mr. Webster, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, without delay. The first meeting with these gentlemen took place on April 10th, 1922. (Present:- Professor Oertel, Mr. Webster, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Traquair and Mr. Carless). The general requirements of Professors Oertel, MacTaggart and Bruyere were explained, and we received some notes and publications bearing on the type of building required.

On April 19th, 1922, we had another meeting. (Present: Professor Oertel, Mr. Webster, Mr. Nobbs and Mr. Carless), when a preliminary lay out of the building was under consideration. A survey of the site had meanwhile been obtained, and the position of the building on the property was roughly determined.

On April 22nd, 1922, we spent the morning with the Consulting Architects, and had a meeting in the afternoon. (Present:- Professors Oertel, MacTaggart, Bruyere, Mr. Webster, and Messrs. Stevens, Lee, Nobbs, Traquair and Carless). A general discussion on our lay out

of the building threw more light on the question of sub-division of space within departments, etc., and the type of top light most suitable for the upper storey was determined. Prints of the 1/16" scale preliminary sketches were then sent to Professor Oertel and the Consulting Architects, whose views came to hand last week (Letters May 1st and 3rd).

On May 5th there was a meeting to discuss the Consulting Architects' recommendations and Professor Bruyere's requirements. (Present: Professor Oertel, Prof. Bruyere, Mr. Webster and Mr. Hobbs). It was felt that the necessary information for the presentation of sketch plans to 1/8" scale was now in our hands.

2. Building
Committee.

Meantime, on May 4th, the Secretary of the University informed us of the appointment of the Pathological Building Committee, as follows:-

Sir Arthur Currie, Chairman.
Lt. Col. Herbert Molson,
Professor Oertel,
Professor MacTaggart,
Professor Rhae,

with representative of the Royal Victoria Hospital to be named later, and Mr. Hobbs was asked to act as Convenor, pro tem.

3. Sketch
Plans
Presented.

We have proceeded with the preparation of 1/8" scale sketch plans and elevations with all possible dispatch, at Professor Oertel's request, and we now present the following drawings for your consideration:-

1. Ground Floor.
2. First Floor.
3. Second Floor.
4. Third Floor.
5. Elevation to University Street.
6. Elevation to Yard.
7. Elevation to Pine Avenue, and Section.

4. General Lay Out.

The building consists of three parts:- At the upper end of the site a flat-roofed portion contains Autopsy Theatre, Lecture Theatre and Museum, with Machine Room and storage for cadavers below. Next to this is placed a four-storey Laboratory Block, housing the Work Shops, Locker Room etc., in the basement; the Library, Offices and Medical Jurisprudence on the first floor; the Histological Laboratories on the second floor; and the Bacteriological Laboratories on the top floor (top lit). On Pine Avenue a small block is located with residence accommodation for an assistant and two laboratory servants, with an Animal Room on top. It will be observed that the yard gives seclusion for deliveries and access to the West end of the existing lane in case the East end has to be closed in connection with future schemes. The whole building is designed so as to provide North-east lighting to the utmost amount of laboratory space, the side to the yard being virtually a glass wall.

5. Future Extension.

The various laboratories are, from the nature of the site, not susceptible of individual extension. They are planned with simple structural units, so as to be capable of varied sub-division at any time. We understand that teaching accommodation is required for a definite and limited number of students (120) and have planned

accordingly. Future extension, we gather, would be in relation to other hospitals obtaining facilities in the building, and there is space for further laboratories if connected on above the lecture theatre group on an extension of the main corridor.

6. Material and Type.

We have considered the question of material and the type of construction in relation to existing buildings and future developments on the Macdonald property. While the probability is that the residencies and recreational buildings on the Macdonald property will be in brick, with stone dressings, it is felt that this building, forming part of the Medical School and adjoining the Royal Victoria Hospital, should be in stone. In view of the economy required, a type of work in general harmony with the Hospital buildings seems to be indicated. We have therefore designed as for squared rubble, with a sparing use of dressings, and with due regard to the Scots tradition established in the Hospital work, which is natural to the materials in question.

7. Cost.

The following is a note of the cubic contents and relative costs of the various parts of the building:

| | <u>Cubic Contents</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| (a) Laboratory Block (8 unit) | 325,000 | 45¢ | \$ 351,000. |
| (b) Theatre Block | 245,000 | | |
| (c) Top Wing | 79,000 | 77 ^s | |
| (d) Bottom Wing | 85,000 | | |
| (e) Lodge, etc..... | 43,000 | | |

The total cubic contents amount to some 775,000 ft., and can be built for \$300,000.00, provided the cost of construction can be kept down to 39 cents per cubic foot.

In addition, there is an item of \$8,000.00 for Tunnel connection to the Royal Victoria Hospital, and a small sum of \$3,000.00 might be allowed as a charge for excavation against the future University tunnel passing through the basement of the building.

The equipment of a Pathological Building is of a peculiarly complex and expensive nature. How much should be installed at once is a matter of policy.

It is to be understood that the bulk of the equipment of the building will not figure in the general contract, and should be separately dealt with after report from the Consulting Architects, which will take some time.

8. Time.

From the time of approving the sketch plans we estimate that fully ten weeks will be consumed in the preparation of working drawings sufficient for estimates and tenders; but if there is great urgency a contract for the excavation (and for the plain rubble work also, perhaps) might be advantageously let in one month's time.

(Signed) Percy E. Nobbs
for the Architects.

(Signed) William Carless
for the Associate Architects.

Concurred in,

(Signed) Frederick C. Lee
for the Consulting Architects.

re: Pathological Bldg.,
McGill Univ:

MAY 10, 1922.

WILL THE COMMITTEE:

1. Generally approve the sketches submitted? :
2. Instruct us to proceed with the preparation of working drawings and specifications? :
3. Appoint a sub-committee to confer with the Architects, and approve suitable arrangements as to the engineering? :
4. Appoint a sub-committee on equipment? :
5. Approve the relations to be established with the Consulting Architects?(see Mr. Hobbs' letter of even date attached). :
6. Instruct us to let a contract as early as possible for the necessary excavations? :

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. Sketches approved and referred to Gen.Bldg.C'ttee.
2. Await instructions Gen. Bldg.Comtee.
3. The Chairman dealing with this matter.
Subcommittee on equipm't consisting of Profs.Oertel. MacTaggart, Rhae & Bruyere to confer with Cons.Archts.
4. MacTaggart, Rhae & Bruyere to confer with Cons.Archts.
5. Understanding approved.
6. Referred to Gen.Bldg.C'ttee.

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14 Phillips Square,
Montreal,

May 10, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Chairman,
Pathological Building Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: Pathological Building,
Consulting Architects.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In the preparation of the sketch plans presented today we have had the benefit of both Mr. Stevens' and Mr. Lee's views, more particularly in connection with what may be called the working parts of the building, by means of interchange both of ideas and of sketches.

We understand that they will furnish us with details of other buildings, erected for similar purposes, which they recommend as models in various particulars, and also any information they may have for which we may apply.

It is in connection with the internal arrangement of laboratories that Messrs. Stevens and Lee can be of greatest service, and we propose furnishing to them, and to the professors concerned, skeleton plans on which to lay out the furnishings, fittings and fixtures, so that proper structural provision can be made for those things by us.

This will entail some active work for a sub-committee on equipment, during the next six weeks.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Percy E. Hobbs.

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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.E.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

December 11, 1922.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Chairman,
Pathological Building Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: Pathological Building.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Mr. Judah, who will have charge of the workshop accommodation at the Pathological Building, is very anxious that a change should be made in the floor construction so that there will be an air space below the floor on which he works. At the same time he is willing to omit the Steadman rubber tile flooring which has been specified for rooms Nos. 14, 15 and 16, which will also be in his charge.

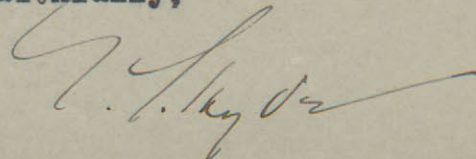
The additional cost of providing the air space under the workshop by means of reinforced concrete floor slabs and beams will be a little more than offset by the credit allowed on the omission of the rubber tile floor.

I understand that Dr. Oertel is agreeable to this change. Will you give us authority to issue the necessary change sheets?

As it is quite probable that similar changes may come up in future, that is, changes involving no additional cost, please let us know if you wish them referred to you, or may we proceed on Dr. Oertel's authority.

Yours faithfully,

GTH/C



24
28 Aug. 1922.

38, BELVIDERE ROAD,
WESTMOUNT, P.Q. 1

Dear Sir Arthur.

They say how intensely distressed I feel that McGill & the D.M.H. should find themselves in a state of friction over this Pathological Building matter. Six days after a building is in Commission no body cares two straws whether it took six weeks longer or shorter time to construct but that's par consolation.

When you came among us I resolved, knowing well the great difficulties your predecessors had to contend with that nothing I should do would make things more difficult, and here I find myself, in Company with Webster, contributing through excess of zeal to bring about a deplorable situation of which you bear the brunt.

With such an array of professional talent, to say nothing of the interests represented on the Committee, I have seen fit to carry things with a pretty high hand to get coordination and action. I thought I had succeeded well in getting plans approved & drawings made & now, out of the blue, I bring trouble for all concerned.

38. BRAYBURN ROAD
WESTMONT P. Q.

As to Webster he has been a most useful Committee
man and has much practical ability. Naturally
I told him when I was instructed to make a
~~make~~ contract with old Q. & naturally
when he asked me, a few days later, whether
stone was being cut I told him how things
stood. He has always been very urgent on
the time question and keeps me up to the scratch.

Believe me

Yours very truly
Fry Abbotts -

To Sir Arthur Currie

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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.E.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

January 19, 1923.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Chairman,
Pathological Building Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: Pathological Building
McGill University

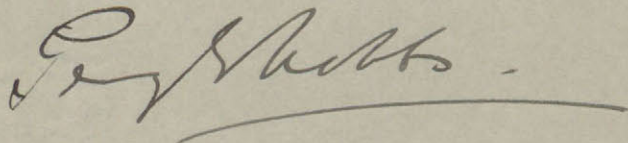
Dear Sir Arthur,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Pathological Building Committee, which will be held at the office of Nobbs & Hyde, 14 Phillips Square, at 4 p.m. on Thursday the 25th January, 1923.

BUSINESS:-

1. Tenders on Engineering;
2. Report of sub-Committee on Equipment, with revised estimates.

Yours faithfully,



Convenor, pro tem.

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14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

December 20, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Chairman,
Pathological Building Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

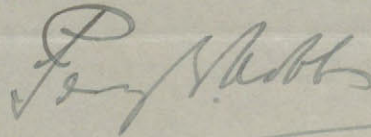
re: Pathological Building.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Herewith a copy of letter of
even date to Oertel, regarding the equipment
situation at the Pathological Building.

If you have an opportunity,
perhaps you could make it as clear to him
as you did to me that, as far as the Uni-
versity is concerned, the sum of \$36,000.00
is to be regarded as final.

Yours very truly,



PEN/C
1 Enc.

Mr. Glasco.

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14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

December 20, 1922.

Dr. H. Oertel,
Royal Victoria Hospital,
Montreal.

re: Pathological Building,
McGill University.

Dear Doctor Oertel,

I have had a conversation with the Principal this morning with regard to equipment, and he desires me to act with you and Webster in the matter.

You know that the building will in all probability be ready for the beginning of next session, as far as construction goes, and I think we agree that all orders for equipment should be placed within the next six weeks, or eight weeks at most. The general contract has been let for \$281,612.00 and the engineering, including parts of the equipment (sinks, etc.) will be let at about \$94,000.00; preliminary work, (tunnel, etc.) accounts for \$17,400. — \$5,000. My understanding is that this would leave the sum of \$36,000.00 to be expended on equipment installed in position over and above the sinks and sanitary fittings already provided for with the engineering.

After looking through Mr. Lee's preliminary list of equipment, I feel that, in addition to (A) Sinks, etc., included in Engineering, it might with advantage be divided into the following categories - (B) Fixtures and Fittings; (C) Movable Furniture; (D) Apparatus; and I have marked the list accordingly.

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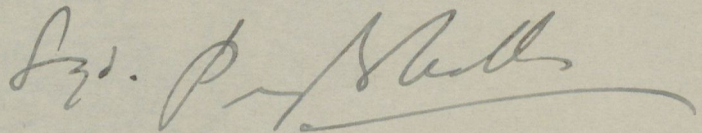
Items marked (B) Fixtures and Fittings, concern us most, and I would like to get a draughtsman on to this work at once. Before doing so, I must know roughly what proportion of the \$36,000.00 will be available, and precisely how much is necessary.

As to items marked (C) Movable Furniture, the bulk of this will have to be ordered from manufactured stock. A list has to be made, on which prices can be obtained.

As to the Apparatus, I confess I cannot be of much use beyond incorporating the tenders on the lists of what you and Webster consider necessary, in the next report to the Pathological Building Committee. With so small a sum available, it would be necessary, first of all, to lay aside ten per cent to cover unforeseen contingencies, chiefly in connection with actual installation, and to have actual tenders under all categories before any order is placed.

Please arrange with Webster for a meeting in this office, as soon as you can make it convenient, as I should like to get the matter advanced during the holidays.

Yours very truly,



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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., C.E.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL.

Montreal, October 24, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, (Chairman Path.Bldg.Comtee),
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: Pathology Building,
McGill University.

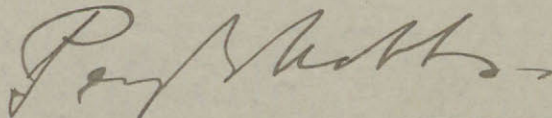
Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Pathological Building Committee, which will be held at the office of Nobbs & Hyde, 14 Phillips Square, at 4 p.m. on Thursday the 26th day of October, 1922.

BUSINESS:-

1. Report on possible deductions,
 - (a) On General Contract;
 - (b) On Engineering.
2. ^{Sub} Committee on Equipment's report on proposed omissions and deductions.

Yours faithfully,



Convenor, ~~pro tem.~~

BEN/C

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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.SC., S.B.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL

August 7, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: Pathology Building, McGill.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You will recollect that you are the
Chairman of the Pathological Building Committee,
and that I am acting as Convenor.

I am now able to report the drawings
and specifications virtually complete, and by Wed-
nesday evening I shall have competitive prices for the
whole of the stone work, which I would recommend
should be let in advance.

You will remember that we have already
let contracts for the excavation and the rubble stone.

The business of the meeting will be
approval of plans and specifications, and recommend-
ation of contractors, a matter on which, I understand,
the Finance Committee has the ultimate say. I do not
think that there is any very practical business to be
transacted, as the sub-Committee has done all that
there was to do in the way of approving the plans and
arranging equipment. Can you please fix a date this
week for the meeting?

Yours very truly,

Percy Nobbs

PEN/C

May 14th, 1924.

John Quinlan, Esq.,
323 Redfern Avenue,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Quinlan:-

In taking over the building erected by you for a Pathological Institute I would like to express the satisfaction of the University with the trouble you have taken to provide our Department of Pathology with a thoroughly creditable home.

No doubt the strange character of the building and the somewhat peculiar design have been the cause of some difficulties, but we at least know that we now possess what will, when finally completed, be without doubt the equal of any Pathological Institute on the continent.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 15th, 1924.

Major Percy E. Nobbs,
14 Phillips Square,
Montreal.

Dear Major Nobbs:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of May 12th, containing copy of a
letter addressed to Dr. Oertel and information
regarding the taking over of the Pathological
Institute.

Yours faithfully,

NOBBS & HYDE
ARCHITECTS

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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.B.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
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May 12, 1924.

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

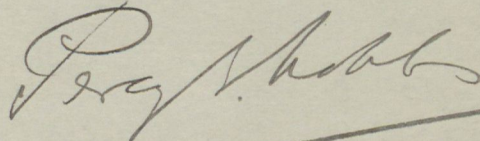
re: Pathological Building.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Following the meeting this morning at the Pathological Building, when Dr. Oertel took over the premises for the purposes of administration, I enclose a copy of our communication to him with reference to keys, etc.

By the present arrangement, the Clerk of Works is giving half his time to the building up to the end of this month; this should enable us to deal with all minor defects and omissions before arriving at a final financial settlement with the contractor.

Yours very truly,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Percy E. Nobbs', is written over a horizontal line.

PEN/C

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May 12, 1924.

Dr. H. Oertel,
Royal Victoria Hospital,
Montreal.

re: Pathological Building.

Dear Dr. Oertel,

On your taking over the Pathological Building from the general contractor, Mr. Quinlan, we have pleasure in handing you master keys as follows:-

- 2 Master Keys for all Cylinder Door Locks;
- 2 Master Keys for Inter-communicating Doors and Cupboard Doors.

Mr. Prideaux, Clerk of Works, will be giving his forenoons to the building, up to the end of this month, according to present arrangements. He has full information regarding work still remaining to be done by various contractors, and we shall feel obliged if you will draw his attention to anything of the kind which you may notice. Please make arrangements with your janitor for the admission of the various contractors, as required. They will still require a room here and there for use as workshops, or in which to keep their tools. Such accommodation can be changed at your discretion, or as you find it convenient when installing furniture.

Of course you understand that your taking over the building does not release any of the contractors from their obligation to complete the work to our satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Percy E. Nobbs.

PEM/C
Copy to
Sir Arthur Currie
& Mr. Quinlan.
Encs.

FROM THE
STRATHCONA PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY
PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
MCGILL UNIVERSITY.
MONTREAL.

22nd July 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I should appreciate it very highly to receive your signed photograph for the pathological Institute. It would be a worthy record of the time which marks the greatest forward step in Pathology at Mc Gill. To work in the new building after years of misery is to my staff and myself like the awakening out of a nightmare.

Ever sincerely yours
Horn Oerle.

FROM THE
STRATHCONA PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY
PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

Oct. 10th, 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Now that our Institute of Pathology has been officially opened, and we are busily engaged in putting the finishing touches on it, while the students are beginning to appreciate its advantages, I feel that I should let you know how much my staff and I appreciate and value your constant interest in and kindly support of it.

But it is not only for this reason that I write you, but in order to let you know how kind and helpful everyone in the central office of the University has been, to contribute to the success of the Building. That applies, not only to the Heads of Departments, but also to those who work under them.

Mr. Lawrence and his men, particularly, have taken no end of pains to help us in the installation of the equipment, and Burrell's office has come to our assistance whenever they felt that they could do anything for us.

This is only an inadequate expression of my staff's and my grateful recognition of these facts.

Sincerely yours,

John Currie

*To Mr Burrell
to forward to
Mr Lawrence*

*To Mr. H. M. Glasseo.
Please pass to
those concerned.*

[Signature]

October 23, 1924.

Dr. Howard T. Karsner,
Professor of Pathology of the School of Medicine,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Karsner:-

Thank you for your letter of October 21st. We hope that
your stay here as official representative of the Western Reserve
University will not be your last visit to McGill.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
2109 ADELBERT ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 21, 1924.

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

My dear Sir:

When I had the pleasure of going to Montreal to represent Western Reserve University at the opening of the Pathological Institute I was unable to present to you my credentials. Since that time I have secured the enclosure.

Please permit me to express my warm appreciation of the great courtesies shown me as a visitor to McGill University.

Very truly yours,

Howard T. Karsner

Graduate Professional
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF LAW
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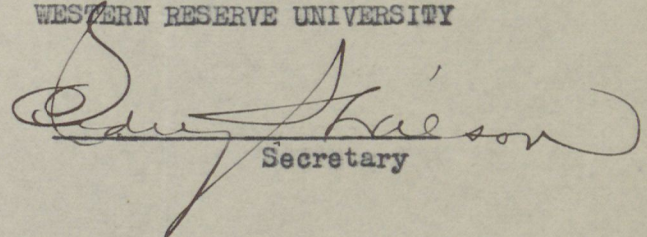
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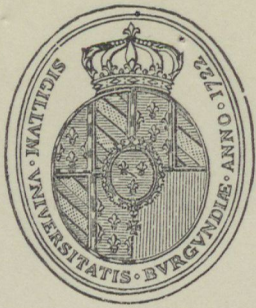
October 3, 1924

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Dr Howard T Karsner, Professor of Pathology of the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University, is the official representative of the School of Medicine at the opening of the Pathological Institute of McGill University on October 6, 1924.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY


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Université de Dijon

Dijon, le 14 Novembre 1924.

*Le Recteur de l'Académie
Président
du Conseil de l'Université*

LE RECTEUR DE L'ACADEMIE, Président
du Conseil de l'Université,

à Monsieur le CHANCELLIER de l'UNIVERSITÉ
Mc. GILL,

à MONTREAL (Canada)

Monsieur le Chancelier,

L'Université de DIJON a été très honorée de recevoir l'invitation de l'Université Mc.GILL à l'inauguration de son Institut de Pathologie.

Elle aurait été très heureuse de s'y faire représenter. La guerre n'a-t-elle pas resserré les liens séculaires qui unissent la France au Canada et ces dernières années la Faculté de Droit de DIJON n'a-t-elle pas été satisfaite de recevoir un élève boursier de l'Université Mc.GILL ?

Malheureusement les temps difficiles que traversent, comme le pays lui-même, toutes les Universités françaises, ne nous ont pas permis de songer à envoyer un représentant à MONTREAL .

Veuillez, Monsieur le Chancelier, faire agréer à l'Université Mc.GILL avec les regrets de l'Université de DIJON, ses vœux de prospérité et ses sentiments de confraternité.

Th. Rossier

Rockefeller Institute,
New York,
22nd October, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

On returning from
my holiday in Canada yesterday I
found your telegram & letter awaiting
me so this will explain my seeming
negligence in replying as I had left
before they arrived.

I enjoyed very much the functions
in Montreal and it was a very great
pleasure returning to my Alma Mater

and seeing so many improvements.

May I thank you for your letter
& kind good wishes.

With kindest regards,

I am, Sis,

Yours very truly,

Arnold Branch.

June 25th, 1924.

Professor A. E. Boycott, F.R.S.,
University College Medical School,
Gower Street,
London, England.

My dear Professor Boycott:-

You will doubtless recollect the discussion which took place some time ago with the Rockefeller Foundation regarding the establishment of a Pathological Institute at this University and you will be interested to know that the building was completed during the past session and will be opened and put into service in October next.

We feel that we have every reason to be satisfied with the success of the endeavours that were made and that, with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Royal Victoria Hospital, we have been able to obtain a Pathological Institute at least the equal of any on the continent. We propose that the formal opening shall take place on the afternoon of the 6th of October next, which is our Founder's Day, and that the usual Convocation be held in the evening. We intend to invite a number of guests as great as the seating capacity of the auditorium of the Pathological Building will permit to be present at the opening ceremony and we are anxious to have a Commemorative Address delivered by a recognized authority.

It would be an honour to this University and a great pleasure to myself if you could find it possible to come to Canada for the

Prof. A. E. Boycott

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purpose of delivering this address. The University would, of course, make all necessary arrangements in connection with your trip and meet the expenses. I might say that should you desire to take advantage of the arrangements of the British Association we shall be more than pleased to meet the expenses of the journey as far as Montreal and any additional expense which you may have been put to by reason of remaining after the return of the rest of the party.

I feel that it is asking a good deal to suggest so long a trip for the purpose of giving an address, but feel, too, that the occasion is one which is of so much importance to us and possibly to the study of Pathology in general that you would be willing to consider it.

Trusting for a favourable reply and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 30th, 1924.

Dr. Simon Flexner,
Rockefeller Foundation,
61, Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Flexner:-

The new Pathological Institute of McGill University has just been completed with, I think, great credit to all those who have been directly concerned with its erection and equipment. The official opening will be held on October 6th, which is "Founder's Day".

The initial ceremony of the opening will take place on the afternoon of that day and it is our desire to have at least two guests of honour who represent the highest ideals in Pathology to give short addresses.

Would you do us the honour of coming on this occasion? I sincerely hope that you may find time to do so, for your presence among us would have a really important significance for the school - all the more so as the creation of this building was in no small degree due to the stimulus of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Trusting, therefore, that you may find it possible to be with us on this occasion, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 31st, 1924.

Professor John Glaister,
University of Glasgow,
Glasgow, Scotland.

Dear Professor Glaister:-

You will doubtless be interested to know that the new Pathological Institute of McGill University, which was made possible by the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation, has been completed and will be opened and put into service in October next.

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Trusting, therefore, that you may find it possible to be with us, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

JOHN GLAISTER, M.D., D.P.H. (Camb.) F.R.S.E.

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Glasgow and Lanarkshire.

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Toxicology, and other important publications

May 8th, 1922.

Colonel Herbert Molson,
906 Notre Dame Street East,
Montreal.

Dear Herbert:-

You have no doubt received a letter from P. E. Nobbs of Nobbs & Hyde asking you to attend a meeting of the Pathological Building Committee at 4 p.m. next Wednesday.

That Committee consists of yourself, Dr. Oertel, Dr. Rhea, Dr. MacTaggart and myself.

I have today written Sir Vincent Meredith extending an invitation to him to send a representative of the Royal Victoria Hospital to the above mentioned meeting. I expect that he will nominate Mr. Webster, and I would welcome, if you consider it advisable, Dr. Haywood. If you do, will you please bring him along with you?

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 8th, 1922.

Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.,
Bank of Montreal,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Vincent:-

I beg to inform you -

1. That Stephens & Lee have been engaged as Consulting Architects for the Pathological Building;
2. A Committee consisting of Colonel Herbert Molson, Dr. Certel, Dr. Rhea, Dr. MacTaggart and myself will meet at the office of Wobbs & Hyde, 14 Phillips Square, on Wednesday next at 4 p.m. for the purpose of approving, if possible, the plans for the above mentioned building.

As Chairman of this Committee I would much appreciate if you would nominate some representative of the Royal Victoria Hospital to attend at the place and time mentioned, in order that the Royal Victoria may be properly represented.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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PERCY E. NOBBS, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., R.C.A.,
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14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
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May 6, 1922.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
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re: Pathological Bldg., McGill.

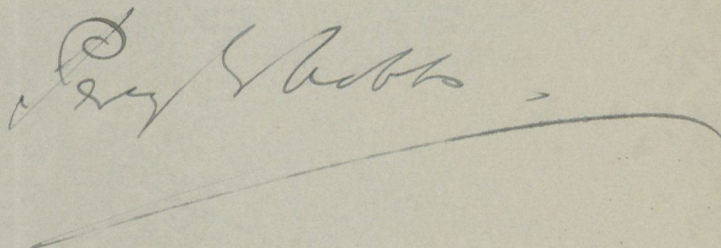
Dear Sir Arthur:

As arranged, I have notified
Colonel Herbert Molson, Dr. Oertel, Dr. Rhae,
and Dr. McTaggart to attend the meeting of the
Pathological Building Committee in this office
at 4 o'clock on Wednesday the 10th inst.

Mr. Glassco said something to
me about further representation of the Royal
Victoria Hospital on this committee.

Yours faithfully,

PEN/C

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Percy E. Nobbs", is written over a long, thin horizontal line that spans across the bottom right portion of the page.

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February
Fourteenth
1922.

Farquhar Robertson, Esq.,
206 St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

You will remember that according to the agreement entered into between the Rockefeller Foundation and McGill University the latter were to erect a Pathological Institute if the former donated the sum of \$1,000,000. That sum has been received from the Rockefeller Foundation and we must proceed with the erection of the Pathological Institute.

As a result of a preliminary consideration and survey of the situation, we decided to set aside the sum of \$200,000. for this purpose. When we came to consider the site on which the Pathological Institute should be erected we found a difference of opinion. All concerned agreed that it should form one of the McGill group of buildings. To come to the point at once, the members of the Faculty of Medicine, who are also members of the Hospital Staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, and others consider that the building should be erected in as close proximity to the Royal Victoria Hospital as possible. Others, among whom were some of the Teaching Staff of the Montreal General Hospital, consider that there is no real need for such proximity between the two institutions and suggest that the Institute might be placed on Carleton Road, where it could perform its function just as well as if it were put on University Street immediately opposite the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Farquhar Robertson, Esq. - 2 -

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I think, Sir, such reasoning will appeal to you and to the members of your Board. I want to inform you of this before it goes before our Board of Governors, and I hope that if our Board accept this proposition their action will receive the cordial support of the members of your Board and also the members of your Medical Staff. I fully expect that some criticism will be offered, though I cannot see why there should be. All of us are concerned in building up the best possible Medical School.

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ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL
MONTREAL

February
Eighteenth
1922

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I regret very much that I will be unable to be present at the Faculty Meeting this evening, as I am at present a patient in hospital, undergoing treatment for an infected hand.

I understand that one of the principal matters which will come before the Meeting will be the situation of ^{the} new Institute of Pathology and Medical Jurisprudence. This question has been discussed on previous occasions and various sites suggested. As head of one of the departments greatly interested in this building I must say that in my opinion there is no other site available for this building than the corner of Pine Avenue and University St. It is within easy reach of the University and within close proximity to one of the Hospitals connected with the University. One must recognize the fact that such a building if it is to be of value to the University, (it) must be close to the University and also to a Hospital. I have no doubt that opposition will be made to this site by certain members of the teaching body, but it is not the interest of either one or the other of the Hospitals, that should guide us in this matter, it is first and foremost the interest and welfare of the University. It is unfortunate perhaps, that owing to the geographical situation in connection with the University one of our largest and oldest Hospitals is badly situated, while on the other hand the other large Hospital is ideally situated, as regards the same site. The Hospital question seems to have entered into the matter to a greater degree than it should. It appears to me that the interests of the University are being allowed to suffer through this question. There is no doubt in my mind, whatever, and being one of those most interested in this new building, along with the Professor of Pathology, I would strongly urge that the site on the corner of Pine Avenue and University St., be selected. No advantage can be gained for the University or either of the Hospitals in building elsewhere, but a great deal would be lost and sacrificed in its value as a teaching institution.

*as to the
proper and
only site for
the Institute*

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So far as I am aware no other site has been seriously suggested which can be shown to possess similar advantages.

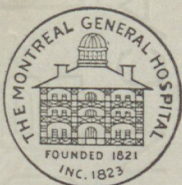
I have just laid my views before you in a short form, and if you feel disposed to express them at the Meeting in my behalf, I would be much gratified.

If it was at all possible I would certainly be present at the Meeting, as one then could meet the objections which might be raised by different parties. But personally I feel very strongly that the site mentioned in this letter is the only one available from the University's standpoint, and it is the future welfare of the University that we must consider in this matter and not the small petty grievances which may from time to time arise amongst members of two Hospitals

Yours very sincerely,

D. D. Mac Taggart,

Pr. V.D.G.



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Montreal

February
Sixteenth
1922

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In reply to your letter of February 14th regarding the Pathological building, I placed your letter before the House Committee, at their meeting on Wednesday, and they have recommended that this letter be placed before the Board of Management at their meeting next Wednesday. I will acquaint you of their opinion immediately after that meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

FARQUHAR ROBERTSON.

PRESIDENT.

Faculty of Medicine, McGill University,
Dean's Office,

Montreal, April 11th, 1921

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.

Principal, McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Since you informed me of the decision of the Governors not to undertake the erection of the Pathological Building this year, the Executive Committee of the Faculty has received from Professor Oertel two letters dealing with the question. The first letter, a copy of which I enclose, was read at a meeting of the Committee held on March 4th, and the second letter, a copy of which is also enclosed, was read at a meeting of the Executive held on the 6th inst.

The first letter you will note draws the attention of the Committee to the fact that owing to the large number of students requiring instruction in Pathology and Bacteriology it will be necessary for the department to have the exclusive use and control of its quarters in the new medical building, in which ^{event} the departments of Histology and Embryology and of Clinical Microscopy will be without laboratory space in which to give their courses.

I have interviewed the head of the departments of Histology and Embryology and am informed that if the laboratory of pathology and bacteriology and the adjoining rooms cannot be available for this work next year, as it has during the past few years, it will

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Dean's Office,

Montreal,.....

be quite impossible to carry on the instruction in these subjects.

The second letter is simply a memorandum showing the great difficulties with which the head of the department of Pathology and bacteriology will be faced next session owing to the large number of students.

The Executive Committee feels that the situation is a very serious one and they have asked me to forward these letters to you so that you may be fully informed of the situation.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Lane

Assistant Dean.

WLB

C O P Y.

Department of Pathology & Bacteriology,

McGill University.

March 3rd, 1921.

Dr. J. W. Scane.
Asst. Dean, Medical Faculty,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Scane,

The action of the Governors of the University delaying the building of the Pathological Institute and leaving its site undertimined is going to keep the pathological department of the University, which at present is largely housed in a few small temporary rooms of the Out-Patient Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital, in a state of chaos and inefficient teaching, to say nothing of research and the hardship to student and staff, for a number of years.

I have given the whole matter careful consideration and I have come to the conclusion that we must have some relief in order to carry on at all. It becomes necessary therefore, to claim again for the use of the pathological department the few rooms in the New Medical Building, originally belonging to it, but which are now occupied by the department of Anatomy, histology, embryology. I appreciate ^{that} this will practically disposses these departments, and I feel very reluctant in this matter, but, as I pointed out in my urgent letter to the Executive Committee of the Faculty some time ago, conditions in this department of Pathology have reached a point where choice in the matter is no longer possible. It is true that taking repossession of these rooms ^{is} certainly not going to improve the situation very much and it is doubtful whether we will be able even then to carry on anything like proper teaching and research, but I cannot as responsible head of my department, leave anything undone

Which will offer the slightest relief in the situation.

For the same reason let me remind you that it will not be possible next year to spare the students' laboratory in the College Building as liberally as we did this year, for we shall have, in the first place, more students in pathology, which means more groups and I must, in the second place, have the laboratory at my disposal for a longer period before my classes in order to carry on anything like adequate preparation.

I regret exceedingly to be obliged to make these requests, but it is impossible for an important scientific department of a University and equally destructive for its teaching and research to remain for several years in the present unsettled, unequipped and uncertain position in which the pathological department of McGill finds itself to-day.

I therefore ask you to be good enough to bring this letter to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Faculty and also of all those gentlemen who are directly concerned in it.

I remain

Very truly yours,

(signed) HORST CERTEL.

MADE IN CANADA
VICTORY BOND

C O P Y.

MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY ON THE PRESENT CRISIS IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF PATHOLOGY, AND BACTERIOLOGY.

This memorandum has been prepared in order to present and to itemize those points which demand most urgent relief from the present congested and entirely inadequate conditions and accommodations for teaching Bacteriology and Pathology. It therefore does not deal with those general questions of departments needs which have already been set forth in previous communications to the Assistant Dean, under date of January 19th and March 2nd, 1921. and have been acted upon by the Education Committee and the Faculty.

I. The number of students which are to receive instruction in Bacteriology and Pathology during the next Academic year are as follows.

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| Third Year..... | 270 | |
| Fourth..... | 135 | Total 515. |
| Fifth Year..... | <u>110.</u> | |

This does not include the number of men coming from Alberta and other Universities, which may conservatively be estimated at about twenty more. I am informed by the Dean of the Dental Faculty that in addition to these medical students instruction is to be provided in Bacteriology and Pathology for fifty dental students who will join the third year class, making the number of students in the third year three hundred and twenty.

2. The department of Pathology and Bacteriology have no lecture room, laboratories, preparation and storage rooms for their own use, but they have share an inadequate outfit for these purposes with the Departments of Histology, Neurology and Clinical Microscopy, so that the already insufficient floor space is further reduced by occupation of other departments.

3. This year's work with a much smaller number of students was carried out under the greatest difficulties, very

inefficiently and by omitting all research and recognized privileges of the staffs, in several small temporarily fitted up rooms in the Royal Victoria Hospital, in which experiments, anatomical and bacteriological material, cultures and specimens were prepared and then transported and retransported between College and these quarters. The increase of the number of students, the lack of help who are no longer willing to work for very small considerations under those difficulties, make this arrangement no longer feasible. Moreover the Royal Victoria Hospital contemplates the use of these temporary quarters for other purposes.

4. The number of trained demonstrators, assistants and technicians is altogether too inadequate. Careful analysis shows that the whole time of three expert technicians and at least thirty demonstrators who are trained to teach microscopy is required to teach these classes adequately.

5. Attempts to claim space formerly devoted to Pathology and Bacteriology in the New Medical Building, but now in the hands of the Departments of Histology and Embryology must necessarily lead to entire suspension in their work, as no other space is available for them.

This memorandum has been prepared after a careful survey of the whole situation and after consultation with Dr. Bruere the Professor of Bacteriology.

(signed) HORST OERTEL.