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CANADIAN

CLUB

OF MCGILL

MEMORANDUM

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McGILL UNIVERSITY CANADIAN CLUB.

The Committee of the McGill University Canadian Club has been very active in drawing up the programme of the Club for the present session. Addresses on the following subjects have already been arranged for:-

- (1) The Lands and Forests of Canada.
- (2) The Mines, Water Powers and Fisheries of Canada.
- (3) The Railway Situation in Canada.
- (4) The Labour Situation and the Labour Movement in Canada.
- (5) Our Canadian Finances.
- (6) Municipal Problems in Canada.
- (7) Education in Canada and the Future of the Canadian Universities.
- (8) The Foreign Population and Emigration.
- (9) The Grain Growers Association and the Farmers Movement in Canada.
- (10) French and English in Canada.

Each of these topics is one which is of direct practical and immediate importance to Canadians in the period upon which we are now entering. In it the great problems facing Canada are dealt with - increased production, more efficient transportation, a satisfied community, and the means of carrying our greatly increased national debt without crippling the initiative and spirit of the people. Every McGill man should be fully

informed with regard to all these matters.

The following speakers have already been secured:-

The Rt.Hon. Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Acting Prime Minister of the Dominion.

The Hon. N.W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council of
Canada.

Adam Shortt, LL.D., of Ottawa, one of the leading authorities
on Canadian finance.

W.F. Tye, C.E., one of the greatest authorities on the railway
situation in Canada.

R.A. Ross, Esq., City Commissioner of Montreal.

Dean Adams.

The Hon. G.D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, will probably
also address the Club. The other speakers will be announced
later.

Sir George Foster, who was to have been the speaker at
the opening meeting of the Club, has been obliged to be absent
in the West and later in Washington and is, consequently, unable
to leave Ottawa at the present time but will speak at an early
meeting, probably at the beginning of January.

The opening meeting of the Club will be held shortly, and
the time, place and speaker will be announced in the course of
a day or two.

McGill University,
November 25, 1919.

November 12th 1919.

Rt. Hon. Sir George E. Foster, K.C.M.G.,
Department of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir George:-

When I had the pleasure of seeing you in Ottawa recently I mentioned that we are re-viving our Canadian Club at McGill University - which owing to the great reduction in the number of students in War time had fallen into a state of quiescence - and we are arranging this year to use this Club to give to the young men at McGill University a correct understanding and outlook on some of the great factors of Canadian life at the present time.

We will take up such questions as the Various Resources of Canada; the Canadian Railway System and the Railway Commission; the Labor Situation in Canada; the Public Debt and Canadian Finance; the Greengrocers' Association and the Farmers' Movement, etc.

You were good enough to say that if I would write to you after the House adjourned you would make arrangements to come to Montreal and give the opening address of this series. The fact that you will do so has been announced, and I can assure you, you will find a most cordial welcome awaiting you at McGill University.

The students have suggested that I might ask you to address their Canadian Club on some topic such as "Canada and Her International Status" which would give an opportunity for something to be said with reference to Canada's part at the Peace Conference.

Sir George R. Foster - 2 -

As I mentioned also when I last had the pleasure of seeing you, I desire to arrange a dinner to be held in your honor at the Mount Royal Club, to be attended by about thirty gentlemen prominent in City and University life.

I am in Ottawa till Friday the 14th on business connected with the Research Council, and I would like very much if, before leaving, I could have the dates on which you could visit Montreal fixed, so that I might proceed with the preparations for these two events. I should like to arrange your address at the University and the dinner on two consecutive evenings, as it would not be easy to arrange for both of them on the same date.

I would suggest for your consideration

Tuesday Evening November 25th
Wednesday Evening " 26th

or

Wednesday Evening November 26th
Thursday Evening " 27th

I shall be glad to know if either of these will suit you.

With best wishes,
I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal

November
Twentieth
1919.

C. H. Adair Esq.,
Faculty of Arts.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Adams desires me to ask you to call upon him as soon as possible after receiving this in order that he may discuss with you the question of Sir George Foster's visit to Montreal.

Dr. Adams desires me to say that Sir George Foster cannot come next week, so that it may be necessary to change the arrangements which were in contemplation.

If you can arrange to have the other officers of the Canadian Club meet Dr. Adams with you, definite action might be taken without the necessity of calling another meeting. Dr. Adams suggests tomorrow, Friday the 21st, as a suitable day for him. He can meet the officers of the Canadian Club at almost any hour which is convenient for them.

Yours very truly,

November
Twentieth
1919.

Hon. N. W. Rowell,
Privy Council,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Rowell:-

We have felt at McGill University that it is specially important this year to bring very clearly before the large number of students who are in attendance some of the great problems with which Canada is confronted at the present time, and concerning which they should be in a position to reach a sound and reasoned judgment.

We have consequently arranged that the McGill University Canadian Club should invite its speakers this session to address the Club on distinctively Canadian problems.

These deal in part with the Natural Resources of the Dominion, but also include such subjects as the Canadian Railway System and the Railway Commission, the Labor Situation and the Labor Movement in Canada, the Public Debt and Canadian Finances, Education in Canada, and the Function of the Canadian Universities, etc.

Sir George Foster has consented to address the Club a little later on in the season and Dr. Adam Short speaks on December 17th on the subject of our Canadian Finances.

I just heard that you are coming to Montreal next Wednesday, November 26th, for the purpose of addressing a meeting in St. James Church that evening. The executive of the McGill Canadian Club are extremely desirous to have you speak to our students during your visit here in Montreal. We can arrange for you

Hon. N. W. Rowell - 2 -

to speak in one of the large University Halls at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th, or at the same hour on Thursday, November 27th; and I am now writing to ask you whether you would be good enough to consent to address our students on one or other of these dates. I may say that McGill Canadian Club includes practically all the students who are attending McGill College, so we hope to have a good audience.

The subject of the address we would like to leave to you. Any topic directly connected with the Dominion of Canada, and specially as it may concern the present generation of students and their future duties, would be quite suitable.

Hoping most sincerely that you will be able to accept our invitation, and desiring that you will let us know as far as possible in advance if you can come and the title of your address, so that we may announce the address and make proper arrangements,

I remain, dear Mr. Rowell,

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal.

Same letter to

E.W. Beatty, K.C.

November 24, 1919.

Sir H. Vincent Meredith, *Nairt*
President, Bank of Montreal,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Vincent,

I understand that Admiral Beatty is to be in Montreal some time between December 1st and December 12th and that if McGill University applies at once to the Hon. C.C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine & Fisheries, arrangements might be made whereby Admiral Beatty would address the students of McGill University. Mr. Glass of the Navy League tells me that the arrangements for Admiral Beatty's visit to Montreal are in Mr. Ballantyne's hands, and that if you were to drop this gentleman a note supporting my request this would have very great weight when the programme is being drawn up.

I am writing Mr. Ballantyne today, asking that he will, if at all possible, arrange for such an address, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to write or telephone to Mr. Ballantyne supporting my application. Mr. Ballantyne is in Ottawa at the present time.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal

November 24, 1919.

The Hon. C.C. Ballantyne,
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Ballantyne,

We are extremely anxious, if possible, to have Admiral Beatty, when he is in Montreal, address the students of McGill University.

I understand that the arrangement of Admiral Beatty's tour is in your hands, and I am writing to ask that you will, if in any way possible, arrange to have Admiral Beatty speak to our students some time during his visit to this City.

Mr. Glass of the Navy League saw me a few days since and I learned from him that if I were to apply directly to you such an address might be arranged for.

Hoping most sincerely that arrangements will be made whereby our students may have the pleasure of hearing the Admiral, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal

Head Office
Bank of Montreal
Montreal

Twenty-fifth
November,
1919.

My dear Dean,

I am in receipt
of your letter of the 24th
instant and shall at once
write to Ballantyne support-
ing your application that
Admiral Jellicoe should ad-
dress the students of McGill
University on his visit here
in December.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

Dr. Frank D. Adams, Ph.D.,
Acting Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

November 25, 1919.

Adam Shortt, Esq., LL.D.,
Board of Historical Publications,
Public Archives of Canada,
Sussex Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Shortt,

Please accept my best thanks for your very kind letter of November 22nd, suggesting the Minister of Labour, the Hon. G.D. Robertson, as the most suitable person to address our McGill Canadian Club on the labour situation in Canada.

I think the Hon. Mr. Robertson would be excellent if we can secure him, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will, as you suggest, see him upon his return to Ottawa and let me know whether it will be in order for me to send him a formal invitation.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL 25th November 1919.

Dr Frank D. Adams

Acting Principal, McGill University,

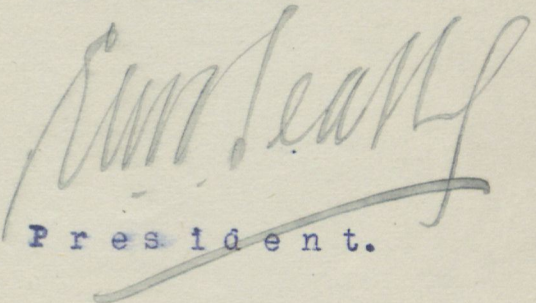
M o n t r e a l.

My dear Dr Adams:-

I have your letter of the 24th instant.

I had not heard that Admiral Beatty was likely to be here next month and I should be rather surprised if he and Admiral Jellicoe would reach this part of Canada at the same time. However, on the assumption that your information is correct, I should be very glad to write to Colonel Ballantyne and urge the claims of the University - this I am doing to-day.

Yours very truly,



P r e s i d e n t.

November
Twenty-sixth
1919.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne,
Department of Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:-

In writing to you yesterday with reference to the forthcoming visit of Admiral Jellicoe to Montreal, and asking that if possible you would arrange his visit so that he might have an opportunity of speaking to the students of McGill University, through an unfortunate mistake I substituted the name of Admiral Beatty for the name of Admiral Jellicoe. It is, of course, Admiral Jellicoe to whom my letter referred, as Admiral Beatty is not in the country at the present time.

I shall be very glad if you can make the suggested arrangement in connection with Admiral Jellicoe's visit to Montreal.

I made a similar mistake in writing to Mr. Beatty, one of our Governors and President of the C. P. R., asking him to write to you in this connection. I have just heard from Mr. Beatty and his communication to you really refers to Admiral Jellicoe and not to Admiral Beatty.

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal.

November
Twenty-sixth
1919.

Edward W. Beatty Esq.,
Office of The President,
Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

Please accept my best thanks
for your letter of November 25th just received.

As you remark Admiral Beatty
is not likely to be here next month. I intended
in my letter to refer to Admiral Jellicoe's
visit, but in some inexplicable way, I mentioned
Admiral Beatty instead in writing to you.

Please accept my apologies and
at the same time my thanks for your kindness
in writing to Col. Ballantyne. I will write
to the Colonel and correct my mistake.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal.

November
Twenty-sixth
1919.

W. F. Tye Esq., C.E.,
Linton Apartments,
731 Sherbrooke St. West,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Tye:-

Many thanks for your letter of
November 26th.

Your lecture will take place in the
large Lecture Hall of the Chemical and Mining
Building, McGill University at 5 p.m. on Tuesday
December 2nd.

Thanking you most sincerely for
your kindness in undertaking to give this opening
address of the McGill Canadian Club,

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal.

November 25, 1919.

W. F. Tye, Esq., C.E.,
The Linton Apartments,
Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Tye,

I have consulted the Committee of our McGill University Canadian Club and find that Tuesday, December 2nd, at 5 p.m., would be a date which would suit them for your address on the Railway Situation in Canada.

Will this date suit you?

To meet your objections that your views on this question are quite divergent from those which are being followed by the Government, I might throw out the suggestion that a portion of your address might be devoted to giving an outline of the present railway system of Canada; the part played by the Canadian railways in the life and development of Canada, and a few words with reference to the Railway Commission and its work in connection with Canadian railways. This would serve as an interesting introduction to the consideration of the present railway situation.

This, however, is a mere suggestion and you are, of course, at perfect liberty to treat the subject in

W.F. Tye, 2.

any way you desire.

I may add that it would be best to make the address about fifty minutes in length, which will enable you to start it about ten minutes past five o'clock and conclude at six.

Will you want any maps or diagrams to illustrate your address?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Acting Principal

Also sent to Editor "Star"

November
Twenty-ninth
1919.

Editor "Gazette",
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

W. F. Tye Esq., C.E., formerly Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, one of the leading Engineers in Canada and one of the greatest authorities on Canadian Railways will give the opening address to the McGill Canadian Club in the large Lecture Hall of the Chemistry and Mining Building of McGill University on Tuesday, December 2nd at 5 p.m.

The subject of Mr. Tye's address is the Railway situation in Canada.

Mr. Tye, as you will remember, is the author of a pamphlet on this subject which was issued a couple of years ago when he was President of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and which attracted a great deal of attention in connection with the question as to what steps the Government should take in dealing with the Canadian Railways.

Mr. Tye's address will deal with the Development of the Canadian Railways, the importance of an efficient transportation system in Canada, the work of the Railway Commission in controlling our Railways, and Mr. Tye's views of the present railway situation and its future outlook.

As this subject is of great importance at the present time I shall be glad if you will see fit to make a brief statement in your paper with reference to this lecture, stating that it is free to the public and the University Authorities invite all who are interested in the subject to be present at Mr. Tye's address.

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

Head Office
Bank of Montreal
Montreal

December
First,
1919.

Dear Mr. Dean,

I enclose copy of
a letter I have this morning
received from Colonel Ballan-
tyne in response to your re-
quest that Lord Jellicoe ad-
dress the students of McGill
University.

I know Lord Jellicoe
is averse to making addresses
or otherwise I feel sure he
would be only too pleased to
have the opportunity of meeting
such a promising body of men.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Adams

Dr. Frank D. Adams, Ph.D.,
Acting Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Que.

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December
Sixth
1919.

Hon. N. W. Rowell,
President of the Privy Council,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Rowell:-

Please accept my most sincere thanks for your letter of December 4th. I am delighted that we may look forward to having the pleasure of an address from you before the McGill Canadian Club.

As you say, Friday, December 19th would be a date which would be very late for us, on account of the fact that the Christmas vacation begins at that time. In any case, having already given two addresses on that day, it would be imposing on you to ask you to speak a third time.

Your suggestion that you come to Montreal and speak to the McGill students early in the New Year is one which is most acceptable to us. The McGill Canadian Club holds its regular meetings on each alternative Wednesday, and the following three dates at the beginning of the New Year will be those on which the regular meetings of the Club will be held:

Wednesday, January 7th
Wednesday, January 21st
Wednesday, February 4th

If you will be good enough to select any of these dates, we shall be glad to hold it for you. If, however, none of these dates are suitable, if you will let us know a date which will be more convenient to you, we shall have great pleasure in calling a special meeting. A reply as early as convenient will be appreciated.

Again thanking you,

I remain, dear Mr. Rowell,
Yours very sincerely,

December
Eighth
1919.

Dr. Adam Shortt,
Board of Historical Publications,
Public Archives of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Shortt:-

I have just received your very kind letter of December 6th stating that you have seen the Hon. Mr. Robertson, Minister of Labor, with reference to addressing our Canadian Club at McGill University on the Labor Situation in Canada.

The McGill Canadian Club has a regular schedule of dates, being every alternative Wednesday during the session. As Hon. Mr. Robertson wishes to speak before the middle of January, the only regular date which falls within this period is Wednesday, January 7th. We should be very glad if the Hon. Mr. Robertson would undertake to speak on that date. If this is not convenient for him, we will be very glad to call a special meeting between January 7th and January 13th, on which day the examinations begin. I shall be glad if you will lay this matter before the Hon. Mr. Robertson and let us know what decision he reaches.

I may say that I am going up to Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Research Council on Thursday night and will be at the Capital on Friday and Saturday until 3. p.m., possibly later. I shall stay at the Chateau Laurier, and shall be either there, at the rooms of the Research Council or at the Rideau Club during my stay in Ottawa; so that, if you desire to telephone me in connection with this matter, I can be found at one or other of these three places.

I desire to thank you most sincerely for your great kindness and the trouble which you have taken in connection with arranging a date for the Hon. Mr. Robertson to speak.

Dr. Adam Shortt

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We are, of course, looking forward to having you speak before the McGill Canadian Club on Wednesday, December 17th. The best time would be 5 p.m. The address is arranged for Stratheona Hall situated on Sherbrooke Street, opposite the College gates.

I shall be glad if you can stay over the evening, as I would like to have a few friends to meet you at dinner.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

December
Fourteenth
1920.

Lord Atholstan,
Montreal.

Dear Lord Atholstan:-

I thought it might be of interest to you to know that in response to your suggestion I sent the following cablegram to Sir Campbell Stuart:

"Hearty congratulations recent well-
"merited promotion and distinction.
"Rejoice that Canadian Club formally
"honours you to-night. Success to
"both."

and received from him the following reply:


"Thank you for kind message received
"this morning. Sorry it did not
"reach me in time for dinner given
"me by my fellowcountrymen in London
"yesterday."

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Z. A. LASH, PRESIDENT

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SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL

THANK YOU FOR KIND MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS MORNING SORRY IT DID NOT REACH
 ME IN TIME FOR DINNER GIVEN ME BY MY FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN IN LONDON
 YESTERDAY

CAMPBELL STUART.

December
Sixteenth
1919.

Hon. G. D. Robertson,
Minister of Labor,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

I am writing to you, as I undertook to do, with reference to your kind promise to come to Montreal early next month and address the Canadian Club of McGill University.

The date which you were good enough to fix was Wednesday, January 7th; the address to be given in the evening at 8.30 p.m. We have not, as yet, finally decided in which of the University Halls the address will be given, but I will write you again as the date approaches with reference to this matter.

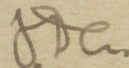
You were kind enough to say that on arrival in Montreal you would come to the University Club and dine with me there, as soon after 7 o'clock as the arrival of your train permits, and from there we will go to the Hall where the time of the address is fixed for 8.30 p.m.

I should specially like at the present time to know the exact title of your address, so that we may advertize it and announce it on our cards of invitation. Will "The Labor Situation in Canada" be sufficient, or do you wish to define the subject of your address in a more precise way?

Thanking you very much for your kindness in accepting the invitation of the Club,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Acting Principal.



OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
Ottawa, January 6, 1920.

Dear Mr. Adams,

With further reference to your letter of December 6th, and my reply of the 23rd, I find that it will be possible for me to be in Montreal on Wednesday, January 21st, and if satisfactory to you, I shall be glad to address the McGill University Canadian Club on the afternoon of that day.

In writing me I should be glad if you would kindly let me know the exact hour at which the meeting will be held.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Frank D. Adams,
Acting Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

P. S. In reference to the subject, I could speak on any one of the following:

1. The League of Nations and Canada's Place Therein.
2. The Labour Clauses of the Peace Treaty and the Washington Conference.
3. Canada's Status in the British Commonwealth.

Kindly let me know which you prefer.



OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
Ottawa, December 23rd, 1919.

Dear Mr. Adams,

I duly received your letter of December 6th, but delayed replying in the hope that I might be able to fix a definite date. Up to the present, however, I have not been able to do so, except to say that I shall not be able to go down to Montreal on Wednesday, January 7th. I will endeavour to arrange to go down for the meeting on January 21st, if possible, but will advise you definitely later.

Yours faithfully,

Frank D. Adams, Esq.,
Acting Principal, McGill University,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

MINISTER'S OFFICE



C.
OTTAWA
Feb. 9th, 1920.

Prof. F.D. Adams,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Professor Adams:-

I have your message left for me with my Private Secretary and I am sorry to have to say that it will be absolutely impossible for me to speak to the students at McGill University at the present time.

You can understand, I am sure, the amount of work which falls upon me. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to conform to your request, if it were at all possible.

Yours sincerely,

George F. Foster

February
Sixteenth
1920.

Rt.Hon. Sir George E. Foster, P.C.,K.C.M.G.,
Minister of Trade & Commerce,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir George:-

Please accept my best thanks
for your letter of February 9th.

I am sorry that it will be
impossible for you to speak to the students of
McGill University this session, but I can quite
understand that the amount of work which now
falls upon you as Acting Prime Minister will not
permit you to come to Montreal for this purpose.

I hope at some future time
that our students may have the privilege of
hearing you.

With best wishes,

I remain, yours very sincerely,



Acting Principal.

February
Twenty-fourth
1920.

Miss Christine E. Campbell,
Association of Canadian Clubs,
C/o. T. Kelly Dickinson Esq.,
P.O. Box 389, Station B, Montreal.

Dear Madam:-

I received your letter of February 18th containing an extract from a letter received by you from the Provincial Vice-President for Manitoba of the Association of Canadian Clubs, and asking for information with reference to the constitution of the McGill University Canadian Club, and other information with reference to this body.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. C. H. Adair, 549 Lansdowne Ave., Westmount, who is this year President of the McGill University Canadian Club, with a request that he communicate directly with you, giving you the information which you desire.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Acting President.

February
Twenty-fourth
1900.

C. H. Adair Esq.,
549 Lansdowne Ave.,
Westmount, Que.

Dear Mr. Adair:-

Dr. Adams desires me to forward
the enclosed letter to you, with the request
that you reply to Miss Campbell directly, giving
her the information she desires.

Yours very truly,



Encl.

Secretary.

7th March, 1921.

Dr. Michael Clark, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Clark,

We have had at McGill for some time a students' Canadian Club and this winter we have had a great many disappointments in our efforts to obtain suitable speakers. Some of our leading Canadians have disappointed us, and personally I think they have made a mistake in doing so. For instance, Mr. Mackenzie King put us off by saying that he had not time, yet I heard many bitter comments from students regarding his having recently spent a week in Montreal attending dinners, tea parties, etc., and yet being unable to speak to them. Sir George Foster has also put them off, yet he found time to speak to a women's club in Montreal.

These young men at McGill today are the men of the business and the political world of tomorrow, and I think it bad politics to ignore them. They have spoken to me of their disappointments and I have undertaken to try and get a few of our leading Canadian public men, now attending the Session of Parliament at Ottawa, to come down and speak to them. I thought of yourself, Mr. Hume Cronyn and Mr. Stevens, of Vancouver, and I am writing to them a similar letter.

These meetings are held at five o'clock in the afternoon and it is possible to return that night to Ottawa, but if you should come I would like you to be my guest for dinner and to put up at my house during your stay in the city.

If it is at all possible to oblige us, I am sure we shall be very grateful.

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If you say you will come, I shall send
you a list of dates from which you can make a
choice.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully.

7th March, 1921.

Hume Cronyn, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ever yours faithfully,

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7th March, 1921.

H. H. Stevens, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

We have had at McGill for some time a students' Canadian Club and this winter we have had a great many disappointments in our efforts to obtain suitable speakers. Some of our leading Canadians have disappointed us, and personally I think they have made a mistake in doing so. For instance, Mr. Mackenzie King put us off by saying that he had not time, yet I heard many bitter comments from students regarding his having recently spent a week in Montreal attending dinners, tea parties, etc., and yet being unable to speak to them. Sir George Foster has also put them off, yet he found time to speak to a women's club in Montreal.

These young men at McGill today are the men of the business and the political world of tomorrow, and I think it bad politics to ignore them. They have spoken to me of their disappointments and I have undertaken to try and get a few of our leading Canadian public men, now attending the Session of Parliament at Ottawa, to come down and speak to them. I thought of yourself, Dr. Michael Clark and Mr. Hume Cronyn, and I am writing to them a similar letter.

These meetings are held at five o'clock in the afternoon and it is possible to return that night to Ottawa, but if you should come I would like you to be my guest for dinner and to put up at my house during your stay in the city.

If it is at all possible to oblige me, I am sure we shall be very grateful.

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If you say you will come, I shall send
you a list of dates from which you can make a
choice.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully.

Mr. King



House of Commons
Canada

March 9th, 1921

My dear Principal

I wish very much, when I receive such kind and pressing letters as yours, that I had three times the leisure and strength I have. I am speaking at Cobalt on Sunday night (taking me out of the city for 4 days), to the Knox Brotherhood in Ottawa a week later, and so on.

If I looked after my health as I should (I shall be 60 in May) I would do nothing outside of Parliament while the session lasts.

I write so much to demonstrate to you that I am in ^{no} way disinclined to assist you, but simply unable.

I appreciate to the full the importance



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Canada

of the work in which you invite me to participate, and I find it difficult to say 'No', but regret that I must say it.

With the highest appreciation, please believe me

Yours very sincerely

Michael Clark.

March
Twenty-first
1921.

H. H. Stevens, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stevens:-

I should before this have thanked you for your letter of March 8th in prompt reply to my request that you give an address before the Students' Canadian Club of this University.

It so happened that the advent of spring weather practically coincided with the arrival of your letter, and the Executive of our Club, while deeply grateful for your courtesy, decided to ask you to come to us shortly after the session's opening in 1922. Our Club meets between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Students are in the classrooms from 9 to 5, and while winter was with us attended the meetings of the Canadian Club in satisfactory numbers. Now that the fine weather is here we feel that it would be hard to hold them indoors after a long day's work.

If you will promise to come to us next year it will help us to arrange our programme early and it will give you plenty of time to prepare something which will stick in and impress the plastic and malleable mind of these young men. I know just how busy you are with the session's work and how these outside engagements are sometimes bothersome.

I am particularly desirous of bringing before the student-body the best type of

H. H. Stevens, Esq., - 2 -

our public men.

If you come to Montreal before
returning to Vancouver I shall be very glad,
indeed, to see you.

With all good wishes and many
thanks for your courtesy, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Send for parking 4th of Queen Ave.



House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, March 8th, 1921.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal's Office,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have your letter of the 7th instant just to hand, asking me if I would go to Montreal and address the students' Canadian Club of the McGill University.

Let me say, I would indeed esteem it a very high privilege to have the opportunity of addressing this club and if you will send me the list of dates mentioned in your letter, I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible what date I could come. I have several engagements between now and Easter and, it is possible, that I might go for a brief visit home at Easter. However, I will know more in this regard in a few days.

I would also be pleased if you would indicate to me what subject, at present, is interesting to the student and I shall be very pleased to try and select a topic in conformity thereto.



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Again assuring you of my appreciation
of your kindness in thinking of me in this regard,
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

A. H. Stevens

Member for Vancouver Centre.

March
Twenty-first
1921.

Hume Cronyn, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Cronyn:-

I thank you very much indeed for your letter of March 9th in prompt reply to my request that you give an address to the McGill Canadian Club.

We appreciate very much your consent to come to us, but what we would like to do now is to ask you to fulfil that promise during the next session of Parliament. The fact of the matter is that the advent of spring weather practically coincided with my letter to you, and we feel that it is difficult to hold the student-body within doors after 5 o'clock. Classes begin at 9 and run fairly continuously until that hour in the afternoon. We always held our Club meetings between 5 and 6. It was easy enough to get a large attendance during the winter months, but with the coming of the fine weather the students like to be out of doors. And so, I am writing to you to ask if you will bear it in mind and shortly after the opening of Parliament next January or February will you come to us.

This will help us prepare our programme, will give you plenty of time and I know will suit you better, because I realize just how busy you are with your sessional work and other duties. I believe that anything dealing with scientific research would be very acceptable.

What I am particularly anxious to do is to bring before the young and impressionable student-

Hume Cronyn, Esq.

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body of McGill the best type of our public men.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

P.S. There is another thing that has influenced us in closing down on the meetings of our Canadian Club, and that is, that examinations begin in a little more than three weeks time.

Handwritten signature



House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ont.,
March 9th., 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear General Currie:-

Your letter of the 7th. reached me last night. You undoubtedly flatter me by joining my name with those of Dr. Clark and Mr. Stevens. Quite frankly my difficulty is that outside of two subjects - Pensions and Scientific Research - I have no line of talk which I could hope to give without prolonged preparation. I am particularly slow in this regard, and find it well nigh impossible to get the time during the Session to study available material.

To-day the Special Committee on Soldiers' affairs will be named, and it seems a foregone conclusion that I shall have to again accept the chairmanship of that Committee. If last Session was any criterion, this post will involve me in daily heavy work leaving little time for even other parliamentary duties.

Do you think the students would be interested in Scientific Research? The subject, to my mind, is now worn a bit bare, but perhaps they have not heard as much about it as we have in Ottawa.

My whole inclination is to meet you more than half way, although I feel myself quite unqualified for the job.

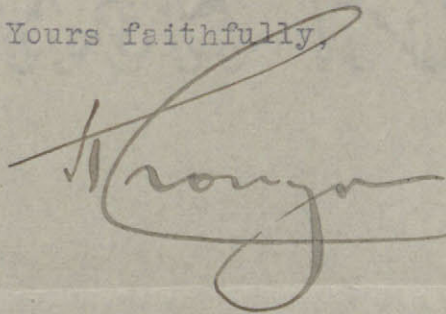
There is certain legislation coming before the Ontario House in which my Companies are peculiarly interested. I have promised therefore to hold myself in readiness to appear before a Committee of the Legislature when these items are under consideration. So far I have been unable to

Sir Arthur Currie # 2.

obtain any indication of the date on which this Committee will sit, but am hopeful it will get together sometime during this month. Outside of that matter I have Board meetings on the 2nd. and 4th. Friday of each month, which I dislike to miss.

Many thanks for your kind offer of hospitality.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed phrase "Yours faithfully,".

HC/MF.

March
Twenty-sixth
1921.

J. C. Farthing, Esq.,
Arts Building.

My dear Farthing:-

Here is a letter which I have received from Mr. Hume Cronyn, M.P. You might turn it over to whoever is likely to be President or Secretary of our Canadian Club for next year.

I hope they will not forget to ask Mr. Cronyn, because I believe his address would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

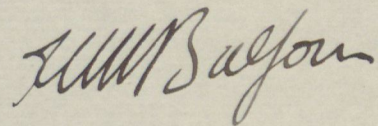
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

February 3rd 1922.

My dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of January 31st. I have shown it to His Excellency who feels that if the speeches he has already engaged to make in Montreal, are not to suffer, it would be better if he makes no further engagements for his present visit to Montreal. He is sure, therefore, that you will understand when he asks you to postpone your invitation for the McGill Canadian Club to some future date.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Arthur Wm Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University.
MONTREAL.

February
Sixth
1922.

H.B.O'Heir, Esq.,
128 McTavish Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I am very disappointed in a reply I received from the Governor General in response to my request that he address the McGill Canadian Club when in Montreal.

The reply of his Military Secretary is that "His Excellency feels that if the speeches he has already engaged to make in Montreal, are not to suffer, it would be better if he makes no further engagements for his present visit to Montreal." He is sure, therefore, that you will understand when he asks you to postpone your invitation for the McGill Canadian Club to some future date.

I am particularly sorry about this because I know you wanted the Governor General to give a start to your meetings of this winter. Is there anyone else to whom you would like me to write.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

TELEPHONE
7052 RHINELANDER

Feb 16 -

25 East 73rd Street

Dear Sir

I shall love to come
to Mr Gik. I love boys. At
Princeton I stayed two nights
in a boys club & had an
orgie of talk with them. So
any chance you give me
of seeing them at Mr Gik will
give me pleasure.

I have put down 5.15
on the 27th & I shall be
proud to have tea with Miss
Sturball at 4.30.

Baillie
Yrs Truly
Albert Baillie
Dean



CANADIAN CLUB OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

2 Lvingreen Place

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

29th. July, 1924.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

My efforts towards securing speakers for the Canadian Club have not been as yet particularly successful. I acted upon your suggestion of writing Basil Williams and had a very nice reply from him, in which he deplored the fact that Canada was not in the financial condition of the United States to pay the expenses of worth while lecturers. He promised, however, to do all in his power to keep us posted as to those men who would be suitable and who are coming out, and in this respect we can only leave it in his hands.

Very possibly you have heard in Montreal of several suitable men, and, even in the case of a shortage of Englishmen, we are fairly certain of being able to secure suitable speakers from among Canadian and American politicians and public men.

I have written M. J. Rendall of Winchester College and received a very satisfactory reply. I am almost certain that he will be able to address the Club early in the year.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer,

Yours sincerely,

Grant Glassco

Students Clubs.

Canadian Club

Literary Society

E. Students Council

Boat Club.

Civil Service Reform.

Dr. Leacock's

Lectures.

Economic pamphlets.

Students Conference.

August
Twenty-first
1924.

Mr. J. Grant Glassco,
Hydro Electric System,
Winnipeg, Man.

My dear Grant:

Much obliged for your letter of the 12th instant.

I will certainly bear in mind your proposal to get a speaker from among the members of the British Association. Some of them are staying over for the Centenary of the Franklin Institute and and if we could get Sir Ernest Rutherford or one of those who are attending that ceremony it would be very successful.

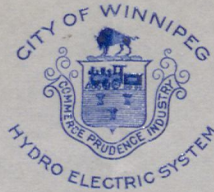
I shall be very glad indeed to give you as much time as you like when you return.

Yours very truly,

Wilfrid Bovey

J.G. GLASSCO, MANAGER

OFFICE 55-57-59 PRINCESS ST.
PHONE A-4811



August 12th 1924

Col. Wilfred Bovey Esq.,
Assistant to Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

Again I have a slight thought that might materialize into a speaker for the Canadian Club.

I see by the papers that you have been entertaining the British Scientists in Montreal, incidentally that one of them had escaped you, and I hope that they will not return to England before college reopens. The president of the Association would I am sure be able to give us a very interesting talk.

Incidentally we are expecting to entertain them in Winnipeg, and I have been working like a Trojan for the last week writing articles, (to appear under everyone's signature but my own) for a special illustrated book which we are going to give them can we persuade them to visit our power plant at Pointe du Bois.

I expect to be in Montreal not later than the twentieth of September as I should like to go up to the football camp. I will look you up as soon as I reach there and would appreciate it very much if you would give me half an hour of your time to talk over the coming year.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. Glassco

September 27, 1924.

J.C. Thompson, Esq.,
Macdonald College,
Ste Anne de Bellevue.

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

The McGill Canadian Club will be very glad to arrange a public lecture for Mr. S.H. Mellwain, on October the 10th. I am writing to Harvard, but in the meantime let me thank you for your kindness in making the suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Boyce.

Dear Dr. Mellvain:-

I understand from Mr. Thompson that you have been good enough to consent to address some of our students. We wish to thank you for your very kind offer, and we are arranging to have you speak to our Canadian Club at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, October 10th at the Royal Victoria College. We would be very pleased if you would choose some subjects dealing with Imperial relations. We are looking forward with pleasure to your visit to our University.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Boyce.

September 30, 1924.

J. Grant Glasco, Esq.,
President, McGill Canadian Club,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Glasco:

In reply to our former conversation I have
arranged for Dr. J.M. McIlwain of Harvard University to
address the McGill Canadian Club on October 14th next.

Yours faithfully,

October 2, 1924.

J.C. Thompson, Esq.,
Macdonald College,
Ste Anne de Bellevue.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This is to notify you that the date of the
address to be given to the Canadian Club of McGill by
Professor Melvain of Harvard is Thursday, October 9th,
instead of Friday the 10th. Professor Melvain will
speak in the Royal Victoria College hall at 8.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Doves

October 3, 1924.

Professor C.H. McIlwain,
Department of History,
Harvard University.

Dear Professor McIlwain,

Since I wrote to you two days ago I have been informed that the students are holding their annual Sports Day on Friday, October 10th, and that there will therefore be no meeting of the Canadian Club on that day. I hope that this change of plan will not inconvenience you too much, and that you will be able to come and address us on Thursday, October 9th, at the same hour. If you will be good enough to do so we will be very much pleased.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

CANADIAN CLUB 1924-1925.

A meeting was held in the Union last night by the Canadian Club for the purpose of election of the executive. The attendance was small and the meeting did not last very long. Plans and organization for the ensuing session were discussed at length. The following officers were elected.

Vice-president—Cy Morris,
Secretary—Phil. Waite,
Treasurer—H.H. Hunsard,
Committee above and A. Abbott,
Sid Pierce and Alex. Olmstead.

The question of the incorporation of the club came up before the meeting and it was intimated that a constitution would be drawn up and the incorporation more fully discussed at some later meeting.

The vice-president Cy Morris, will hold the chair at the opening meeting to-night at 5 p.m. and introduce the speakers. The president Grant Glassco, will not be able to be present.

Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal



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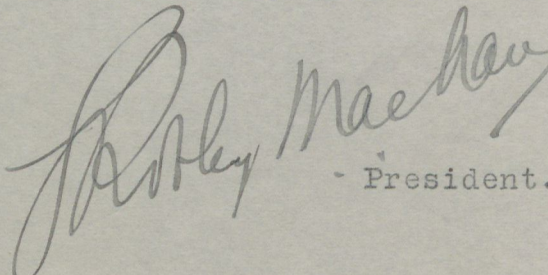
MONTREAL, October 21st, 1924.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

With reference to Colonel Buchan's meeting, we are a little disappointed that this could not be arranged in the form of a dinner, but quite understand the position of the McGill Club. An evening meeting is an innovation as far as our club is concerned and I very much doubt if we will have a large turnout. However, we are pleased to co-operate with you in every way possible towards making the meeting a success.

I will be glad if you will let me know the usual information to be placed on our post cards, that is, a fact or two about the speaker, the time and place of the meeting and the title of the address. I presume there will be some specially invited guests.

Very truly yours,


- President.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal.

October 27, 1924.

Major J.M. MacDonnell, D.S.O.
National Trust Company,
St. James St.

Dear Major MacDonnell:-

In Mr. John Buchan's address which is taking place
on Monday next, November 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. in the McGill
Union, we would be very glad if he would select as his title
"The Modern Trend in Literature."

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

October 31, 1924.

Hon. George F. Graham,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

I understand from Colonel Brothers that he spoke to you some time ago regarding the possibility of Mr. King addressing a meeting organized by the McGill Canadian Club.

I might say for your information that the McGill Canadian Club is an institution to which all undergraduates belong, and which endeavours to give them an opportunity of hearing as many distinguished speakers as possible.

So far no political speeches have been made under the auspices of the University, and there has therefore never been much attraction to offer any political leader. The McGill Canadian Club has suggested to the Principal that the leaders of the various parties might possibly like an opportunity to make a definitely political speech of as controversial a type as they might desire, and it is in this connection that I am now writing to you.

We would be very glad indeed to have Mr. King address the McGill undergraduates in the McGill Union, and we would undertake to see that proper publicity was given the affair, and that as many of the outside public as wish to come could be accommodated. I might say that the room holds about one thousand comfortably.

We feel that a very good opportunity for a political speech would thus be afforded, and we hope that you will agree. As regards time I would suggest some date before the middle of April, and if you will give me an approximate idea of a convenient week we will advise you what days in it will be available.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bowen.



OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

OTTAWA November 4th, 1924.

Dear Colonel Bovey,-

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, and I quite agree it would be a splendid thing for Mr. King to address the meeting organized by the McGill Canadian Club, both for the Prime Minister and for the McGill undergraduates.

However, Mr. King will be in Ottawa the end of this week or the beginning of next, and I think it would be well for you to communicate directly with him on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Brown".

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

November 7, 1924.
November 8, 1924.

Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G.
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. King:-

I am enclosing you herewith a copy of a letter which I recently wrote to Mr. Graham and a copy of his reply. I might say that I wrote to him as I was given to understand that arrangements of this nature were being made by him, and I did not want to bother you with them unnecessarily.

I have felt for some time that it was rather ridiculous to invite public men to come to various clubs, and ask them to speak on non-contentious matters, when all vital national matters are contentious.

It would be not only a pleasure but a great honor to our Mc Gill Canadian Club to hear you speak in the McGill Union. We could, I think, be quite certain of a large attendance of the staff and undergraduates, and we would be glad to allow as many of the public as could be accommodated to come. The room holds about one thousand.

I do hope that it will be possible for you to come and give our undergraduates a political speech. If you could give us some indication of the week or weeks in which you might find it convenient to address the students, I will be glad to give you the list of free dates during this period.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Sir Arthur

I am greatly disappointed
that it will be impossible for
me to address your students
at McGill as I fully intended
, hoped to do - but alas!

I am summoned by cable
back to town for some

Very important business and I am
therefore obliged to my intimate
friends to excuse my stay.

Indeed, I sail by the *Montcalm*
this very day.

With my kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Antoine Lavoisier



Ottawa, November 24, 1924.

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Colonel Bovey:

I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and its enclosures, inviting him to deliver a political address before the McGill Canadian Club in the McGill Union.

Mr. King appreciates very much your kindness in extending this invitation but fears that in the brief interval between the present and the opening of next session of Parliament, the pressure of public demands on his time will be such that he will have to forego practically all public engagements involving his absence from the Capital.

Yours faithfully,

James Grego
Private Secretary.

January 27, 1925.

Captain F.W. Erskine,
Government House,
Ottawa.

Dear Captain Erskine:-

I understand from His Excellency that he might consider coming to Montreal to address the McGill Canadian Club. I know that these young men would very much appreciate it, could he do so. I should like to inquire whether he would care to come on either the 11th or 12th or 13th of March. The meeting would be at 8.00 p.m. and would consist principally of undergraduates.

I have also been asked to say that should it be convenient for His Excellency the Committee of the United Services Club would be much honoured if he would be their guest at lunch. The Luncheon would be at the Club and would be quite informal.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

Personal.

January 24th 1925.

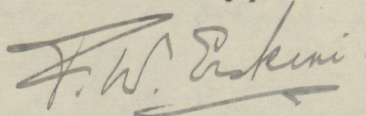
Dear Colonel,

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With reference to our telephone conversation of yesterday evening, I have had a talk with His Excellency about the suggestion that he should speak to the Canadian Club of McGill some time in March. His Excellency has no engagements at present during that month, and will be very pleased to address the Club on a date suggested by Sir Arthur Currie.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



(F.W.Erskine) Captain.
Private Secretary.

Lieut.Col.Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
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