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March 29 1926

The Principal.  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose a letter from Mr Wintenburg, of the Victoria Memorial Museum, Ottawa, Mr Wintenburg was here a short time ago and spent several days in examining the Hochelaga specimens. He regards them as of great importance and I think that his suggestions are worth serious consideration.

It might be a good thing to enquire if the Department of Anthropology would permit Mr Wintenburg to catalogue this material, in return for a certain number of duplicate specimens. He has promised to send us a copy of his notes made here.

yours faithfully

*Ramsay Traquair*

DEPARTMENT OF MINES



CANADA

VICTORIA MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Ottawa, March 26, 1926

Professor Ramsay Traquair,  
Department of Architecture,  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dear Professor Traquair:-

I have not had time to prepare for the typist all the notes of specimens in the Redpath Museum, but when they are typewritten I shall be pleased to forward copies for use in the cataloging of material, as you suggested.

I think it is very important that the archaeological material from the site of Hochelaga, in the Redpath museum, should be catalogued before the specimens become mixed with those from other localities. This seems to have occurred in one or two instances. Careless handling probably result in others being similarly mixed, if the cataloguing is delayed.

I noticed a number of duplicate casts of pipes in the Redpath museum. There were at least four or five of each kind. I wonder if it will be possible to get one of each kind for the museum here.

I would be glad to get reprints of

of some of your articles on architecture and also the one  
on rugs and the architecture of old building in Montreal  
written by Mr. Carless. n

Yours sincerely, ,

*W. J. Wintenberg*  
W. J. Wintenberg

19, RUE DE LA TOUR D'AUVERGNE

PARIS (IX)

le 24 août 1925

Sir Arthur Currie

Recteur de l'Université MacGill

à Montreal, Canada

Monsieur,

Une famille française m'a prié de m'informer  
s'il n'y avait pas en Amérique une institution  
qui voudrait acheter une collection d'objets  
de l'âge de pierre provenant de fouilles  
faites pendant 40 ans par l'archéologue Gratiot.

Cette collection que j'ai vue comprend 753  
pièces : pierres taillées, silex, outils, objets d'ar-  
mementation, os etc. Il y a notamment  
parmi ces objets une paire de cornes de  
Bison prisus qui, paraît-il, a une  
grande valeur, ainsi qu'un couteau de

petites pierres rondes.

Toutes les pièces sont étiquetées et cataloguées.  
Elles proviennent toutes, je crois, des cavernes  
des Eyzies, <sup>et de Pailleboug</sup> vallée de la Vézère (Dordogne)

Depuis 1923 ces fouilles sont mono-  
polisées par le Gouvernement; de sorte  
qu'il serait peut-être difficile de recou-  
stituer une pareille collection dans l'avenir.

On en demande 300,000 fr.

Au cas où l'Université McGill ne désirer-  
ait pas entrer en possession de cette  
collection préhistorique pourriez-vous me  
dire à qui on pourrait s'adresser

Recevez Monsieur l'assurance de  
mes sentiments les plus distingués

Edmond Buron

Edmond Buron

archiviste du gouvernement canadien

February 13, 1925.

Dr. Arthur Willey,  
Biological Building,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Willey:-

The Principal would be obliged if you  
would arrange to have the collection of birds, mentioned  
in the enclosed letter, inspected, if you think this would  
be a good thing.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

February 13, 1925.

Mrs. I.R. Anderson,  
"Monymusk",  
Chaudiere Basin, County of Lewis.

Dear Miss Anderson:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst. regarding your father's collection of birds. It is very good of you to have thought of the University in this connection. I am passing your letter on to Dr. Willey, our Professor of Zoology and I am asking him to arrange to have your collection looked at.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

September 2, 1925.

Edmond Baron, Esq.,  
19, Rue de la Tour D'Auvergne,  
Paris (IX).

Dear Mr. Baron:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 24th, addressed to Sir Arthur Currie, which arrived here during his absence.

We thank you very much for bringing to our attention the possibility of acquiring this collection and we have no doubt that the Museum Committee will be grateful for the opportunity. It is impossible to arrive at a decision at once, but as soon as we are able we will transmit our reply to you. Many thanks for your interest.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

DEPT. OF ZOOLOGY

September 29th, 1924

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of 23rd inst., I have received the collection of Pennsylvanian stone implements presented to the Redpath Museum by Mr. F.N. McCann through Mr. W. Sabine and am having them photographed.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur Willey*

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Feb 22, 24.

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

Sir:

We have shipped to-day by American R.R. Express  
two specimens of Cryptozoon for the geological section  
of the College, our sending these petrified plants  
redeems a promise of our Mr John when he called on you on  
the morning of Feb 12th.

It seems unnecessary for us to attempt to describe  
the origin of these aquatic plants, as we feel sure your  
Dr Bancroft is well able to do so.

When they arrive to-morrow will you please have some  
one get the formal release from the Customs Dept.

We beg to remain Sir Arthur,  
Yours faithfully,  
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Museum

March 6th, 1924.

Messrs. Ritchie Bros.,  
15 Maple Avenue,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the two boxes of Geological specimens, so kindly donated by you, have arrived safely and the specimens are now on exhibition in our Museum.

They have been greatly admired by all who have seen them and constitute a valuable addition to our collection.

Let me assure you again that McGill University highly appreciates your kindness.

With all good wishes and asking to be kindly remembered to Mr. John Ritchie, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

September 23rd, 1924.

F. N. McCann, Esq.,  
201 State Street,  
Fort Scott, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McCann:-

I have just been informed by your friend Mr. Wm. Sabine that you have been good enough to make a gift to McGill University of a collection of prehistoric axes and arrowheads found by you while mining in Pennsylvania.

We shall be very glad indeed to add these to the Ethnological Department of our Redpath Museum, and sincerely appreciate the interest you have shown in the University.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

September 23rd, 1924.

Dr. A. S. Willey,  
Redpath Museum,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Willey:-

I am enclosing herewith letter  
from Mr. Wm. Sabine with reference to a gift of  
certain ethnological specimens, also a copy of my  
reply thereto.

I would be pleased if you would  
arrange to have these specimens called for, as  
suggested in Mr. Sabine's letter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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**MONTREAL.**

March 21, 1923.

H. W. Beatty, K.C.

President C.P.R.

Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:-

Yesterday my attention was called to a Canadian and English ornithological collection at the address given below, which, it may be, would interest the Natural History Dept. at Mc'Gill.

I take it upon myself to call your attention to it. I do not know whether Mc'Gill has a museum, of this kind. If they have, their collection may be complete. Nor do I know anything at first hand of this collection.

I am told that it contains a pretty complete assortment of Canadian hawks, including two rare ones, some rare game birds, a complete assortment of owls, besides Canadian song birds, wading birds, and some English birds.

I believe that the present owner, whose father made the collection, feels that it should go into a college or public museum. On the other hand ~~however~~, he cannot afford to give the collection away.

If I were acquainted with anyone in the Natural History Dept. I should not take up your time with the matter. Perhaps you will be kind enough to pass on word to the proper person. If I hear from you that Mc'Gill is not interested I shall write to my friend Gurrelly, curator of the Royal Ontario Museum.

I believe, however, that the owner prefers to have the collection remain in this Province.

Yours truly.

*C. W. Stanley*

Mr. Anderson

Lonymusk,

Chaudiere Basin,

County Levis.

Quebec.





March 22nd, 1923.

My dear Sir Arthur:

Mr. C.W. Stanley, who is a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, has written me the attached letter relative to an ornithological collection belonging to Mr. Anderson, Chaudiere Basin. I do not presume that it has ever been the policy of the University to purchase these collections but perhaps you will desire to have the head of the Natural History Department communicate with Mr. Stanley.

Yours very truly,

*R.W. Seay*

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

To Prof. Wulley,

What do you advise saying  
in reply? answered 23/3/23.

March  
Twenty-seventh  
1923

C. W. Stanley, Esq.,  
C/o of Buchan's Limited,  
10 Cathcart Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. E. W. Beatty has forwarded me your letter relative to an ornithological collection belonging to Mr. Anderson of Chaudiere Basin.

This collection seems a valuable one but at the present time we have no room to house it in our Museum and I would respectfully suggest that the Provincial authorities be approached. Some time ago you may remember it was announced in the Press that the Provincial Government had assigned funds for a museum in Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



PETER REDPATH MUSEUM,  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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*Montreal,* March 27th 192<sup>3</sup>

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

There really is ~~not~~ room enough in this Museum to exhibit the Anderson Collection, although the Canadian Hawks and Owls would be a desirable acquisition.

I would submit that some policy is wanted regarding the Museum question viz. as to whether the University will undertake to furnish the public with Museum amenities in addition to academic requirements.

Some time ago it was announced in the Press that the Provincial Government had assigned funds for a museum in Montreal. A first class museum is an attraction in a great city and it might be possible to secure an official pronouncement.

On the other hand if there were any prospect that McGill would make a high effort to take up the project on a large scale, the Anderson collection would form a valuable nucleus; and, if the McCord museum is to have its quarters changed, a move could be made for a more extensive programme.

Otherwise I would suggest that owing to lack of space the offer must be declined and that the Provincial authorities be approached.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Willey.*

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March 29, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur :-

I thank you for your note of March 27 th.

I shall speak to Hon. ~~Mr.~~ A. David about it,  
following your suggestion.

I am going to Toronto to-night, and while there, shall  
also call it to the attention of the Curator of the Royal  
Ontario Museum.

As I said to Mr. Beatty I know nothing of the collect-  
ion at first hand, but it may very possibly be a good one, and  
I always think it a pity that public museums should not be  
able to acquire things of this kind.

Yours truly,

Carleton W Stanley

18th February, 1930.

Geo. J.H. Ovendean, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem,  
2 Kinde Street, Manchester Square,  
London, W. 1. England.

Dear Mr. Ovendean,

I have your letter  
of the 30th January, together with the Quarterly  
Statement of the Palestine Exploration Fund.

The box containing  
the flint implements from the Shukbah Cove  
excavations of 1928 has also been received,  
and on behalf of the Museum of McGill may I  
thank you sincerely for your courtesy in  
donating these implements.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

February 21st,

1930.

Professor T. H. Clark,  
Associate Professor of Palaeontology,  
Peter Redpath Museum,  
McGill University.

Dear Professor Clark,

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. George J.H. Ovendean, Secretary of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, with headquarters at 2 Hinde St., Manchester Square, London, W. 1. I understand that the flint implements from the Shukbah Cave excavations of 1928 which he mentions have now been received at the Redpath Museum.

I have acknowledged the safe receipt of the box. If anything further is necessary will you please write to Mr. Ovendean yourself.

For your information I am also enclosing the Quarterly Statement of the Palestine Exploration Fund in which is incorporated the Bulletin of the Jerusalem School of Archaeology.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 15th, 1929

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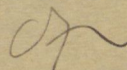
George A. Moore Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Peter Redpath Museum,  
McGill University

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 8th, concerning additional space for the Entomological collection, I may say that I will be very glad indeed to see you if you will call sometime at your convenience to discuss the matter.

Kindly telephone for an appointment.

Sincerely yours,



Acting Principal

Request for space - Taken en delibere pending  
results of Campaign etc.  
also request re Insurance *CDM*  
costs which should receive  
some favorable consideration I should think.



PETER REDPATH MUSEUM  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

*Montreal,* May 8th, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:-

The Lyman Bequest Committee, at a meeting held on April 18th, at which the following were present: Dr. A. Willey, Chairman, Mr. A. Gibson, Dominion Entomologist, Prof. W.H. Brittain of MacDonal College, A.F. Winn, Curator, and George A. Moore, Secretary, it was considered advisable to call your attention to the fact that the room at the Museum, for which a rental of \$500., annually is paid to the University out of the Lyman Bequest, is rapidly becoming inadequate to house the Collections and Library. This collection is widely used for research by visiting Entomologists and is an asset to McGill University. We would, therefore, invite a consideration of additional space and would express the wish that the rental of the room might be reduced to a nominal figure.

It is proposed to make a feature exhibition on the ground floor of the Redpath Museum during Convocation week which is likely to attract many visitors.

Yours truly,

*Geo. A. Moore*

SECRETARY.



President's Office.



December 20, 1928

Dear Colonel Bovey:

Sir Bertram Windle, formerly President of Cork, and before that Dean of and Professor of Anatomy in the medical school of the University of Birmingham, has been, as you are probably aware, for five or six years lecturer in St. Michael's and our special lecturer in Ethnology. Owing to illness he will no longer be able to act in these positions, much to our regret. He is now disposing of a collection of specimens that he has acquired over a period of many years. In the University we should have been glad to purchase them from him for our museum were it not that the museum already possesses most of the specimens, and it would not be fair for us to pick out the few of which we have no examples and perhaps spoil the collection as a whole. Our Professor MacIlwraith, who is in charge of Ethnology, has gone over the collection carefully and can recommend it unreservedly. Its contents and character are as follows: Seventy-five specimens, acquired with discrimination over a long period of years. It contains European Palaeolithic, Neolithic, and Bronze Age tools and weapons, including the most important types, several of which come from the original sites from which the industry has been named. Especially fine are an English celt with expanded cutting surface, a Neolithic Danish axe, a dagger of the same age from the same area, and a perforated stone axe from Sweden. In addition there are three interesting eoliths, and a few Roman objects.

The price that Sir Bertram Windle has been putting upon it is \$250, which Professor MacIlwraith thinks is not unreasonable.

I am writing to you just on the chance that you might wish to

have it in your museum. If you do not wish it I think he will offer it next to some American university.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season, and hoping that you are getting good word from Sir Arthur Currie,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Robert Falconer*

President.

Colonel W. Bovey,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Q.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

February 25, 1935.

E. L. Judah, Esq.,  
Secretary, Museums Committee.

Dear Mr. Judah,

You will note the enclosed letter from Mr. Seton-Karr asking if the prehistoric stone tools he presented to the Peter Redpath Museum are exhibited or not, and also the two cards he encloses. Can you answer his letter (telling him that we are at present without a Principal) ?

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary