

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

TELEPHONE UP. 2082

MONTREAL

THE MC TAVISH TOMB AND MONUMENT

To the Editor of the Gazette,
Sir:-

I have dug up the facts and with pen and picture told the story of this historic plot, and I have been waiting for some one or somebody to do something to remove this reproach, indeed menace, which its ruined condition imposes upon our citizens and the civic authorities.

The wall is falling down; the monument is in urgent need of repair; ~~and~~ the whole place has an air of shameful neglect; and the obligation to give it immediate attention is all too evident,

The vault itself is buried under a mound of debris, said to have been done by one having authority many years ago to safe-guard the mausoleum and the bodies it entombs. Two of these are definitely known to be Simon McTavish himself and his nephew, Duncan McGillivray, one of the builders of the monument. Two others are believed to be Chief Justice Reid, one of the executors of Simon McTavish, and his wife. Elizabeth McGillivray, neice of Simon McTavish, who built the west wing of the Montreal General Hospital in memory of her husband and there are probably others, but of these no definite trace or record has so far been discovered.

The plot is practically "no man's land"; its consecration place "hors de commerce"; and title was specifically excluded from all deeds

Succession in the direct line was interrupted by the death of all four children of Simon. There may be remote descendents of the legatee-nephew, John McTavish, in the United States who, however, could only be traced with great difficulty, and even if found, would, no doubt, prove quite indifferent to any legal or moral obligation if such attach. Others there are, here and abroad, who for sentimental reasons might be thought to have some attachment to and interest in the alleged burial place of Judge Reid and his wife, but it does not so appear.

It would seem to follow, therefore, that none of these sources can be looked to either for co-operation or objection, and that the way is clear for some public-spirited individual, or group, or the City itself, to step in and have the restoration done, and the care of the plot placed in trust so that this old memorial may be preserved as an attraction to the Park and not an eyesore and danger to every passer-by as it is now.

Samuel Baylis

[22 JUNE 1925]

been placed there while the
slippers were in the corridor of
either the hotel or the train.
The contents of the note were
as follows. i.e.

"Here's to you darling, stranger
if you yourself are half as
fascinating as your little
shoes - I hope that some day
I may use you and love
you as I love them".

signed

Unknown.

How about it?

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MONTREAL June 26th, 1925.

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Yours very truly,

NESBITT, THOMSON & CO. LIMITED.

From W. W. Wood: much about Tom. Under, Pathfinder

Dear Mr. Wood
The Gazette
Parsner Wood

on the eve of my departure for Europe for a
5 weeks visit, Mr. Hugh Mackay, turning the time over
opportune, has asked me to re-open the matter of the
Restoration of the McTavish Tomb & Monument, as I do
in the accompanying letter to Mr. Mackay

He tells me of your keen interest & promise of
active assistance in procuring subscriptions which
I hope will include editorial endorsement, perhaps
material aid.

It being possible, to draw 10000, apart from the
my paper, has never been printed, & if you
think it would be useful, interesting, of value to the
Gazette as a historical record, I would be glad to
concerned in full. I would be glad to give you exclusive of free
me if it.

Very truly yours,

HUGH MACKAY, K.C.

ADVOCATE, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR.

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MONTREAL, July 3rd. 1925,

S. M. Baylis, Esq.,
808 University St.
C i t y.

Dear Mr. Baylis :-

I omitted sending you a copy of a reply I sent to Senator White this morning, which I enclose herewith.

I spoke to W. D. Lighthall and several others at lunch to-day, and they are all keenly interested and are ready to support the movement as well as contribute, and I see no possible reason why the scheme should not be carried out.

R. H. Barron, the Notary, thought it might be advisable to have the Crown take possession of the plot so as to insure a title in somebody's name, but I told him that the Department of National Parks in Ottawa would take charge and they would no doubt arrange that part of it to their satisfaction.

Yours truly,

Hugh Mackay

Enc.

were satisfied that it was full
of ghosts. It is strange how a
story like that never dies -

Thanking you for the pleas-
ure of this short correspondence
between us -

Yours sincerely
Thomas E. Hornum

P.S. The young married lady who
is writing this for me ~~our~~ tells
me that your writing reminds
her of that in a very attractive
unanimous note found in the
top of her slipper while on her
wedding trip. The note must have

2609 S. Grand Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

Paul H. Bayliss
808 University Street
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir,
Your journal of the 3rd instant
duly reached us - and certainly
it was much more interesting
to me than my gazette article
was to you. I would give
~~any~~ thing on the subject of the
McTavish monument. All I re-
member was the old house near
the mountain, and how we had
gave it a wide distance, as we

C O P Y.

July 3rd. 1925.

The Honourable Smeaton White,
The Gazette,
St. Antoine St.
City.

My dear Tony :-

I am in receipt this morning of your favour of the 30th. ult., and am very pleased that you have expressed a willingness to assist those interested in the restoration of the McTavish Monument.

Your suggestion about getting in touch with Mr. Baylis I will carry out as he is the one who really originated the idea, and I think is willing to devote a certain amount of time and attention to carrying out this object. I will confer with him and get in touch with you later on.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely.

HUGH MACKAY, K.C.

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C i t y.

Dear Mr. Baylis :-

The enclosed copies of two letters will speak for themselves, and in this regard I think a proper start can now be made with a view to carrying out what you have been advocating for a considerable time, namely the restoration of the late Mr. McTavish's tomb and monument.

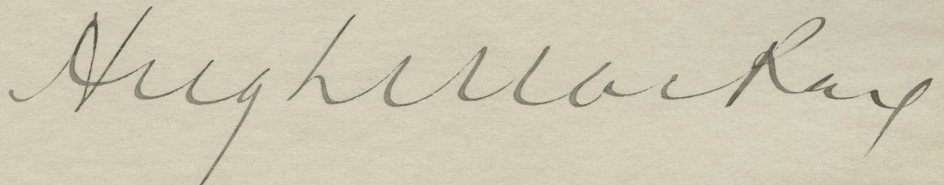
If you will now consider the matter and let me hear what you recommend I will again take the matter up with the Gazette and see how best to handle the collection of the amount necessary.

I think an appeal through the Gazette would stir up a certain amount of public interest, and I will be pleased to make personal appeals to a few people whom I think would like to see this object carried through to a conclusion.

I still have your brief sketch of the life of the late Simon McTavish, with the photographs illustrating certain phases of it, and they are now in the possession of Mr. Jamieson who is also interested, but who will return them to me any day now.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,



Enc.

C O P Y.

June 29th. 1925.

The Honourable Smeaton White,
The Montreal Gazette,
St. Antoine Street,
C i t y.

My dear Tony :-

The enclosed two letters appeared in your paper within the last five days, and personally I think the point enunciated in each of them is a good one.

I would like to see this monument and tomb put in proper order again, and would suggest, if it meets with your approval, that you might allow your paper to be used as a medium for collecting subscriptions for this purpose, and in this case not necessarily make a sympathetic appeal to the citizens of Montreal, but merely ask those interested if they would like to contribute to this cause.

If this suggestion meets with your approval, before going ahead with it I would like to go a little further into the proper way of culminating this object, as Mr. Baylis is so much interested already that he states he has got a contractor who is interested to such an extent that he will do this work at cost, and that the amount they feel should be in the neighbourhood of \$1500.00 to \$2000.00, although I personally think it will exceed that sum as I have made a careful visit to this tomb and think that if it can be done for that figure it will be lower than what I think the work can be done at present prices. Mr. Baylis also states that if this monument is restored and put in first class condition the Department of Canadian National Parks will be pleased to take it over and look after it for the future, so on hearing from you and before doing anything further I would like to make sure of these facts, and if they are as stated the project might be gone through with.

As regards the title to the land, it appears in the nature of "No Man's Land", as there are apparently no direct descendants of the late Mr. McTavish, and anybody seems free to perform this possibly patriotic duty who cares to do so.

Personally, I would be pleased to contribute to

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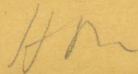
this cause, and I think I could influence a considerable number of other contributions, and I feel sure that there are a sufficient number of Montrealers both interested in the Hudson's Bay Co. and the old Northwest Co., to want to contribute to this object.

The restoration of this monument and tomb would add another shrine for tourists and others interested to visit in Montreal, and would also go a long way to dispel the once prevalent idea that the late Mr. McTavish committed suicide.

I would be pleased to hear from you as to what you think of this project.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'HM' or similar, located below the typed signature.

C O P Y.

June 30th. 1925.

HUGH MacKAY, ESQ. K.C.,
TRANSPORTATION BLDG.
MONTREAL.

My dear Hugh :

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th. and will be pleased to give you any reasonable assistance in connection with the restoration of the McTavish Monument.

As Mr. Baylis has taken a great interest in this I think it would be desirable you get in touch with him and arrange as to how the collections should be made, and if it is to be a convenience to you to have them addressed in care of The Gazette and acknowledged by The Gazette, we will be glad to undertake this service.

If you will let me know later on, after you have seen Mr. Baylis, just what arrangements you propose we will willingly assist you.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Smeaton White.

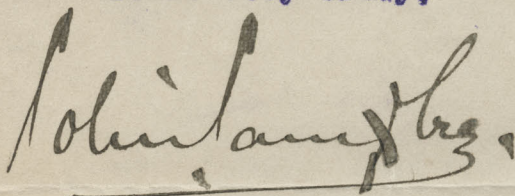
14 ST. JOHN STREET
MONTREAL

July 10th 1925

Dear Sir:-

As I know you are interested in the McTavish Monument I enclose copy of a letter from the British Consul at Baltimore, 14th of May 1923, which may be of assistance in your researches.

Yours very truly,



Mr. S. M. Baylis

808 University

Montreal

P.O. Box 57, Melb Beach Q
July 14 1925

Mr Colin Campbell,
14 St John St.,
Montreal.

Dear Sir -

Your kind favor of 10th was forwarded to me here, where we are, as usual, for the summer.

I am glad to see that you & others are being interested in the McTavish monument. I hope to good & practical effect.

I wrote the British Consul at Baltimore some time ago & he was good enough to give me the information he gave you, along with other matter concerning John McTavish, the nephew - Legate of Lord Simon, & his wife, Emily Eaton, the protagonist in the Cause Celebre, Eaton vs Allan, the dossier of which afforded me much valuable & hitherto undisclosed data.

John McTavish was himself British Consul at Baltimore & died there. I wrote to the McTavish in Arizona but I fancy if he got the letter he may have feared "a touch" as he did not reply.

Mr Hugh Macray is interesting himself & has got from Mr Kneaton while a promise the aid of the Gazette in procuring subscriptions. I have seen Mr Herbert Nelson here, & spoken to Major Hayward, both of the General Hospital, with a view to getting their active assistance in repairing the monument - where two of their old friends & benefactors, as Mr Justice Reid & his wife Elizabeth McCallinay, niece of Simon, are buried. I have also had extended correspondence with Mr Reid Taylor, in Paris, & pointed out to him his close sentimental interest in connection with the Reids. Please do what you can to get the plot restored.

Very truly yours.

J M Baird

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MONTREAL, September 1st. 1925.

S. M. Baylis, Esq.,
808 University St.
C i t y.

Dear Mr. Baylis :- Re - McTAVISH MONUMENT.

After you went to Metis, on thinking the matter over I thought, during the summer when most people that would likely be interested in the restoration of this Monument would be away, it would be advisable to wait until the fall before taking the matter up seriously.

The Gazette have signified their willingness to allow their column to be used for soliciting subscriptions, and will acknowledge all subscriptions, and will no doubt take an interest in seeing this matter through to a successful conclusion.

What will be needed now will be a short article, which I think you are best qualified of writing, calling people's attention to the desirability of restoring this Monument and Tomb, and then asking for subscriptions.

I have left your papers with Miss Berman in my office, and she will give them to you and will also write any communications or anything that you wish.

The subscriptions which you can put down as having been received to date are:- Myself for \$200.00; my brother Edward Mackay \$50.00; H. A. Lovett, K.C. \$25.00; R. H. Jamieson \$25.00; W. J. Henderson \$25.00; J. C. Watson \$25.00. *Sm Baylis \$25*

If necessary I will increase my subscription, but I think it would be most advisable to have as many people interested in it as possible.

I am leaving for Europe to-morrow and expect

TELEPHONE, MAIN 1502

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MONTREAL,

S. M. Baylis, Esq.

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to be away about five weeks, but I wish you would come down
and use my office while I am away if it is convenient to you,
and Miss Berman will render you every assistance.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Hugh Mackay

124 St Denis Ave
St Lambert, P.Q.
Aug 12, 1924

Dear Sir:

Mr Phillips of the Antiquarian
& Numismatic Society was good
enough to give me your name as
one who might favor Lincoln's
Lodge #152, Sons of England, St
Lambert, with a paper on some
Historical subject. We hold
our meetings on the first &
third Thursdays of each month
commencing in September.

If you will be kind enough
to accept I am sure it will
be greatly appreciated by the
members.

Will you kindly write

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Montreal

August 31, 1925

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TO OUR CLIENTS,

Funds which have accumulated and which have remained uninvested during the summer months usually seek investment with the termination of the vacation period. This brings about a noticeable increase in the investment demand and the enclosed September Bond List should therefore prove of timely interest to many investors.

The attractive interest returns that are still available from gilt-edged securities such as are described in the List also suggest that every investor should satisfy himself that a sufficient proportion of his funds is invested in high-grade bonds.

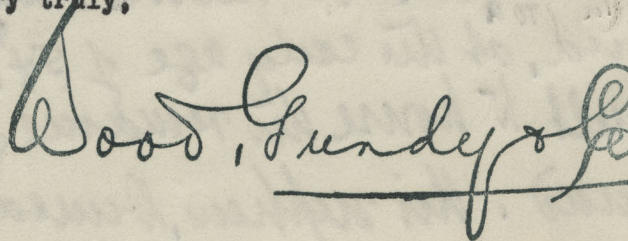
As you know, in spite of a gradual easing in world money rates during the last five years, it is still possible to obtain from 4.70% to 5% interest from bonds issued or guaranteed by the Dominion or a Provincial Government. As high as 6.50% or more may be obtained from the mortgage bonds of strong Canadian industrial corporations. These interest returns compare favourably with pre-war rates of from 3 1/2% to 5%.

Our September Bond List describes several of the best types of bonds - Dominion, Provincial, Municipal, Public Utility and Corporation - and it should therefore meet the wants of all investors. Most of the bonds are in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000 and in several cases also in denominations of \$100 and uneven amounts.

If you have funds available that might be employed in sound securities returning the above mentioned interest rates, we suggest that you give early consideration to investment. All inquiries concerning investments, whether general or specific, will receive our prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

ADG.D
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me on the subject; if you
prefer you can get me by
phone - main 6408.

I am, Sir,
Yours very truly
J. H. Jones

S. M. Baylis Esq.,
808 University St.,
City.

Mr. Jarvis Monument Restoration

To the Editor of the Gazette -

Sir -

I am glad to think that the ~~trade-work~~ which I have been privileged to do in this matter has prepared the ground for ^{early} fruitful results.

Thanks to the ^{assiduous} ~~care~~ ^{efforts} taken by Mr. Hugh Mackay, &c. in interesting himself & some of his friends, a nucleus of the necessary funds for the restoration of this historic plot - has been ^{secured} ~~acquired~~ & it only remains for the citizens of Montreal, upon whom the reproach has so long lain, to say when & how it shall be satisfactorily accomplished.

I have, with pen & picture, told the story which I have dug up from the musty records of a forgotten part, & it dwells with those who are enjoying the prosperity of our great Commercial City, which the enterprise of this old merchant & fur-trader - Simon Mc Jarvis - this associate ^{among} of the Colone of British merchants, finally established & made possible to spare a trifle of their abundance to ^{keep alive} ~~preserve~~ the memory & last resting place of this pioneer & pathfinder in danger of being forgotten, & to preserve his last resting place from the impending ruin now threatened upon it.

Simon Mc Jarvis himself was destined to be ⁱⁿ ^{to} ^{it} ^{by} ^{his} ^{own} ^{hand} ^{at} ^{the} ^{early} ^{age} ^{of} ⁵⁴, in the ^{Paris} ^{Hotel} ^{which} he built to house the remainder of a family which he hoped to found. His nephew, Demas Mc Gillivray, who was

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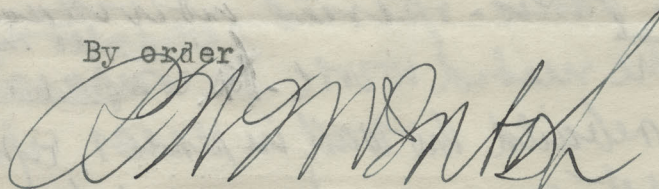
Montreal, P. Q.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby notified that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of Geo. W. Reed & Co. Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, 37 St. Antoine Street, Montreal, on Tuesday the 28th day of July next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By order



Secretary

Montreal, July 24th. 1925.

one of the builders of the monument, followed him to the grave of Van Ester. It is also believed that his niece, Elizabeth McElhinney, who, with her husband Hon Justice Reid, & whose memory she built the best thing of the Gen Hosp. & others, are also buried in the vault: and herein lies the obligation ^{especially} laid upon the Institution & its friends to see that the ruined habitation of the honored remains of one of the earliest & important benefactors shall be worthily restored & preserved.

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It is not a costly job & I had hoped that the City would have undertaken it very soon.

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Montreal, Que.
July 3, 1925.

Miss Mary E. B. Williams,
808 University Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Madam:

The attached shows how our

"Security Record Form"

will give at a glance a good deal of information
regarding one's holdings.

On June 9th. we wrote asking
if you would like a copy. We still have a few left,
and if you feel one would be useful, we will gladly
send it to you.

Very truly yours,

A. E. AMES & CO., Ltd.

By *H. A. How*

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ENCL.

Subscriptions reported to Dalton as follows:

Auth Mackay K C	50
Edw Geo Mackay	75
H A Fovell K C	75
R H Jamieson	75
W J Henderson	75
J C Nation	75
Wm Bayly	75

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Simon McTavish himself was the first to be buried, in 1804, at the early age of 54 years, in the Tomb which he built to house the remains of a "family" which he hoped to found. His nephew, Duncan McGillivray, who was one of the builders of the Monument, followed him to the grave four years later. It is also believed that his neice, Elizabeth McGillivray, ~~xxx~~ with her husband, Hon Justice Reid, friend and executor of Simon, to whose memory she built the West Wing of the Montreal General Hospital, and others, are also buried in the Vault: and herein lies the obligation specially laid upon this Institution and its friends to see to it that the ruined habitation of the honored remains of its earliest important benefactors shall be worthily restored and preserved.

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Subscriptions reported to date are as follows; Hugh Mackay K.C. \$200, Edward Mackay \$50, H.A.Lovett K.C. \$25, R.H.Jamieson \$25, W.J.Henderson \$25, J.C.Watson \$25, S.M.Baylis \$25.

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Montreal, September 5, 1925

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS

ungrateful and unconscionable midst (in seconds
neces) of my father.

Do let me have a few lines as to your opinion
in this matter of the needed restoration to the
M^r. Tavish monument and the present estimated
cost for the same, and whether you concur
for I should not like nor would I feel inclined, to
be eliminated in any sense whatsoever or
omitted from a record when I, as incontestably
as far as is possible to prove, I remain the most
interested and have the first claim to initiative
and action.

I am enclosing you two post-cards of one of
my properties in France which entails a
very large outlay for upkeep (otherwise I could
at once have put an appreciable sum at the disposal
of the fund you started) There is a very fine vineyard
of 5 acres, shooting, fishing and other pursuits
Should you come over to Europe, I should be most
happy to receive and entertain you

With very kind regards,

Cremieu

Very Sincerely

Yours

Alfred New-Taylor

See my last letter to the Revue (without reply) Sept 14 1923

BLÈRE-LA-CROIX

BLÈRE
TÉLÉPH.

CHÂTEAU DE FONTENAY

PAR BLÈRE
INDRE-ET-LOIRE

25th October 1925.

My dear M^r. Bayless.

Some time ago you went to
great pains to write to me, *à propos* the M^r. Tavish
monument, about which, as you so well pointed
out to me, I was, and, of course remain, most interested.

I much appreciated your kindness and able
initiative, believe me, but at the time I was not
at all in good health, far from it, and was much
worried and hampered with the succession to
my late father's estate which was the cause of
my silence and inaction towards yourself.

Very many months have gone by since
then & however not a long while ago I was
surprised to learn from a contribution you made
to the Montreal Gazette that you offered a veiled
sarcasm in my direction, which I was sorry to
remark. What you inferred, for public notice,
was not correct as regards my attitude.

Later on I learn you had again taken up
the matter of the restoration of the Monument
and had been able to get together a few dollars.

It is, indeed very good and patriotic on your
part to agitate so much trouble and take
so much interest in the restoration of the Monument.

May I suggest that I think you might have essayed to get into touch with me on the question in view of your written testimony that it was my right (my interest in a sentimental capacity) in view of my relationship, very real, to Mr John M. Jarvis

In view of the position you have so generously taken up in the matter I should therefore like us to share the initiative and kudos in relation to the share long deferred restoration of the said Monument, each in his capacity, your excellent work and my right to act in the matter. Do you know that I am in possession of the original portraits in oil, of the M. Jarvishes, the McGillivrays, the Reids and Peter McGill

Would you not be so good as to make public the fact that the co. initiative has been taken by ourselves conjointly, and I shall be happy to subscribe a sum in proportion to my relationship.

I am told that, legally, I can take the whole matter into my own hands though in view of certain outstanding ^{difficulties} matters, the ^{restoration} matter would, unfortunately, have to remain a little while longer in abeyance until a final settlement of my affairs shall have been accomplished.

Without in any way wishing to offend, hurt or eliminate your very good self, I believe I am in a position to veto on any undertaking with regard to the restoration of my ancestors monument where I find myself put aside. So to speak, I could then take upon myself, as I pointed out above, the whole

operation for I do not think that in our selfish and egotistical times persons care a button about anything that does not, or may not, concern them. Of course this will appear a very strong statement to utter and generalizes perhaps to extreme but people, as of course you must know, have terribly changed.

I should like us however to remain on record as having been instrumental, in time to come as having undertaken together and accomplished, the restoration of the monument to my ancestors and I suggest that a brass plate recording that fact be put up at the outside entrance with our names inscribed as having duly effected that restoration, to remind those who come after us of the great Canadian and fine son of the old country who lies in peace in a beautiful and fair city.

My grandfather was always under the impression that my father used to look after the tomb especially as he told me his uncles, Chief Justice Reid (his wife) were there buried.

My poor aunt, who was when I left, not exactly *Sana mentis*, and whose memory was a relic of the past was of no use for my guidance in the matter though she used to tell me my grandfather kept up the tomb. My esteemed brother and myself never knew much about the family for reasons we never clearly fathomed and all the family papers etc etc were disposed of in an illicit manner by the ^{legal} ~~illicit~~ ^{heredding} of my late father (in my pay after) and conferred upon the

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

TELEPHONE UP. 2082

MONTREAL

Montreal, November 7, 1925.

A.W.Reid-taylor Esq.,
Chateau de Fontenay,
par Blere,
Indre-et-Loire,
France.

IN RE MC TAVISH MONUMENT

Dear Mr Reid-Taylor:-

I have your letter of October 25th ultimo, the first word from you since mine to you of Sept 14, 1923!

I trust that you, as I do, keep a file of this correspondence and matter relating thereto, reference to which obviates repetition.

I gather that you receive and read the Gazette regularly and are in touch with doings in this special connection and generally concerning conditions and happenings in Canada and your old home here.

I congratulate you on your possession of such a charming example of the "Monuments Historique" of old France. I have read and heard and heard much of these famous Chateaux of the Loire District and should be delighted to enjoy the traditional hospitality of one of them which you so kindly proffer, but, alas! this and much else of the delights of travel must, I fear, wait till "I get my wings".

I regret that you should have seen any "sneer" against you personally in my passing but obvious allusion to the "indifference" so generally and markedly displayed by those who should be keenly, if only sentimentally, interested through their various connections and associations with the families of McTavish, McGillivray and Reid in the preservation of their last resting place from the shameful neglect and speedy ruin now impending. I should like you and those others to have been with me on a visit I paid to the spot yesterday and seen the horrible condition the plot presents. Were I in your place, I should then and there have pledged my last cent - though of this, I judge, there is not the smallest need - to see that this reproach should be forthwith and forever removed; and it is only because nothing was being, or likely to be, done that I intervened to stir up a sympathetic public to the point of effective action. In all this, however, I have treated our correspondence as confidential and, so far, have been able to keep your name and associations out of it.

While on the one hand your questionable suggestion of "veto" and the regrettable "lack of authority", together with the admitted public apathy in meddling in private affairs, are grave deterrents; on the other hand the disclosure of your present attitude towards your responsibilities and obligations thereunder, gives ground for hope.

As I wrote you, I had a special price some time ago from a reputable firm of sympathetic contractors offering to do the needful work for \$1500, and I doubled this in my estimate; but I think that something half way between these figures would cover the cost of repairs and restoration, including the uncovering of the Tomb and exposure in its original state, if undertaken at once.

The Provincial "Historic Sites Commission" have listed the Monument among those which it desires to preserve - you can see their Report in 2-vols at the Canadian Office or the Public Library in

Reid-Taylor (2)

Paris - but they have "no money" and require "authority" to act. We have interested the City Engineer and the Chairman of Executive - to whom I lent my paper, with accompanying photos - with a view to action on public grounds, as they are using the rear wall to support the reservoir embankment, have absorbed the "road" to the plot into the Park, and the crumbling side walls are a menace to passers-by, involving "actionable" points one way or other.

I suggest, therefore, that you, as the sole living representative capable and willing so to do, now come forward by public notice in a letter to the Gazette, and otherwise, assuming your rights, privilege and responsibility and instructing your agents - Royal Trust or other - to push the matter to a conclusion at your expense; incidentally, perhaps, forcing the hand of the City in action for trespass in the matter of the road and the wall and passing on the costs. I fancy that the City might be glad of a judgment, or agree to compromise an action, which would give the required authority and involve perpetual care and protection as an adjunct of the Park, failing and endowed Trust to be created by you for the purpose. If this were to be the happy outcome, certainly I, and no doubt everyone else, would be more than pleased to stand aside and let you have all the kudos and brass plates you care for, as I do not.

Yes, you told me the interesting fact of your possession of the McTavish and other portraits. The photo copy which I have was given to me by Mr John Horn who said he had it from your father and that it was a copy of your original by Sir Martin Shea. What a "beau geste" it would be for you by donation or bequest to present them to the McCord National Museum - of which I am one of the Directors - and in which we have much of historic portraiture, originals and copies, so acquired. Think it over

Since my last, I have been given a letter written May 30, 1895, by one J. Middleton, a gardener, to his friend, John Doyle, also a gardener, about matters of mutual interest in their business, but incidentally establishing some valuable facts concerning Judge Reid.

Middleton writes that on his arrival here in May 1842 he was employed by the Judge as gardener and remained on the job for 7 years. He describes him as "a noble looking gentleman and as good as noble"; speaks of "Miss McGillivray (Mrs Reid's sister)" as taking care of the green-house, and mentions that he attended the Judge's funeral, says: "we laid him to^{rest} in the vault at the monument on the 28 May 1848, not one sleigh, all carriages".

This is positive "proof" as to Judge Reid, and the negative evidence in the case of himself and his wife is that no record of the burial of either can be found in the archives of the cemeteries.

With best wishes in your undertaking,

I remain, very truly yours,

Paul H. Baylin

Wells Beach Q
PO Box 52
August 18 1924

Mr & H Jones,
124 St Dennis Ave,
St Lambert, Q

Dear Sir - Your letter of 12th has reached me here. The
only things I have in hand are a paper on "Simon
McFavish: Merchant - Far-trader - Pathfinder" one of
the volume. British Merchants who lived & did things
at the end of the 18th beginning of the 19th centuries. It
is chiefly the story of his tomb & monument, still existing
on the slope of the mountain & the mansion erected by
him in the neighborhood, long since demolished with
matter incidental to the story, & another "The
an Enquiry" - both written for & first read to the "St James
Literary Society". The McFavish paper is illustrated with
cabinet slides, requiring light, lantern & operator
to be furnished. The McFavish paper is also promised
for delivery to the Antiquarian Society & should be sent
for the September meeting which must have priority.
You are welcome to either, or you can have an Author Reading
of some of my more choice pieces such as I have given
to other folks. I would like to count on one of your members
travelling me over & back in his car as communication
from my house is long & maybe difficult. I expect to be home
Sept-1st when you can get me by phone. Yrs truly
Wm Brewster

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
208 University Street
TELEPHONE UP. 2092
MONTREAL

- Copy -

1 to Hugh Mackay 11/5
1 to W Reid-Taylor

Montreal, November 12. 1925.

H.A. Terrault Esq.,
City Engineer,
City Hall,
Montreal.

IN RE MC TAVISH TOMB AND MONUMENT

Dear Sir:-

I trust that you, and I hope Mr Brodeur also, have read my paper, with accompanying photos, left with you some time ago; if so, you are now informed as to the interesting story connected with this historic plot, and your own observations have, no doubt, convinced you of the need of immediate action if the impending ruin threatening it is to be averted.

Unless you feel that my paper may be of further use in fortifying your position, it may as well be returned to me as, in which case, you will perhaps be good enough to do.

The sentimental and patriotic appeal for action is unquestionable, but, lacking due authority, hesitancy in taking the initiative is equally apparent.

There would seem, however, to be good grounds for the city to intervene by general right of Eminent Domain or special legislative sanction for the following reasons:

1 - While there may be some who claim more or less remote connection or association with the families represented among the half dozen or so of the burials known or supposed to be in the submerged Tomb, there are none having proprietary rights or with any authority to give or withhold consent or interpose effective veto. The plot is "hors de commerce" by Deed Exemption and Ecclesiastical Consecration, although, as your records show, still registered in the name of "Emily Caton, widow of John McTavish".

2 - The City is in possession of the old "road" leading to, and the semi-circular "approach" in front of, the plot, apparently without authority or warrant, and liable to be called to account for this trespass by anybody so desiring; and, furthermore, it has made use of the rear wall of the enclosure as a "retainer" for the reservoir embankment without apparent justification.

3 - The dangerous condition of the side walls is a menace to passers-by in the Park and, in the absence of responsible owners, an occasion of action against the City in case of accident from falling stones.

4 - Apart from these material considerations, there is, I should hope, a proper desire on the part of the City to have this spot such an ornament to the Park as it can so easily be made, without great expense, instead of the eyesore and reproach which it is at present. Informing tablets could be attached to the gate and a booklet prepared, in French and English, giving the known facts connected with the plot and its restoration and sold by the Guardian of the Reservoir for the benefit of the Hotel Dieu and the General Hospital, both of which Institutions were directly or indirectly beneficiaries of Simon McTavish

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS

CITY OF MONTREAL

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H. A. TERREAULT
CHIEF ENGINEER
DIRECTOR

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL

MONTREAL, November 23rd., 1925.

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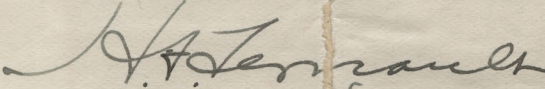
Samuel M. Baylis, Esq.,
808, University St.,
MONTREAL. -

Dear Mr. Baylis,

I have your letter of the 21st inst., concerning your paper and photos of Simon McTavish and monument. I have sent them to Mr. J.A. Gauthier.

I take occasion to thank you for having given me the pleasure of taking note of the very interesting history of the McTavish family.

Yours very truly,


Director of Public Works.

/HMCK

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University Street
TELEPHONE UP. 2032
MONTREAL

Montreal, December 7, 1925.

Major A.K. Haywood, M.D.,
Superintendent,
Montreal General Hospital,
CITY.

Burial Place of Judge Reid

Dear Sir:-

I enclose copy of illustrated article and editorial in
"La Patrie" of the 5th instant which carries its own appeal.

Both you and Col Molson will, nodoubt, recall our conversations
on the subject of restoring the Tomb containing the remains of two
of your earliest benefactors, Hon Chief Justice Reid, to whose mem-
ory your West Wing was erected by his widow, Elizabeth McGillivray,
who followed him to the same grave.

Your Institution is directly concerned and should be actively
interested in removing the reproach which its terribly neglected
condition now presents.

The cost of repairs, if undertaken immediately, would be compara-
tively trifling, but delay may cause irreparable damage.

Authority can be procured for or assumed by the City, yourselves.
family-connections, or the public, to intervene and take action to
restore and preserve this historic plot.

How or by whom this restoration is undertaken matters little so
long as the work is done, and it is to be hoped that the Hospital
may find a way to assume its share of the responsibility.

Faith fully yours,

Samuel M Baylis

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

TELEPHONE UP. 2082

MONTREAL

Montreal, December 7, 1925.

Ald J.A.A. Brodeur Esq.,
Chairman Executive Committee,
City Hall, Montreal.
MC TAVISH TOMB & MONUMENT

Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty of enclosing copy of an illustrated article and editorial from "La Patrie" of 5th instant advocating the restoration of this historic plot where lies buried, and where stands the first monument erected in Montreal and dedicated to the memory of, one of the City's greatest benefactors.

Mr H.A. Terrault, Director of Public Works, is aymathetic to the ideas of restoration, and I wrote to him, Nov 12 ult, pointing out the City's trespass and responsibility in the matter. The article suggests an easy way for the City to procure authority to act, and the cost would be comparatively trifling if the much needed repairs were undertaken immediately.

I trust that steps will be taken to to have the work begun in the early Spring and Restoration Proceedings opened with eclat in the early Summer so that citizens and tourists alike may take pleasure and pride in visiting what can so easily be made an ornament to the Park instead of the eyesore and reproach which it is at present.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel M Baylis

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P. O. Box 2010

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THE SUN TRUST COMPANY,
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26, ST. JAMES STREET,

MONTREAL, December 1st 1925
CANADA

PLEASE ADDRESS ANSWER
TO GENERAL-MANAGER
ARTHUR GAGNÉ, K.C.,

Samuel M. Baylis Esq.,
808 University St.,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed our cheque
No. 17098, amounting to \$525.00, in payment of
six months interest on \$15,000.00, at 7%, due
by Mrs. C. DeSalaberry.

Kindly return us the account
enclosed duly receipted, and oblige

Yours truly,

THE SUN TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED

per



Treasurer

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SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University St. MONTREAL
TELEPHONE OF: 208

The Lady Superior
Beaus Gines & Hotel Beau
Montreal -

Madame

I take the liberty of enclosing copy of an illustrated article with accompanying editorial from "La Patrie" of 5th instant - concerning the neglected burial place of one of your earliest benefactors

appended is an extract from the will of Simon McTavish who died July 8, 1804

"I give bequeath to each of the two Religious Communities of nuns in this City, commonly called the Hospital General, or Grey Sisters, \$1000 + Hotel Beau the sum of one thousand pounds current money aforesaid, being convinced that the said communities are of great public benefit & deserving attention."

It will be seen from this that the fact of his marriage with a French-Canadian family that the instructions & ~~agreements~~ ^{agreements} with a section of the ~~community~~ ^{people} and his own were very noble & sympathetic

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the wealthy influence from Community of the Ursules may be exerted in support of ~~any~~ ^{the} any movement looking to the restoration of perpetual care of this historic monument now threatened with speedy ruin

Respectfully Yours

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University Street
TELEPHONE UP. 2082
MONTREAL

Montreal December 7, 1925.

Aegidius Fauteux Esq.,
St Sulpice Library,
St Denis Street,
CITY.

MC TAVISH TOMB & MONUMENT

Dear Mr Fauteux:-

You no doubt have seen the excellent article and editorial by Mr J.A.Gauthier in "La Patrie" of the 5th instant and perhaps have put it in your McTavish dossier.

Mr Gauthier spoke of your desire to read my paper which I lent him, with the photos, and I should be glad to think that you had done so. I repeat what I said to him that if you cared to copy it for your Archives, and reproduce the photos, you were quite welcome to do both.

Should you do this, it will, no doubt, be quite easy to make for me a couple of carbon copies of the MS. which I can use for like deposit in other places. If you reproduce the photos, they will probably be enlarged, and I should be very grateful for copies of these as well as the MS.

Very truly yours,

Samuel M. Baylis

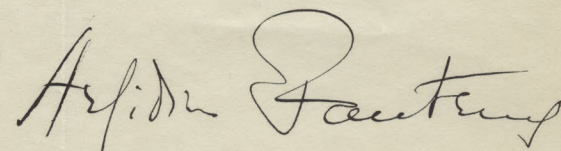
Montréal, December 7th 1925.
CANADA

Dear Mr. Baylis,

I have just at hand your letter of December 7th. You are right in supposing that I have already put in my McTavish dossier the excellent article published by Mr. Gauthier in la Patrie. The article is still more yours than Mr. Gauthier's, and I must congratulate you as well. I confess that I am responsible for having sent Mr. Gauthier to you, but I am sure you won't blame me for it. La Patrie, as Mr. Gauthier told me, will help you as far as possible to rouse the interest of our civic authorities in the McTavish monument.

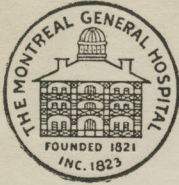
As to the wish expressed in our behalf by Mr. Gauthier, I am afraid it may have been over zealous. I never intended to deprive you of your documentation. It is already very kind of you to allow us the opportunity of copying it and I thank you most heartily for the favor. Your suggestion of having a couple of carbon copies made is excellent and eagerly accepted.

Yours very truly,



Librarian.

Mr. Samuel M. Baylis,
808, University Street,
Montreal.



THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

20 DORCHESTER STREET, EAST

Montreal, December 7th, 1925

Mr. S. M. Baylis,
808, University St.
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Mr. Baylis:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of December 7th, and am keenly interested in the article and editorial which you sent me from La Patrie. At Dr. MacCordick's request I placed before the Board, last Summer, the suggestion that the Hospital take some action with regard to this tomb, but I did not feel, at that time, that the Hospital's finances would permit of it. However, I will again present your communication to the Board at its next meeting.

Yours very truly,

A. K. Haywood, M. D.

Superintendent

HUGH MACKAY, K.C.

ADVOCATE, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR.

OFFICES
621-622 THE TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
120 ST. JAMES STREET

MONTREAL, December 8th. 1925.

S. M. Baylis, Esq.,
808, University Street,
C i t y.

Dear Mr. Baylis :-

I was very much interested in getting copy of last Saturday's "La Patrie", and think the subject was handled very nicely, and I hope you will see that a copy of this paper is duly sent to Mr. Reid Taylor in France, and make sure that he reads the editorial, particularly with reference to the heirs of the late Simon McTavish.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Mackay

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

December 9, 1925.

Samuel Baylis, Esq.,
808 University Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Baylis,

Thank you very much for the copy
of La Patrie for December 5th with its interest-
ing articles on McTavish which I am putting in
our scrapbook.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

University Librarian.

124 St. Denis Ave.,
St. Lambert, P. Que.,
Aug. 22nd. 1924.

Dear Sir;

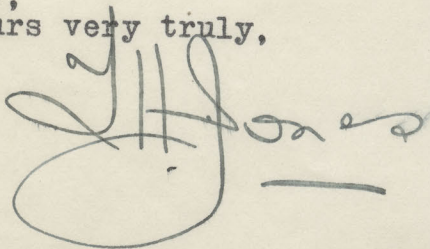
I beg to thank you for yours of the 18th. instant from Metis Beach, and also for the enclosures, which are very interesting.

Unfortunately, the day before your letter reached me I had completed the Fall programme, but I trust you will consent to come over early in the new year. After Sept. 1st. I will take the liberty of telephoning you at your home.

Meantime, please accept my thanks for your letter.

I am, Sir,
Yours very truly,

S. M. Baylis Esq.,
Metis Beach.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. M. Baylis', with a horizontal line underneath.



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A. A. DESROCHES
RAOUL JARRY

Montreal, December, 9th,
1925.

Samuel M. Baylis, Esq.,
808 University St.,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th inst.
together with enclosure for which I thank you.

This question of the maintenance or
restoration of the McTavish Tomb and Monument came
up some time ago before our Executive Committee,
and I am pleased to tell you that it is the
opinion of the members of said Committee that the
City should see to this Monument being kept in
good order; the necessary instructions will be
given to this effect.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University Street
TELEPHONE UP. 2082
MONTREAL

Montreal, December 10, 1925.

Ald J.A.A. Brodeur Esq., K.C.,
Chairman Executive Committee,
City Hall,
MONTREAL.

MC TAVISH TOMB AND MONUMENT

Dear Sir:-

I have your kind favor of 9th Instant conveying the welcome intimation that the City will undertake the restoration and maintenance of this historic plot.

This news is most gratifying to me and will be also, I am sure, equally so to the citizens at large.

I have no doubt that, backed by your Committee acting through the Director of Public Works, your engineers will not only effect the needed repairs in the most efficient manner but will make of it a veritable show-place which all can visit with pleasure and pride

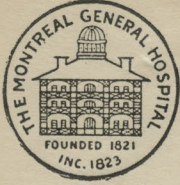
Seeing that the City will now assume responsibility for its protection, I see no reason why, in addition to repairing the walls and the monument, re-cutting the inscription, cleaning up and beautifying the whole plot, the Tomb itself should not be uncovered and exposed in its original condition.

In connection with the required fencing of the reserved semi-circular "approach" in a fitting manner, Sir Montagu Allan would, no doubt, co-operate in having his portion done at the same time in a like tasteful and substantial way.

I venture to repeat my suggestion to Mr Terrault of having tablets placed at the gate giving in brief informative data concerning construction, burials, and restoration, and having a little guide book compiled, in French and English, and sold on the spot at a small price.. There would, I venture to think, be a large and constant demand for this source of information, and the proceeds could either be applied in re-imbusement of the outlay or given in equal proportions to the Hotel Dieu and the General Hospital, both of which Institutions were directly or indirectly beneficiaries of Simon McTavish and Hon Chief Justice Reid who there lie buried.

Very truly yours,

Samuel M Baylis



THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

20 DORCHESTER STREET, EAST

Montreal, December 17th, 1925

Mr. Sam M. Baylis,
808, University Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Mr. Baylis:-


I placed your letter of December 7th before the Board of Management, at its regular meeting yesterday, and they decided that they could not officially, as the Board of Management, undertake the responsibility of repairing the tomb referred to in your letter, but if any body of citizens take up this project that the Board as individuals would be prepared to assist personally.

Yours very truly,

A. K. Haywood, M.D.

Superintendent

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BRIAND S'EN TIENDRA STRICTEMENT AU TRAITE GRAND HONNEUR
 POUR LE 22EME
 ET LES NOTRES

C'est la réponse qu'il fait à Lloyd George au sujet de l'imbroglio silésien. — "La France et l'Angleterre ne peuvent converser que sur un pied d'égalité", dit-il.

LES ALLIES PAS EN SURETE A CONSTANTINOPLE

La petite chaudière VS Chop Suey et Oeufs Chinois

La presse anglofrançaise en différend

Foch accepte le titre de colonel honoraire de notre

LA CIE DE PUBLICATION DE "LA PATRIE" (LIMITÉE)
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 EUGENE TARTE, Vice-Président et Directeur des Impressions et Annonces.
 J. N. A. PERRAULT, Gérant.

Montreal, January 10, 1926.

Mr. S. M. Baylis
 808 University

Dear Sir:-

From day to day I expected an opportunity to to bring back your precious papers, and now, I have delayed so long that I am ashamed to show up in person.

I therefore send them by a messenger and wish to thank you again for the great assistance you have extended to me in connection with this story of McTavish.

I am keeping this matter in mind and Mr. Brodeur promise to stir up again our City management early next spring.

Yours very truly,

Reply Jan 13/26

J. Gauthier



H. A. TERREAU
CHIEF ENGINEER
DIRECTOR

CITY OF MONTREAL

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL

MONTREAL, May 28th., 1926.

(No.)

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S.M. Baylis, Esq.,
808, University St.,
MONTREAL. -

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of May 21st 1926, concerning the McTavish Monument, the restoration of which was on my program of work to be done this year, until the reception of Mr. Reid-Taylor's letter, copy of which I am sending you.

Mr. Taylor, as you will note, wishes to take charge alone of the restoration of the monument.

I am sending also copy of Mr. Brodeur's answer, which is self-explanatory.

Believe me, dear Sir, to be

Yours very truly,

Director of Public Works.

/HMCK

CHATEAU DE FONTENAY
par BLERE,
Indre-et-Loire.

Actuellement en résidence

11 Rue Thiers,
Le Vésinet, S. & O.,

20 avril, 1926.

Monsieur,

J'ai appris dernièrement que vous aviez bien voulu accepter d'être nommé Président du Comité Exécutif qui voudra bien s'occuper de la restauration du Monument érigé à la mémoire de mon ancêtre, Monsieur Simon McTavish, situé à la tête de "Peel Street" duquel mon grand père (petit neveu) s'occupait sa vie durant.

Monsieur Samuel Baylis, il y a déjà quelque temps de cela avait pris l'initiative pour que l'on s'en occupât, et nous avons échangé une longue correspondance à ce sujet étant donné que je suis l'arrière arrière petit neveu du grand Canadien McTavish, Chief-Justice Reid, dont je suis l'arrière petit-neveu, et sa femme s'y trouvent également enterrés sous le Monument.

J'apprécie infiniment le généreux accueil qui a été donné à cette question, et je viens vous remercier tout particulièrement de l'intérêt que vous venez y porter, en dernier lieu. Néanmoins, je ne regrette qu'une chose, c'est que le distingué Monsieur Baylis n'ait point trouvé à propos de vous mettre au courant de notre correspondance pour vous montrer très justement, ainsi que très courtoisement que je pense compter pour quelque chose dans la question du monument où reposent les restes de mes ancêtres, d'autant plus que Monsieur Tétrault et autres avaient voulu s'armer de l'autorité nécessaire pour agir (vide correspondance).

Je me demande si, dans la joncture, de jure, mon autorisation n'est pas une mesure de coutume, et d'urbanité.

J'aurais pris, comme je l'ai désiré, et comme je le désire aujourd'hui même, la responsabilité de la restauration du Monument en question, mais, malheureusement, à cause d'évènements que je ne pouvais prévoir, et de très grandes obligations qui incombent à une position telle que la mienne; et en France et en Angleterre, je ne puis, présentement, m'enquérir d'autres quoique je les sache m'appartenir tout personnellement.

Je désirerais être seul à m'occuper de la restauration du Monument, mais reste très désireux en même temps qu'intéressé d'avoir votre opinion et avis là-dessus. Je ne sais ce que coûterait les travaux essentiels.

J'attends depuis 10 ans la vente de ma belle propriété située en face du Mount-Royal hotel, près de 100 ans dans la

famille, et qui me coûte très cher sans bénéfice.

Cette vente me permettrait de mieux envisager la situation.

J'apprends que la Municipalité a pris possession de la route autour de la tombe et qu'elle s'est servi du mur de clôture pour, apparemment, soutenir le grand réservoir. En avait-elle le droit ?

J'ai eu le plaisir pendant les maintes années si agréables dans ma vie, que j'ai passées à Montréal de fréquenter, par goût, la Société française (Canadienne) au sein de laquelle j'ai trouvé et gardé mes plus chers amis, et j'ai également eu le plaisir de connaître des membres de votre estimée famille.

Ma famille habitait Park House (Sohmer Park) dans le passé avec Chief Justice Reid, Hugh Taylor, à son décès doyen du barreau de tout l'Empire Britannique. Mon frère, tué à Gallipolli fut quelques années Gouverneur du Soudan et aide de Lord Kitchener. Ma grand'mère était la soeur du Consul Général de la Grande-Bretagne, à New-York.

Veillez excuser, je vous prie, Monsieur, la liberté que je me permets, en vous adressant la présente, et agréer l'expression de ma considération distinguée,

A.W. REID-TAYLOR.

le 25 mai, 1926.

Monsieur A. W. Reid-Taylor,
11, rue Thiers,
Le Vésinet,
Seine et Oise,
FRANCE. -

Monsieur:-

J'ai votre lettre relative au monument
McTavish situé sur le Mont-Royal.

L'on m'avait informé qu'il n'y avait pas
de descendants de Monsieur McTavish, et c'est la raison
pour laquelle la Cité de Montréal avait été priée de
voir à l'entretien de ce monument. En ma qualité de
Président du Comité Exécutif de la Cité de Montréal, et
non pas du monument comme vous semblez le croire, j'ai
eu une entrevue avec Monsieur Baylis à ce sujet, je n'ai
cependant pas eu l'occasion de voir la correspondance
que vous avez échangée avec lui.

Vous désirez vous occuper vous-même de
la restauration de ce monument, j'ai donc communiqué
avec notre département des Travaux Publics, et l'on me
dit que les dépenses nécessaires à cette fin s'élèveraient
à \$ 2,000.00.

Auriez-vous l'obligeance de me faire savoir
quand vous auriez l'intention de procéder à ces travaux
afin que je puisse renseigner les personnes qui nous ont
vus à ce sujet.

Vous priant d'agréer l'expression de mes
meilleurs sentiments, je demeure,

Votre tout dévoué,

Président du Comité Exécutif.

C O P I E.

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University Street
TELEPHONE UP. 2032
MONTREAL

Montreal, June 1, 1926.

H.A. Terrault Esq.,
Director of Public Works,
City Hall,
Montreal.

McTavish Monument

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of May 28 enclosing copies of the correspondence between Mr A.W.Reid-Taylor, in France, and Alderman Brodeur, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Montreal.

In thanking you for these courtesies, I can only express my ~~deepest~~ deep regret and disappointment that this intervention should have, I hope but temporarily, interrupted the laudable intentions of yourself and Mr Brodeur to effect these urgent reparations on the part of the City.

I did not think it necessary to trouble you or Mr Brodeur with the lengthy and inconclusive correspondence with Mr Reid-Taylor which began in 1922 when he wrote to his agents, The Royal Trust Company, with a view to inform himself as to his supposed proprietary rights in the plot. I showed both the Trust Company and Mr Reid-Taylor that these were non-existent and that instead of "rights" his interest, if any, (and that only indirectly through his great-uncle, Mr Justice Reid, and his wife, Elizabeth McGillivray, neice of Simon McTavish, both of whom are, I believe, buried in the plot/, was purely sentimental, but nevertheless close, and rather a matter of obligations.

I continually urged this point of view and asked that he come forward publicly and assume these obligations but could elicit nothing definite, until I closed the correspondence in my letter of Nov 7 1925.

I have taken the position that there being no direct descendents of Simon McTavish, no heirs of his legatees and no collaterals known to be able or willing to undertake the responsibility of repair and upkeep and therefore none to grant or withhold permission for another to do so, it was eminently proper for the City, by right of eminent domain or by legislative authority, to do the work in the public interest.

On December 5 1925, La Patrie, as you know, published its fine illustrated article and editorially endorsed this attitude, thus assuring support of all sections of the community should the City undertake the work, as I was very pleased to learn it would do.

It does not appear from Mr Reid-Taylor's last letter that he is much nearer his alleged desire and intention of doing the work himself at once as the urgency demands; rather, indeed, does it introduce unfortunate complications which I hope, however, may shortly be adjusted so as to allow the work to proceed.

(H.A.Terrault 2)

The points he raises as to the City encroaching on the road, the approach to the plot, and the use of the rear wall as a retainer for the embankment of the reservoir, have all been noted by me; but on the other hand, his now avowed intention to assume entire responsibility places on him the onus, with the security he discloses behind it, to at once to proceed to protect the public from the menace of stones falling upon them from the crumbling walls, and the City from damage actions consequent thereupon, as he should either be made to do or waive any problematical right of intervention with the City doing the work, as I think it should, and would do in a worthy manner.

Kindly let Mr Brodeur have communication of this letter, and if I can be of any service to you or him in the matter, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ please command me.

Faithfully yours,

Paul H. Bayh

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

TELEPHONE UP. 2082

MONTREAL

Montreal, September 23, 1926.

H.A. Terrault Esq.,
Director of Public Works,
City Hall,
Montreal.

McTavish Monument

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you June 1st on this matter and shortly after left to spend the summer with my family at Metis Beach whence I returned at the beginning of the month.

I went up yesterday to see the plot and my keen regret at viewing the pitiable desolation - daily growing worse - which I feel you share, was increased in thinking that but for Mr Reid-Taylor's untimely intervention the restoration would, no doubt, by this time have been completed by the City according to plan.

Mr Brodeur's letter of May 25 to Mr Reid-Taylor puts the matter very concisely in informing him of the cost and enquiring when he proposes to set about doing the work as he proposes.

I can add nothing to my letter of June 1st except to suggest that Mr Reid-Taylor be asked to forthwith make good his avowed intention to do the work himself, or withdraw his opposition and allow the City to proceed with its laudable design, for which he should, indeed, be very grateful rather than would seem to be the case.

Faithfully yours,

Samuel M. Baylis



H. A. TERREAU
CHIEF ENGINEER
DIRECTOR

CITY OF MONTREAL

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL

MONTREAL, October 5th., 1926.

(No.)

FORM 225-4-M-7-25
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Samuel M. Baylis, Esq.,
808, University St.,
MONTREAL. -

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter
of September 23rd., concerning the McTavish
Monument.

I shall communicate with
Mr. Reid-Taylor, asking him what he proposes
to do with the monument, and shall let you
know his decision.

Yours truly,

Director of Public Works.

/HMCK



Ottawa, 15 Oct 1926

Dear Sir

Through the goodness of Mr A Fauteux
I am directed to you for any
information regarding the members of
the North West Trading Co

I have not been able to find anything
regarding Simon McTavish before he
appeared in the scene as described

Mr Fauteux thinks you will have
information for me. I am preparing
a work on *Imperialism* and would
like to know as much as possible

Paul M. Baylis

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

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MONTREAL



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J. DEL. TACHÉ
BIBLIOTHÉCAIRE GÉNÉRAL

16 Oct 1926
Montreal, October 16, 1926.

Dr Peter H. Bryce,
180 Lisgar Road,
Rockliffe Park,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I fear I can be of little use in your researches into the personnel of the N.W. Fur Co.

My little paper - "Simon McTavish, Merchant, Fur-Trader, Pathfinder" - was, in effect, merely an appeal for the restoration of his ruined Tomb and Monument on the slopes of Mount Royal and dealt chiefly with such personal data as I could dig up concerning his life, death and burial here, his property and its disposal, Law Suits in connection therewith, death of children and re-marriage of widow &c. McGill and St Sulpice have copies, and should you care to read it, I would be glad to lend you a copy, with views, for perusal and return.

You have at hand all of what is generally known about the N.W. Co. Masson has something. The minutes of the Beaver Club - of which McGill Library and the McCord Museum have copies - tell a little of the lighter life of these worthies. Dr Campbell, in his History of St Gabriel Church, gives their names as subscribers and a little about them. Fronisher's Journal, 1806-10, may afford a side-light. Sir William Cshooling, whom I met here a couple of years ago when he was looking for data for his monumental work on the Hudsons Bay Co, was keen on getting light also on the story of the men of the rival Company. Perhaps he got something which he might pass on if you wrote him care of the H.B.Co in London.

I fear, however, that what I gather you want in connection with "Immigration" - who they were, why and how they came here - is not easily "getatable". That they were a force in building up and developing Trade when they got here is unquestionable, and, as I put it, they were virtually the "founders of Montreal's commercial supremacy".

Mr deLery MacDonald, 4067 Tupper Street, is a descendant of the McGillivray's, and might tell you, or put you on the track of, something of what you are looking for, which I regret I cannot supply.

Very truly yours,

Samuel M Baylis

about these energetic Fer & Arnie
provers.

Hoping you can help us in this
matter I remain with compliments

Yours very truly

(W) Peter H. Bryce

180 Lisgar Road

Rockcliffe Park

Ottawa

St. Lawrence St.

Post-Office of St. Montreal

in post office

Gazette
Mar 25/27

\$168,717 PAID FOR PEEL STREET SITE

Corner Lots at Corner of
Burnside Place Bought
From Two Estates

39 REALTY TRANSFERS

St. Catherine Street West
Property in St. Andrew
Ward Changed Own-
ers at \$42,000

Two purchases by one party of a corner site on Peel street and Burnside Place for the prices of \$87,735 and \$80,982 respectively, featured yesterday's realty sales.

Estate Reid Taylor sold to Garment Centre Capitol (Inc.), lots Nos. 1475-7, 8, St. George ward, measuring 5,849 feet, without buildings, and fronting on Peel street and Burnside Place, for \$87,735.

Estate Hugh Doheny sold to Garment Centre Capitol (Inc.), part of undivided part of lot No. 1475, St. George ward, measuring 5,683 feet, without buildings, and fronting on Peel street, for \$80,982.75.

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thought well. f

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(COPY)

S. M. BAYLIS
808 UNIVERSITY STREET
MONTREAL, QUE.

March 26, 1927.

A.W.Reid-Taylor Esq.,
Chateau Fontenay,
par Blers,
Indre-et-Loire,
France.

MC TAVISH MONUMENT

Dear Sir:-

I notice in the Gazette of 25th instant an item to the effect that your property on Peel Street, comprising 5849 feet, has been sold for the sum of \$87,535.00, upon which fact you are to be congratulated. I also observe that construction work has already begun and I presume that before next winter we shall see a fine building erected on the site.

I take it that this happy outcome of years of waiting now puts you in the position to implement your intention expressed Ald. Brodeur, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, to undertake the work of restoration yourself without assistance or intervention of the City or anyone else.

I believe that it was the intention of the City authorities to do the work thoroughly and I learn that Mr Brodeur informed you that the cost would be \$2000. In addition to the urgently needed repairs to the crumbling masonry of walls and monument, now constituting a menace to the passer-by, the responsibility for which now rests upon you, my own view is that in addition to defining and fencing the "approach", the old steps leading to the Tomb should be repaired and the Tomb itself exposed in its original form, with proper security. This would enable you to enter it, if you thought well, for the purpose of verifying the interments. My letter of Nov 7 1925 furnished proof from an eye-witness of the burial there of Judge Reid on January 28 1848.

I trust that instructions are now to be given to your agents to proceed with the work, and that before another summer passes we shall see it completed - with or without restoration ceremonies and commemorative tablets - "a consummation devoutly to be wished" by myself and the citizens generally.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Sam'l M. Baylis

Copy to
Mr. Terrault
Mr. Pabbe Monro
City Hall

M^cCORD NATIONAL MUSEUM

MONTREAL Oct. 14, 1924.

Dear Mr. Baylis:-

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNORS

AND THE CORPORATION OF M^cGILL UNIVERSITY WE BEG TO

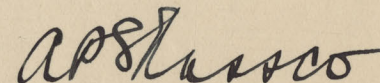
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WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN SO GOOD AS TO PRESENT TO THE

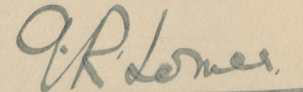
DAVID ROSS M^cCORD NATIONAL MUSEUM.

WE ARE,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANTS.



SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.



SECRETARY TO THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Sketch of the Monument to four children of
Simon McTavish, in Chiswick Church,
London, England.

MS of paper & photos

loaned to Ruth Mackay

per Dr Fryer Mar 1975

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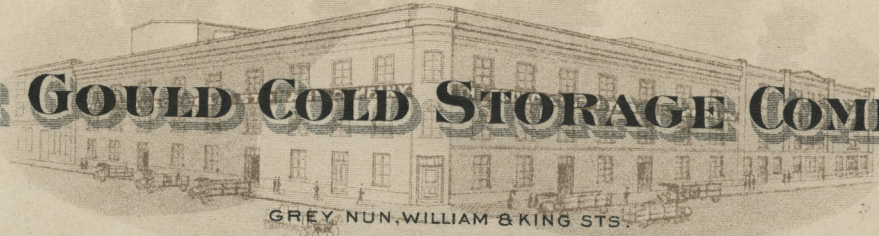
May 19/75.

Mr. S. Baylis.
808 University St.
Montreal

Dear Mr. Baylis.

With reference to our conversation last evening, I am enclosing a letter that was sent to my father John Doyle by J. Middleton in which he states he was at the funeral of Chief Justice Reid & that he was buried on January 28th 1848 in the vault at the Monument. When talking to my father about the vault he distinctly stated to me "McDavisk's Monument" & that there were some others buried there. My mother used to tell us about the "haunted house". This house had never been completed & got its name from the fact that a man used to keep cows grazing in the vicinity & used the basement as a stable & visited the place at night with a small lantern with a candle in it. My father was a director of the Montreal Horticultural Society in 1875 & many years after & was anxious to get information of the early days of the Society, it was organized in 1847 under the name of "The Montreal Agricultural & Horticultural Society" & wrote to Mr. Middleton

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7,
to see if he could give him any information about the early days of the Society etc & received the enclosed letter. Little did Mr. Middleton think at the time of writing that one of his grams of wheat, as he called it, was a record of the burial of Judge Reid. Our family moved about 1880 into what was known as the Eddale house between University & Openden ave. & lived there for many years until Pine ave was opened through the property, consequently the monument was very familiar to us. On several occasions I was going to write to you after reading your letters in the Gazette but kept putting it off for a chance meeting.

I trust you will be able to make use of the information in the letter & you can return it at any time or perhaps you might care to keep it on file.

I am
Yours respectfully
Wm. Doyle

Main 4809
West 5551

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7-8 p.m.

Sunday by appointment

A. HOWARD MacCORDICK, M.D

131 Stanley Street

MONTREAL

Tel. Uptown 8404

JUNE 20/25-

Dear Mr. Lighthall,
I have just taken a look around the McTavish monument on Mount Royal. It really does seem a pity that we cannot do something to restore it to some extent. The gate is unlocked so that anyone can get in, & from the paths beaten, it is frequently visited. It seems that many, presumably boys, go in at the gate & climb out at the upper end. The wall here is very much damaged apparently due to the climbing over it. The corner also at South is badly broken & must soon fall if not repaired.

I have been trying to estimate how much it would cost to repair the wall, clear out the fallen limbs & brushwood, & if permitted, remove the stones & earth from the vault. I do not think it would cost very much. \$150⁰⁰ + \$200 = w. less.

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The stones & earth from the vault could be just levelled back towards the sides and down towards the gate. The stone steps from the gate to the vault are in good condition, of no stone being out of place. I understand that permission was at one time sought, to repair the whole structure, if it has been obtained I will gladly do my part, as a member of the Antiquarian Soc. to help along the work. I believe we should preserve our old monuments,

Yours very sincerely,
A. H. MacCordick