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1465 Sun Life Building  
20th May 1940

*E.W.S.  
Appointment of  
Graduates Society*

E. Winslow-Spragge, Esq  
Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd.  
New Birks Building  
M o n t r e a l

Dear Edward :

I was very pleased to hear that the Nominating Committee for the Montreal Branch Society had nominated you for the office of President of the Montreal Branch as my successor.

Those with me who have been interesting themselves in the affairs of the Society these past few years will, I know, be as grateful as I am to you for taking on this office, the responsibilities of which you are so well qualified to discharge.

At some mutually convenient time I will be very glad to give you any information that you think might be useful to you.

Yours sincerely

*Frank Robinson*

FGR/H

*W.S.  
May 21*

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*F. Hopkins*  
18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Ed

As President of the Montreal Branch, you are ex officio a member of the Executive Committee of the Graduates' Society. Hence the attached notice of meeting and minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.

Enclosed also is a copy of the draft of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Montreal Branch held on Tuesday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> inst. It is customary for me to send the President a copy of the draft of minutes, for any corrections or additions or

E. S. Winslow Spragg Esq.

Faithfully yours  
Edwin B. Glassco.

Office

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18th October

Dear Sir,  
 As President of the Montreal Branch, you are a member of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Society. Please the attached notice of meeting and minutes of the last meeting of the Committee. Enclosed also is a copy of the report of the minutes of the General Meeting of the Montreal Branch held on Tuesday evening, 13th inst. It is customary for me to send the President a copy of the report of minutes, for any corrections or alterations so far as the President is concerned. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours truly,  
 J. G. [Name]

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December 20, 1940.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gentlemen:

Mr. Pitts feels that you will be interested in seeing a copy of a letter which he has received from Dr. James acknowledging the final payment of \$4,208.00 from the Society to the University towards the cost of constructing and equipping the Gymnasium-Armoury. A copy is enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

*André B. Glavasco*

Exec. Secy.

GBG/M

Revised Copy

*Graduates  
Society*

*Table  
Seating*

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER - Nov 28, 1940.

Toastmaster's Programme

1. The King - at conclusion of next course( smoking permissible)
2. Mr. Pitts - President of Parent Society
  - A. Opening remarks
  - B. Introduces Dr. F. Cyril James as an honorary member of the Society
3. Dr. James

Thanks, on behalf of the Society, those graduates who have been responsible for the successful efforts to complete the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium-Armoury and especially Mr. H.M. Jacquays and those closely associated with him.
4. Mr. Jacquays

Replies to the toast and thanks expressed by Dr. James
5. Mr. Winslow-Sprague, President of the Montreal Branch Society  
Introduces Lt. Col. J. M. Morris, M.C., Officer Commanding McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C. and requests him to give the audience information on the McGill C.O.T.C. and on the C.O.T.C. Equipment Fund. (Note: Thanks Col. Morris for privilege of using the C.O.T.C. Mess for the dinner).
6. Lt. Col. Morris, Officer Commanding McGill C.O.T.C.  
Responds to request for information on the C.O.T.C. and on the C.O.T. Equipment Fund.
7. Mr. Pitts  
Introduces Lt. Col. Morrissey and thanks him for arranging for moving pictures.
8. Moving Pictures  
Showing under direction of Lt. Col. T. S. Morrissey.
9. General Discussion
10. Tour of the Gymnasium-Armoury

*Equipment Fund*

December 17, 1940.

Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
F. Cyril James

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McGill University  
Montreal

Dear Mr. Pitts,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of December 12th, with the enclosed cheque for \$4,208.00, as a final payment on the part of the Graduates' Society towards the original cost of building and equipping the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium-Armoury.

Although I have already told you at the dinner of my appreciation, and that of the rest of the University family, I should like to take this opportunity of reiterating more formally the things that I said then. All of us appreciate greatly the fact that the Graduates' Society, by raising an aggregate sum of \$195,628.23, has made it possible for the University to erect the present Gymnasium-Armoury by using these contributions to augment the original Stratheona Fund.

I also want to express the University's appreciation of the undertaking by the Graduates' Society to provide an annual contribution of \$3,000 towards the maintenance of the Gymnasium-Armoury. Although it had originally been hoped that the operation of the Gymnasium would not place any additional burden upon the University budget, this ideal has proved impossible of realization up to the present so that this contribution from the Graduates' Society is of particular benefit in helping the University to operate the Gymnasium satisfactorily at a time when revenues are none too plentiful.

In conclusion, may I express a personal hope that the very pleasant discussions that I have had with the Executive Committee of the Graduates' Society in regard to these Gymnasium matters may be the prelude to a continuing friendship and co-operation that will be of enduring advantage to the University that is so much in all our thoughts.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) F. Cyril James

Gordon Pitts, Esq., President,  
The Graduates' Society,  
3466 University Street,  
Montreal, Que.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
F. CYRIL JAMES



October Ninth  
1941

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Dear Mr. Winslow-Spragge,

It was a very pleasant surprise, yesterday morning, to find on my desk your subscription of \$25.00 to the McGill Associates. I must confess, however, that I find it a little hard to write an appropriate letter of thanks for your contribution because the usual letters that I have sent to most of the Associates, telling them of the work of the University, would be singularly inappropriate.

You are already fully aware of the problems that confront the University, and of the great usefulness of the funds that the Associates are contributing to our annual budget, so that I can only send you a message expressing my own personal appreciation of your generous support to a campaign which I hope in the years to come will contribute an ever increasing measure of support to the University's work.

Cordially yours,

E. Winslow-Spragge, Esq.,  
Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd.,  
New Birks Building,  
MONTREAL.

P.S. We all missed you on Sunday night  
and Gordon Pitts has already told you, no  
doubt, of the many messages conveyed to you  
through him and your wife. I hope that the  
indisposition will be short, so that we may soon have  
the pleasure of your company once again  
F.C.J.

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Executive Office  
3466 University Street  
Montreal

September 12, 1941.

Dr. Stephan Leacock,  
Old Brewery Bay,  
Orillia, Ont.

Dear Doctor Leacock:

This letter is written by a fellow Zets who happens to be at the moment President of the Montreal Branch of the Graduates' Society. You may have noticed that the Graduates' Society is arranging for dinners to be held in all the important centers in Canada and the U.S.A. for the celebration by McGill men and women this year of Founder's Day on Monday, October 6th, and the Montreal Branch Society has undertaken to conduct the dinner here in Montreal.

At this dinner we have been promised a fifteen minute speech on McGill affairs by Principal James, a short message by radio from General McNaughton in England and we have asked His Excellency the Governor-General to give a few words of thanks to General McNaughton either from Ottawa or at the dinner itself, if he will accept the invitation which is being sent him. We want you very much to make the programme a complete success by giving us such a rousing McGill speech as you gave the Windsor-Detroit graduates in Windsor early last June. I understand that you proved beyond doubt to the audience that McGill graduates are carrying a load of the greatest national importance and that all eyes are focused on their efforts. This is just what we want here in Montreal. Will you do it for us?

As the dinner will take place on Monday, October 6th, it is more than likely that you will be a Montrealer again by that date, by which time college will again be opened and Stephen Junior will take his place as a member of the Staff.

Your acceptance of this request on our part will, needless to say, add another debt of gratitude to the many which the Graduates' Society always remembers that it owes you.

Hoping to hear from you favourably,

Yours in T.K.φ.,

President, Montreal Branch Society  
Chairman, Founder's Day Dinner Committee.