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LEACH, MRS. W. T.

Pension Mrs Leach.

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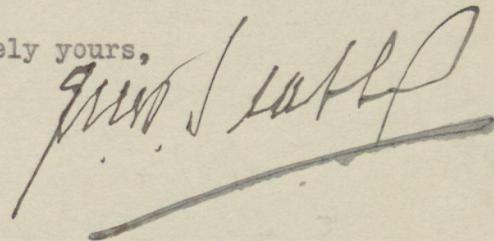
MONTREAL
May 16th, 1932.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Howell of Montreal relative to the widow of the late Reverend William Turnbull Leach, formerly Vice Principal of the University.

I do not know whether the University could justify an allowance to Mrs. Leach even of a nominal amount, but perhaps you would care to discuss the matter with Mr. MacLennan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Leach", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.,
Principal and Vice Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

NORTH EMPIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE: 465 Bay Street,
Toronto 2.

204 Notre Dame St. W.

Montreal, Que., May 13th, 1932.

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,
Chancellor,
McGill University,
Windsor Station,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir,-

I am taking the liberty of addressing you in a matter which closely touches McGill University.

In 1846, the Rev. Wm. Turnbull Leach was appointed Professor of Classical Literature. In the following year he became Vice-Principal. His salary was then supposed to be £100 a year, but even that slender sum was often in arrears.

The Rev. Mr. Leach became Acting Principal, and served for years as such.

In 1886, at the age of 83, he retired after 40 years in the office of Vice Principal, and in various Professorial Chairs.

Sir Wm. Dawson used to say that the University must have perished, had it not been held together by the sagacity and perseverance of Acting Principal Leach, during several critical years preceding the appointment of a Principal. This utterance of his is recalled by graduates now living, and is expressed in one of Principal Dawson's historical addresses.

His widow, now aged 82, lives in Montreal. She has no pension or allowance from the University and, as far as I can learn has never applied for any. She is not even aware that I am making this effort on her behalf. Her income is inconsiderable; it has always been so and is barely sufficient for her needs.

These are facts which are known to some of the older graduates

and which have engaged their sympathetic consideration. Among these I mention Mr. Francis MacLennan and Dr. W. D. Lighthall.

I know that this may seem a very inopportune time to suggest additional outlay of any kind, but at the age of 82, health is uncertain and life is short. To delay until the return of better times may be to wait too long.

Would it not be a gracious and just act on the part of the Governors to bestow a pension, even though a modest one, upon Mrs. Leach, in grateful recognition of unforgettable services rendered by her husband and to bring needed comforts and ease to her for the remaining years of her life? Such a pension could not be an appreciable burden on the finances.

As a Graduate of the University,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours Faithfully,

(Signed) Arch. R. Howell

COPY

May 17th, 1932.

Dr. Francis McLennan, K.C., LL.D.
Care 231 St. James St. West,
Please forward.

Dear Dr. McLennan,

There is a matter concerning the
widow of the late Reverend Mr. Leach which I wish
to discuss with you. Will you please come in some
time when you are in the city?

I hope we shall see you at
Convocation.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

May 17th, 1932.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C., LL.D.,
Chancellor,
McGill University.

Dear Chancellor,

I have your letter of the 16th, to
which was attached one from Mr. Howell of Toronto.
I have written to Dr. Francis McLennan, saying that
I wished to discuss the matter with him.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

June 10, 1932.

Dr. Francis McLennan,
Loretteville, N. C.

Dear Dr. McLennan,

It will be quite convenient for the Principal if you will call at his office on the afternoon of June 17th. In the morning he has to attend a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Montreal, but any time after three that would suit you he will be glad to see you. If you would telephone me when you come to the City, we can confirm this.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal.

F. McLennan,
Loretteville, P. Q.
Canada.

Loretteville, P.Q.

May 20th. 1932

Dear Sir Arthur,

I hope to go up to Montreal on Monday and will go in to see you about the matter you refer to, and one or two other things that have been put off on account of illness.

Thanking you for your interest,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Francis McLennan.

F. McLennan,
Loretteville, P. Q.,
— Canada. —

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Loretteville, P.Q.

June 9th. 1932

To the Secretary,
Of the Principal.

I telephoned to you the other day apropos of seeing Sir Arthur Currie about Mrs Leach, and I wonder if you could arrange an appointment for me with him on the 16th. or 17th. preferably the latter. If not, I will be back in Montreal the morning of the 25th. leaving again that afternoon, and if this suited Sir Arthur would go to see him that day.

Please let me know at 3480 Ontario Avenue, which I will reach on Wednesday night.

Yours sincerely,

Francis McLennan

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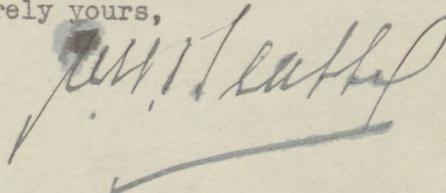
MONTREAL
AT QUEBEC, 2nd July, 1932.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I have your letter of June 23rd with reference to Mr. Howell's request for a pension to the widow of the late William Leach.

I think it would be well if you would bring the matter before the Board at its next meeting with a definite recommendation, if you care to make one, as to what should be done. Before the meeting I would suggest, too, that you send for Mr. Howell and obtain from him as accurate data as possible as to the income of Mrs. Leach.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Leach", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

July 11th, 1932.

A. R. Howell, Esq.,
North Empire Fire Insurance Company,
204 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Mr. Howell,

Some time ago you wrote to the Chancellor,
Mr. Beatty, with reference to a pension to the widow of the
late William Leach. Would it be convenient for you to call
and see me with reference to this matter? I shall be in
my office all week and if you telephone an appointment can
be made.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

July 16, 1932.

This morning I saw Mr. Howell, grandson of Archdeacon Leach, formerly Vice Principal of this University.

Mr. Howell has written a letter to the Chancellor in which he points out that his grandmother is in very straightened circumstances and asks if the University can do anything to provide a pension to this old lady of 83 years. Our records disclose that the facts are as stated in Mr. Howell's letter.

He tells me that she is living with her sister in very poor apartments down on Souvenir Avenue near the CPR. tracks; that she is in receipt of a pension of \$80 a month from the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Church, that this is her entire income, while her sister has no income at all. Mr. Howell says neither he nor his brother can contribute anything to her income.

I asked him what he thought would be an appropriate pension. He mentioned the sum of \$100 per month.

In view of our own straightened circumstances I can make no such recommendation. But I am willing to recommend \$25 or \$30 a month, which I think is all we can be expected to do after all this lapse of time. Vice Principal Leach died in 18 .

AWC:DM

July 21st, 1932.

A. R. Howell, Esq.,
North Empire Fire Insurance Company,
204 Notre Dame St. W.,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Howell,

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of McGill University held yesterday morning, I put before them the matter of pension for Mrs. Leach, the widow of the late Rev. Leach, at one time Vice Principal of the University. The Board authorized an appropriation of \$600 per annum, the amount to be paid in monthly instalments of \$50.00 each, beginning first of August next.

If the financial condition of the University had been in a more satisfactory state, I am quite sure that the Board would have been more generous. However, this amount will enable her to be provided with some additional comforts in her declining years and to be relieved of some of the worry. Please let me know the exact address, and her full name.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Probably that was one reason why the University granted him no retiring allowance; in fact, our records disclose that the Board reduced his salary, whereupon he resigned. I presume from this that it was the only way in which the Board could induce his retirement.

In his letter, Mr. Howell says that Mrs. Leach's income has always been inconsiderable and is barely sufficient for her needs. The fact is, however, that she has not suffered, nor should she, in view of her family connections; I understand that Dr. Howell is another grandson. If she were in very straitened circumstances we probably should make a grant to her during the remaining years of her life, but I confess the only reason I can see why we should really do so is more or less a political reason.

If we did make a grant, what should it be? Before saying definitely I should wish to find out something more concerning her present circumstances; but I should say not more than \$25.00 a month should be allowed her by the University.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

June 23, 1932.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C., LL.D.,
Chancellor, McGill University.

My dear Chancellor,

You will remember writing me some time ago enclosing a letter from Mr. Howell relative to the widow of the late William Leach, formerly Vice Principal of the University. On its receipt I immediately wrote Dr. Francis McLennan asking him to see me and a few days ago we discussed the matter.

The situation is correctly outlined in Mr. Howell's letter to you, but Mr. McLennan was not agreeable to contributing anything himself towards a pension for Mrs. Leach. He contented himself by hoping that the University could do something for her.

It so happens that this matter came up indirectly as I was riding in from Dixie last Saturday with Mr. Henry Joseph, who told me that years ago he bought for the C.P.R. the right-of-way through what is now Montreal West, buying the property from the Trenholmes and another family, of whom the present Mrs. Leach was the heiress. It seems that the Reverend Mr. Leach was at that time about 69 years old. He suggested to his son that he should marry this young heiress, but the son refused; whereupon our former Vice Principal courted the young lady himself and married her. She was then 21 years of age. This would mean that in the last fifteen years of his life the Reverend Vice Principal was not badly off.

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INSURANCE

ARCH. R. HOWELL
PERCY H. GRIFFIN

204 NOTRE DAME ST. W.

TELEPHONE: MARQUETTE 3433

MONTREAL

July 22, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal & Vice Chancellor
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I feel very grate-
ful to you for your good offices in presenting
the case of Mrs. Leach to the Board of Governors.

The action of the
Board in granting an appropriation will, I am
sure, touch Mrs. Leach deeply and will be very
gratifying to her friends and to graduates of
the University who have knowledge of the slender
means upon which she has been subsisting.

Her full name is
Mrs. Louisa Leach and her address

2207 Souvenir Ave.
Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Arch. R. Howell

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Tommy Bentley

*Please note and
return,*

Arthur

25/7/32

1 Aug @ 600⁰⁰ per Annum payable monthly.

Leach

2207 Sauteris Ave
Montreal

Aug. 14th
24
1932

Sir Arthur Barry
Vice Chancellor & Principal
McGill University
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur

It is with feelings of profound gratitude to you and to the Governors of McGill University, that I write to acknowledge the generous action in granting me a pension. It touches me deeply

when I reflect that the labours
of establishing the University
on a firm footing, to which
my husband, the late Vice-
Principal Beach devoted his
life, are remembered and
honoured.

On the foundations well
and truly laid in the past,
succeeding administrations
have erected a noble University.

May I ask you to convey
to the Governors my appreciation
of their generosity and to tell them
how deeply I am impressed
by their kindness.

Believe me

Yours sincerely,

A. Beach

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LEACH, MRS. W. T.

DOCKET STARTS:

LEA COCK, STEPHEN

RECEIVED MAY 8 - 1937

THE OLD BREWERY BAY
ORILLIA, ONTARIO

May 7 1937

Principal Morgan
M Sill University
Montreal

Dear Morgan

In moving around, my
mail was much disturbed and
I only yesterday found your
very kind note of congratulation.
Let me thank you very cordially
for sending it and apologize
at the same time for my delay

Yr. faithfully

Stephen Leacock

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

27th April 1937

Dear Leacock,

I was delighted to see that the Royal
Society propose to decorate you with the Lorne
Pierce Medal. Heartiest congratulations, both
official and personal!

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Stephen Leacock,
3869 Cote des Neiges Road,
MONTREAL. QUE.

December 22, 1937

Dear Professor Leacock:

Thank you very much for your note.

I will be delighted to dine with you after, as you say, "the first tumult and shouting dies."

My father has often spoken of you and of Stony Jackson, with whom, I think, he had a pleasant visit only last summer.

As for myself, I would be very deaf if I had never heard of you, I would be very blind if I had never read of you, and I would be very dumb if I had never spoken of you. I claim only to being a little deaf, a little blind, and a little dumb.

At any rate, it will be a very great pleasure for me to be in your company.

Ever sincerely yours,

Professor Stephen Leacock
Mount Royal Hotel
Montreal, Canada



MONTREAL, CANADA

Winter Address

Dr. Louis Douglas
Mount Royal Hotel
Dec 16 37

My dear Dr. Douglas

I feel sure that you know
my name as I was a professor
at McGill for 35 years, and have
made a disturbance in other
directions... But the chief thing
is that your father & I were
at Upper Canada together.. I went
there at the opening of 1882 &
my brothers Dick & Jim, - both
since dead, - were there already

time had come to McGill for as kindly
a welcome & as wide an appreciation
as you . . . and he said, I should
write you . . . so I write . . .

. . . I am retired now & keep
out of all the big things but I
should like it very much if you
will dine with me, — as soon as
the first tumult & shouting dies, — with
five or six old friends & my club by

and were with your father
in Stony Jackson's House... and
so I knew your father in all
his U. C. C. days often here
saw him for about fifty years
till he turned up here at the
University Club; - as the fifty
years rolled back & made
no difference...

... I was talking the
other day to Frank M. Kennan
(who was in Montreal) & I
said to him that I didn't
think that anybody in my

own time is as empty as
eternity, so I can suit it
to yours .. Please send me
a line of acknowledgment
as I'll arrange to write
them later ..

Looking forward to seeing you
here
Very sincerely

Steffen Leacock

(Professor Emeritus in Economics)

R.W. Hospital Ross Pen

Dear Mrs Douglas Monday

I can't dine on ~~Saturday~~
night. I'm so sorry. I had
to come to the hospital for some
X ray + minor troubles and I
found that they want me to
come back in again on Monday
for an operation (no great matter)
on Tuesday -- I am so
sorry to miss your dinner. Please
remember me to Dr. Farrand +
express my regrets

Very sincerely

Stephen Leach

P.S. I go out of hospital Sunday + back
Monday for 2 weeks - I hadn't made it
clear

and so I said I'd
send you a line to
ask for a date either
before the fourth or
after the fourteenth

Please don't bother to
answer as I will call
up your secretary. It
is hard to get me on
the telephone

with best regards

Slatter Leacock

February 3rd

Mount Royal Hotel
Friday morning

Dear Principal Douglas

Charlie Colby (25th

Charles Colby) phoned
me yesterday to say that
he must anxiously not

to miss the little dinner

I am giving for you &

to which I had invited

him in advance

He says he is to

be in New York

Feb 14 to 14 inclusive,

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
L. W. DOUGLAS

May 4, 1938

My dear Dr. Leacock,

I am so very glad to hear that you have recovered sufficiently to leave the Hospital and get away to your country home, where I am sure the out-door life will complete the cure. Do take good care of yourself, and do not overdo things for a while, and later on, when you feel able, let me hear how you feel.

With kindest wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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

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May 10, 1938

Dear Sirs,

Professor Leacock is at his summer home in Orillia, Ontario, recovering from an illness. I heard from him only the other day so that I know he is getting along all right now and that there is no cause for worry. I will forward your letter to him there.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Leacock,
Leacock & Cia, Lda,
Madeira, s

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
L. W. DOUGLAS

May 10, 1938

Dear Professor Leacock,

I have received the enclosed letter.

I expect you got behindhand in your correspondence
during the past few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Stephen Leacock,
Old Brewery Bay,
Orillia, Ontario.

January 31, 1939

My dear Professor Leacock,

Thank you so much for your letter of January 30th.

You may be assured that I understand wholly and completely the reasons which impelled you to the decision which you made. I can only say that understand it as we do, we regret its necessity.

You have in your letter given me the only reason that I have ever heard advanced for hoping that the world will stay upset a little longer.

I rather suspect that the hope will be realized!

With sincere regards, and regrets,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Professor Stephen Leacock,
Windsor Hotel,
MONTREAL. QUE.

THE
Windsor
ON DOMINION SQUARE
Montreal

Jan 30 1939

Prinabal Douglas
McGill.

My dear Dr Douglas.

Your invitation was so kind and I appreciate it so much that I feel I cannot let it go without adding to what I said by telephone a few words of personal

thanks.

Since I retired from McGill after a trial tour of lectures across the continent, I definitely gave up all public speaking so as to have all my time

for writing. The only public meetings I have tried since to attend are those of the McGill Society of Ontario which I helped to found. Given that I missed the last one

But no general rule of that sort would have held me back in this case. But since my heavy operations of last year my nervous system seems still unable to stand any great strain. Although I am getting back all the time to better conditions, I find that I dare not attempt making any arrangements ahead for attending meetings, and least

of all for taking an active part on the platform.

These present lectures at McGill are the first of the kind which for nearly forty years I have I have neither helped to originate, nor to deliver, not at least to enjoy as a listener. It is a great disappointment - now & all times when such lectures are among the most ^{vital} things in our common life If the world will stay upset a little longer, I shall try

to come back sheep you
to straighten it up, but in
the meantime I am sure
you will understand my position

with continued regards
Stetter Leacock

DOCKET ENDS:

WEACOCK, STEPHEN

DOCKET STARTS:

LEAGUE OF THE EMPIRE

41
November
Eighteenth
1920.

Mrs. H. S. Strathy,
Hon. Secretary,
League of the Empire,
8 Earl Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Madam:-

After more than a month's absence from Montreal I have but recently returned to the city and this must be my excuse for not acknowledging sooner your letter of the 1st instant, in which you have done me the honour of asking me to serve upon the General Committee which is to deal with the next Imperial Conference of the Teachers of the Empire.

I note that this Conference is to be held in the summer of 1921. I shall be very glad, indeed, to serve on the Committee and hope that I may be able to do some useful work in that connection. I am sorry that it is more than likely that I shall not be able to attend the Conference, as it is my intention to attend a Conference of the Universities of the Empire, which is being held in London next summer.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Hon. President: His Excellency Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada.

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Mrs. H. S. Strathy,
110 Lowther Ave.,
Toronto

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Miss F. M. Standish,
643 Euclid Ave.,
Toronto

Hon. Secretary for Exchange
of Teachers, and Hon. Treas.
War Memorial Fund:

E. A. Hardy, B.A., D. Paed.
81 Collier St.
Toronto

TORONTO, 1st November, 1920.

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

Dear Sir:-

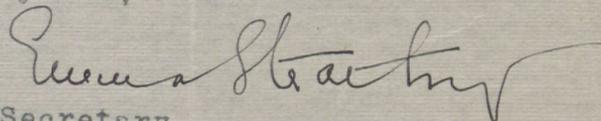
As you may be aware, it has been arranged that the next Imperial Conference of the Teachers of the Empire is to be held in Canada in the summer of 1921, and Toronto, by invitation of the Government of Ontario, has been selected as the place of meeting.

In accordance with the wishes of the League of the Empire of Canada, I am writing to ask if you will do us the honour of serving upon the General Committee which is to be appointed to superintend the arrangements of this conference.

This Conference is the first one called to consider Imperial Education questions since the war. The two former conferences were both held in London, and it is felt that a Conference in Canada will be of Empire-wide interest and usefulness.

We hope sincerely that you will accept this invitation and allow your name to be placed on our Committee. We will much appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Secretary,
League of the Empire.
8 Earl Street,
Toronto.

Marshall

July 6, 1925.

Mrs. E. Ord Marshall,
Honorary Secretary, League of the Empire,
124 Belgrave Road,
Westminster, London, S.W. 1.

Dear Madam:-

With reference to your letter of June 25th last, I must confess that there has been some confusion among the various parties arriving, and that I was not clear whether this was the same party as was coming by the Canadian Pacific.

It is somewhat difficult to make any adequate arrangements for Sunday, as all our staff are on vacation and the University is almost deserted. I am a little doubtful therefore as to the possibility of providing for any entertainment. I am, however, quite certain that we shall be able to arrange for someone to show your party over the University and I will settle the necessary details with the C.N.R.

I trust that your journey will be a very pleasant and successful one.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

July 7, 1925.

Miss Jean F. Baillie,
78 Bruce Avenue,
Westmount.

Dear Miss Baillie:-

I am much obliged for your letter of July 5th, which has simplified matters considerably. We will be glad to arrange a small tea for your visitors and also for them to see as much as possible of the University while they are here.

I would suggest, in view of the programme which you propose, that they might arrive at the University about 3.00 p.m. They would then have a look at the buildings, meeting for tea at 4.00 p.m. Normally we would have the tea outside, but if the weather were bad we would transfer it to the Library.

As regards the dinner, I am rather afraid that I cannot do very much, but I will be pleased to do anything I can. I gather from your letter that you have not made any definite plans and I am taking the liberty of proposing to the C.N.R. that it would be a very nice thing for them to organize this. I will let you have another note in time to reach your house by Friday.

In the case of the tea, we will be pleased to entertain say a total of 65 or 70, not more; and if you will let me have the names of the people who will be in Montreal and whom you would like asked, we will send them invitations. I think that it is quite essential that you yourself should do the collecting of the ^{people who are to} meet the visitors, as otherwise it is so uncertain how many we shall be able to get.

Will you be in Montreal a few days before the tea takes place? As I expect to be on my holidays and will not arrive in Montreal until the morning of the day on which the tea will be held, I will leave all arrangements with my Secretary, Miss Constance Harvey, with whom you might get in touch any time between now and then.

Yours faithfully,

Camp St Denis
Laurentians

July 5th 1925

Mr. Wilfred Bovey

W^o Hill University;

Dear Sir,

A letter received
to day from Mrs Ard Marchant
tells me that she has
written you telling that
there will be 40 or 45
in her party arriving in
Montreal, Aug. 2nd.

I am very sorry that I
had to leave home be-
fore your return, but
a note addressed to
78 Bruce Ave, Westmount
will be brought up
to me on Fridays, as

there is no P.O. anywhere
near us.

Before leaving Montreal
I telephoned to the
Passenger department of
the Canadian National,
and Mr. Morrison of
Local # 335 told me
that he was expecting
a letter about this party
from their London office.
I am much disappointed
that the party is arriving
on Sunday because I
am afraid there is
no use expecting the mayor
to do anything. I was so
convinced of that, that I
did not try to see the
mayor as I had in-

tended doing. I was so
very well treated when
I spent a year in London
that I am very anxious
to help make this party's
visit to us as pleasant
as possible.

Mrs. Ard Marshall
thought that the party
might walk or take
cars in the morning,
drive on the mountain
after lunch at the Windsor
and that if it were
possible for McGill
to entertain them at
tea it would be a
great pleasure.

She also suggested a
party, if possible, in -

Chiding some rather impo-
tant people at dinner
at the Innkeeper's and
if you could help me
I desire any such
pleased. Whether in
summer; however, so
very agreeable.

I think excuse any details
in this note another
month over my miscom-
take. conditions of
the camp, and if
you have any plans
as suggestions will
you be good enough to
let me know them.

Yours yours very sincerely
(over) Dear Mr. Biddle

Journal

December 21, 1925.

Mrs. E.M. Ord Marshall, O.B.E.,
124, Belgrave Road,
Westminster, London, S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Ord Marshall:-

Your announcement dated December 1st has been duly received and the proposal made seems to be quite an interesting one. We will advise you later if it is possible for us to send delegates.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Covey.



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AND COLONIES.

Dear Sir,

The next of the Triennial Conferences of Imperial Education convened by the League of the Empire falls due in 1927. It has, however, been represented to us that this date will not be generally convenient, and it has been proposed that the Conference be postponed until 1928, and an Interim Meeting held next Summer, i.e., July 1926. It has further been suggested that in holding an extra-ordinary Conference we might depart from the usual practice, and hold it outside the British Empire. I am pleased to tell you that such proposal has been warmly welcomed in Paris, where intellectual co-operation is at the present time most cordially invited.

A Committee appointed by the French Government to further such meetings has given the League its co-operation, and has undertaken to make all necessary arrangements. The meeting of 1926 will therefore take place in Paris, from the 24th to the 27th of July, inclusive, and the aim of this special Conference will be to come into touch with representative men and women in France, and learn more directly something of the genius and aims of this great people. The Society co-operating with the League is the *Bienvenue française*, whose Patron is the President of the French Republic, and whose President is Mon. le Maréchal Foch. On their Honorary Committee are M. Poincaré and other members of the Government.

A valuable and delightful programme has been offered, of which the enclosed is a draft.

I am to ask if you will do ourselves and the *Bienvenue française*, acting with us, the honour of appointing Delegates to this Interim Conference, and if so, if you will be good enough to send us the names of any who are able to take part. Arrangements will be made with the Hotels in Paris for the four days' accommodation at the most reasonable charge. Particulars of such arrangements will be forwarded to the Delegates at an early date.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. M. Ord Marshall

Hon. Secretary.

The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE INTERIM CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
IN PARIS FROM JULY 24th. to 27th. (INCLUSIVE.) 1924

- Saturday Morning, July 24th. A welcome to the Delegates and the Opening Conference at the Sorbonne.
- Saturday Afternoon. Visits in Paris.
- Saturday Evening. A Reception by the Bienvenue française, Président Mon. le Maréchal Foch.
- Sunday Morning, July 25th. A welcome to the different Churches in Paris. At 12 o'clock a visit to the Unknown Soldier's Grave, when wreaths from the different countries of the British Empire will be laid on it.
- Sunday Afternoon. A Reception to be arranged.
- Sunday Evening. A visit to the Opera House.
- Monday Morning & Afternoon. A visit to Versailles, luncheon will be served to members of the Conference in the Palace.
- Monday Evening. A Reception in one of the private Palaces of Paris.
- Tuesday Morning, July 27th. A visit to the Cité Universitaire (new University Quarter), the Louvre, and other places with special guides.
- Tuesday Afternoon. A Reception by the Minister of Education and a second meeting of the Conference.
- Tuesday Evening. Reception at the Paris University.

Amongst those speaking at the different gatherings will be M. Painlevé, M. Vedor (Académie des Beaux-arts) M. Paul Layon and other distinguished men.

All correspondence and applications for membership of this interim Conference should be addressed to the

Hon. Secretary,
League of the Empire,
124, Belgrave Road, London, S.W.1.

DOCKET ENDS:

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16th September 1938

Dear Lam:

When I returned to Montreal this morning, I found your telegram of September sixth, together with copy of the letter my secretary wrote you on the following day.

I am sorry that we weren't able to help you and assume that you have, by now, filled the positions. If not, and if there is anything you would still like to have me do, please don't hesitate to write me.

Our very best to you and Marion.

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Lambert Keyniger
The Lebanon School
New Lebanon, New York, U.S.A.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
L. W. DOUGLAS

September 7, 1938

Dear Mr. Keyniger,

Your telegram has arrived in the absence of Mr. Douglas from the University. We have, however, made a good many enquiries here with a view to finding someone who would fill the positions you outline, unfortunately without success. It happens to be a bad time of the year as the University is not in session yet, and we cannot reach many of the departmental heads who might have had likely candidates. The University does not have an employment bureau where such information is readily accessible. I am so sorry that in the absence of the Principal we were not able to be of real help to you in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary

S. Lambert Keyniger, Esq.,
The Lebanon School,
New Lebanon, N.Y.

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TEACHER BOTH UNMARRIED ONE SHOULD PLAY PIANO WELL BOTH
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LIKE ONE OR TWO CANADIANS SALARY ONE THOUSAND DOLARS AND
LIVING THIS IS INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY KNOW WE CAN MAKE IT
PLEASANT FOR MAN DECISION MUST BE MADE THIS WEEK ANYTHING YOU
AND YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN DO WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
KINDEST REGARDS=

S LAMBERT KEYNIGER.

Answers

June 12, 1925.

Mrs. Lee,
Westbury Lodge,
Norham Road, Oxford.

Dear Mrs. Lee:-

Your letter of May 27th last regarding the visit of the League of Empire party, was received during Sir Arthur Currie's absence in hospital.

I have been in touch with the Canadian Pacific Railway by which line the visitors are coming, and I understand that they will be about 150 in number. We will certainly be very pleased to see them at McGill during their day in Montreal. The date is of course one when there are not many people around the University, but we will be very glad to show them all we can.

Perhaps you will let me know whether my idea of the numbers of the party is correct. I would very much like to arrange some entertainment for them, but can hardly say definitely what can be done until I can be sure of the numbers.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

May 27th 1925.

WESTBURY LODGE,
NORHAM ROAD,
OXFORD.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie.

Our friend Mrs
Ord Marshall tells me
that she is coming with
a party of League of the
Empire visitors to Canada
this summer. They reach
Montreal on August 3rd
at 7.20 am. & leave next
morning (en route for
Ottawa) at 8.15.

She says that, in
visiting Montreal, they
would enjoy & appreciate
above all things any
opportunity of seeing McGill

WESTBURY LODGE,
NORMAN ROAD,
OXFORD.

end of meeting any of the
University staff - I know
- & of course Mrs Ord
Marshale realises - that
it will be mid-vacation
with most people scattered
far afield. But if it
were possible for you to
arrange that some wel-
-come should be accorded
to this party by the
University I believe
it would be most deeply
appreciated and they would
consider it as a beautiful
and appropriate beginning

to their tour across Canada.

I hope I am not
giving trouble by this
request, but the lasting
interest of my husband &
myself in McGill & our
happy years there make
me feel I am put this
before you.

Yours Sincerely
Alice Lee.

All Souls College,
Oxford.

4 October 1929.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie

Will you allow me
to introduce to you
my friend, Mr. Anthony
Preston, Professor of
Latin at Bishop's?

Mr. Preston is a
graduate of Edinburgh
and of Oxford. His

Subjects are the classical
languages and ancient
history.

I know that you
have many demands
upon your time and
attention, but I venture,
none the less, to bring
to your notice a
recent recruit in the

Canadian Educational
Force

With kindest regards

Believe me

Yours very truly

R. W. Lee

General Sir A. W. Currie G.C.M.G.

Principal

McGill University

8th January, 1930

Professor R. W. Lee,
All Souls College,
Oxford.
England.

Dear Dean Lee,

Mr. Anthony Preston, the professor of Latin at Bishop's, came in today and in a few minutes we are having lunch together. Corbett, whom you will remember, and who is your successor in the deanship of law here, and Carleton Stanley, Professor of Greek, are coming as well. I tried to get Woodhead, the Chairman of the Department of Classics, and one or two others, but they were not available.

I am sorry I did not see something of you last spring when I visited Oxford once or twice in search of a professor of Moral Philosophy to succeed Caldwell. Lindsay and Pritchard were very kind to me and I sought to induce either Price or Morris or Lyle or Weldon to come, but all maintained that Oxford had the greater claim. In the end I was forced to go to Princeton. I brought Hendel from there. He is a young philosopher of Dutch stock who was brought to my attention by Bowman of Glasgow. He has been here since the beginning of the term in October and has made a fine impression. Next October he will be joined by Porteous, whom you may remember when he was at Oriel some years ago. Hendel is modern and Porteous is of the classical school: together they should make a fine team.

Corbett is doing very well as dean of law and I regard him as one of the best men on the staff of the University.

You probably know all about the changes in recent years in that department, especially with reference to the apprenticeship of students to law firms. I am sure we are attacking on the right line, but some opposition still persists, chiefly among the older legal practitioners.

Medicine continues to hold a strong position. When I was at All Souls last Abraham Flexner was there and cheered me greatly by saying that he regarded McGill as second to none among the medical schools of this continent. Flexner ought to be a good judge, as he has spent the last fifteen years of his life in studying medical education on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Arts is going very well, particularly Classics, History, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Economics; while I have very strong hopes of Philosophy. We need to strengthen our English and Modern Languages, except German where Walter has a good staff.

I want a firstclass man in English literature, someone who would make himself known beyond the boundaries of Montreal, someone who would be recognized as a great authority and who would be an inspiration.

There is another thing about which you might help me. Lately I have induced the Graduates' Society to place at my disposal annually \$2750. It is my hope and intention to bring to McGill each year an outstanding man, who would live among us for a month, give say eight lectures, which would be deemed of sufficient importance to publish in book form later. The presence of such a man would be a great inspiration to all students and professors and to those intellectually inclined in the city. It is very necessary, of course, that there should be no mistake made in choosing the first lecturer. If you have any advice to give me as to a man I should go after, I shall be very glad to have it.

Remember me kindly to Lindsay when you see him and to Professor Pritchard. I have grateful memories of their kindness to me.

With all good wishes,
I am,
Ever yours faithfully,



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

O t t a w a,
20th November, 1935.

Dr. A. E. Morgan,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

Dear Sir:-

I have before me for acknowledgment your letter to Mr. Bennett of the 18th instant, which, unfortunately, did not reach Ottawa before Mr. Bennett had left for the West on a holiday.

Mr. Bennett's plans do not anticipate his return for some weeks, but when he is again in Ottawa, your letter will be placed before him.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

November 18

1935

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Mr. J. F. Leddy called upon me early in September and I had a chat with him before he left for England. I gathered that he was only wishing to make general enquiries regarding the possibility of an opening without specifically aiming at joining the staff of this University. If he earns a reputation at Oxford undoubtedly his position will be greatly strengthened but unfortunately one has to recognize the fact that the openings in Classics are few and far between.

It was scarcely to be expected that I should meet you in Ottawa, since my visit happened to coincide with the particular day that it did.

I am very much enjoying my work here and I had been hoping that after things had settled down somewhat in the political world I might have an opportunity of renewing the acquaintance which was opened so happily for me at the pleasant interview you gave me at Claridge's Hotel. I hope that you are feeling somewhat rested after the strenuous affairs which have beset you just re-

The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett, P.C.,

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

O t t a w a,
12th November, 1935.

Dear Principal Morgan,-

A young man in whom I am interested, Francis Leddy, I believe called upon you some time ago for the purpose of ascertaining what opportunity there might be for an appointment on the staff of your University when he finishes his course at Oxford. I understand he has given fine evidences of scholarship. You, however, would be able to form your own opinion of that after having talked with him.

I was sorry that a luncheon engagement prevented me from hearing you when you were in Ottawa as I had looked forward to meeting you here.

I hope you are getting along well in your new work.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal A. E. Morgan, M.A.,
McGill University,
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