

By. 13. Winchester, O. April 10, 1933.

Chas. McGill Univ,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

Is there likely to be a teaching vacancy with you this summer or next fall in Spanish or any one of the social sciences? I am a man of 15 years experience, five references and hold the M.A. & Ph.D. Degrees (Yale & Berlin) and am also capable of instructing in Latin & French.

To my credit also is a five year residence in Spain & Latin America. Trusting you may have something to offer me and that I may hear from you at an early date. I am,

Very truly yours,

A. J. Ginnery,

April 13, 1933.

A. G. Grunes, Esq.,
Box 13, Winchester, Ohio.

Dear Sir,

Let me acknowledge your letter of April 10th, in which you enquire whether there are likely to be any vacancies in the Social Science Departments or in the Department of Spanish next session at this university.

I regret that our staff is complete, and that, in common with a great many other institutions, we are cutting down rather than taking on any new members.

Yours faithfully,

Principal



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WINNIPEG

April 3rd, 1933.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of
March 31st, with reference to our schedule of allow-
ances for relief cases.

I appreciate very much the very competent
analysis you have made of this schedule, and wish to
thank you for your efforts in our behalf.

Yours truly,

Anna Damm
Assistant Deputy Minister.

MQ.

*To Mr. March
Please note and return
to them*

*Thank you,
L. Currie*

Inter-department Correspondence



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR;
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

FROM
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

March 31st, 1933.

A. Macnamara, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Public Works,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of March 20th, in which you asked the assistance of McGill University in the matter of the food budget for the unemployed relief cases in Manitoba, I may say that I have now consulted our Department of Social Research, which is under the direction of Mr. L. C. Marsh, B.Sc. (London).

In the first place let me say that in our opinion the authorities you have already consulted are equally as good as any others to which you might appeal. Your memoranda indicates that you have already made yourselves acquainted with the most scientific and satisfactory investigations of standard relief budgets; and it is apparent that a group of competent persons have checked over these budgets and the actual schedules used in Winnipeg. The carefully prepared budgetary recommendations of the Montreal Federated Agencies and the examination undertaken at Winnipeg constitute the two outstanding scientific budgets in Canada, and if your relief schedules are directly influenced by these there is the primary presumption that they are adequate.

The food budget, varying for families of different size, in which Mr. McNam is particularly interested, was very comprehensively examined by the Nutrition Committee of the Health Service of the Federated Agencies here, from the point of view of content in caldiums, phosphates, etc., of calories and vitamins. It is, however, a minimum budget; and it is

Inter-department Correspondence



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THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, C.C.M.C., K.C.B.

note therefore, that the budgets of the Winnipeg Advisory Board and the City of Winnipeg are more generous as to range of commodities and to the allowance for sundries. The Nutrition Committee (of Montreal) would be themselves quite willing to recognize that the minimum budget does not contain commodities such as tea, coffee, soap, etc; that the variations in families specified are based on young children rather than adults; that there are always differences in individual requirements as to nutrition which do not run strictly according to average; and finally, that these budgets might not be entirely adequate if they are to be in force over a long period.

In the other constituents of relief it would also seem that the Winnipeg Advisory Board has, in the opinion of our Department, taken an enlightened view; for example, with regard to rent.

There is, of course, a difference between the relief system from the point of view of its allowances (whether in quantities or money) and the relief system from the point of view of its administration (e.g., the questions of food vouchers, municipal stores, leaving choice of groceries to the purchaser, and other questions). In the opinion of our Department it is not possible to make an unbiased report without an analysis of all the other important existing systems of relief. This analysis has not yet been adequately made by anyone.

We suggest that if you wish to have some further examination made on the aspect of relief sufficiency, you approach either

1. Miss Goodeve, Nutritionist, Child Welfare Association, Montreal Social Agencies.
2. Miss Marjorie Bell, c/o Visiting Housekeepers Association, Toronto.

The problems of relief budgets are so much more than merely a question of simple or ideal diets that it is a matter more for those engaged in actual welfare work than for a specialist examination.

I am sorry we are not able to be of more help to you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WINNIPEG

March 20th, 1933.

President,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing the liberty of writing to ask the assistance of your Economics Department in the matter of the food budget for the unemployed relief cases in Manitoba.

Some months ago the Manitoba Government appointed an Advisory Board to advise it on relief matters. One of the problems upon which this Board has reported is the matter of food schedules, and as a result of such reports the system outlined briefly hereunder is now followed:-

The head of a family of five (used for illustration purposes) is given each week:-

- (a) Grocery voucher (marked No. 1) Amount \$2.49, which he may take to any store and buy staple supplies up to the value of the amount stated on the voucher.
 - (b) Meat or fish (voucher No. 2) amount \$.80¢
 - (c) Bread voucher (No. 3) Amount \$.48¢
 - (d) Milk voucher (No. 4) Amount \$1.12.
- } \$5.00

Allowances are also made for rent, light, water and gas, all of which is set out in copies of the Board's several reports, which are enclosed, and which reports explain the methods followed in arriving at the various amounts allowed.

To Mr. Marsh,

Tell me what to say in reply.

24/3/33.

W. S. W. Lewis

In comparison with systems in force in other large cities examined by the Board, we are of the opinion that the arrangements here are fair to the unemployed, yet sound from an economical point of view; on the other hand, the Unemployed Organizations, as is probably natural, are insistent that allowances are not sufficient.

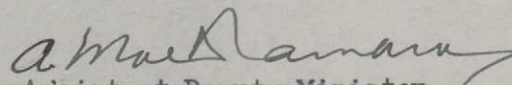
The Board, and the Government Department too are desirous of receiving an unbiased report from authority of the highest standing, and therefore I am writing you on behalf of the Board and the Department to ask if you would be willing to have the proper department of "McGill" undertake an analysis of our system with a view of either approving of it or recommending such changes as may be considered necessary.

While we would welcome suggestions on any phase of the matter, we are particularly interested in the question as to the sufficiency or otherwise, of the food recommended for the different size families.

We have established by actual cost tests that the money allowances are sufficient to buy the food specified.

Trusting that you may see your way to assist us in this regard, I am,

Yours faithfully,


Assistant Deputy Minister.

MQ.

ENCL.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

March 28, 1933.

The Principal,
Principal's Office.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I enclose herewith a memorandum on the matter which you referred to me, which I trust will be of use. It happens that Mr. MacNamara has already been very helpful to Mr. Stone in his Western inquiries, and I get the impression that he is an able and intelligent administrator. I do not think, however, that it would be easy to find someone whose authority on the matters he mentions is greater than those to which they already have access.

Yours very truly,

L. Chasch

Director.

LCM:GS
Encl.

MEMORANDUM ON WINNIPEG RELIEF SYSTEM

(Letter from A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Minister of
Public Works, Manitoba).

The memoranda of the Winnipeg Unemployment Advisory Board indicate that the Board have already made themselves acquainted with the most scientific and satisfactory investigations of standard relief budgets; and also that a group of competent persons have checked over these budgets and the actual schedules used in Winnipeg. The carefully prepared budgetary recommendations of the Montreal Federated Agencies and this examination undertaken at Winnipeg are the two outstanding scientific budgets in Canada. If the relief schedules in Winnipeg are directly influenced by these, as is the case, there is a primary presumption that they are adequate.

The food budget, varying for families of different size, - in which Mr. MacNamara is particularly interested - was very comprehensively examined by the Nutrition Committee of the Health Service of the Federated Agencies for Montreal; from the point of view of content in calciums, phosphates, etc., of calories, and vitamins.

It is, however, a minimum budget; and it is noteworthy therefore that the budgets of the Winnipeg Advisory Board and the City of Winnipeg are more generous as to range of commodities and to the allowance for sundries. The Nutrition Committee (of Montreal) would be themselves quite willing to recognise that the minimum budget does not contain commodities such as tea, coffee, soap, etc; that the variations in families specified are based on young children rather than adults; that there are always differences in individual requirements as to nutrition which do not run strictly according to average; and finally, that these budgets might not be entirely adequate if they are to be repeated over a long period. But quite apparently, the Montreal budgets have not been followed in Winnipeg in any rigid form.

In the other constituents of relief it would also seem that the Advisory Board, has, if I may say so, taken an enlightened view, e.g., with regard to rent.

There is of course a difference between the relief system from the point of view of its allowances (whether in quantities, or money), and the relief system from the point of view of its administration (e.g., the questions of food vouchers, municipal stores, leaving choice of groceries to the purchaser, and other questions). I do not feel, however, that on this latter aspect "an unbiased report from an authority of the high standing" is feasible without an analysis of all the other important existing systems of relief, which examination has not yet been adequately made.

On the other aspect, however, that of relief sufficiency, if Mr. MacNamara is still desirous of having some personal examination made I would suggest that he approach either of the two following persons, whose "I have discussed the matter with Dr. Fleming, who was Chairman of this Committee. (L.C.M.)"

background of practical experiences is outstanding on the matter of nutrition adequacy and relief budgets

1. Miss Goodeve, Nutritionist, Child Welfare Association, Montreal Social Agencies.
2. Miss Marjorie Bell, c/o Visiting Housekeepers Association, Toronto.

The problems of relief budgets are so much more than a question of simple or ideal diets that it is a matter much more for those engaged in actual welfare work than for a specialist examination. Once again, however, it is clear that such experienced persons have been among the advisors of the Winnipeg Unemployment Advisory Board.

If there were no such body as this Board, or they were not already acquainted with such studies as have been made, and with budgets and methods in use in other cities,⁴ the desirability of such an investigation as Mr. MacNamara suggests would be clear. I am much less certain of it in view of the good advice they already have.

⁴ Best available through Miss Charlotte Whitton, Child and Family Welfare Association, Cooper Street, Ottawa.

March 24th, 1933.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Public Works,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir,

Let me acknowledge your letter of March 20th in which you ask the advice of McGill University on your Manitoba budget per family for Unemployment Relief.

At McGill we have a Department of Economics, and we have also a Department of Social Science Research; the latter Department is concentrating at the present time on Unemployment, it is true, but I scarcely think that that in either the Department of Economics or the Department of Social Science Research the question raised in your letter as to the sufficiency of a money allowance of \$5.00 a week to feed a family of five, would be dealt with. However, I shall make enquiries and advise you in a few days' time.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
MONTREAL

January 4th, 1932.

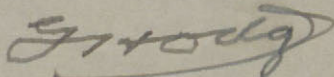
My dear Sir Arthur,

One thing and another, including a week's confinement to the house with a cold, has prevented an earlier acknowledgement of your kind letter of December 19th, and I apologize for the delay.

I understand that you have also been somewhat under the weather but trust that you are feeling quite yourself again.

I appreciate very much your invitation to me to act as a member of the Social Research Council as a representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway and it would be a pleasure to me to assist in any way I can in the work of the Council.

Yours very truly,



Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Montreal, Que.

December 9th 1931.

George Hodge, Esq.,
Canadian Pacific Railway Company,
M o n t r e a l.

My dear Mr. Hodge:-

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You may, or may not, have heard of the setting up here at McGill of what we call a Social Research Council, of which your president, Mr. Beatty, is a member. You may, or may not, have heard of the setting up here at McGill of what we call a Social Research Council, of which your president, Mr. Beatty, was a member.

I believe he did attend one meeting held while I was away in India, but he has been absent from any meetings since. It probably is too much to expect him to attend, but we are anxious to have some representative on our Council from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

I spoke to Mr. Beatty about it the other day and told him that I was going to approach you and he gave his full approval. I shall ask the Director of Social Research to let you know when the next meeting will be held. In the meantime I am sending you a brief report approved at the last meeting of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

December 10th, 1931.

General Eric McCuaig,
Chairman,
Montreal Relief Committee,
276 St. James Street,
MONTREAL.

Dear Eric:-

As you are no doubt aware, McGill has entered upon a programme of research into the problems of Unemployment, particularly in Montreal. (A copy of the general programme and the detailed projects under way this year is included herewith). Your Committee in charge of the Vitre Street Refuge is dealing with the largest and most important group of unemployed in the city, and I am writing to ask your co-operation in our research.

In connection with the projects started this year, and as part of the general survey, we are anxious to obtain, as far as it is practical, information by questionnaire from some or all of the unemployed men being provided for this year at the Refuge. Mr. Clarke has already offered us, through Mr. L.C. Marsh, (Director for our Social Research Council) his ready co-operation; and we are aware of the limited opportunities of securing information at the Refuge. But we should be very glad to have your Committee consider this proposal and the possibilities of securing information in some organised way. Mr. Marsh would be very glad to see you or your Committee on the matter; and I should be personally grateful for all the assistance you can offer us. We are aiming, I need hardly say, not merely at a limited academic study, but at work which will enable some contribution to be made to communal welfare.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

December 10th, 1931.

Dr. Frank Adams,
Chairman,
Unemployed Recreation Centre Committee,
1173 Mountain Street,
MONTREAL.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

As you are no doubt aware, McGill has entered upon a programme of research into the problems of unemployment, particularly in Montreal. (A copy of the general programme and the detailed projects under way this year is included herewith). Your Committee in charge of the Vitre Street Recreation and Day Shelter is dealing with a very important group of the unemployed in the city, and I am writing to ask your co-operation in our research.

In connection with one of the projects started this year, and as part of the general survey, we are very anxious to obtain information by questionnaire from all or some of the unemployed men being provided for this year at the Shelter; and also to obtain by tests adapted to the purpose knowledge of the occupational and general abilities of probably a smaller, but still representative group. Mr. Ewings knows something of our plans and is already giving his personal assistance. But if our study is to be scientific and adequate, it of course calls for some systematic organisation. Mr. Marsh, who is directing our unemployment researches, would be very glad to see you or your Committee to discuss further with you the details or possibilities of this proposal; and I should be personally grateful for all the assistance you can offer us.

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Yours faithfully,

Principal.

December 10th, 1931.

Canon James E. Fee, M.A.,
Rector,
Montreal High School,
University Street,
MONTREAL.

Dear Canon Fee:-

The very valuable aid and co-operation which the boys in the Montreal High School have been rendering Mr. Webster in connection with one of our research projects has been brought to my notice.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your aid, and the boys of Grade VIII for the sacrifice both of time and energy they are making? They are making a contribution not merely to the research work of McGill University, but to the communal welfare of Montreal.

I would like to assure them of our appreciation, and that they have my continued interest in seeing the successful conclusion of this work.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

December 10th, 1931.

Mr. Scott,
Principal,
Strathearn High School,
Prince Arthur Street,
MONTREAL.

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Principal.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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March 25th, 1931

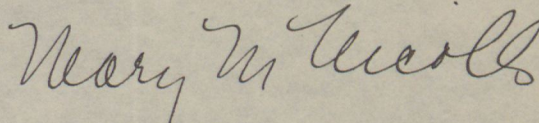
Principal
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

A few months ago I wrote you about possible openings in your Social Science Department. I understand from Mr. Stanley that you had no openings in January.

Will you please put my previous letter including statement of my training and experience on file to receive notices of any openings you may have during 1931? I should be glad to be put on your mailing list for material of general interest also.

Yours very truly,



M.M. Nicolls
Research Assistant

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

AB - University of Wisconsin 1913

Commercial Research under C.C.Parlin, Advertising Department
of the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia 1914-1916

High School Assistant, Wisconsin High Schools 1917-1920

Father's business 1920-1921

Social Work 1922

New York School of Social Work, Summer 1922, Summer 1926

Visiting Teacher, Kalamazoo Public Schools, 1922-29

Research Assistant in Sociology, University of Wisconsin 1929-31

M.A.- University of Wisconsin 1930

Candidate for Ph.D. at Wisconsin

I have been abroad twice: In 1924 I was a delegate to the International Federation of University Women. At this time I was especially interested in the welfare program and legislation in Norway. In 1928 I was delegate to the International Conference of Social Work in Paris. After the Conference, we spent six weeks in Vienna studying child psychology. I was very much interested in the Social Democrat Program for children and visited many children's institutions in Austria and Germany.

February 23,

1931

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,
Canadian Pacific Railway Company,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Mr. Beatty,

I am sending you by this mail a copy of the TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT of December 11th last. You may remember that I spoke to you some weeks ago about the leading article, which is a review of the "New Survey of London Life and Labour, Volume 1". You will notice Mr. L.C. Marsh's name is mentioned towards the end of the article.

I ordered copies of this issue weeks ago, but there has been considerable delay in securing them.

CWS

Yours faithfully,

February 23,

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Mr. Julian Smith,
Shawinigan Water & Power Company,
Craig Street W.,
Montreal, P. Q.

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Yours faithfully,

GWS

Addenda.

In addition to the formal statement I am adding this for your information - you can destroy this & keep the other for record.

At Toronto the situation is dominated by the growing feud with Psychology: the department wants to do everything and to ~~boast~~ boast about its numbers. Bertt seems to be afflicted with the American (or late Chicago) idea of efficiency. He is a go-getter by nature. The result is that we have a Nursery school, an educational programme and a Social Science programme all being engineered from one angle.

Why or how the Rockefeller Committee (via M^r. Sharp) became convinced that it should operate solely through Professor Bertt we do not know. The actual result is that the Social Science Research Council is wholly ignored by the "social sciences" e.g. economics, history - These departments object to being circled and summoned to line up when M^r. Sharp comes to town: especially as something called the "Frontier project" was organized with no

reference to people like Lewis (Economics) who really know something. You can see that there is not much "Co-operation" here - and the only cooperation offered is loaded down by the connexion with Psychology.

This introduces the fact that the main part of the racket is Mental hygiene - the Hincks organisation wants to establish independent agents, with independent money, under the roof-tree of a University which gives the show prestige. The actual result is that the Staff and the Students are both sides of the wall: Students can be bought with the money and the staff can acquire honour as getters of money.

On the other hand it should not be forgotten

- (a) that the money can be had if you care to accept the terms.
- (b) that you might secure your own terms
- (c) that you have the advantage of a Professor of Sociology (which we have not) and should be able to unload the problem on him -
- (d) that while the topics named* are clearly nothing but psychological uncertainties, there are others.

*i.e. in your letter
Motivation
Family Research
Behaviour etc.
[Jargon!?!]

Finis.

127 Albany Ave
Toronto.

24-1-31.

My dear Stanley -

Now that I have recovered from the shock of receiving a communication from the Assistant- to the Principal [!]- I will say what I know.

The Social Science Research Council is one of the activities of the Rockefeller group. The Policy and Problems Committee is its (i.e. the Council's) Committee for finding possible ways of spending money. This Committee met in Toronto in December: presumably some "policy" was evolved of which this is the outcome.

Fortunately - the offprint - came in yesterday: I send it, as being obligated to do so, but with no exaggerated opinion of its value: at best it indicates some "problems". And a "policy" I have in mind.

Yours cordially

G. S. Brett.

J anuary 27, 1931

Professor G. S. Brett,
127 Albany Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Brett,

Thanks - thaumaston hopes - for the off-print. I have had no time to look at it yet, but my eye is magnetised in the direction of a sentence or two in Section 3 about John of Salisbury and Thomas Aquinas. I shall work off the sarcasm on a mediaevalist of my acquaintance without delay.

Your other effusion, however, has been carefully conned already, as the botflies and the gadflies are really an urgent matter with us just now. You confirm my lowest estimate of the organisation in question. I shall, of course, treat the information you give me most confidentially.

One Diogenes would clear us of all the American psychologists, heavily endowed though they may be.

Yours sincerely,

OWS

January 15, 1932.

Professor G. S. Brett,
Department of Philosophy,
University of Toronto.

My dear Brett,

Can you tell me what the "Policy and Problems Committee of the Social Science Research Council" is all about?

Very confidentially, let me say that McGill University is being approached by Professor Bott and this Committee and asked to co-operate in making demands, - (a) on Rockefeller Funds; (b) on the National Research Council of Ottawa, for funds, salaries and other expenses in the investigation of

Motivation and Learning
Family Research
Deviated Behaviour
Etc., etc.

Thanks for your note at Christmas.
I am still looking for the off-print!

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Assistant to the Principal

January 20, 1931.

Dr. C. F. Martin,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Martin,

Here is the correspondence you let me have. I have not yet had a reply from Professor Brett in Toronto, but shall inform you as soon as I do, in case any further measures can be concerted.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Principal

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
Toronto 5, Canada.

December 24, 1930.

Dean C. F. Martin,
Medical School,
McGill University.
Montreal. P.Q.

Dear Dr. Martin,

(Dear Sir Arthur:

(Dr.M. sent this to Prof.S. who wrote to someone
(at Toronto Univ. to find out what the P & P
(Committee was. He is now sending it back to
(Dr.Martin but I took the liberty of making a
(copy for you. D.McM

May I consult you on two points which relate to the future of Psychology and the Social Sciences for Canada. I was going to write to Principal Currie but I understand that he has left for the East - or is it the West? How we envy you fellows who manage to go most way round the globe every year!

The Policy and Problems Committee of the Social Science Research Council met at Toronto this month and I was delighted to learn then from Day that your McGill appeal has been granted - in order, he said, "to give Toronto some competition", - whereas what we need is help. You will, however, be laying plans for development in your various departments of the social sciences and I would like you to keep in mind a special point about psychology in which our Canadian Universities can play ball together.

This point grows out of the general plans of the Social Science Research Council. Day, as you know, is interested in that Council becoming a medium for co-ordinating certain fields of work at different University centres on the continent, which his Rockefeller Division can then liberally support. Hitherto they have had rather a nondescript policy of miscellaneous projects, large and small, but with little cohesion and no continuity of plan. Day has urged that instead of this they select a few fields of major interest and cultivate them intensively until they are firmly established like the natural sciences are today. The Council is now committed to such a plan. They have already set up machinery for developing two "fields of concentration" viz., (1) International Relations, and (2) Business Relations and Finance. At their December meeting in Toronto they endorsed a third field which is to centre on study of the individual approached from various angles, somatic, psychological, sociological, etc. For want of a better name, this field is termed "Behaviour and Personality".

I personally believe that the thorough study of normal human behaviour and welfare is pivotal to the social sciences and that every University which aims to develop those sciences must include in its programme an effective contribution to the study of the individual. This belief is now more than a pious sentiment on my part, because at Day's instigation I am having to steer this job for the Council. They first wanted a President for the Council, but when I refused that post for the sake of sticking by Psychology (and Canada) there was little ground left for refusing to help with the promotion of the psychological side in Social Science as found at the main centres on the continent. I enclose a brief statement touching different

angles of this field which now exist. The P and P Committee considered this and approved it in principle to the extent of providing funds for canvassing the matter further, in terms of those men and places which have something real to offer from any or all of the angles mentioned.

To co-ordinate this scattered field in the way that Day envisages it is not an easy job, but having run into the task I want to see that Canada deserves (and gets) her share of the proceeds. But, frankly, I am embarrassed because in Canada Psychology is not only young and not very strong but is relatively lacking in unity, as compared, for example, with History. Such advances in psychology as have come in two or three of our Canadian Universities are mainly due, as you know, to the fact that those in charge have tied it in closely with other disciplines that share a mental hygiene interest. I am not arguing for the wisdom of this but merely for the fact that it has brought vigor and opportunity. While this advantage is being reaped at Alberta, Saskatchewan, etc., most of us have felt that the mental hygiene angle was not fully acceptable to psychology at McGill, and yet we were not clear that any alternative interest had served to unify psychology there with all those other disciplines that concern human problems. As a result, I am wondering how best this new field of Behaviour and Personality study can be made to serve the needs of McGill, or, put in other words, what leadership your men are prepared to give in it. We certainly need the full help of McGill in this field if fruit is to be picked for Canada.

My second point is on the same theme but related to the National Research Council of Ottawa. It is hoped that the latter will shortly see its way to opening the privileges of Bursaries, etc. to advanced students in Economics, History and Psychology. In order to win the conviction and favourable action of that Council, a united Canadian front within each of these subjects and among them collectively, will again be invaluable. MacEachren of Alberta feels that there is a good prospect of success if this matter is tactfully and convincingly presented to the Council in terms of work that is actually being done and published in our various Universities.

We are more than anxious to get together with McGill on these issues in order to frame a substantial Canadian programme in psychology which will be adapted to each locality but will show a united front when we seek support or concessions from outside sources. It will certainly be anomalous for Canadians to devote themselves to building up American centres without doing as much for all our friends on this side. The only question is how.

With kindest regards of the season to Mrs. Martin and yourself.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BOTT

January 28, 1931.

Miss Mary M. Nicolls,
Research Assistant,
College of Agriculture,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam,

In the absence of the Principal
may I acknowledge your letter of the 26th J anuary,
in which you apply for a position in connection with
our programme of Social Science Research at McGill.
I am sorry to say that there are no vacancies at
present where your services could be utilized.

Yours faithfully,

Assistaht to the Principal

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January 26, 1931

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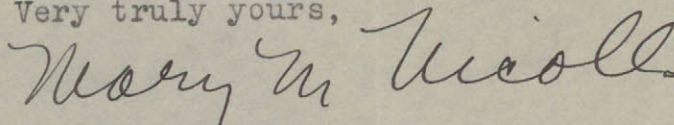
My dear Sir:

Because my father's people migrated from Scotland to Canada and we still have connections there, we have kept in rather close touch with McGill University.

We understand that you are to begin a program of Social Science Research at McGill. Because I am looking for an appointment for next year, it occurred to me that my qualifications might fit into the scheme of things at McGill.

I should be glad to hear what positions are open and if you would advise me to apply formally for one of these positions.

Very truly yours,



M. M. Nicolls
Research Assistant

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

AB -- University of Wisconsin 1913.

Commercial Research under C. C. Parlin, Advertising
Department of the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia,
1914-16.

High School assistant, Wisconsin high schools 1917-20.

Father's business 1920-21.

Social work 1922.

New York School of Social Work, Summer 1922, summer 1926.

Visiting teacher, Kalamazoo public schools, 1922-29.

Research assistant in Sociology, University of Wisconsin
1929-31.

MA -- University of Wisconsin 1930.

Candidate for PhD at Wisconsin.

I have been abroad twice. In 1924 I was a delegate to the International Federation of University Women. At this time I was especially interested in the welfare program and legislation in Norway. In 1928 I was a delegate to the International Conference of Social Work in Paris. After the Conference, we spent six weeks in Vienna studying child psychology. I was very much interested in the Social Democrat Program for children and visited many children's institutions in Austria and Germany.

REFERENCES

Supt. E. H. Drake, Public Schools, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Miss Margaret Leal, New York School of Social Work,
New York City.

And others on request.

February 19th, 1930.

Dr. Stephen Leacock,
Department of Political Economy,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Leacock,

Sir Arthur is grateful
for the Yale Pamphlet on the Institute
of Human Relations which you sent him,
and which I am returning herewith, as
we already have this material in the
file. He has noted the paragraph re-
garding organization which you marked
for him.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Principal.

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July 18, 1934

Acting President,
McGill University,
Quebec, Quebec, Canada

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that the University made a survey for the Provincial Government relative to work projects and rehabilitation of men and women who were unable to "carry on".

Men and women past 45 years are on the increase as clients of this organization and, if my information is correct, your surveys made certain definite recommendations which would be of valuable aid to this department.

May I ask if it is possible to obtain your surveys and recommendations and the cost?

Yours very truly,

M. H. Bickham, Director
WORK AND REHABILITATION
DIVISION

James D. Lightbody
Dr. James D. Lightbody

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August 1, 1934.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of July 18th, may I say that while it is true that at McGill we have a series of studies going on, under the general title "Unemployment", this is a university enterprise and has no official connection with the Provincial Government. The introductory volume of the studies by Mr. Leonard Marsh, the volume "The British Immigrant to Canada" by L. Reynolds, and the volume "Unemployment Relief in Western Canada" by Fred V. Stone, will be published this autumn, and other volumes are to follow.

I do not think that any of these volumes will give you the information you seek, but when Mr. Marsh returns to the University in about two weeks' time I shall ask him to write you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Dr. James D. Lightbody,
Illinois Emergency Relief Commission,
1319 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

*I have written to
Dr. Lightbody
on the subject
of his letter. L.M.*