

December 18th, 1946

The Hon. Brooke Claxton,
Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Brooke:

Many congratulations on your new appointment, and most of all on the way you have been handling your former jobs.

Doug Abbott was to have carried out a formality at the Neurological Institute on January 4th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. I wonder if you will be willing to do this. He has written suggesting that you should. Perhaps another date would be more suitable, but we had planned to send out the invitations to the affair very shortly. Mr. Atkin is coming up from New York for the occasion. He is Chairman of the Maple Leaf Fund there, which gave us nearly \$100,000.00 to help with the war-time alterations in the Institute associated with the building of the Military Annex. Actually, the formality that I refer to is handing over a gold key of the Annex to McGill University in the Neurological Institute and making a few appropriate remarks. To these remarks I am supposed to reply, outlining to some extent the work carried out in the Military Annex, the importance of the measures taken by the Department of National Defence to care for the sick, and their generosity in handing it over now to McGill. Actually, the building is a temporary structure and the blessing of its gift is certainly a mixed one, so that I shall make a statement indicating the fact that unless the writing on the wall is changed the Institute might even close its doors in the Spring. I have hope, however, that the Province and the City will come to our rescue.

Please let me know if this suits you.

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD