

June 9th, 1942

Dr. Ross Millar,
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Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Millar:

I have received your letter of June 4th and I note what you have said in regard to the unwillingness of the Treasury Board to interest themselves in the erection of an annex on McGill College ground. We have no particular desire to push this matter and will take no further steps unless a serious proposal can be made.

While I was in Washington the other day I listened to discussions in regard to research which is being endowed by the government there on the recognition and treatment of posttraumatic headache. I asked the question as to how much money it would cost the United States government in case one young man of twenty years should be wrongly diagnosed as having posttraumatic headache and given a pension. I was told that this would probably amount to about \$60,000.00 before the man died if he should live to the age of sixty. I do not have to point out the fact that many erroneous diagnoses are made in regard to patients who have received head injuries. Many cases that could have been cured have in the past been given pensions, and that this occurs particularly in the field of the nervous system, including both the spinal, the cranial and the neurotic group. If thirty such cases are cured that would otherwise go on to a pension, or are rightly diagnosed when they might be wrongly diagnosed, it would cost the Canadian government \$300,000.00 at what would seem to me a very conservative estimate. I also consider that the number "thirty" might well be multiplied many times during the later years of this war and the first few years after the war if an adequate working arrangement were made.

Yours very sincerely,

WGP/AD