

Minister of Pensions and National Health

Ottawa, January 4th, 1943.

Principal F. Cyril James  
McGill University  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Principal James:

I have referred your communication of December 23rd, to the Departmental officials for consideration, and I find that they had received a communication from Doctor Penfield of the Montreal Neurological Institute under date of December 14th, outlining exactly the programme he has in mind.

(1) My officials utilize the Neurological Institute under Doctor Penfield for all cases coming within his special field of treatment.

(2) The Department retains Doctor Penfield as consultant and we have received excellent service from Doctor Penfield and the Institute staff in the care of our cases.

(3) The Departmental officials feel that additional accommodation at the Institute is urgently needed.

(4) The officials of the Department would gladly endorse the obtaining of priorities for equipment, labour, etc. to facilitate the enlargement of the Institute, and would be willing to continue to utilize the Institute's facilities on a contract basis of per diem rate for maintenance.

(5) It has never been the custom of the Department, and I doubt if Cabinet would permit our making a special grant during wartime on the basis of \$3000-\$4000. per bed for the accommodation of any type of patient entitled to treatment under this Department.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Ian Mackenzie

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