

April 12th, 1945

Dr. F. Cyril James,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. James:

I am writing to you, assuming that you will be home shortly.

You will remember that, in cutting down the cost of building the Annex, we did away with a stairway to the roof. I understood that this was agreed to at a meeting of the Building Committee in your office, but, so far as I was concerned, I understood that we would still build a little overhead roof over a flat floor on top of the Annex. We agreed to allow patients from the Annex to go to the roof through the Institute so as to reduce the cost, but the Annex has taken away so much of our porch space that we need to be able to use the roof for other patients.

The thing that I am driving at is that Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, to my surprise, is not planning to build any overhead protection at all for this roof, and feels that he has been instructed to take this attitude. I think it is important to have a simple wall, which will avoid a draught across the roof, and over it a partial roof such as that over the walk in a train shed. I think this could be arranged so that beds could be put on either side of the wall. It would not come to very much. If the Army will not now undertake this, I would suggest that we take the cost of a porch shelter from the Maple Leaf Fund, so that this can be built at the present time. I do not know what Mr. Fetherstonhaugh would say as to cost, but it should certainly come to well under \$1000.00.

Yours sincerely,

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