

March 27th, 1940

Sir Edward Beatty,
1266 Pine Avenue, West,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Edward:

As you probably know the Number 1 Neurological Hospital, R.C.A.M.C. will go overseas very soon, taking with it a good many doctors and nurses from the Institute Staff, including Dr. Russel, Dr. Cone and Dr. Childe. The members of the staff of the Neurological Institute are giving them a dinner on Saturday evening, the 30th of March, at 7.30 o'clock at the Faculty Club. We are in hopes that you will honour us by being our guest at the dinner. I think Principal James is planning to be present.

I hope that you are feeling a good deal better. If you do not feel like going out to dinner as yet, this nevertheless gives me the opportunity of telling you what we have been doing in regard to the Unit. We have an understanding with the Director General of Medical Services that we will train men to go over to the Unit and he has agreed ~~to~~ the principle of alternation. For instance, the plan is that Dr. Cone will come back at the end of a year and take over things at the Institute while I will go overseas to take his place there. The same will probably be done with Dr. Childe and may well be done in regard to some of the other senior medical officers. This should make it possible for us to keep a supply of properly trained men coming along and still not injure too much the activity of the Institute here. It will also make it possible for us to train medical officers about to go overseas at the Institute in a more experienced way. We have already started giving them courses in the neurological aspects of military surgery.

There is actually no official connection between the military Neurological Hospital and the Neurological Institute. It is an unofficial one, but it seems fair to consider that hospital as in some senses related to McGill.

Letter to Sir Edward Beatty, continued:

Dr. Martin tells me he has written to you in connection with a committee of sponsors for the Neurological Hospital. We are very much aware of the great number of requests that are made upon your generosity as well as on your time and interest, and would quite well understand if you did not want to join the sponsors.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD