

19th April 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have just seen the tentative memorandum of agreement between Hospital and University in regard to the proposed Montreal Neurological Institute.

In connection with paragraph 1. may I point out that the number of beds should read as follows: 32 public; 6 semi-private and 9 private, making in all 47 and not 44 beds. You will see on page 21 of the application to the Rockefeller Foundation the number of public beds estimated as 32. The plans as now prepared show space for 32 public beds. Possibly you may recall that I pointed this out at a meeting in your office.

Paragraph 7. Hospital unit might be defined so as to include the clinical operating rooms, X-ray rooms and in general all rooms devoted to the care and treatment of patients.

Paragraph 10. If this paragraph means that the Hospital is to serve simply as administrator and book-keeper to the University, sending them a statement of expenses and turning over to them the income derived, I should protest vigorously against the arrangement. You may remember that on October 10, 1932, I submitted a memorandum on the organization of the Institute and urged that in the interest of efficiency and freedom from friction that the Hospital should receive a stated annual sum, estimated as sufficient to cover the deficit. It would then be a matter of indifference when a private patient or a pauper was transferred from the Royal Victoria to the Institute or back again. It would be a matter

of indifference whether a patient in the Institute be sent to the Royal Victoria for X-ray or the X-ray was done in that building. All the manifold services of the Hospital would then be open to the Institute patients on the same basis as those in the Royal Victoria, and without recurring financial treaties.

Paragraph 15. If this paragraph means that the University is to pay over to the Hospital an annual lump sum for the complete administration of the clinical unit as indicated in my memorandum of October 10th, I have, of course, no objection to offer.

Please do not think that I am over fearful. No doubt my fears are to some extent personal as I should be a most unwilling buffer if loose organization should lead to friction between two administrations.

Very respectfully yours,

WGP/HL.