

Field House

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MARQUETTE 9167

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Dr. Wilder G. Penfield,
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3801 University St.,
Montreal.

Re: Montreal Neurological Institute.
Field House and Additional Wing

Dear Dr. Penfield:

Since the meeting in your office on Wednesday, June 14th., we have developed Scheme "B" which we hope comes closer to the requirements of the temporary accommodation in the Field House.

The planning of the space is made particularly difficult by the shape of the building, the columns on the ground floor and the fenestration. We have not succeeded in providing fifty beds - the total shown is forty-five. It will be noticed that, in certain instances, we have to plan more tightly than the usual hospital standards and a few feet seem lost in other places owing to the necessity of running partitions to piers between windows. However, as this scheme is to meet a particular situation, it seems reasonable to accept these restrictions in dimensions as long as they do not interfere with the carrying on of your work.

If Scheme "B" is acceptable with minor modifications, we propose proceeding to obtain preliminary estimates on this work. To assist us in doing so, we would like permission to ask the mechanical consultants, Messrs. McDougall and Friedman, to work with us on these costs.

When the question of this conversion of the Field House was discussed between us, you mentioned you wished our services to be on some agreed basis. It seems to me that our work may be in the nature of a report only or it may be the preliminary work in connection with the actual construction to be proceeded with. If it is a report only, I would suggest that the basis of payment to us be twice the cost of draughting and

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blueprinting. If complete services are desired in connection with the construction, we would then wish to discuss the usual contract covering the fees of architects and engineers. This question can be left in this way, if satisfactory to you, as there will be no account rendered until we know how the work develops.

We are enclosing a short description of the work involved in converting the Field House into wards. If the conversion is carried out, we would later submit a detailed schedule of the finish in each part of the building.

The question of the Permanent Wing has not been discussed except in reference to the changed service entrance to the Institute. However, we would like to mention a few points about this building if it is the intention to proceed with it at any time in the near future.

As we have mentioned, the labour situation makes it difficult to count on the speedy erection of any building irrespective of the highest priorities for labour and materials. It seems possible to us that a certain amount of building will stop during the winter months and there may be more bricklayers, plasterers, etc., available at that time than next spring when the building season re-opens. Under these conditions, any early study of the general scheme and the ordering of materials well in advance would greatly increase the probability of completing this building at the earliest date possible. Our experiences have always shown that ample time for the planning of this type of work is the greatest assurance towards the success of the completed building.

In the proposed New Wing, it seems to us that the basement could provide additional space - with windows on the south side - on the level of your present basement. Only a thorough examination would show whether it is possible to provide this extra space or not.

If questions such as the above could be considered at the present time, it would help to arrive at the best possible use of the space.

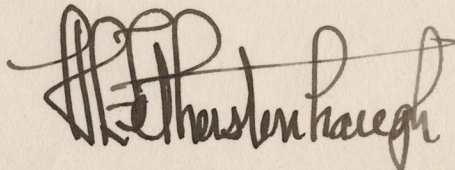
We realize that our immediate effort must be placed on the projects now under discussion but we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to advance the study of the Permanent

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Wing at as early a date as possible.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fetherstonhaugh', written in dark ink.

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