

January 14, 1928.

Dr. C. H. Martin,  
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Dear Dr. Martin:

Thank you very much for your letters stating that Dr. Cone could have a position in both hospitals, and reassuring me on the score that there is no danger of any sudden upset in the arrangements of a Neuro-Surgical Clinic. Dr. Archibald told you that the die is cast as far as we are concerned and that we shall come to Montreal if you still want us.

I hope it will not be too difficult for Dr. Meakins to let me have the rooms you spoke of. I should not want to undertake to organize the laboratory either in the Pathological Institute, or in the Biological Building. We could start in those three rooms though it might be necessary to leave Dr. Young where he is with his technician for the present, until another room close at hand was available. Dr. MacKay and his assistant could have a place to work in one of the rooms with us. But those things could be arranged later. I appreciate Dr. Meakins' generosity very much. His offer was the turning point in my decision.

There are one or two things I should like to speak of. We cannot run a Laboratory on the \$3,000 provided for that purpose, as it would cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 yearly for running expenses in addition to the technician and secretary. Also to judge from my experience in starting a similar Laboratory here, it would require about \$2,000 to equip it with microtomes, microscopes, lenses, ovens, chemicals and furniture. There is no use in doing this sort of work at all unless we have the best equipment, and can turn out better preparations than the average.

I hope it may be possible to arrange for a more elaborate animal operating facilities, so that a series of dogs or other animals can be kept when necessary. I should think that you could count on two or three men from Neuro-Surgery on an average who would want to do animal experimentation one day a week through the year. *each*

I spoke to Dr. Archibald about the possibility of getting a room in the Hospital for my office in which to see private patients. I could put a half time secretary there. That would keep me closer to the Clinic, and also mean that I could make up the amount of the salary guaranteed more quickly, not having office rent to pay.



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Would you mind writing me a letter simply stating the terms of my coming to Montreal, that is that my salary will be guaranteed at \$10,000 yearly for five years, unless my income from practice reaches that figure before that time? Dr. Archibald spoke of a number of different subscribers, and I think you said some Committee would guarantee the income on that basis, although I may have misunderstood you.

I hope to be able to tell you soon whether I shall come in March or in September. If there is a chance of taking my family to Germany, I could go for six months, returning in September, if not, I might come in March, or might go alone abroad for a short trip at that time.

I hope it may be possible for us to develop the sort of Clinic you would like at McGill. I wonder at times if I am the man to do it. At all events, I am sure we shall enjoy our associations there very much, and I shall do my best with the undertaking. Dr. Cone has not decided yet, but I think he will come. They want him to stay here at the Neurological Institute. I will let you know about it.

The children were delighted with the maple sugar, (and so was B). Please thank Mrs. Martin for her thoughtfulness and hospitality.

WGP/F

Very sincerely yours,

