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Sir Arthur Currie, Principal's Office, McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Principal:

Dr. Martin has conveyed to me your request for a report of progress upon the use that has been made of Mr. Molson's donation for cancer work in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

In the statement which Dr. Fraser and myself made, considering the use to which Mr. Molson's donation might be put, I said that for the time being the money might best serve to pay the expenses of a sort of combined secretary and social service worker, in connection with a new Outdoor Clinic for cancer, which I proposed establishing in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Owing to my long illness last year the actual establishment of this clinic was postponed by the Medical Board, until I should be able to resume work, which I did some two or three months ago. There was a good deal of preparatory work to be done, which further delayed the actual opening of the clinic until the first week of the present month. The clinic has now its own stationery and a separate existence in the Hospital organisation.

The original idea was to make it a place in which patients suffering from cancer of the external parts, including the mouth and throat, could be observed, treated (with radium or otherwise) and followed up. That conception I have now enlarged, in the sense that the Neoplastic Clinic (as it is called) will keep a detailed record of all cases of cancer, whether external or internal, that come to the Hospital, either Outdoor or Indoor, for diagnosis and treatment. It is, in other words, to act as a central storehouse of information about cancer.