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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In reply to your letter of the seventeenth inst. I am sorry to say I have no copy of the letter I wrote to Dr McNeil of Edinburgh, as my letter was written in answer to one I had received from him on his return to Edinburgh, and not in my official capacity as Chairman of the Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital.

As far as I can remember he correctly interpreted my letter to him. The impression I received, and again I am writing from memory as I have not the hospital records in my office, was that in your reply to the communication from our Medical Board putting Dr McNeil's name in nomination for consideration by the Committee of Seven, you stated that you considered him in every way a desirable man for the hospital appointment, but that because of his demand for an extra salary of a stated amount, you could not consider favourably his application for the position. Thus, to my understanding, you still left open the possibility of our nominating him for Pediatrician to the hospital but not with any definite University status, and in writing to Dr McNeil I told him that the Medical Board would not ask him to accept anything less than he had been offered in London.

The sentence you quote from his letter - "It would appear from his letter that the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University are willing to offer me the post of Pediatrician to the Montreal General Hospital but without professorial status in the University" is a misunderstanding of my communication to him to this extent, that he may have thought from my letter that the Faculty of Medicine had definitely offered the hospital the alternative of appointing him with less than professorial rank. If so he misunderstood my letter entirely as regards that point.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

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