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I have received your letter of February 10, concerning the Health Survey, which your secretary advises me was delayed in being forwarded, because you had hoped to discuss the matter with me.

I am surprised that there is apparently in your mind some question as to the value of the Montreal Health Survey. I am surprised because I, personally, am satisfied that the results obtained have been far above anything we had hoped would be accomplished in the space of time since the survey.

The city administration did, as you know, endorse the report. This, in itself, was an achievement, but it would have been of no real value if it had stopped there. However, it did not stop there, and I think the administration and the department of health have shown by their actions that they really desire and intend to build up an adequate municipal health service.

In my opinion, they have gone ahead in the past two years about as quickly as it is possible for them to go, when it is considered that they need to train most of their staff, due to the fact that, for their work, there are not many trained persons available.

A health department requires personnel and money. Since the Survey was made, the personnel has been increased from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. No longer are vacancies allowed to exist for long periods; the staff is kept up to strength. New appointments have been made, notably, that of a bacteriologist. The budget of the department has been increased from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, which shows very real progress.

In addition, a Board of Health has been created on which McGill has two representatives. Just what such a Board can do remains to be shown, but it does, at least, give us an official connection with the Health Department, access to information, and opportunity to present our views.