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MARCH 31st, 1930.

The Honourable Athanase David,
Messrs. Elliott & David,
275 St. James Street,
MONTREAL.

Dear Mr. David:-

I am interested in the enclosed clipping in reference to a Conservatorium of Music. I also realize there is need for a Community or Music Hall, which would be suitable for large gatherings, on similar lines to the Massey Hall in Toronto, with a seating capacity of 3,000 or more.

As I know McGill are also interested in a Hall of this kind I want to see Sir Arthur Currie about it and he was very much interested and in writing to Mr. Beatty Chancellor of McGill later on about it he said they would bring up the question at a Meeting of the Governors of McGill College.

Mr. Louis Bourdon has been speaking to me on the same subject and he states he is unable to bring the best musical organizations here from the U.S. on account of not having a suitable music hall to accomodate them. He spoke about the Boston and Philadelphia Symphony Orchestras in this connection.

I understand McGill College have land on the North-East corner of Sherbrooke and McTavish Street, which would be suitable for such a building and on talking the matter over with our President, Mr. J.A. Hebert, Mr. Louis Bourdon and others, they seem to think it would be a central and suitable location for such premises.

I note there is a movement on foot on the part of Miss Martha Allen and her associates for a small Theatre, and the thought has just occurred to me, might it be combined in this same building and perhaps the Conservatorium which you have in mind.