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PRINCIPAL'S MEMORANDUM.

July 25, 1930.

Had an interview with Mr. Beatty, in which we discussed briefly certain matters relative to the University Clinic.

The first matter complained of was the arrangement now existing between the University Clinic and Dr. Meakins, whereby the latter, in addition to his salary, is allowed to take consulting fees. Meakins last year, I believe, received \$15,000 salary and \$4,000 fees. Beatty says that doctors object, on the ground that M. is in fact a practising physician, not confining his work to consultations only.

The matter came up at the Board Meeting of the Hospital yesterday, a meeting at which I was not present owing to a notice being received too late, and B. was asked by Holt to see me. Personally I have no objections to M. receiving fees for consultations; in fact, to me it would be a strange thing if a man occupying the position of Professor of Medicine at McGill University should not be called into consultation. Seeing patients de nova and treating them like any other doctor is a different matter.

The second thing complained of was that M., on leaving for the summer vacation, did not arrange (at least, so B. thinks) for the perfect functioning of the Clinic. Martin says that Long was left in charge, but apparently Long went away on vacation, leaving Scriver in charge, and Scriver had to go to some convention to read a paper, and turned the University Clinic over to Brow. Beatty seems to think that none of these are capable of acting for M. while he is away.

B. remarked that in his opinion the R.V.H. was slipping a little in comparison with the General. I feel there is absolutely no grounds for this, as Mason, Slater-Lewis, Long, Scriver and Brow constitute an exceedingly strong team, strong as teachers, as clinicians and as scientific workers. They are not surpassed by any group at the General with the exception of Rabinovitch. In my opinion the chief difference between the two hospitals is this, that at the General there is a very strong and positive esprit de corps, lacking at the R.V.H., who are more individualistic. The R.V.H. management is responsible for this. The Hospital has always been run by one man, whereas the General has been run by its Board.