

position on the teaching staff the Pediatrician to the General Hospital would be given. The Principal authorized the deputation to state that an Assistant Professorship in Pediatrics would be given the man selected by the Board for the Hospital, provided he (the Principal) was given an opportunity of meeting the candidate and approved of him. When asked what steps he would advise in the way of obtaining the best possible man, the Principal asked the General Hospital Committee to go ahead and select a man and then give him an opportunity of judging him personally. Shortly after this, Dr. Blackader, Professor of Pediatrics, sent in his resignation, leaving the Chair vacant.

While the Principal was absent in Great Britain the Committee learned through Dr. Meakins of Edinburgh of a possible candidate in the person of Dr. Charles McNeil of Edinburgh, and on looking into his qualifications the Medical Board unanimously decided that, so far as they could judge, he was eminently fitted for the position, both from the Hospital and the University standpoint, and he was selected for nomination.

A cable was then sent to the Dean of the Medical Faculty, who happened to be in Great Britain, stating that

in order that the latter might have the opportunity he had demanded of approving or disapproving the choice of the Board.

The meeting was arranged and the position was offered to Dr. McNeil, but he was advised by the Dean before accepting it to come to Montreal and look over the ground. This he did and while here made it conditional on his appointment that he be given charge of the teaching of Pediatrics in all the Hospitals connected with the University, and that he receive \$1,000. extra in salary for two years until he was able to establish himself in ~~the~~ practice in Montreal, as he had not sufficient private means to enable him to live on the salary of \$1,000. received from the Chair of Pediatrics.

The Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital then nominated Dr. McNeil for the position of Pediatrician to the Hospital, and on the nomination going before the Committee of Seven, for confirmation, the Principal refused to accept him for the University position because of the demand for an extra \$1,000. a year for two years.