

Dr. Charles McNeil - 3 -

You came to Montreal, impressed those with whom you came in contact, but there was one stumbling block, and that was your demand for a salary of \$2,000 a year. Let me say, frankly, that I do not think such a demand at all unreasonable on your part; yet the amount was so much in excess of what we are paying to any of our part-time Professors - many of whom are very eminent in their profession and have been heads of their departments for many, many years - that I could not recommend it to the Medical Faculty or to the Board of Governors. It would have caused a great deal of dissatisfaction and interfered greatly with your prospects of making a success of your department. Your name, therefore, was never submitted to the Medical Faculty nor to the Board of Governors.

This does not imply any reflection on your professional or teaching qualifications, or on your suitability for the vacant position. There are many members of the Medical profession in Montreal and teachers at McGill who are sorry that arrangements with you were not consummated.

I regret that nothing has yet come of your visit to Montreal, but in the circumstances surrounding the appointment, I cannot see how you could have made up your mind concerning the position unless you came here and looked into the situation for yourself.

My letter to Dr. Eberts discloses my own opinion concerning you and I conclude by wishing you every success.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.