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Dear Sir:-

As the Medical Board intend to bring before the Board of Management in the near future the question of reimbursing Dr. McWeil for the expenses incurred on his visit to Montreal in connection with his proposed appointment as Pediatrician to the Hospital and Professor of Pediatrics at McGill University, it was considered advisable by the Board to put you in possession of the negotiations which preceded his visit.

(Sgd.) G. GORDON CAMPBELL.

In February 1920, the position of Pediatrician to the Montreal General Hospital became vacant. At the next meeting of the Medical Board of the Hospital, a Committee consisting of the attending physicians of the Hospital and the Chairman of the Board, was appointed to make enquiries and endeavour to learn what man, who had had the necessary training in Pediatrics, might be available for the vacancy.

With this object in view, letters were sent to friends of the Hospital staff in Baltimore, and Boston and other medical centres, asking their advice as to possible candidates for the position, and an advertisement announcing the vacancy and asking for applications from those desirous of filling the position was inserted in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, and the Journal of the American Medical Association. The replies received to this advertisement were considered by the Board, but it was felt that none of them measured up in professional standing and experience to the standard required by the hospital. At the same time it was pointed out to the Committee by personal friends in the medical centres above mentioned that the Hospital could not hope to get a Pediatrician of any standing to accept such a position unless it carried with it an appointment on the teaching staff of the University.

At a subsequent meeting of the Medical Board of the Hospital the nominating committee was authorized to add to its number the Principal of the University and a deputation was appointed, consisting of Drs. Finley, Lafleur and the Chairman, to interview the Principal and ask for his collaboration. At an interview accorded to them this deputation recounted the steps already taken in the matter and the difficulty of obtaining a suitable man unless they were authorized to state what