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FACULTY OF MUSIC

DEAN - DR. H. C. PERRIN

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MONTREAL, 30th June, 1921.

Mr. Walter Clapperton,  
50 Bonser Rd.,  
Twickenham,  
LONDON, Eng.

Dear Mr. Clapperton,

Thank you for the cablegram ( we enclose 8/-, the cost thereof) and for your letter of June 16th which followed.

The point which you raise as to an appointment being made in your case for three years is one I am afraid I cannot very well carry to the Board of Governors, since they only lately passed a regulation that new appointments must be made for one year only. I think you will have to be satisfied with the fact that this is, after all, a British University and not one in the United States of America, and that conditions such as prevail in the old country are the same here. You need not be afraid that you will be turned out, provided you are able to teach and are a good public exponent of the vocal art. The history of this institution would show that you can rely on perfectly fair treatment provided you have the two attributes mentioned above. Speaking personally, I hate changing my Staff, there are some who have been here for sixteen years, others for ten and twelve years. Of course, I do not know what Sir Arthur Currie may say to you with regard to this matter, but I expect he will express the same opinion. It is possible that I may be able to get the Governors of McGill to agree to providing you with passage fare out here. However, up to the present I have had no letters of recommendation about you from anybody, with the exception of Mr. Notley's, whose opinion we value very much. You did not mention your age in your letter and did not send any photograph.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. C. Perrin

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