

Dr. Charles McWeil - 2 -

I think it well to give you my interpretation of your relations with the hospital and with the Medical School of McGill. Dr. Blackader's resignation caused a vacancy on the staff of the Montreal General Hospital - he holding the position of Pediatrician. It also caused a vacancy on the staff of the McGill Medical School, as he was Professor of Pediatrics. A Committee of the Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital approached me last spring and asked me what professorial rank the University would give to a man who might be selected to fill the vacancy on the Hospital staff. I told them that I could not make a definite answer to their question, and I stated that the rank given to whoever was appointed would be consonant with his teaching experience, his standing in the medical profession, his scholarly productiveness and his ability as a Pediatrician.

I heard nothing more until Dr. Birkett told me in London about you and I suggested to ask you to come and see us. At our interview in London it was clearly stated to you that you would have to depend on your private practice for the greater part of your income, and I suggested that such being the case, it would be highly advisable in your own interests that you come to Montreal and look over the ground. You having told me that you knew Dr. John Tait, I suggested that you write to him asking what his advice would be. I had no doubt but what the Hospital would arrange beds for you, but I have no recollection of at any time stating definitely to you what your professorial rank would be. I can only give you the assurance that your rank would be in harmony with the conditions outlined above.