

February 19th, 1930.

Dear Mr. Mieville:

A group of Americans have expressed the desire to present to McGill University a statue which they would like to have accepted as indicative of the good will of the United States towards Canada. The proposal was initiated by Mrs. Gertrude Vanderbilt-Whitney, a leading sculptress of the United States, in conjunction with Miss Ellen Ballou. The American Committee associated with the idea is, I understand, a representative group consisting of Mr. Clarence MacKay, Mr. Otto Kahn, Mr. Owen D. Young and others.

It is proposed that the statue which is in the form of a marble fountain of heroic proportions and beautiful design should be presented to the University in October next and it is hoped that His Excellency, as Visitor to the University, will be able to be present as well as the Prime Minister of Canada. It is suggested that the fountain should have inscribed on a plaque to be attached to it the names of the donors and of those who accept it on behalf of the University, and the purpose of this letter is to ask if you will be good enough to ascertain from His Excellency if he will have any objection to his name appearing as one of those accepting the gift. As he is Visitor to the University I cannot see that there could be any objection but I thought it proper to ascertain from him if he is entirely agreeable.

Yours very sincerely,

E. C. Mieville, Esq.,
Ottawa.

(Signed) E. W. Beatty.

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