

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

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Dear Sir:-

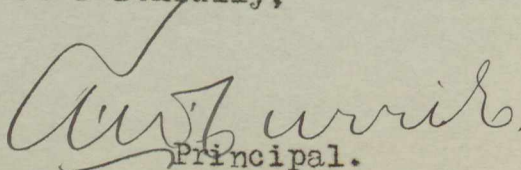
From a most reliable source I learn that very many of the teachers in our Medical School are under a wrong impression.

I am told that a belief prevails that I, without consultation with the Medical Faculty, offered Dr. McNeill of Edinburgh the Professorship of Pediatrics now vacant. Let me say that neither by spoken word nor written line did I make such an offer. When I saw Dr. McNeill in London I went no further than to suggest to him that he first write to Dr. John Tait, the Professor of Physiology, as to the wisdom of coming to Montreal and looking over the ground himself, something which I considered wise. Dr. McNeill did come to Montreal and the question of his exact rank on the staff was not discussed between us.

I told the Committee of the Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital, who waited upon me last Spring in connection with the vacancy existing in the Chair of Pediatrics, that whoever was selected would be given a rank consonant with his reputation, his experience, his scholarship and his ability to teach. I have gone no further at any time and I dislike any action of mine being misrepresented.

I am very sorry that I feel it necessary to write this letter, but in the past wrong impressions and misunderstandings in our Medical Department have wrought too much harm not to justify me in doing what I can to dispel at the earliest possible moment the false impression above mentioned.

Yours faithfully,


Principal.