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PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM OF ART  
MEMORIAL HALL PHILADELPHIA

TELEPHONE:  
GREENWOOD 1136

October 8, 1929.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

I am much interested in the relation of museums to college and university functions. That this may be one of much greater value than has been generally appreciated, I am convinced. It is, therefore, a great satisfaction to learn that McGill University is disposed to establish a general policy regarding its museums.

I shall be very glad to undertake the survey you request, and can come to Montreal for the purpose during the present month. I am accustomed to charge for this work one hundred dollars a day and expenses for the first five days, seventy-five dollars a day for the next five days, and fifty dollars a day thereafter.

The amount of time required will depend upon your wishes and the difficulty of the situation. I find it usually possible to analyze and define the problem in six or seven days. When complex or conflicting interests are involved, a few days more often clears the situation with a rapidity that might not be expected. One of the chief services an outsider can render is to concentrate attention and stimulate action.

If you decide to have me make this survey, it will be greatly facilitated if you will acquaint me with your appraisal of the present situation and your thought as to its future development. I hope it will also be possible for you to have prepared for me the following information:

A list of the museums with brief history and description.

The administrative relation of the museums to the higher officers of the university, to each other, and to the teaching departments.

Expenditures of the museums during each of the past five years, classified as far as may be convenient.