

It would appear that the quickest and cheapest way to demonstrate whether or not the Theatre Guild can be inaugurated and receive substantial support is to get together a small group of players with a Provisional Director. It would be highly inadvisable to look for and secure a permanent Director of high standing, commanding a high price, until public opinion and support can be gauged. Such a Provisional Director it is thought is available in the person of Mr. Rupert Caplan, presently Director of the Ottawa Drama League, but there may be others.

It might be possible to obtain on some dates in the present Winter season, bookings at His Majesty's Theatre or Moyse Hall or elsewhere, where two or three dramas could be presented.

While it is true that players of the highest standard could not be got together as quickly as this, yet it is felt that a sufficiently equipped group could be got together to carry out this preliminary work, which could be used to build up an interest and obtain a following from the public who are now favourable and sympathetic toward the idea of the Little Theatre.

On the financial side, the Provisional Committee will ascertain how large a guarantee would be needed to inaugurate such a proposal, and whether assurances could be obtained which would provide this fund.

I attach also a newspaper report of the Tuesday evening meeting, which was written under the direction of Mr. S. Morgan-Powell.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Memorandum to Sir Arthur Currie, Sir Andrew Macphail and Col. Herbert Molson, instead of at this time asking for a conference.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) Howard Murray.

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Enclosures