

SUMMARY OF THE FILE RE CARLTON STANLEY  
AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

February  
1930

The earliest suggestion that he should have any other duties than Professor of Greek, the earliest mention of any connection whatever with the Principal's Office, is copy of a letter from him to Sir Edward Beatty which discloses him as pressing for the appointment and discussing the matter of what title he should have.

There is a gap in the file here

(the person working with Stanley to get him into this office although this was behind the scenes and not known to Sir Arthur Currie at the time was G.C.McDonald. He and Stanley decided that Stanley would be useful in the Principal's Office. )

The next date in the file is August 14, 1930, a letter from Sir Arthur to Stanley saying that they had had several conversations regarding Stanley taking up additional responsibility, but he could not afford it. The deficit grown to such proportions, etc. etc.

(again what does not show on the file is the Principal's deep anxiety, perhaps expressed only to his secretary, as to what might be behind this move. But I think that Sir Edward was continually through these months trying to sell him the idea because he had no suspicion then of what Stanley was like, and in fact entertained a liking for him, as he liked so many people, until his death - witness his attitude when CWS wrote to him about you.) But to me Sir Arthur talked frankly and did not like the idea, and decided to refuse it on the grounds of finances. Sir Arthur was a humble man academically and always ready to think that he had not had a university education and perhaps he did need an academic assistant, he tried Bovey, and now they were trying to tell him that Stanley would be better and a HELP to him, including the Chancellor, who had been more or less sold the idea by GCMcD. Bear in mind that at that time practically only I and one or two suspected GCMcD of anything but loyalty to the Principal and the Principal still had the idea of loyalty which all his Corps officers would have had to him personally and died with that)

As soon as Sir Arthur had written Stanley in August, dismay must have broken out in these circles because with only a week's delay the file discloses Sir Arthur writing to him again. (he had been approached at once by GCMcD and told that there was a donor who insisted on remaining anonymous but that money need not stand in the way.