

that after twenty years in the services
of McGill University I am feeling the strain,
more and more, of coping with the problems
and difficulties incidental to my position
and feel that they would be dealt with
more advantageously to the University by
another man. You will think, probably,
that I might have waited till your
return before doing anything, but I felt
the necessity of putting my wife's mind
at rest as far as possible and also of
having as much time as possible beforehand
to negotiate the sale of my residence.

I made certain suggestions as regards
the carrying on of the musical work here
during my year's absence (if granted).
and needless to say, my advice and
cooperation will be at your service, should
you need them, in the matter of a
more permanent arrangement to follow my
retirement. Trusting that you will
return to us with fully recovered health

Yours very sincerely
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