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Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I duly received your letter of the 5th, concerning Dr. Cassidy, whose services you were good enough to let us have in an emergency when Dr. Fraser Harris had to go to the hospital and drop for the time being at least his work as Professor of Physiology. Since receiving your letter I have gone into the whole question as far as we can at this date, and find that we are not in a position to say anything definite about the possibility of retaining Dr. Cassidy. The matter stands this way. When Dr. Harris had to give up his work and go to the hospital, we gave him leave of absence until the spring. As soon as he was able to leave the hospital, Dr. Harris went to England, and word which we hear from him is that he is steadily improving in health. Whether that improvement will reach the stage where he can undertake his work again it is yet too soon to tell. In fairness to him, however, I feel we must wait some time before assuming that he will not return. In fairness to McGill and Dr. Cassidy, on the other hand, I realize that we cannot ask that matters be kept hanging. In any case, once it is definitely decided that Dr. Harris cannot come back, I would want to throw the position open to the whole field and get the very best man, whoever he may be, that we could afford to pay for. As it is obvious then that