

June 24th, 1924.

Rev. Robert Laird, D.D.,  
Confederation Life Building,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Laird:-

Dr. Clark has sent on to me your note of the 17th of June with the enclosed account from Dr. Cassels.

I must say quite frankly that I cannot see how this can be made a charge against the Trustees of the Robert Bruce Fund. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church was joined with others in a bequest made by the late Robert Bruce. The Trustees, as such, obtained all the legal advice they required and the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church waived any payment from the estate. No request was made by the Trustees nominated in the will as to the method of carrying out the trusts thereof and no opinion was received from Dr. Cassels. If the Presbyterian Church found it necessary to consult its Solicitor regarding its own position this was entirely a matter for itself. No legatee is entitled to consult a solicitor and charge the costs against the estate, and the same rule surely applies in this case.

I regret very much, therefore, that I am unable to advise the Royal Trust Company to pay Dr. Cassels account and trust that on consideration you will agree with me that this should be met from your own funds.

Yours faithfully,

Principal