

Col. Wilfred Bovey

3rd Sept. 1925

I do not wish it to be announced until it is approved by the Finance Committee, and I wish to lay the matter before them myself. At the same time I intended to write to Waugh telling him that he may in his correspondence with Fryer, write as if the matter were confirmed. I intended dropping a note to Mackay to-day asking him to let Fryer know that we, Mackay and I, have decided with reference to the Chairmanship of the Department.

Now as to Slack, on my return from the Battlefields I found a letter from him in which he informs me that he had a letter from you suggesting that he might be prepared to return to McGill for two more years. He says that he replied stating that he might conform to your wishes under certain conditions which he outlined, and that although his letter must have reached Canada early in August he has had no reply. He intimates to me that if he is to go back the time is getting short and he must know at once. He says that he will be only too pleased if we can do without him, and as far as I am concerned I am sorry any suggestion was made to him about remaining. If he intended to leave us, as no doubt he would have done, he should have been let go in May and we would have saved his salary for the months which have elapsed since. I am writing to him to-day asking him what the conditions were under which he agreed to return, and it may be that I shall tell him we will endeavour to get along without him. I shall probably wire you the result of my correspondence with him.

Re Hibbert, I expect to see him on the 8th in London, I know he has written to return for he has sent me a copy of the letter.

With reference to the request of the Etna Life Insurance Co. I thoroughly approve of the message as written by you, if you have not already sent it to them, please do so.

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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Canada.