

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

MONTREAL

8th April, 1929.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I received your cablegram in New Orleans last week and on the 6th instant received your letter of March 25th, which must have been written prior to the arrival of Doctor Martin's letter to you of March 21st.

May I say at the outset that I think your letter was written under a grave misapprehension of the reasons and motives of the Governors in determining upon a private scrutiny of the situation at McGill prior to our public appeal. The investigation is not to be of a public character and is designed to fortify those supporting the campaign in meeting criticisms already made that the University is attempting too much in some respects and too little in others, and that the need for money is partly due to spreading our activities over too great an area.

Doctor Laing's name was suggested because he was considered to be a real educationalist and to have a great affection for McGill. I think I have heard you describe him as one of the sanest and wisest of Canadians in the matter of Arts education. However, as you know, he cannot undertake to help us and, therefore, he is eliminated from further consideration.

The parallel you draw between my case and yours, or between that of a railway and of the University, is inappropriate