

COPY FOR THE INFORMATION OF - Colonel Bovey

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Dear Mr. Matthews:

I have received your letter of January 5 concerning the personnel of the Parasitology Committee.

Regarding the nature of the Committee there is no question but that Sir Arthur and Dr. Tory were in agreement from the beginning that this is a joint committee of the Research Council and McGill University, and that appointments to the committee require the sanction of both organizations. This has always been done. The necessity for strictly observing this agreement is apparent on consideration of the respective contributions of the two organizations toward the work which this committee directs and controls. The Institute is located at Macdonald College and McGill University has provided the building while the Research Council is paying the entire operating cost including salaries, equipment, supplies, light, heat, etc.

In the Research Council records this committee is classified as an Associate Committee merely because all external committees appointed by the Council are given this general title, in order to avoid a series of miscellaneous titles. From our point of view there is not the slightest objection to the committee being called a joint committee of McGill University and the National Research Council in your university records and calendar. In fact we think this would be preferable.

Regarding Professor Fantham, there unfortunately appears to be misunderstanding, as his name was not proposed by Sir Arthur for membership at any meeting of the committee or submitted to the Research Council in any form in this connection. Unquestionably he is not at present a member of the committee since his appointment has not been approved by both organizations. I am quite satisfied that there was no confusion whatever in Sir Arthur's mind on this point.

As a matter of fact there is already a precedent in which the Research Council nominated two persons for membership on the committee, one of whom was not satisfactory to McGill University. His name was immediately dropped and a person acceptable to both organizations substituted.

I trust that this explanation will make the present position quite clear and may be of service in preventing misunderstanding regarding this committee in the future.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) S.P. EGGLESON
Secretary-Treasurer.

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