

McGILL UNIVERSITY

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After the meeting of the Bank this morning Col. Herbert Molson spoke to me with reference to the proposition from the Royal Victoria Hospital received by the Maternity Hospital. He said that he was afraid he would have to admit that from a University standpoint the proposition ought to receive the support of the University, but he pointed out that the staff of the Montreal General Hospital, all of whom were McGill graduates, would feel that one more thing was transpiring which would place them at a disadvantage with the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital. He feared that violent and sustained opposition would come from the staff of the Montreal General. My position was that a Maternity Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital ~~would give us the facilities we required, that we would have~~ the same privileges and powers in connection with it as we have under the present arrangement, that the staff of the Maternity Hospital would be safe-guarded, and every service rendered by the Maternity Hospital would be rendered under the new arrangements. I also held that it was a pronounced step forward towards the desired end of the amalgamation of the Royal Victoria and the Montreal General Hospitals, intimating that when Mr. Beatty, recently appointed to the Board of the Royal Victoria Hospital, should succeed Sir Vincent Meredith as President of that institution progress in the larger hospital scheme would be much accelerated.