

May 19th, 1931.

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You may perhaps recall the day last November when my wife and I called upon you at Mrs. Whitney's studio in New York.

I am writing to you now in order to clear up, if possible, certain things which are indefinite regarding the presentation of the Whitney Fountain to McGill University on May 29th.

Let me say that all the negotiations have been carried on between Miss Ballon, representing Mrs. Whitney, and either Colonel Bovey or myself, representing the University. The only time we have had any direct communication with Mrs. Whitney was when Colonel Bovey went to New York for the definite and express purpose of calling upon her and learning something of her wishes in regard to this gift. You and I spoke of the most unfortunate circumstance which made it impossible to have the ceremony carried out last fall.

Shortly after my return to the University from the Orient on April 26th this year, we had an intimation from Miss Ballon that a day in the first week in June would be acceptable to Mrs. Whitney. I then asked Colonel Bovey to propose Friday, May 29th, that being our Convocation Day and the Governor General having some time before consented to come to pay his