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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

It is now more than four weeks since my return from the hospital at St Stephen where I was very seriously ill and confined to my bed for eight weeks. I am making satisfactory progress towards health but Dr. Scrimger tells me that I cannot return to the University, even for light work, before the New Year at the earliest.

I am however overseeing the work of my Department, and I have been able to give instruction, in my own house, to some of the senior students.

My daughter Ellen, who is an M.A. of McGill and gave instruction for two years in the English Department, calls at my office every morning for my mail and other papers, and types my replies at my house in the afternoon. It would help me very much in utilizing the months during which I must still be partly invalided if I could have her assistance in my correspondence and in filing and arranging the papers and cuttings in my Department, and I am writing to ask whether you would sanction her appointment by the University on a part time basis to help me for the remainder of this session.

Part of her time is at present occupied in educational work, but she would be able to give me enough time to meet my requirements.

I may say that during the thirty years that I have taught at McGill I have had no secretarial assistance beyond the typing of letters, and that the present would be a good opportunity for a thorough overhauling of the papers in my Department.

My daughter could call at your office if you care to see her about this arrangement.

Yours very sincerely,

Alfred Stansfield

Dr. Alfred Stansfield,
Department of Metallurgy.

Mr. Glasseco
will you please
attend to this for me
20/10/31. A.W.C.