

You know enough of my affairs to be aware that it would be almost impossible for me to bring my family back to Canada at the present time. The doctor's orders made it imperative for us to take Kenneth to Europe two years ago, and the children are still too young for the family to be divided. For the next year or two at least we should not be justified in bringing Kenneth back to Canada for the winter, and the situation is now further complicated by the fact that Patrick has been admitted to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, and provision must therefore be made for his holidays. I only mention these domestic details in order to make it clear that our present position is not due to any lack of interest in the University or to any failure to realise the social obligations of academic life.

Our private means are just about sufficient to bridge the gap between my salary and the present cost of our family, but I should of course be quite willing to pay the expenses of any temporary lecturers who might be engaged to lecture during my absence.

I am making early application in order that any necessary adjustments may be arranged in good time, and I will ask you to be kind enough to forward this letter to the Principal with any recommendations that you may wish to make.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

W. Smith