

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



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EDMONTON, Sept. 17th, 1927
ALBERTA, CANADA

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I received today a telegram from Nicholls that you had made him the offer of an Assistant Professorship at McDonald College. I wired him as follows:

"Boyle in California travelling and cannot be located, expect him about September 23rd. Do not see how we can agree to your release before the 1st of January as impossible now get substitute. Ask McGill to hold appointment open till January 1st. They will surely be willing do this".

I followed this with a wire to you as follows:

"Have Nicholls telegram of your offer. Do not see how possible for us release him at once as too late now to get substitute. Have suggested to him to see you and have appointment delayed till January 1st, giving us time to make adjustments. Writing."

I might add that I have no objection whatever to men on the University staff being offered positions in other universities and am glad that promotion comes by that means but it seems to me a little late in the year for a member of the permanent staff to move from one university to another without giving at least three months' notice. Had I known this in June, I could probably have found a substitute but that is impossible now. I would suggest that you hold the offer open for Nicholls giving us the three months suggested.

Sincerely yours,

President.