

8th February, 1929.

Major G. S. Currie,
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261, St. James Street, Montreal.

Dear Major Currie,

For your information, the following items may be of interest:-

- (1) The Principal, who is at present in Egypt, has taken this extra holiday on the advice of physicians - not because he is not in good health but merely to end up the period of convalescence and bring him back in the Spring in complete health. He writes very cheerfully about his condition and is full of enthusiasm about the future of the University. As an indication of his continued interest, he is on the look-out over there for some new Professors of British origin for the various Departments and is keeping in very close touch with all that is going on. Any rumours to the effect that he is not so well or that he does not contemplate coming back to the University in the near future are utterly absurd.
- (2) The University contemplates a Campaign within the next twelve months, the proceeds of which will undoubtedly be used first and foremost for a gymnasium, for dormitories, and for a new building for Geology and Mining. Some of the proceeds will also have to be used for the further endowment of Chairs, inasmuch as the inadequate salaries make it difficult for men to keep their best assistants. The market value of McGill men seems to be rising with the times!
- (3) The Rockefeller Foundation has recently given us \$85,000.00 for Experimental Surgery, and this work will be done in association with the Departments in the Biological Sciences. We have three "world beaters" in this line - namely, Dr. Wilder Penfield, who is undoubtedly the outstanding man in Neurological Surgery in America