

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Dean Henry Martin Mackay is now in the hospital, very low, following an operation which was necessary on account of a perforated intestine. MacKay, you know, has always had a bad stomach, and apparently the ulcer broke last Friday night. It was some four or five hours before Archibald was able to operate and there is always the danger of peritonitis. I have just phoned to the hospital and am told that he had a poor night and that he is very, very weak this morning. I am praying earnestly that he will recover, because the loss of MacKay would be a very severe loss to the University.

Dean Ira MacKay's wife has been very ill this summer; at the end of August I was certain she would not recover, but she has improved wonderfully and they are talking of letting her up in a day or so. She had the old fashioned dropsy.

It may also interest you to know that I am going to India in December on an official mission, to represent Canada at the opening of the New Parliament Buildings and University at New Delhi in February. I shall leave here the first week in December and go via England, returning via the Pacific, which will give me a chance to learn at first hand what conditions really are in India.

Thank you for writing and I would be glad to hear again how you are. I wish you improved health and the best of luck and should be glad to see you if we are in London at the same time.

Ever yours faithfully.

Principal.