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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

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Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q

My dear Sir Arthur:

Dr. Fraser and I, after a serious discussion of the possibilities in the matter of the best use to be made of Mr. Molson's gift, have come to the conclusion that for the present the money can be best expended in a purely clinical way, as opposed to laboratory research; that is, concretely, in the establishment of a clinical cancer, or tumour, centre in the Royal Victoria Hospital. This would naturally form part of the University teaching. The money would suffice, possibly, at the moment to provide for expenses not undertaken by the Hospital - expenses involved in a very careful clinical investigation and continued observation of the patients. This would, for the time being, be naturally consolidated in the Out-Patient Department.

We feel that this is the way to begin properly special work of this sort. It will form a nucleus from which may easily grow a much larger undertaking, ultimately including, we hope, work of a more scientific character. Dr. Fraser and I are setting down the details of our plans, after a consultation with Mr. Chenoweth, the Superintendent of the Hospital, and will be ready to submit them to you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Archibald.