

The Medical Library
McGill University

Address all Communications
to the Honorary Librarian.
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Montreal, Feb. 17th, 1926.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I beg now to furnish you with the following information regarding the condition of the Medical Library and especially with reference to a comparison with the Western Medical School Library.

1. The amount for expenditure for current year at McGill is \$3,200 - Western University has \$2,000 for current periodicals alone. They also have a special fund for the purchase of books and gaps, which figures I was not given: but may obtain later.

2. After consulting the Catalogue of Scientific Periodicals in Canadian Libraries compiled to 1923, there can be no question that our Library is better equipped up to that date.

The Western University now receives 173 current periodicals, no duplicates, whilst our list consists of 390 with 10 titles duplicated.

3. During the past year we have received 26 separate requests from the Western University Library for the loan of journals, all of which, except two, we were able to supply. During the same period we borrowed one periodical from them.

[N.B. This does not prove much except that gaps do exist in Western University and that they have found our Library very helpful.]

4. German journals. Up to 1923 we subscribed for 47 titles from Germany. These sets are relatively complete. Owing to the greatly increased cost of these publications I was forced to cancel our subscriptions to 36 of them. Since January 1925 I have added 8 more titles so that we are now subscribing to 19 German journals.

To Dr. A. B. MacCallum,
18/2/26 Please note and
return to me, W. L. Currie

Handwritten notes and calculations:
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