

March 10th, 1927.

A. Johnston, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Marine & Fisheries,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Let me acknowledge with thanks  
the receipt of your letter of yesterday in which  
you intimate that the Honourable Minister has  
appointed Professor Willey a member of the Biological  
Board of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
MONTREAL.  
—  
DEPT. OF ZOOLOGY

The Principal,

Returned with thanks  
and contents noted.

A. Willey  
March 12, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,  
DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

March 9, 1927.

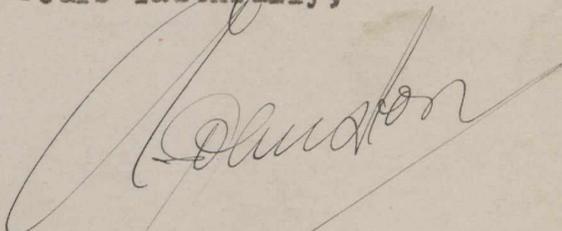
Dear Sir Arthur:-

Reverting to previous correspondence regarding the resignation of Doctor R. F. Ruttan, as representative of McGill University, from the Biological Board of Canada, and your recommendation that Professor Arthur Willey be appointed to his place, I have now to say that the Minister has been pleased to accept the nomination and to appoint your nominee to the membership of the Board.

I am herewith sending you, for Professor Willey's information, a copy of the Biological Board Act and the regulations under which the Board operates.

Professor Willey will be duly notified of the meetings of the Board by the Secretary Treasurer.

Yours faithfully,



A. Johnston  
Deputy Minister.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal and Vice Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

*To Prof Willey  
For your information  
and return please.  
A.W.C.*



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November 24th, 1926.

Dr. A. S. Willey,  
Biological Building,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Willey:-

I am sorry I have not replied earlier to your note of the 18th of November about your appointment to the Biological Board in succession to Dr. Ruttan.

I wish to state now that on the 28th of October I wrote the Deputy Minister with regard to this matter and on the 30th received a reply from his office stating it would come up for decision some time in December.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

DEPT. OF ZOOLOGY

November 18th, 1926.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Some time ago you kindly intimated, over the telephone, your intention to nominate me to represent McGill on the Biological Board in succession to Dr. Ruttan. The Chairman of the Board is Professor J.P. McMurrich, Department of Anatomy, University of Toronto. I have just received a letter from Professor McMurrich in which he says:

" I am glad to know that Sir Arthur Currie intends to recommend you as successor to Professor Ruttan on the Board and hope the matter will be carried out soon, because we need your services."

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur Willey*

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THE HON. P. J. A. CARDIN,  
MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES, OTTAWA



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PACIFIC COAST STATION, NANAIMO, B.C.

Ottawa, October 30th, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

In Mr. Johnston's absence, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, nominating Professor Willey of McGill University, to take the place of Dr. R. F. Ruttan who resigned from the Biological Board last year.

It is expected that the matter will come up for decision some time in December.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. Cowie.  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

October 28th, 1926.

Dr. R. F. Ruttan,  
Chemistry Building.

My dear Dr. Ruttan:-

With reference to your letter of October 18th and your resignation from the Biological Board, I am today notifying the Minister that Professor Willey will take your place.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 28th, 1926.

A. Johnston, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Marine & Fisheries,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Johnston:-

Dr. R. F. Ruttan is resigning from the Biological Board, and I wish to recommend that you appoint Professor Arthur Willey, Strathcona Professor of Zoology, at McGill University, to take his place on the Board as the representative of McGill University.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY.  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

MONTREAL, October 18th, 1926.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

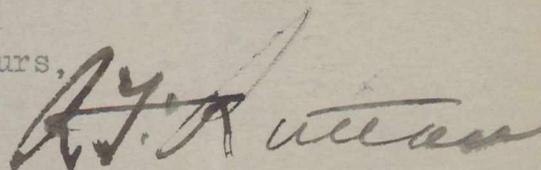
Dear Sir Arthur:

I am enclosing you letter which I received from J.P. McMurrich regarding the Biological Board. I put in my resignation at the end of the session. My resignation from the Executive and from the Board has not yet been accepted. I certainly cannot give the time and attention which the position calls for.

With regard to nomination of my successor representing McGill I would suggest that Dr. Willey would be a very excellent representative, on the Board and I know would be very acceptable to the other members.

I was not nominated by the University but by the Department. McGill University is entitled by law to have a representative on the Board.

I am,  
Sincerely yours,



RFR/s.  
enc.

University of Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

October 12th., 1926.

Professor R. F. Ruttan,  
Department of Chemistry,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Q.

Dear Ruttan:-

Is your resignation from the executive committee of the Biological Board final? If so, I shall regret it very much, not only from the fact that you represent the chemical interests upon the committee, but also on account of the loss of your advice in matters of general policy.

If you are determined upon this step, does it also imply resignation as a member of the Board, and if so, have any steps been taken to appoint somebody to represent McGill in your place? The appointment is made by the University and sent to the Minister for approval, and it seems advisable that steps in this direction should be taken as soon as possible, if they have not already been considered.

As Canon Huard has also resigned from the executive, the number on that committee is very much reduced and it is advisable that we should take steps to bring it back to its original number.

Yours very truly,

*Wayne M. Murrice*

JPM.D.

*Biological Board*

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December  
Twentieth  
1919.

Dr. Edward E. Prince, F.R.C.S.,  
Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Department of Naval Service,  
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Prince:-

I have received your letter of  
December 12th with reference to the vacancy on the  
Biological Board, which remains to be filled by the  
appointment of a representative from McGill University.

I shall be glad to arrange for the  
appointment of Dr. Ruttan to this vacancy, and I am  
writing you to ask to whom a letter conveying this  
appointment should be sent.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN THE SAME LETTER

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPUTY MINISTER  
AND QUOTE WEEP/GM  
No.



*Ottawa*  
December  
Twenty-sixth  
1919.

Dear Doctor Adami:-

In reply to your note regarding the nomination of Professor Ruttan to the Biological Board, I may say that the intimation of such nomination should be sent to Mr. G. J. Desbarats, Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.

With best seasonable wishes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Bruce", with a decorative flourish underneath.

Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries.

Doctor F. D. Adami, F.R.S.,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

December  
Twenty-seventh  
1919.

G. J. Desbarats Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Naval Service,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

With the retirement of Dr. J. D. Adami, who represented McGill University on the Biological Board of Canada, the position filled by the McGill representative is vacant.

I desire, on behalf of the Governors of McGill University, to nominate Dr. R. F. Ruttan, B.A., D.Sc., Macdonald Professor of Chemistry, to fill the position in question. Dr. Ruttan, although a Chemist, has paid a great deal of attention to those aspects of Chemistry which have a direct bearing on Biological Science, and I am sure that his presence on the Board will be an important accession to that body.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

F. D. G.

Acting Principal.



REFER TO No. .... EEP/MCC

*Ottawa,* Dec. 12, 1919

Dear Dr. Adams:

You are no doubt aware that a representative of McGill University has always been a member of the Biological Board of Canada, and that position has been held by the following McGill Professors, viz:- the late Prof. Penhallow, Prof. MacBride, Prof. Willey and Prof. Adami.

Prof. Willey retired because he wished to undertake an important piece of work for which the Board felt bound to pay an Honorarium, and the Act of Parliament does not permit a member of the Board to receive any such payment. Prof. Adami therefore consented to replace Prof. Willey; but as he has left Canada permanently, it will be necessary to appoint a new representative. There is no hurry in the matter, because the Board asked Prof. Willey to act as representative pro tem. In view, however, of the fact that Chemistry is now of such high importance in all Biological Researches, I have felt, as Chairman of the Board,

Prof. F. D. Adams,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

that we ought to have an eminent chemist, and I should feel that the Board would be greatly strengthened if Prof. Ruttan could be appointed. Prof. Ruttan would be able to assist greatly in such questions as the utilization of fish waste, production of fish oil, etc., which are problems which the Board have already been handling. Of course, I merely make this suggestion, and it may not approve itself to you, but in Dr. Willey we have a fine representative of biology, and even though he is not technically a member of the Board, his close association with us in the researches carried on under the Board in Pacific and Atlantic waters gives us all the advantage of such a biological representative from McGill.

Of course you are no doubt aware that each of the universities named on the cover of the report which I now mail to you, has nominated its representative, and there are two, myself and another, nominated by the Minister to represent the Naval Department. I shall be glad to hear from you on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Edward G. Prince

Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries.



DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE,

OTTAWA.

Jan. 10, 1920

Dear Sir:

I duly received your communication of December 27th, informing me that Dr. R. F. Ruttan, McDonald Professor of Chemistry had been nominated by the Governors to represent McGill University, on the Biological Board of Canada. This position was rendered vacant by the retirement of Prof. J. G. Adami, and I am sure that the addition of Dr. Ruttan's name to the Biological Board is a great gain to its membership. Dr. Ruttan is being informed that steps have been taken with reference to his appointment.

Yours truly,

Prof. F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.



DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE,

OTTAWA.

Jan. 21, 1920

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Dear Sir:

I duly received your communication in which you inform me that Dr. R. F. Ruttan, McDonald Professor of Chemistry, had been nominated to represent McGill University on the Biological Board of Canada, a position vacant by the retirement of Prof. J. G. Adami. I am sure that the addition of Dr. Ruttan's name to the Biological Board is a great gain to its membership, and Dr. Ruttan has been informed that the usual formal steps have been taken with reference to his appointment.

Yours truly,

Prof. F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

July 13th, 1923.

A. P. Knight, Esq.,  
Atlantic Biological Station,  
St. Andrews, N. B.

Dear Mr. Knight:-

Thank you very much for the  
invitation to visit the Biological Station at  
St. Andrews, N.B.

It would give me very much  
pleasure to do so, but I regret that this  
summer it will not be possible for me to avail  
myself of your kind invitation.

Again thanking you for the  
courtesy extended to me, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Biological Board  
of Canada

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., CANADA,

July 12th, 1923

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

Dear Sir:

The Executive Committee of the Biological Board deem it desirable to acquaint heads of Canadian Universities with the facilities which the St. Andrews Station possesses for research in marine biology. I am authorized, therefore, to extend to you a hearty invitation to visit the Station any time this summer which may be convenient to you.

It happens that one of the cottages provided for workers is not occupied this summer. It will therefore be placed at your service and that of Lady Currie, if you can find it convenient to pay us a visit for a couple of days and familiarize yourself with our work.

Yours very truly,

*A. P. Knight*

Chairman, Biological Board of Canada,

APK:R.

April 28th, 1924.

Professor A. P. Knight,  
Biological Board of Canada,  
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Professor Knight:-

I was very interested to receive your letter of the 24th instant on the subject of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Biological Station at St. Andrews, and appreciate the suggestions which you have made regarding a possible method of marking the date.

With reference to Professors Stafford and Jackson, the University is extremely diffident about conferring degrees on members of its own staff and although their services are very highly thought of I scarcely feel that it would be possible for McGill to recognize them by the grant of an honour of such importance.

As regards Dr. E. W. McBride I shall be very glad to take the proposal under consideration and should a favourable decision be come to will be very pleased to let you know.

Many thanks for your letter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Alice St., Kingston, Ont.,  
April 24th, 1924.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I write to remind the University through you that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Biological station at St. Andrews. Professors Penhallow and McBride were two of the most active of its founders. Not merely so, but they and more recently Professors Willey and Jackson have been the means through which a steady stream of research workers have frequented the station and have made many valuable contributions to the science of marine biology.

I respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Senate whether the twenty-fifth anniversary might not be fittingly marked by conferring the honorary degree of LL.D. upon the surviving founder from McGill, or upon either Professors <sup>- two of the early workers -</sup> Stafford or Jackson, as the Senate might judge best.

Yours very sincerely,

A. P. Knight,  
Chairman of the Board.

APK/McK

Professor MacCallum as one of the most active of the founders can give you all the details of the movement in founding the station.  
A.P.K.