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DOCKET STARTS:

IRVINE , JAMES

From PRINCIPAL IRVINE.



THE UNIVERSITY,
ST. ANDREWS.

7th March 1923

My dear Principal,

The fates take me to
Yale University at the end
of this month to attend
the Dedication of the new
Lectures, and my
intention is to come back
by Canada. Naturally
this programme includes
a visit to McGill University
and I hope to arrive in

Wrote you about April 25th
when I hope I shall have
the pleasure of meeting you
again and of seeing Brothers
of the Great University.

I shall be at The Chemists
Club, 52 East 41st St. New
York for some days after
the Yale ceremonies and
I shall be glad to hear
from you but it will be
impossible to visit New York.

With all kind regards
to Lady Currie and yourself

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

H. Irvine, J. D. Currie.

THE CHEMISTS' CLUB

52 EAST 41ST STREET

NEW YORK

March 31st 1923

My dear Principal,

Your kind letter
answered my arrival in New
York and I wish to thank Lady
Curie and you for your offer
that I should stay with you while
visiting McGill University.

I am very glad indeed to
accept and if convenient to
you propose to arrive about the
29th of April. My last sail
from Montreal on May 3rd.

If this is convenient to you
please do not trouble to answer
this and I shall write a wire

later in his day - how I
arrived. Otherwise, a letter
to President. Richmond
Union College
Schenectady N. Y.

will see me up to April 21st.

I've played golf only three
times we hammered the turf
of St. Andrews together, but, hell
of late, I'll take for us.

With all kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

J. B. Prince.

From PRINCIPAL IRVINE.



THE UNIVERSITY,
ST. ANDREWS.

The University House

3rd June 1923

My dear Currie,

Pray forgive a belated letter.
It is exactly a month ago since I frosted
my way round Dixie and, as I write
on Sunday afternoon, I hope you are
now engaged in the same pleasant-
occupation (without the frozing of course).

No doubt you have heard something
of the adventures of the Melgamans'
passengers since we parted on the
platform at Montreal. Here for forty-eight
hours we trundled through the back woods
of New Brunswick and then spent a
similar time in Carbon at St. John.

It was all very interesting but a
sad waste of time for a man who
knew that work was piling up for
him at home and, sure enough,
on my arrival a fortnight ago I
found a veritable chaos awaiting
me - partly at St. Andrews and
partly in London. The worst of it is
over now and yesterday I celebrated
my emergence by playing my first
tennis for the season.

Now that I can look back on
my trip to the other side with a
fair perspective I find myself
puzzling on Murchie and on Tom.
We got to know each other well
on the first occasion we met, and
the happy days I spent in Lou have

From PRINCIPAL IRVINE.



THE UNIVERSITY,
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have cemented that friendship.

To say that I enjoyed being with
you is to put into few words
what is to me a very deep feeling.

And so I look forward keenly to the
prospect that Lady Currie and you
will not hurry up Scotland when
you come to this side and that the
Marine Hotel will know you no more.
There is only one possible roof for
you in St. Andrews and that is mine.

To turn for a moment to
business, your cable awaited my
return here and I at once collected
information regarding Mr Thomson, whom

I knew well. About the first
information I did receive was that
he had been appointed to the
Lucas Chair, hence my wire. I am
sorry he has been lost to M'Gill, for he is
fine scholarly man and is a most
desirable type.

Well, good-bye my friend. May
all go well with you and yours
is my sincere and hearty wish.

Yours

J. B. Smith.

Slavery *University*
Montreal

August 26th, 1923.

Principal J. C. Irvine,
The University,
St. Andrews, Scotland.

My dear Irvine:-

You will not mind, I know, my personal letters to you being typewritten and I also know that any bother I have given you regarding Day will not be looked upon as a task.

As a matter of fact we had picked on Day as our first choice for the position of Assistant Professor of Economics and I desired to have personal assurance from you that the man chosen was likely to be satisfactory. Furthermore, I asked Professor Chipman, a Canadian educated in Edinburgh and now a member of our Medical staff, to see Day. They met in London and Chipman wired that he liked Day personally. The latter is coming to Montreal by the Montrose in September for a personal interview. If mutually agreeable he will remain and I feel now that such is likely to be the case. I am glad to hear you say that you feel he is one who will make his influence felt in the community. Too many professors are inclined to be entirely academic in their lives. As you know, we are set down in the midst of a great city and there is abundant opportunity for all our professors to make themselves really valued and valuable members of the community.

As you probably know Sir Henry Gray has come to the Royal Victoria Hospital, they being determined to have him, but I have not appointed him Professor of Surgery in the University and do not intend to do so. I am offering him an assistant professorship, but I

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Principal Irvine

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Just

think the Hospital are influencing him to demand a full professorship or nothing. I do not like these guns being held at your head and will not submit. What we are fighting for is worth a fight, namely, the right of the University to select its own teaching staff. Gray has a wonderful opportunity to prove what a really big man can do in a delicate situation, but so far he shows no inclination to serve the University, apparently caring more for rank than for the opportunity for service. My army experience taught me that such men are not helpful. However, I have hope that he may yet see the proper way and that in the end his coming may result in good.

I have spent a very quiet summer in Montreal. The weather has been really delightful and the past week exceptionally cool. Golf has steadily improved, although every now and then I get a score which keeps me humble. The best I have been able to do is 91, though I have hopes that before the season is over I may yet break into the charmed circle of the eighties.

Marjorie has been away most of the summer, first with friends in one place and then with others elsewhere. She has been enjoying herself immensely. The boy underwent an operation on his ankle early in July and has consequently spent a very quiet vacation. My wife and my sister are keeping me company here, but we all expect to go away for a couple of weeks at the beginning of September.

Reverting to University matters, I shall have a vacancy in the Department of Philosophy during the coming winter and would appreciate greatly any help you can give in finding a suitable young man - someone of the Mitchell type. I was greatly attracted to him, but for the junior position in Economics we decided to take one of our own young men who has been at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar.

Principal Irvine

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It is too early yet to say what one's plans may be for next year. You remember my telling you of my hopes of a visit to the other side. If that should not come off I shall look forward to seeing you when you come to the British Association meetings. You must remember that you will always have a very warm welcome in our home and Mrs. Irvine, if she accompanies you, one equally cordial.

I shall always be glad to have a letter from you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

October 24th, 1924.

Principal J. C. Irvine,
The University,
St. Andrews, Scotland.

My dear Irvine:-

Thank you very much for sending me the course of Railway Lectures now given in Scotland. I hope we may be able to establish with our railways a similar liaison.

Things are going very well at the University, our attendance being about the same as last year, while I think our staff is a little stronger. Some of the new men promise to be real sources of strength.

The weather continues to be truly delightful. We have had but one wet day since you left, and as you know there is no more pleasant time of the year in Canada than the Autumn. I never saw our trees more beautiful.

The family are all well, Marjorie having the time of her life. They join me in love to you and Mrs. Irvine.

Yours faithfully,

From PRINCIPAL IRVINE.



THE UNIVERSITY,
ST ANDREWS

10th October, 1924.

My dear Currie,

Among the many subjects we discussed in August was the question of the Course of Railway Lectures now given in Scotland, and I promised to let you have details as something of the kind may find application at McGill University.

The scheme of Railway Education in this country was started by the London and North Eastern Railway and, when under the recent amalgamation the North British Railway was absorbed, the Scottish Universities were asked to join.

PAPERS A. show the scope of Instruction and Examinations and show also the type of Certificate issued by the Universities on completion of the course. I may say that one subject is taken each year so that four years are required to earn the full certificate. The Railway Companies give a preference in making promotions to men who have taken this course and thus there is no lack of students.

PAPERS B. give the changes introduced into the original scheme when the scope was extended to include the Northern

Universities.

PAPERS C. give the syllabuses of courses held last year and now in operation . Speaking for one year's experience, I have the feeling that the scheme fulfils a useful purpose and if there is nothing of the kind in Canada it might be to the advantage of McGill to be first in the field.

I wrote of dictation here to send
very warm messages to you and
Lady Currie.

Yours always

J. B. Currie.

H. Andrews Univ.

January 24th, 1925.

Sir James C. Irvine,
Principal, The University,
St. Andrews,
Scotland.

My dear Irvine:-

It was only last night that I read in an old country paper of the honour conferred upon you at New Years. How I came to miss the announcement earlier I do not know. Perhaps it did not appear in our press, as since our silly protest against the granting of honours to Canadians we are not supposed to be interested in such things. I am convinced that a great many of our people regret the action of our Government at the time they requested the King to refrain from granting further honours, but no one in authority has the moral courage to say so.

Will you please accept our warmest congratulations to you and Lady Irvine, for the Curries all wish you well. It may interest you to know that last November we were turned out of Rokeby, the property being sold to provide space for another apartment house.

I suppose it will be difficult to keep such buildings off Sherbrooke Street, much to our regret. After living for a few days at the Ritz we found another home on Drummond Street very nice and comfortable, but still we do not like it quite as well as the old place.

I am not quite sure whether I shall go across this summer or not. I hope so and if I do shall leave as soon after the 1st of June as possible. Everything is going pretty well at the University, the attendance being about the same as last year and all things running quite smoothly with the exception of

Sir James Irvine

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the Gray matter which goes from bad to worse.

With our warmest congratulations
and all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

SAVILE CLUB,
107, PICCADILLY, W.I.

21st October 1925

My dear Currie,

By this time you will
be home again and getting
ready for the winter
freeze-up at Montreal; and,
I trust, in the best of form
after your European trip.
May it be a prosperous
Year for the University.

All you tell me about
your enlistment of the

Canadian Pulp Industry
to make the Bill a centre
of literature study and
research is of the utmost
importance and interest.
There is a vast field of
work to be covered; Canada
is the country in which it
ought to be done and,
through your efforts, the Bill
is the place where it is
going to be done. My
only surprise is that your
academic neighbors on the

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after end of L. Ontario did
not foresee the importance of
the scheme you have now
initiated, and have been
foresighted.

Holidays over, we are already
plunged into a new session
and I am carrying on
quickly with our building
programme which will
have the effect of doubling
the United College. By the
way, we are sure I am
glad you did not visit us

This summer as you would
have found the place a
chaos of wilder's yards,
but that is small
compensation for missing
the pleasure of having
you all under the roof
of the University House. We
still talk of the time you
were in St. Andrews and
stayed at a hotel!

I'm giving next year's
Inter-University Conference a
kniss, believing with you that
little good can result from
such meetings if always

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held in the same country.
Another reason is that
I'm promised to go out to
America in connection with
the Commonwealth Trust
Scheme for which I act on
this side as a member of
the Committee entrusted
with the election of their
Fellows. This will mean a
fairly extended trip in the
States which I shall of course
couple with another visit to

Canada. Often in this work
of sending out-British
Graduates to the States I have
hoped for a loose talk with
you on the whole question.

A short-note in the Times
in the other day told of a
resignation from an important
office in Montreal and this
development - has, I trust,
relieved you of a brief
anxiety. This is merely a
chat, which requires no
answer, and a message
of good-will to you all.

Ever sincerely

J. B. Francis.

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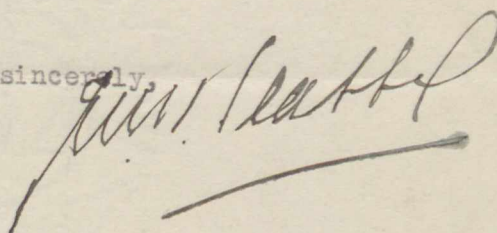
MONTREAL

September 29th, 1932.

Dear Sir Arthur:

The National Council of Education has received a cablegram from Major Ney to the effect that Sir James Irvine, Principal of St. Andrew's University sails from Glasgow on Saturday. He is, I understand, agreeable to delivering an address in Montreal as well as in other places on St. Andrew's University. I am told, too, that he is an excellent speaker and the story of this venerable institution is an interesting one. It has been suggested that he speak in Montreal under the auspices of either McGill University, the Canadian Club or the National Council of Education. Naturally, my first choice would be McGill if you think he can be sure of a good audience there.

Yours sincerely,



General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal.

October 1, 1932.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C., LL.D.,
Chancellor, McGill University.

My dear Chancellor,

With reference to your letter of yesterday and the visit to Montreal of Sir James Irvine, Principal of St. Andrews University, I think it is better that his lecture in Montreal be given under the auspices of McGill University, and with this Mr. Roy Campbell is in accord.

There appears to be some doubt about Sir James coming, now that the inauguration of Cody has been indefinitely postponed. If he comes, I shall let you know when the lecture will take place. We think the potential audience is very small: I don't suppose there are many people in Montreal interested in the story of Old St. Andrews, though Irvine is a delightful speaker. We will, of course, see that the students attend, and Colonel Bovey will be glad to co-operate with Mr. Campbell in arousing public interest.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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James H. H. H.
at the entrance
Call now
October 5, 1932.

Sir James Irving,
Passenger arriving from England October 7th,
Care C.P.R. Company, Quebec.

My dear Sir James,

I am delighted that we shall have the
pleasure of seeing you in Montreal next week.

I understand that you are to stay with
Their Excellencies at Government House, Ottawa,
over the week-end of the 8th, and that it is likely
you will be coming to Montreal by the morning train
on Tuesday, the 11th. As I have an important meeting
that morning, unfortunately I shall be unable to meet
you, but Mr. Campbell of the National Council of
Education will, of course, be on hand, and I am
asking him to bring you direct to my house, 3450
McTavish Street. He says you must leave for Ontario
on Tuesday evening, but I hope you will be my guest
for the day, or for as long as you can stay.

We have arranged that you speak on
St. Andrews University in Meyse Hall, Arts Building,
at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday the 11th. This lecture will
be under the auspices of McGill, and I am glad we
are to have the opportunity of welcoming you.

Ever yours faithfully,

P.S. Apparently you are expected to arrive on Saturday morning. to
If so, shall you go direct to Ottawa or can you stay the day
in Montreal? You could lunch with me and see the intercollegiate
game in the afternoon - Western versus McGill.

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PRINCIPAL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL

WILL ARRIVE TUESDAY MORNING AND CARRY THROUGH SUGGESTED
PROGRAMME LOOKING FORWARD KEENLY TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.

SIR JAMES IRVINE

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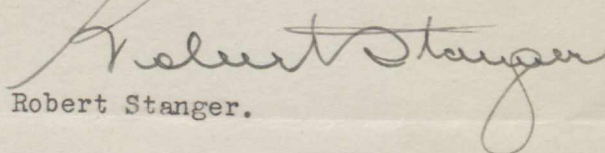
ROBERT STANGER
1157 SEYMOUR AVENUE
MONTREAL, QUE.

October 12, 1932.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I enjoyed very much attending
the lecture last evening by Sir James Irvine
in Moyse Hall, and thank you for the privilege
and honour of being numbered amongst those in-
vited.

Yours truly,


Robert Stanger.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street, West,
Montreal, Quebec.

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL.

SIR JAMES AND LADY IRVINE AND MISS IRVINE DUE MONTREAL 6 PM TUESDAY

STOP HE LEAVES FOR NEWYORK THE FOLLOWING EVENING STOP ALL AT THE MOMENT

ARE STAYING WITH ME AT THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC QUEBEC

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DOCKET ENDS:

IRVINE, JAMES



ROYAL YORK HOTEL
TORONTO

Canadian Pacific Hotels

January 7th, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l .

My dear Sir Arthur,

I have just returned from a visit to Paris and London where I completed arrangements with a group of some of the most distinguished figures of Great Britain and France in connection with a Canadian idea: a program which is being sent across the Dominion, beginning at an early date, will express the Canadian idea and ideals, and will bring to the fore Canadian creative and interpretive artists, and will seek in every way to make Canada further conscious of its own natural and developed advantages.

I should like very much to meet you to discuss the matter, as it is our hope that you will be one of the list of foremost Canadians who will appear in the symposium.

Cordially yours,

Charles D. Isaacsman.

DOCKET STARTS:

ITALIAN CONSUL

June 24, 1933.

Cav. Uff. Massimo Zalotti-Bianco,
The Royal Italian Consul,
Consulate of Italy,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to my wife and myself to be present at a Banquet to be held in the Mount Royal Hotel in honour of His Excellency General Italo Balbo, Royal Italian Minister of Aviation and the Officers of the Italian Arms.

It would give my wife and myself great pleasure to be present and we shall attend if at all possible, but I have certain evening engagements during the coming week which cannot be postponed. However, as soon as the date of the Banquet is announced I shall take care to let you know definitely at the earliest possible moment.

With sincere good wishes for a successful flight of your splendid airmen across the Atlantic, and hoping that I may have the honour of meeting them,

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,



MONTREAL , August 21st, 1937-A.XV.

R. CONSOLATO d'ITALIA

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Dear Mr. Brittain,

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I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your courteous letter of August 12th.

I am particularly glad to hear that you share my desire with the desirability of closer cultural relations between our respective countries.

I deeply regret that the present financial condition of the McGill University prevent to carry into effect the project which both of us were interested in, namely, to establish a Chair of Italian Language and literature.

I wish that in the near future we shall be able to take again the matter into consideration leading it to a good conclusion.

Assuring you again of my best consideration and appreciation, I am

Faithfully yours,

(Paolo de Simone)
Royal Italian Consul.

Dr. W.R. Brittain
Principal of the McGill University
Sherbrooke Street West,

MONTREAL, Que.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

August 12th, 1937.

My dear Consul,

Your letter of July 8th was acknowledged by my Secretary in my absence from the city.

First of all permit me to thank you for your continued interest in the matter of the appointment of a Professor of Italian Language and Literature in this University. I entirely share your sentiments with respect to the desirability of closer cultural relations between our respective countries, and would welcome most sincerely the creation of such a Chair, suitably endowed.

I may explain that in the creation of such a Chair, the matter would have to be approved by the governing body. Following this, a statutory Board of Selection would have to be appointed consisting of representatives of Senate and of the Board of Governors. As a final step, the recommendation would have to be approved by the bodies concerned.

Unfortunately, at present the financial situation of the University entirely precludes the possibility of creating any new Chairs or undertaking any other projects involving questions of additional expenditure. I must therefore inform you very regretfully that any proposal to establish such a Chair will have to await more favourable conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Principal.

The Royal Italian Consul,
1410 Stanley Street,
Montreal.

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Professor W.H.Brittain.

12th July, 1937

Dear Sir,

In the absence of the Acting Principal, Professor Brittain, who is at present on vacation, may I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th July, which will be referred to him upon his return next month.

May I add that as the University does not reassemble until October, I am afraid there will be an unavoidable delay in obtaining the official answer of the University authorities to your suggestion, which would have to be placed before several committees, but the Acting Principal will be able to give you further information as to this point when he returns to the University.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

The Royal Italian Consul,
1410 Stanley Street,
M o n t r e a l .



MONTREAL , July 8th 1937-A.XV.

R. CONSOLATO D'ITALIA

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Dear Sir:

On February the 24th 1937 the Principal of this University had the courtesy to inform me that , in reference with my letter of February 17th, the McGill University had taken into consideration my suggestion in regard to the possibility of establishing a Chair of Italian at the University, and that should be pleased to obtain a concrete proposal in regard.

I am now in a position to say that the Italian Government would be willing to send a professor of university degree whose name should be previously submitted to the University for the approbation.

I wish that such a proposition should meet the favour of this University, and personally, for the deep and sincere friendship that I have for this Country, I am sure that our parley will have a good conclusion.

In that case, I would like to know what conditions will

Dr. W.H. Brittain
Principal of the McGill University
Sherbrooke Street West,

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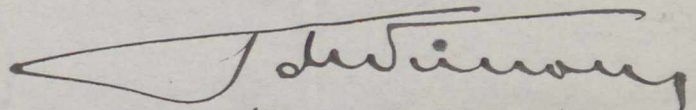
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the University lay down to the professor to be named, and particularly:

- 1) for what period of time should the professor remain at the University disposal
- 2) what annual compensation the University could grant him
- 3) which form the University prefers to adopt to settle the arrangement of the professor (by exchange of correspondence with me; by contract with the professor, or otherwise).

Hoping for a courteous reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,



(Paolo de Simone)
Royal Italian Consul.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

Professor du Roure.

24th February 1937

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd
February enclosing one from the Royal Italian Consul.

I have taken the matter up direct.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

24th February 1937

My dear Consul,

Professor du Roure has handed to me your letter of the 17th February in which you are good enough to make the interesting suggestion with regard to the possibility of establishing a Chair of Italian in the University.

We should receive most gratefully any concrete proposals that you might care to submit.

Yours faithfully,

~~His Excellency~~ the Marquis Paolo de Simone,
Royal Italian Consul,
M o n t r e a l .



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

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February 22nd, 1937.

Mr. A. E. Morgan,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal:-

I am enclosing a letter from the Marquis
Paolo de Simone, Royal Consul of Italy, together with
my reply.

Hoping that McGill may find his suggestion
interesting and practical,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

P. du Poutre



MONTREAL , February 17th, 1937-A.XV.

R. CONSOLATO D'ITALIA

My Dear Professor,

During my residence in this City I have had the opportunity of following with the greatest admiration the activities of your magnificent University in the field of international literature.

I was particularly impressed with the existence of a centre of Roman studies since it denotes the noble intention to stimulate in the youth a love for the classic sources of learning, and thus enable them to perfect themselves the sense of symmetry and cultural harmony.

Encouraged by my affection for this Country, and by my desire to contribute, if at all possible, to the increase of the cultural relations between the intellectual elements of Canada and Italy, I asked to myself if the eventual establishment at the McGill University of a Chair of Italian literature under the professorship of a duly qualified Italian academician, could be of some interest and welcome.

Should this personal thought of mine meet with your views and consideration, I shall be only too glad to study with you the possibility of submitting a concrete proposal to my Government.

It shall always be my pleasure to cooperate with you most earnestly in my effort which may effect a better reciprocal understanding between our two Countries.

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Paolo de Simone)
Royal Italian Consul.

Prof. René du Roure,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street West,

MONTREAL.

February 22nd, 1937.

Mr. Paolo de Simone,
Royal Italian Consul,
1410 Stanley Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Consul General:-

I would be, as far as I am concerned, very much interested in the establishment at McGill of a Chair of Italian Literature, indeed I have already proposed this several times to the Faculty of Arts; but since last year the department of which I am chairman has changed its title and is now called the Department of French Language and Literature. This means that if a professor of Italian were appointed at McGill a new department would have to be formed called the Department of Italian Language and Literature. I am therefore transmitting your letter to Mr. Morgan, Principal of McGill, and to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

I hope that your proposal will be ultimately accepted and I promise you that I shall vote enthusiastically for it.

With my kindest regards,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,



CONSOLATO GENERALE DI S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA
NEL CANADA

Prepare an answer

REFER.

NO 4130

MONTREAL, 19th November 1926

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Dear Sir,

According to the Italian laws, all the students who have obtained abroad degrees recognized sufficient by the Royal Italian Government may be inscribed without any further formality in any Italian university or high school of the Kingdom.

Besides, holders of foreign degrees may be admitted to the analogous examinations and be exempted, totally or partially from the yearly examinations, obtaining a declaration stating that the foreign degree has the same value as that issued by the Royal Italian universities or high schools.

The Royal Italian Government is now desirous to collect exact information about all universities of the world in order to establish their character in comparison with the Italian.

I beg therefore of your courtesy to supply me with all available information regarding the character of your University, the teachings there imparted and the relation with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England.

I would also appreciate to have, if possible, a copy of the programs of the teachings, of the statutes constituting the University and of all regulations governing the studies.

With many thanks and kindest regards, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

(P. Margotti)

Royal Consul General of Italy

The Principal
McGill University
M o n t r e a l.

November 25th, 1926.

P. Margotti, Esq.,
Royal Consul General of Italy,
698 St. Catherine Street West,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant, and in accordance with your request have much pleasure in sending you the Calendar of McGill University, also a copy of the Statutes and of the Annual Report for 1924-25 (that for 1925-26 is not yet off the press).

The requirements for entrance to the several Faculties are set forth on pages 60-75, of the Calendar, and the programme of studies leading to degrees will be found under the head of the several Faculties.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

ITALIAN CONSUL

DOCKET STARTS:

ITALY, GRAND LODGE OF THE
ORDER SONS OF ITALY
IN CANADA.



COPY

Loggia Vittorio Veneto

No. 1248

Montreal Canada

March 26 1926

No 211 St. ZOTIQUE

OGGETTO

" The "VITTORIO VENETO" Lodge No. 1248 of
" The ORDER SONS OF ITALY in CANADA, in-
" formed by some of its members that on
" on Sunday, March 21st, a small number of
" men, who overtly call themselves Italian
" Communists, participated in a public
" meeting held at the Monument National,
" and, declaring to represent the Italians
" of Montreal, made vulgar and untrue sta-
" tements concerning the King of Italy,
" the Italian Government and the General
" Sir W. Currie, Commander in Chief of the
" Canadian Corps during the Great War;
" having also noticed and fully consid-
" ered a report of said public meeting
" as it appears on the Montreal "Daily
" Star" of Monday 22nd inst.; and
" WHEREAS it is the unanimous opinion
" of the Lodge that participation of Ita-
" lians or Canadians of Italian origin
" at the said meeting constitutes an of-
" fence against the Motherland as well as
" an offence against our adopted country,
" the Dominion of Canada, and WHEREAS there
" is not in Montreal any other Body Corpe-
" rate and politic so truly representative
" as the ORDER OF THE SONS OF ITALY which
" may sustain and defend the good name and
" honor of the Italians residing here and
" WHEREAS the actions of irresponsible few
" shall not influence public opinion aga-
" inst the Italians ;

" BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED : That a request be immediately made
" in the name of this Lodge to the GRAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the
" GRAND LODGE OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF ITALY for a Resolution in
" the name of the Order as representing the whole Italian Community
" condemning as this Lodge from now unanimously condemns the person
" or persons that on Sunday March 21st made any vulgar or injurious
" statements against the King of Italy and its Government and also
" against General Sir W. Currie, O.C. in C. of the Canadian Corps in the
" Great War; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of such resolution be
" forwarded to the Consul General of Italy in Montreal with the
" expression of a deep feeling of indignation of all the members of
" our Community; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter embodying

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Loggia Vittorio Veneto

No. 1248

Montreal Canada

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OGGETTO

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" a digest of the same resolution be sent
 " to the General, Sir W. Currie, whose activi-
 " ties and success (in War as well as in
 " Peace time) the Italians of Montreal pro-
 " foundly appreciate and admire.
 " BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that authentic
 " Copies of the present resolution of this
 " Lodge be forwarded to the Consul General
 " of Italy in Montreal, to the General Sir
 " W. Currie, to the GRAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
 " of the ORDER SONS OF ITALY and to the
 " Press.

SGD. JOSEPH PSAILA Acc.

G. B. MARTUCCI
Commiss. Sup. Court

A. BRUNI S.F.

We, here undersigned, respectively MASTER and RECORDING SECRETARY of the "VITTORIO VENETO" Lodge No. 1248 of the ORDER SONS OF ITALY in CANADA, certify that the present is an authentic and true Copy of the resolution passed at the ordinary meeting of said Lodge held on Friday March 19th the Twentysixth 1926.-

Ralph Burino
.....MASTER

E. Collecchia
.....RECORDING SECRETARY



Loggia Vittorio Veneto

No. 1248

No. 211 St. Zetique

Montreal Canada 27/3/1926

OGGETTO

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a Copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Lodge "VITTORIO VENETO" No. 1248 of the ORDER SONS OF ITALY in Canada trusting that it will be acceptable to you.-

The members of our organization as well as the great majority of citizens of Italian origin are indignant for what was reported in the "STAR" of March 22nd and wish to apologize to you for the mistatements of those who are industriously attempting to besmirch the good name of their motherland by insulting prominent citizens of this country.

Allow me, Sir, to extend to you the respectful greetings of this Lodge as well as its wish and mine that you might long be spared for the good of this city and of this Dominion as well

Sir A.W. Currie,
Rector of Mac Gill
C I T Y.-

Your very truly

Ralph Burino

Master

March 29, 1926.

The Master,
Loggia Vittorio Veneto,
211, St. Zotique Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27th, together with a copy of the resolution passed by your Lodge on March 26th.

Let me in the first place assure you that I did not for a moment consider the remarks made at the Monument National to represent the opinion of the Italians in Canada, who I have learned by experience hold very different views. Nevertheless I greatly appreciate the action taken by your Lodge, and the very frank and kindly manner in which you have expressed your regret at the action of a few malcontent irresponsibles.

I thank you for the generous wishes which you have expressed, and remain

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND VENERABLE

2042 Papineau Ave.

Phone EAst. 0531



GRAND LODGE OF THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN CANADA.

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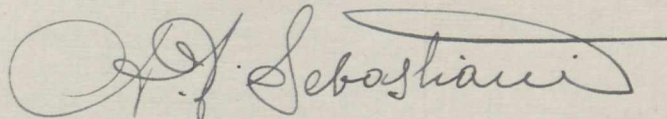
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Grand Executive Council of the Order Sons of Italy in Canada a resolution recently passed by the subordinate lodge, Vittorio Veneto, was read and unanimously passed.

The Grand Executive Council deeply deplores and condemns the shameful incident which prompted the protest by lodge Vittorio Veneto and begs to assure you, Sir, of its regret for the wilful attack on one of Canada's most illustrious warriors and the present esteemed head of one of our greatest institutions of learning.

Be kind enough, Sir, to accept the unalterable sense of our esteem and devotion.

Very respectfully,
Grand Lodge of the Order
Sons of Italy in Canada.


Grand Master.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
University of McGill,
Montreal, Que.

April 22, 1926.

Grand Master,
Order Sons of Italy in Canada,
2042 Papineau Avenue.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of the 19th inst. informing me of your confirmation of the resolution recently passed by your subordinate lodge, Vittorio Veneto.

I am glad to realize that your order as a whole disapproves so strongly of the incident which you condemn, and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my feeling of confidence that the citizens of Canada can look upon the Order Sons of Italy in Canada as supporters of the law of the land and of the cause of right.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

ITALY, GRAND LODGE OF THE
ORDER SONS OF ITALY
IN CANADA.

DOCKET STARTS:

IVANOFF, PETER.

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Peter Ivanoff

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February 4th., 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

The name of McGill stands deservedly high. It is hardly fair to the University to let it be dragged in the mud for lack of authoritative contradiction of the statements in the enclosed letter.

Though a graduate of McGill I am not aware of any Faculty of Mathematics and therefore cannot address this letter to such a faculty. I could address this letter to my friend Dr. Sullivan, Professor of Mathematics in the Faculty of Science but he could only answer for himself or possibly for the department of mathematics of the Science Faculty. That would not cover the possibility of some other departments of mathematics in Arts or Commerce having been concerned. Therefore I see no way of getting an authentic reply except from you.

As many people are parting with considerable sums of money on statements bolstered by the name of McGill, would you think it advisable to inquire into the matter and give us a statement that we could publish as the authentic word of the University?

Yours truly,

JOHN DOUGALL & SON

per W. Dougall

N.B. Mr. Wilfrid Dougall of Abbotsford, Que. penned the draft for this letter but is not in town to sign it personally.

Fredrick Dougall

World's Problems Solved

Editor, Gold and Dross:

A number of Vancouver people have been induced to buy shares in the Peter Ivanoff Co-Motional Power Company, an organization headed by Peter Ivanoff, of Seattle. I don't know much about it but it seems to me to be a big bunco game. I would like very much to see you print in your paper an account of the real merits of this outfit.

—A. C., Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Peter Ivanoff, of the Co-Motional Power Company, is one of those individuals who pop up every once in a while to bring color and light into the otherwise drab lives of investment counsellors. Mr. Peter Ivanoff has invented a machine—a rather exceptional machine, which is to provide work for everyone in the world who wants it, cut down the hours of labor to three or four hours a day, and give everyone who invests \$100 in his company an income of \$100,000 a year for life.

These are unusual promises, but then it is an unusual machine. It makes power—a lot of power—out of nothing or next to nothing. It takes one horse-power supplied by a small electric motor and turns it into 300 horse-power. Presumably it can then take the 300 horse-power and turn it into 90,000 horse-power, and so on *ad infinitum*. This machine will enable an automobile to run without radiator, gas tank, steam or brakes. A motorist will be able to start out on a journey from Vancouver to Los Angeles, putting a dollar's worth of oil in the machine, and on returning that same dollar's worth of oil will still be there, while the motorist will be able to have whatever horsepower he desires.

Still more amazing than Mr. Ivanoff's invention is the fact that the Attorney-General's department of British Columbia has not put a stop to Mr. Ivanoff's capital-raising activities in that province. It has apparently permitted Mr. Ivanoff to come to Vancouver several times from Seattle, where he is working on his miraculous invention, and hold public meetings at which many thousands of dollars have been subscribed by credulous or weak-minded citizens.

Room 26, 445 Granville Street

Vancouver

B.C.

January 19th 1932

Mr John Dougall and Son, Publishers of 'World Wide' **WITNESS**

Witness Building

Montreal

Gentlemen,

As a subscriber to and whole hearted supporter of 'World Wide', I am taking the liberty of enclosing a cutting from the Toronto 'Saturday Night' and of making a request in connection with the former.

Some few weeks ago the Peter Ivanoff, referred to in the cutting, is alleged to have spent the best part of two days with the faculty of Mathematics at McGill University when he attempted to explain what he terms 'The New Geometry' on which he bases his 'Co-motional Power Engine' now under construction at his factory in Seattle, Wash., U.S.A.

Ivanoff's object in visiting the East was to raise capital for machinery and to enable him to employ a large staff of mechanics to expedite development work on his machine.

Ivanoff informed his supporters here that he was given a good reception at the University and that it was admitted there that he appeared to have made an important discovery, the principles of which they did not understand.

The enclosed cutting is a fair example of his treatment by the Press throughout the Country. If it is warranted, well and good. To my mind it is incredible that this man should be able to retain, for many years, the respect, confidence and personal friendship of a number of apparently sane and even intelligent people, some of them highly accomplished engineers and mechanics, if he is merely running a "bunco game".

I first heard about and investigated Ivanoff's claims in 1908. Through the services of a well known local inventor and engineer, and by personal contact with Ivanoff, his mechanics and supporters, I came to the conclusion that he had made a discovery of startling importance involving the revision of certain of Newton's laws of motion, and leading, ~~taxx~~ eventually, to revolutionary industrial changes. Therefore, if one can be guided by the opinion of 'Saturday Night', I fear I must be stigmatised as "a credulous or weak minded citizen".

Ivanoff claims that while in the East he could have raised \$250,000.00 by relinquishing control of his invention. He is pledged to his shareholders, however, always to retain a 51% interest. He is now on his way to London, England, where he also has supporters.

An expression of opinion from McGill re Ivanoff's claims would be of very great interest here, and, apologizing for the trouble I am probably giving you, I am going to ask you ~~would~~ oblige me by obtaining one.

Yours truly, to

Henry E. Foster

To Dean Brown:

Do you know anything of this man?

February 5, 1932.

John Dougall & Son,
Publishers,
Witness Building,
Montreal.

Dear Sirs,

I am to-day in receipt of your letter of February 4th to which you attach a letter written by one Henry Foster to you from Vancouver and dated January 19th, 1932.

Let me say at once that no member of the Department of Mathematics at McGill University knows Mr. Peter Ivanoff of the Co-Motional Power Company. My statement that he spent the best part of two days with the Department of Mathematics at McGill University is untrue. From my reading of Mr. Foster's letter I would conclude that if he interviewed anyone at McGill it would be some member of the Department of Mechanical Engineering or of the Department of Physics. It so happens that most of the members of these departments are in Toronto attending the Annual Meeting of the Engineering Association. I shall draw the matter to their attention when they return.

May I say in conclusion that I have little sympathy with people who part with considerable sums of money on statements "bolstered by the name of McGill", but who fail to take the precaution of writing the University to ascertain if such statements are true. Of course the University is powerless to deal with those who use her name in an unauthorized fashion in far-away places.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

*Ask Physics
and Engineering
[Signature]*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 12th, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal.

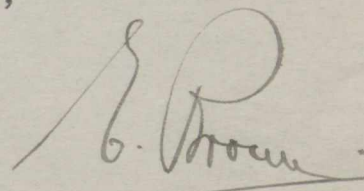
Dear Sir Arthur,

I have looked through the correspondence which you forwarded referring to one, Peter Ivanoff, who claims to have discussed a "Co-motional Power Engine" with members of the staff of McGill University.

Professor McKergow informs me that he has no recollection of having even talked with a man of this name, and certainly he has made no report of any kind about an engine as described. Professor Roberts of the Department of Mechanical Engineering knows nothing about the matter.

I gathered from your letter that you wished me to ask Dr. Eve if the Department of Physics had had any communication with the gentleman in question. Dr. Eve expressed a wish to search his files before replying, and I have therefore forwarded to him the correspondence which you sent down to me. I have asked him to return it to you with his reply.

Yours faithfully,



Dean.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
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February 12, 19 32.

MEMORANDUM

TO Sir Arthur Currie.

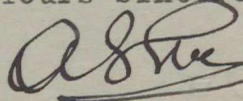
FROM Dean A.S. Eve.

Dear Sir Arthur:

We have made a search in the records of the Graduate Faculty and of the Department of Physics and we are unable to find any trace or record of Mr. Peter Ivanoff.

I return the correspondence forwarded to me by Dean Brown.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. A.S. Eve,
Dean, Graduate Faculty.

McGill University

February 12, 1932.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

MEMORANDUM

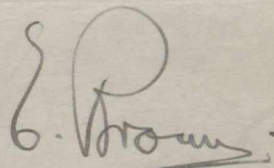
TO Dr. A. S. Eve, FROM Dean's Office.
Department of Physics.

Dear Dr. Eve,

I enclose correspondence from the Principal.
In my reply regarding the Department of Mechanical Engineering
I have told him that you would reply directly and return the
correspondence to him.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.


Dean.

February 13, 1932.

Messrs John Dougall and Son,
Publishers,
Witness Building,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sirs,

With further referencd to my letter of February 5th, in connection with Peter Ivanoff's claim that he "spent the best part of two days at McGill" explaining his Co-motional Power Engine, as far as I can learn no member of the Faculty of Engineewing or of the Department of Physics interviewed Mr. Ivanoff. They do not know him nor do they know anything of his power engine.

It is therefore quite certain that he used the name of McGill in an entirely unauthorized way.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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February 15th, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal
McGill University,
Montreal.

Re "Co-Motional Power Co."

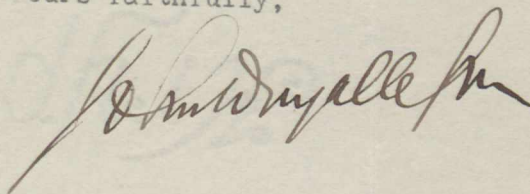
Dear Sir:-

We thank you for your effective replies of February 5th and 13th to the enquiry forwarded you under the date of February 4th. We are enclosing a copy of an editorial warning to investors which will appear in this week's Witness.

As we have not the evidence that the inventor, or his agent, mentioned McGill, we have deemed it best to make the warning general rather than specific; for the real game may not be to sell shares in a new engine industry but to seek technical opportunities for lawsuits against publishers. So we have omitted names and designation of inventor and enquirer.

We greatly appreciate your prompt replies.

Yours faithfully,



F.E.D.:JP

Proof

**Confidence
Men**

AN enquiry was addressed to us by a man who had apparently parted with some of his good money for shares in a wonderful new motive power which the inventor or his agent had said had been thoroughly examined by the authorities at McGill University and who, while confessing themselves unable to understand it, were reported as acknowledging that the inventor was on the road to something marvellous. We passed the letter on to Sir Arthur Currie, principal of the university, who after making thorough enquiry replies that none of the professors in the departments of engineering, physics or mathematics has any knowledge of the "inventor or of his invention." To quote the principal's own words:

"It is quite certain, therefore, that he used the name of McGill in an entirely unauthorised way. May I say in conclusion that I have little sympathy for people who part with money on statements bolstered by the name of McGill but who fail to take the precaution of writing the University to ascertain if such statements are true. Of course the University is powerless to deal with those who use her name in far away places."

There are plenty of get-rich-quick schemers fishing for suckers. Who's next?

DOCKET ENDS:

IVANOFF, PETER