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December 16, 1931.

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

My dear Principal,

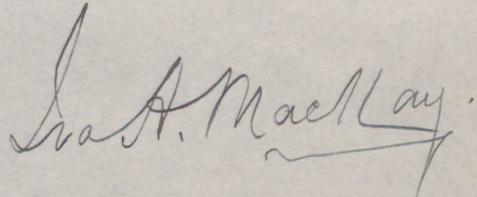
I have had brought to my attention certain tentative proposals to incorporate the afternoon and evening work done by this Faculty in the organization of the Department of Extra-Mural Relations, and I now wish to say that in my opinion, and in the opinion of some other parties interested, it would be exceedingly undesirable to put this proposal into effect at present.

The afternoon and evening classes in this Faculty for part-time students are obviously not extra-mural classes and have never properly been designated University extension studies. The classes offered in the School of Commerce are regularly attended by both diploma students and regular undergraduates working for a degree. The only exceptions to this rule are the classes in Mathematics and Economics and these are repetitions of the regular classes offered to our own degree students. Nearly all the classes in Arts are of a like character and most of them are attended by at least some students who expect to use them for purposes of obtaining a degree at some future time. I have always regarded this work done by the Faculty as just as fundamental and important as the regular work done for undergraduates during the morning and early afternoon. It would, I think, be lowering distinctly the

status of these students if they were designated extension or extra-mural students.

I asked Professor R.R. Thompson to prepare for me a careful statement touching the character of this work done in the School of Commerce and I am enclosing a copy of this statement for your information. I agree with Professor Thompson when he suggests that the proposal should not be considered any further.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira A. MacKay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Dean".

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No Inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through the Company's Offices, and not by *direct* application to the Sender.

As you know, Dill crossed in the boat with us and one day we lunched together with Ox Weller, his wife and Archie Montgomery, M.G.G.S. to 4th Army were present.

I have got off with only three little speeches in London, one at a luncheon of about 50 under the auspices of the British Empire Service League at which Jellicoe presided. The first Friday night I dined with the Ex-Cadets of the R.M.C. and was their guest of honour. What I said will likely appear in the College Magazine. General Dennison presided, and among others present were his brother, the Admiral, Sir Dudley Ridout, Sir George Kirkpatrick, Sir George Carric and other lesser lights. Last Monday I lunched with the representatives of the Canadian Press in London, who were giving a little luncheon to say goodbye to the Agents General of British Columbia and Alberta and, of course, was as usual called upon.

The weather here has been abominable, rain and heavy fog and I shall be glad to get away to a warmer clime.

I hope I see something of your sister in India.

With kindest wishes.

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

GROSVENOR HOUSE,

LONDON, W.1.

31st December, 1930.

My dear Bobey,

Thank you very much for your kind greetings at Christmas time which I most cordially reciprocate.

I have seen many of our old friends and have put in an extremely busy fortnight.

I decided not to provide myself with full dress uniform as information from India was that it was not likely to be worn at any time during the ceremony. This suited my pocket very well, and it may be just as well because there might be some objection in Canada to my appearing in the uniform of a soldier when I was sent to represent a civil authority.

In a letter to Stanley to-day I have outlined my probable movements and you can get the information from him.

I arrived just in time to go to Hastings Anderson's funeral. We knew him, of course, so well while he was with General Horne as M.G.G.S. His loss is regarded as a severe blow because he is looked upon by practically everybody as an outstanding British officer, and no doubt would have finished his career as chief of the general staff. He died from the same trouble as Ross Hatter and Rawlinson. It was a very large funeral and Sprange, I am glad to say, got some moving pictures of it. Radcliffe was one of the pall bearers and I saw something of him the next day, also George Farmer who had charge of the funeral arrangements and who provided excellent seats for Billy King and myself in the Chapel. Charles, who was B.G.G.S. to 17th Corps and is now M.G.O. met me on arrival, as did Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Chief of Staff.

DR. F. N. G. STARR
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TORONTO 5

June 5th, 1933

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal

My Dear Sir Arthur:

I don't know whether you ever ran across that verger of the cathedral in Winchester, Albert J. Adams. He is coming to Toronto in the second week of October and he would like to get about six other lectures to pay his way.

He is a perfect encyclopaedia, not only of the cathedral and its contents, but of the city of Winchester as the old capital, and I wondered if you would like to get him for the students of McGill. I think about seventy-five to a hundred dollars is about what he expects for a lecture.

His lecture is entitled "England's old Capital; its History and its Cathedral".

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

F. N. Starr

June 6, 1933

Dr. F.N.G.Starr,
1017 Medical Arts Building,
St. George and Bloor Streets,
Toronto, 5.

My dear Dr. Starr,

Let me thank you very much for your letter of June 6th, in which you tell me of the forthcoming visit to Canada of the Verger of Winchester Cathedral, and I note that he is available for a lecture.

I am afraid, however, that it will not be possible for us to avail ourselves of the privilege of hearing him. Due to the exigencies of the prevailing financial depression, we were obliged last year to cut down very greatly the number of outside (paid) lecturers invited to the University, and I see no prospect that this coming session we shall be any better off.

However, I very much hope some other organization in Montreal may invite him, so that we may have the opportunity to hear what he has to tell of old Winchester.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

FRANK B. COMMON
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13th October 1931

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
M O N T R E A L.

Dear Sir Arthur -

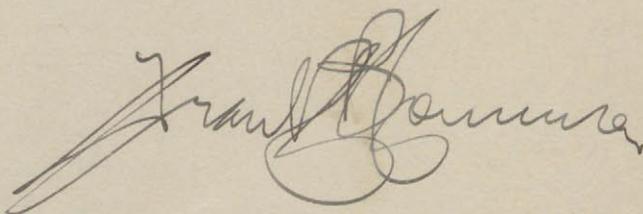
I wish to acknowledge your kind letter expressing your approval of the work which is being undertaken by the Committee organizing the Montreal School of Public Speaking.

This letter was read to the last meeting of the Committee, who requested me to communicate to you their warm appreciation of your support.

I am,

Yours very truly,

FBC:E



Later-

At a meeting in Mr. Common's office, we were informed that the proposal had been abandoned because sufficient guarantees were not available.

September 22nd, 1931.

Frank B. Common, Esq., K.C.,
c/o Brown, Montgomery and McMichael,
360 St. James Street West,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Mr. Common:-

I have heard with pleasure of the proposed formation of the Montreal School of Public Speaking and note the proposal that the School take over the work begun last session by the Department of Extra-Mural Relations.

The University itself does not propose to form additional schools of this nature and can assume no financial obligation, but since there is an evident demand for instruction in speech, we are very glad, through the Department of Extra-Mural Relations, to be of such assistance as possible.

I believe that the ability to speak in public is a most valuable asset to the solid citizen, and trust that your proposal will meet with full support from our community.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Kitchener, D.C.,
July 14, 1931.

The President,
McGill University,
Montreal Quebec.

Dear Sir:-

I am a girl eighteen years
of age and hold both a Normal
& University entrance Certificate.

Due to financial circumstances
I am unable to continue my
studies. I have learned that
your University issues correspondence
lessons, and I would be very
much obliged if you would give
me particulars regarding the courses
offered & also the price of fees.

Hoping to receive a favorable

reply.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Miss) Clara Hunt

P. S. My Certificate is returned to you
for British Columbia.

July 20, 1931.

Miss Clara Hunt,
Kitchener, B. C.

Dear Miss Hunt,

McGill University does not offer
correspondence courses or extra-mural degrees, but
I hope you will be able to find some way of continuing
your studies. I suggest that you write to President
Klinck of the University of British Columbia for advice.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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Montreal, April 12, 1929.

Dr. C.F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Sir:-

I attach for your information, copy of a letter
I have to-day addressed to Col. Wilfrid Bovey, Director
of Extra-Mural Relations, McGill University.

Yours truly,

F. P. Savage

Provincial Representative.

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Montreal, April 12, 1929.

Copy

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,
Director, Committee on Extra-Mural Relations,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir:-

Last night, in the course of your address to members and guests of The Canadian Society of Cost Accountants, you saw fit to make certain references to correspondence colleges. In your immediate audience, I believe I am safe in saying there were some fifty gentlemen who are enrolled with our school as students of accountancy; these included the Speaker of the evening, the Vice-Chairman, and other guests, and formed as you are aware, a considerable proportion of your listeners.

One of the statements you employed, was in effect: "you all know how correspondence colleges display their wares". Another reference, calculated, apparently, to cause merriment at their expense, was to their follow-up methods to close a sale.

As the Institution I represent in this province conducts a course of accountancy by mail, in addition to its larger scope of endeavour, intra-mural commercial training, it comes under the classification of correspondence school, but why the subjects it teaches should be termed "wares", or why we should be referred to as "displaying" them, perhaps you will enlighten me. As to the methods employed by their salesmen, to which you referred, we are in ignorance; we employ no salesmen in this province.

Speaking to a body of men comprised almost entirely of professional and industrial accountants, you evidently failed to realize, or were in ignorance of a fact well known to most of them - that long before McGill University had established a Department of Commerce, a Canadian correspondence school was training and continues to train the majority of professional accountants of this country, for their accountancy degree. The results achieved by us in thirty years of teaching by mail, appear to indicate that a definite need exists for training of this kind, whether or not a university is accessible to the student, and to justify our statement that in our method of conducting our Institution we are actuated by the best

traditions of the teaching profession in Canada. Official cognizance of this fact, I may be permitted to point out, has been taken by the Department of Education of the Province of Ontario, in designating us "an approved school", by the Canadian Bankers Association in officially adopting our course in Banking, and by the University of Toronto in retaining as lecturer in accountancy, one of our instructors.

I doubt whether the prestige which McGill University enjoys was enhanced by your taking advantage of the occasion in the manner to which I refer, or whether your remarks as they applied to correspondence schools, found sympathetic response in all your immediate hearers. Unfortunately, your address having been broadcasted, they were not confined to them alone. I am assuming they were made not from malice, but in an effort to enliven your address at the expense of correspondence schools in general, and as no occasion presented itself for me to take exception to them as applying to this institution, a duty it seems to me devolves upon you, of making it known that they did not apply to us.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Acting Principal of your University.

Yours truly,

Provincial Representative.

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