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106 WELLINGTON STREET,

OTTAWA, April 16, 1927

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the National Committee for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation to inform you that the Committee invites the cooperation of the University in order to make the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee a success throughout Canada.

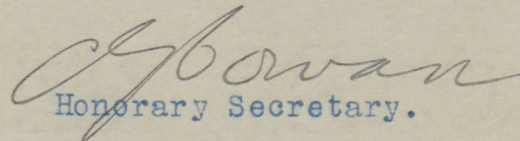
It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring the matter to the attention of the Faculty and students of your University and ask for their assistance in connection with the celebrations in their own localities.

I am further directed to say that the Committee places at the disposal of your University, for competition during the present academic year, a set of Confederation medals, viz: one gold, one silver, and one bronze. If possible, the Committee would like to have Canadian history, in special reference to the Confederation era and to the subsequent development of Canada, as the subject of such

competition, but in view of the fact that the academic year is so far advanced, it is not inclined to impose any restrictions and leaves the matter to the judgment of your governing body.

Will you kindly inform the Committee as soon as convenient if your University will accept these medals, on the understanding that the names of the recipients will be forwarded to the Committee, so that they may be included in the permanent records which will be eventually placed in the Dominion Archives.

Yours very truly,


Honorary Secretary.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

April 21st, 1927.

C. G. Cowan, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
National Committee for the Celebration
Diamond Jubilee of Confederation,
106 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 16th having reference to the co-operation of the universities in Canada to make the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation a success. I give you the assurance that we shall ask our students to co-operate in any way they can.

With reference to the competition for medals to be granted by the Jubilee Committee, I must ask a decision on two points:

- (a) Who is eligible to compete?
- (b) When does the competition close?

With reference to (a) I take it that the competition is open to all undergraduate students. Is it open to postgraduate students studying here, and is it open to members of the University staff? I think it should include students doing postgraduate work here and, in fact, I see no reason why members of the staff should not be allowed to compete.

C.G. Cowan, Esq.,

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With reference to (b) our academic session may be said to close at the end of May, whereas our academic year does not end until the beginning of September. If the contest is to close by the end of May it does not give students much time to prepare an essay worthy of the event. Some have begun to write their examinations already, and the examinations will continue until the middle of June, when many students will be tired mentally. In such circumstances we cannot hope that anyone will do any work on an essay during the examination period. The time that will elapse between the closing date of examinations and the end of May is scarcely sufficient to enable students to do the research work necessary to a worth while contribution. If possible, I think, the time allowed for the submission of essays should extend to September 1st next. Your statement with reference to the academic year being so far advanced leads me to think that you may have it in your mind that the time limit will expire late in May or early in June, when most universities hold their closing exercises.

Your early decision on these points will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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106 WELLINGTON STREET,

OTTAWA, April 23, 1927

1 Mackay

H.M. "

Greenshields

Simpson

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 21st, I wish to thank you on behalf of the National Committee for your assurance of cooperation.

With reference to the Diamond Jubilee medals for competition in McGill University, this Committee is not disposed to impose any restrictions and is quite willing to leave the matter of eligibility to yourself and your governing body. Naturally, the Committee desires to get as wide publicity as possible and to have it generally known throughout the University that the National Committee recognizes the valuable work that is being done in Canadian history.

With regard to the time of competition, the Committee is also willing to leave this entirely to your judgment, provided the competition is held during the Jubilee year. If these medals could be awarded at your September convocation it would be very satisfactory.

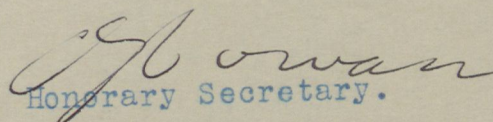
I am enclosing herewith a booklet just off the press which has been prepared for the guidance of local committees, and also outlining some of the activities of this Committee. We have been assured of the generous cooperation of the Provincial

governments, of many of the large corporations, and of a great many municipalities throughout the country. The Department of National Defence has also agreed to assist us, both in Ottawa and in other centers throughout Canada, with a view to having the processions and other proceedings on Dominion Day as colorful as possible.

While we have had very little time in which to effect any general organization, the Committee feels that things are going well and that the anniversary will be suitably commemorated throughout the country, on July first.

Every effort is being made to ensure the presence in Canada at the time of the celebration of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and of the Prime Minister of Great Britain. Assurances have also reached the Committee of generous cooperation on the part of Canadian residents in the United States. I mention these facts because, in an address published in the press a day or two ago, I gathered that you had formed an impression that the Committee was proceeding in an indolent and somewhat narrow fashion. As far as we can see this is anything but the case, and I would like to assure you that the Committee will welcome any suggestions which you may be disposed to make. Unfortunately, for reasons of which we are both aware, the Province of Quebec has not as yet effected any Provincial organization. We are sorry that apparently nothing has been done in the City of Montreal.

Yours faithfully,


Honorary Secretary.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l .

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY, APRIL 19th, 1927.

Present: 5 Mrs. W.C. Hodgson, representing the I.O.D.E.
1 x Professor Edouard Montpetit, representing the University of Montreal.
4 M. Leon Mercier Gouin, " " "
3 Professor W.T. Waugh, representing McGill University
2 Mr. Wilfrid Bovey, representing McGill University.

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The I.O.D.E. had requested the Universities to prepare a lecture on Confederation in French and English for the use of schools. The I.O.D.E. are to meet costs of printing and distribution.

The Provincial Government had approved the project [and granted \$150. towards expenses.]

The committee had been established for the purpose of carrying out the plan.

The following decisions were made:-

(i) Abbe Maurault and Professor Fryer are to [be asked to] prepare the lectures [and are to be offered an honorarium of \$50. each]

(ii) The lectures are to be prepared for 7th and 8th grade children.

(iii) The lecturers are to be asked to deal with:

La Confederation,

Confederation,

les antecedents historiques,
les bases legislatives,
les consequences.

its historical background,
how it was achieved,
its consequences.

(iv) Title pages:

LA CONFEDERATION
essai historique ecrit par

M. Olivier Maurault

P.S.S.

Cure de Notre Dame de Montreal,

a la demande de l'Ordre Imperiale des

Filles de l'Empire,

pour les ecoles de la Province de Quebec.

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du Gouvernement de la Province de Quebec,
L'Universite de Montreal et L'Universite McGill.

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a lecture by

C.E. Fryer, M.A. Ph.D.,
Professor of History at McGill University,

prepared at the instance of

THE IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

for the schools of the Province of Quebec.

Authorized by the Government of the Province of Quebec
and published under the direction of McGill University
and the University of Montreal.

- (v) The lecturers are to be asked to decide on 25 slides.
- (vi) 2 sets with English captions } to be prepared at once.
2 sets with French captions }

CONFEDERATION ESSAYS.

The National Committee for the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation has presented to McGill University three medals, in gold, silver and bronze, to be awarded as prizes for essays on Confederation. Those eligible to compete are undergraduates, graduates or 1927 and graduates who have been in attendance at the University proceeding to post-graduate degrees during the present session.

Essays must be addressed to the Registrar and must be received on or before September 15th. The award will be announced at the Fall Convocation.

Essays may deal with the facts of Confederation or with any phase of Canadian history or political development, past or future, as affected by Confederation or bearing upon the relations between the Provinces and the Central Government. The Committee has set no restriction upon the length of the essays but considers five or six thousand words should be adequate. Essays may be in English or French.

For further particulars see the Dean.



Montréal, le 16 juin 1927..

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey
Université Mc Gill
Montréal.

Cher Monsieur Bovey,

J'ai rencontré des difficultés à propos de l'essai historique sur la Confédération.

M. l'abbé Maurault n'ayant pu rédiger son travail, je me suis tourné vers M. Chartier. Celui-ci m'écrit aujourd'hui qu'il est débordé par la tâche que lui impose la fin de l'année académique, mais qu'il pourrait peut-être nous donner un texte à l'automne.

Voudriez-vous me dire si nous pouvons attendre jusque là. Ce serait à désirer car je doute que je puisse trouver un autre professeur.

Très cordialement à vous,

Edouard Montpetit

June 17, 1927.

Monsieur Edouard Montpetit,
Secretary, University of Montreal,
Montreal.

Dear Monsieur Montpetit:-

Your letter addressed to Colonel
Bovey arrived in his absence from Montreal. He will be
back at McGill about June 25th and your letter will be handed
to him immediately upon his return.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Colonel Bovey.

July 7, 1927.

Monsieur Edouard Montpetit,
University of Montreal,
Montreal.

Mon Cher Monsieur Montpetit:-

Si Monsieur Chartier pourrait
ecrire notre histoire je serais plus que satisfait . Vu qu'il
est impossible en tout cas de la publier jusqu'avant l'automne
j'accepterais certainement son offre.

Tres cordialement a vous,

Wilfrid Bovey.

October 10, 1927.

Dean Ira Mackay,
Faculty of Arts.

Dear Dean Mackay:-

I am enclosing herewith Mr. LeMay's essay
on Confederation. Personally I do not think it worth a medal.
As there are no others it would be my suggestion that we again
extend the time and put a notice in the Daily. What do you think?

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 11, 1928.

Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
East Wing, Arts Building.

My dear Bovey,

I have just finished reading with some care Mr. Jack R. Bogante's essay offered in competition for one of the Confederation medals and I now wish to report as follows. Mr. Bogante has apparently done some conscientious work upon the subject of his essay. It is really, however, in my opinion, only a lengthy brief or factum setting out the principal events and dates in the growth of Canadian autonomy and not an essay. There is not, I think, a single line of new knowledge in the manuscript and the construction is very awkward and often ungrammatical. I am sure that there are a large number of ordinary term essays written by students every year in McGill much more worthy of a medal than Mr. Bogante's effort. His manuscript might possibly be of some use to any one writing a real essay or treatise on the subject, but that is, I think, the only value which it really possesses. I should not like to see it filed in any public office as an example of the type of work for which McGill would grant a medal. I must, therefore, leave it to you to decide finally whether you think Mr. Bogante should be allowed a silver medal or not. Personally I cannot see my way clear

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to make that recommendation. Possibly the essay might be submitted to some other independent authority.

Yours very truly,

Ira A. Maclay
Dean

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The Department of Extra-Mural Relations,
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June 13, 1928.

Jack Bogante, Esq.,
6618 Papineau Avenue,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Bogante:-

Your paper on Canada's Contribution to Political Progress has been carefully considered.

It discloses a considerable amount of conscientious work and you have without doubt made a fair study of historical documents. It is felt, however, that your article cannot properly be defined as an essay, but rather as an historical summary, and that in this respect it does not come within the definition of the offer.

In the second place your essay lacks originality. The subject is perhaps one on which it is hard to be original, but the University wishes to maintain a high standard in these essays.

Finally it is necessary for me to direct your attention to the fact that you have committed a number of errors in construction and that there are a certain number of mistakes which can only be attributed to lack of care. I am sure that on rereading the article you will observe this yourself.

In view of the foregoing, it is regretted that the grant of the medal to you cannot be made.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

89 St. George St.,
Toronto, Ont.,
Dec. 5. 1927.

Colonel Broy,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir, —

Some three weeks ago I wrote you for information regarding an essay competition on Confederation.

As I understood it the essays were to be in during September last. The award to be made at Fall Convocation in October.

I entered an essay in
this competition.

This is the third
time I have asked
for information: by phone,
by letter, and again
now.

When will the
award be announced?
What is holding it up?
do you think a person
is going to spend con-
siderable time on an
essay for nothing? I hope
not.

If I have made any
mistake in the com-
petition I would be glad
to be corrected, and beg
your pardon for my
seeming brusqueness.

In any case, infor-
mation on the subject
would be greatly

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appreciated at once.
It is now, as I under-
stand it, over a month
since the award should
have been announced.
If I am wrong please
notify.

Yours truly,
C. L. May.

February 8, 1928.

C.D. LeMay, Esq.,
89 George Street,
Toronto.

Dear Sir ;

The question of the Confederation Essays has recently been under consideration. No essays were submitted were good enough to be awarded a medal.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.



CABINET DU SURINTENDANT.

Québec, le 12 décembre 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie, LL.D.
Principal de l'Université McGill,
381, rue Sherbrooke ouest,
Montréal, .Can.

Monsieur le Principal,

Afin de célébrer dignement les fêtes du Soixantième anniversaire de la Confédération, le Comité national désire que sous ses auspices, dans la plupart de nos institutions enseignantes, durant cette année, soit organisé un concours sur l'histoire du Canada dont le sujet est laissé à votre entière discrétion.

Lors de la distribution des médailles mises à ma disposition pour la circonstance, je ne pouvais vous oublier et je viens vous en offrir trois dont une en or, une en argent et une en bronze. Permettez une suggestion: elles pourraient être accordées aux élèves du baccalauréat pour les trois premiers concurrents sur cette matière qui recevront en outre une attestation soit en anglais, soit en français, selon le cas.

Vous m'obligeriez donc en me faisant parvenir, aussitôt que possible, les noms et adresses de ces derniers pour que ce document additionnel leur soit transmis.

Avec l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs,

Veillez me croire,
Monsieur,
Votre très dévoué.

Le Surintendant de l'Instruction publique.

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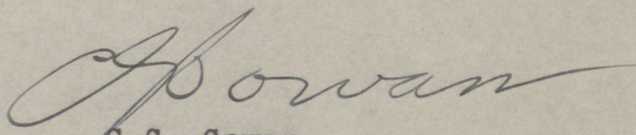
Some time ago we wrote you in reference to the history contests which the National Executive for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation were desirous of having conducted in connection with the various Universities of Canada. We received a response of the most gratifying character giving us assurance of co-operation on the part of yourself and faculty and on the strength of this assurance placed an order with the Royal Mint for the required number of medals. We have not since heard from you as to whether or not the contest was held but assuming that it was we are sending under separate cover the gold, silver and bronze medals struck for your University.

The National Executive placed no restrictions on the contest other than that the subjects covered should relate as nearly as possible to Confederation or some allied subject bearing on the development of the Country.

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If you have not yet held the contest and if it is the view of your faculty that it would not be convenient to hold it, the National Executive would be pleased if you would accept the medals as worthy of a place in the University Archives as commemorative of the great historic event celebrated last year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C.G. Cowan". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

C.G. Cowan,
- Honorary Secretary.

January 19th, 1928.

C. G. Cowan, Esq.,
104 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cowan:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 13th with reference to the history contests in connection with the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

We gave every notice to the students of this University and received some essays, but, frankly, we did not consider they were good enough to merit an award and so no medals were given out. The medals arrived a short time ago and we very much regret that they were not won. I would like with your permission to put them up for further competition in any one of the following three subjects:

- (a) Canada's contribution to political progress.
- (b) Canada's contribution to scientific progress.
- (c) Canada's contribution to economic progress.

If you consider this an improper use, I shall, of course, take no further action, but deposit the medals in our Museum with our grateful thanks to the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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104 WELLINGTON STREET,

OTTAWA,

January 26, 1928.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have yours of the 19th instant and note your comment re the medals presented by the National Executive in connection with the History contest in McGill University. In reply I may say that whatever yourself and Faculty agree to will be absolutely acceptable to the National Executive. If you decide to re-open the contest the subjects suggested by you would seem to be very appropriate. You may rest assured that while the Executive prefer to have the medals won by a student, any disposition that your Faculty may make of them will be satisfactory here.

Yours sincerely,

C.G. Cowan
Honorary Secretary.

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The National Committee for the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation has presented to McGill University three medals, in gold, silver and bronze, to be awarded as prizes for essays on Confederation. Those eligible as competitors are undergraduates and graduates proceeding to the Masters Degrees during the present session.

Essays must be addressed to the Registrar and must be received on or before April 30th. The award will be announced at the May Convocation.

Essays must deal with any of the following three subjects:-

- (a) Canada's contribution to political progress
- (b) Canada's contribution to scientific progress
- (c) Canada's contribution to economic progress.

The Committee has set no restriction upon the length of the essays but considers five or six thousand words would be adequate.

For further particulars see the Director of Extra-Mural Relations.

February, 1928.

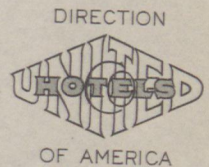


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MANAGING DIRECTOR

MONTREAL April 21, 1927
CANADA

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I read the different articles in your address before the Electrical Club of Montreal at the Queens Hotel, in both the Star and the Gazette, with a great deal of interest, regarding the criticism of the Diamond Jubilee Committee and your remarks may cause them to take some immediate action in some manner.

I notice that you suggest pageants and urge this mode of celebration and as people will no doubt be willing to spend their thousands in fancy dress for amusement, but why not go much further and endeavor to educate the youth of the Dominion to respect the flag and know its meaning as is done in the United States.

From infancy the children of the United States are taught to respect and salute the flag (Stars and Stripes) and every school in the country is provided with a flag, or flags. The children are lined up each morning and afternoon before entering class and marched to their different class rooms and twice each day each child is taught to salute the flag, and, no doubt, Sir, you have noticed on many, many occasions the fruit of this teaching.

I venture to state that ten percent of our schools in Canada do not possess a Union Jack, especially in the rural districts, and as a suggestion would it not be a



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move in the right direction of education to have the Jubilee Committee take some action in this behalf, either by furnishing flags to each school or recommending all school boards to purchase flags and have the Union Jack float on July 1st from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

I take the liberty, as a Canadian citizen, of drawing this matter to your attention, being considered one of our fathers of education, and as a suggestion coming from you would have a remarkable effect on the Diamond Jubilee Committee, should my suggestion meet with your views and approval, as a staunch Canadian.

Premier Mackenzie King stated in the House of Commons "that we trust that the commemoration will lend added inspiration to the patriotic fervor of our people and afford a clearer vision of our aspirations and ideals, to the end that from sea to sea there may be developed a robust Canadian spirit, and in all things Canadian a profound national unity."

Believe me to be,

Sir,

Yours very truly,

Robt. A. Sibbitt

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April 21st 1927

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Sir Arthur Currie

Ally

Dear Sir Arthur:

*I read in this morning's Gazette
your remarks about the want of
Pageants of Canadian History for the
Diamond Jubilee Celebration.*

*I quite agree with you in reference
to the delay of the Committee appointed
to do something.*

*However, locally, the I.O.O.F. have
undertaken a presentation of Pageants to
take place in the Princess Theatre the
week of May 23 - 28 - next, following
somewhat in the lines of the enclosed,
which proved such a success at the
Hiwanis Convention last June.*

*I now have about five hundred
people rehearsing for this, so Montreal
will be "in the map", no matter what
other cities may or may not do.*

*If you would like to visit our next
rehearsal you will be welcome at
Stanley Hall next Monday from 8:30 P.M.
to 10.*

*It would inspire the participants
if you would come
Respectfully yours
Frank Norman*

April 22nd, 1927.

Frank H. Norman, Esq.,
92 Stanley Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 21st of April.

I have known for some time that
the I. O. D. E. had undertaken the presentation
of pageants. No doubt theirs will be a very
commendable effort and what one always expects
from such a loyal and patriotic body. I am sure
I wish them all success, but what I would like
to see would be something done on July 1st.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



Hamilton MacCarthy
 Sculptor

From conference of clay model
Size Sheet 6 x 2 ft. 6.

Design for Bronze Tablet
to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee
of Confederation

William Stanbury
Sculptor.



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EXHIBITOR AT ROYAL ACADEMY
and LECTURER on the FINE ARTS

OTTAWA, April 21, 1927

General Sir Arthur Currie

My dear General,

By the enclosed which I have pleasure
in sending you will see that I have put
some study & time into modelling a
Commemorative Tablet but as yet
without any definite results as far as
the Government is concerned.

Surely some lasting Monument should
be carried out for future Canadians to see.

Let me hope my effort will interest

you. The model included much that
has occurred since the passing of the British
North America Act. With high regards

Yours very truly
Hamilton MacCarthy

April 30, 1927.

Honourable H.M. Marler,
120, St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Marler:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received by me which contains a proposal bound to be interesting to your Committee.

Neglect of our national flag and disrespect for our national anthem are only too common. If suggestions made by your Committee only resulted in an increased number of schools coming into possession of a flag, you would have done something for which you would earn the gratitude of every loyal Canadian.

Yours faithfully,

April 30, 1927.

Robert A. Sibbitt, Esq.,
715 Union Bank Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Sibbitt:-

Your letter of April 21st contains a most interesting suggestion and one which if it were carried out could not but result in a great deal of good.

There is no doubt that the flag drill and saluting in the United States has had a very great effect, and it is a pity that our own people have given but little thought to a subject of so much importance. In this province in particular we see the effect of years of neglect in the constant flying of flags which have no connection either with Britain or with Canada.

As regards your proposal that a suggestion should be made by me to the Diamond Jubilee Committee, I must say quite frankly that I am not sure whether that would accept it or to what extent suggestions from them would be welcomed by the school boards. I am passing your letter to them and expressing the hope that they will act in accordance with your proposal, and if an opportunity arises to do so, I shall be glad to give further support to the ~~suggestion~~ plan you have in mind.

Yours faithfully,

April 30, 1927.

Hamilton MacCarthy, Esq., R.C.A.,
79 Main Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. MacCarthy:-

I was very much interested in looking at the sketch of a proposed memorial forwarded with your letter of April 21st.

I quite agree with you that some such tablet might well find a place among our national monuments. I do not know that there is anything which I can do myself to forward your efforts, but I hope that success may attend them.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

HERBERT MARLER

701 Transportation Building,
Montreal, 4th May 1927.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

RE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

In this matter I am obliged to you for your letter of the 30th of April last enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Robert A. Sibbitt. This letter I have sent forward to the Staff of the General Committee asking that the matter be given every attention.

I am entirely in accord with your suggestion in this regard as also with that of Mr. Sibbitt but sometimes what appears to be an extremely simple matter to accomplish owing to our school system and divergent thoughts and interests in some regards particularly in the Province of Quebec it is very difficult to accomplish what seems to be at first a simple matter. I need have no hesitation however in telling you that at the base of all our work as regards the Diamond Jubilee we are emphasizing patriotism, love for country and the Empire.

I have been intending for some little while past to see you in this regard. I was extremely sorry when I read your statement in the "Montreal Gazette" on the 21st of April last because I did not think it was entirely realized by you all that the Committee had accomplished and I have been try-

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

4th May 1927

ing to prepare a statement ever since your statement as to what the Committee has effected but owing to great pressure in other directions I have been unable to do so. It is only fair however to state that the National Committee cannot for one moment be expected to take charge of the celebrations in the various Provinces. The function of the National Committee must tend to be in the direction of assistance in indicating what should be done but not to take charge of provincial demonstrations. To do that we have been in touch with all the Provincial Governments and all the governments outside of the Province of Quebec are now actively engaged in arranging demonstrations. In the Province of Quebec some difficulties for your private information I might say have developed largely on account of the Province being about to have a general election which is now in progress. The matter has been taken up with Mr. Taschereau and vigorously taken up by me and others.

Insofar as the National Committee is concerned it has accomplished a great deal of work. I have not seen any very great support from Montreal papers as yet towards aiding the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Those papers have had full access to all our proceedings but their publicity where given has been meagre excepting where criticism has ensued.

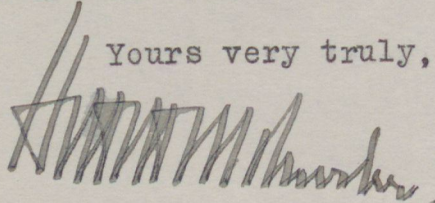
I am extremely sorry I have not had the opportunity of discussing this matter at length with you but you can rest as-

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4th May 1927

sured that I for one am doing my very best and I am confident
that your ideas and mine are in entire accord.

Yours very truly,



HERBERT MARLER

701 Transportation Building,
Montreal, 6th May 1927.

(Personal)

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
The Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
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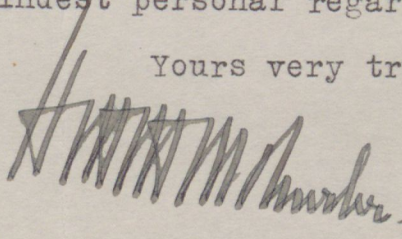
Dear Sir Arthur,

RE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

The report in "The Gazette" this morning as regards the Diamond Jubilee Celebration might lead you to think that my statement of yesterday was in part in answer to your remarks as contained in "The Gazette" of Thursday, the 21st of April last. Such was not my intention. I only discussed the matter in general terms. I want to remove any idea which might enter your mind that your own opinions and mine are in conflict. They are not. I cannot think of two people whose opinions are more in accord than your own and mine and I hope you will completely realize that.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,



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Dear Sir:

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Under separate cover I am forwarding you a sample copy of the Edition De Luxe that will be issued, it being distinctly understood that we are also getting out a cheaper edition for general distribution.

There are 200 pages in this book which we figure on allotting as follows: Federal Government 30 pages; Quebec 20 pages; Ontario 20 pages; British Columbia 15 pages; Alberta 12 pages; Saskatchewan 15 pages; Manitoba 12 pages; New Brunswick 10 pages; Nova Scotia 10 pages; Prince Edward Island 6 pages; Railways 20 pages; Canadian Manufacturers Association 10 pages; Boards of Trade 10 pages; Mining in Canada 10 pages.

Yours truly,

THE FEDERAL PRINTERS,

May 6th, 1927.

A. H. Bartlett, Esq.,
C/o. Baars Limited,
179 St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:-

I have given further consideration to the matter we discussed yesterday morning, and I think at the present time the matter is too indefinite for me to associate myself with it.

I am sure I wish you all success in your efforts.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 9th, 1927.

Hon. Herbert Marler,
701 Transportation Building,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Marler:-

Let me acknowledge with thanks
your communication of the 6th of May.

The report in the Gazette might
indicate to some that your statement was in answer
to my critical remarks, because at the beginning of
the report reference was made to what I said. I
take no objection whatever to what you said, nor to
the way in which you said it. I was very pleased
that you were able to tell us that so much had been
done and I am sure the public were equally pleased.

Cordially reciprocating your
good wishes and hoping that the celebration will be
in every way worthy of the occasion, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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October 24, 1927.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In my capacity as Manuscript Editor of the St. James Literary Society, it is my privilege to ask you for a copy of the inspiring address which you delivered before the Society on the 18th instant. This copy will be filed in the Archives of the Society.

Your address proved to be one of the most interesting ever presented to the Society, and, as you will remember, incited an unusual amount of discussion. On similar occasions in the past, I have published at my own expense such addresses; for instance, one by Sir Henry Thornton, and last year's Presidential address by the Hon. Justice Surveyer. Would you allow me to publish your address on Confederation? I can assure you that it would be given a suitable typographical dress.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Carrier

Louis Carrier

LC/H

October 27th, 1927.

Louis Carrier, Esq.,
2055 University Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Carrier:-

I am very glad to send you
a copy of my address before the St. James
Literary Society. I have no objection to your
publishing it if you think it worth while.

With all good wishes to you
personally and hoping that you are getting on
well, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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November 8, 1927.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am sorry that my absence from town has prevented earlier acknowledgment of your kind letter of October 27. I am grateful to you for your kindness in allowing me to publish your address before the St. James Literary Society. I am just leaving town for a short trip, but upon my return I shall complete arrangements for the publishing of your address in pamphlet form.

I am particularly grateful for your kind interest in me personally, an interest which has encouraged me very considerably in the past. It will interest you to learn that I am now devoting my time entirely to publishing, and that I have as associates: Mr. Paul Guin, son of Sir Lomer Guin, and Mr. Alan S. Isles, formerly with the Yale University Press.

We are planning several interesting ventures, and trust that before long we will be able to prove that the interest and ^{the} encouragement of such distinguished Canadians as yourself, were not misplaced.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Carrier

Louis Carrier

LC/H

DOCKET ENDS:

CONFEDERATION - DIAMOND JUBILEE

DOCKET STARTS:

CONFEDERATION ESSAYS

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

December 3rd, 1932

Received from Mrs. McMurray six assorted medals,
two gold, two silver, and two bronze, to be deposited
in the Registrar's Office vault.

J. H. Heath end.

Registrar

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

December 7, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In the opinion of the Department of English, it would be well to re-open the Confederation Essay Contest, as you suggest. The subjects mentioned in your letter as suitable for discussion are very appropriate,—

- A. Canada's Contribution to Political Progress.
- B. Canada's Contribution to Scientific Progress.
- C. Canada's Contribution to Economic Progress.

We suggest that you add to the above subjects:—

- D. Sir John Macdonald and Confederation.
- E. Joseph Howe and Confederation.
- F. George Brown and Confederation.
- G. Quebec's Part in Confederation.

We suggest further that essays should be limited to five thousand words in length.

Yours faithfully,

Cyrus Macmillan

Chairman of the Department of English.

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Return to Principal

Dec. 22/32

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY

December 22, 1932.

Faculty of Arts and Science
Office of the Dean

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

My dear Principal,

I have received your letter of December 15th referring to the Confederation Medals offered by the National Committee and I must say that it is exceedingly difficult for me to offer you any helpful answer.

Frankly, I do not think that these medals and these subjects would attract any very serious competition amongst our best students. It has been apparent to me for several years past that our students are not interested in competing for medals or even for pecuniary scholarships for the sake of any scholastic distinction or honour which the award of scholarships or medals may bring with them. Sometimes, too, I do not even blame them for this attitude having in mind the way some of our premier scholarships have been awarded in the past. Our students will compete splendidly for the Moyse Scholarships, for example, or for any similar scholarships which will help them to pursue their chosen studies freely, but not for any other purpose.

I need not add, however, that if you decide to offer these medals for competition again I shall be very pleased to do everything in my power to make the competition a creditable one.

Yours very truly,

Ira A. MacKay
Dean

January 10, 1933.

Dean Ira A. MacKay,
Faculty of Arts and Science.

My dear Dean MacKay,

With further reference to the Confederation essays, I have decided that it is best to offer the medals for competition once more. The members of the History Department feel that there will be an interest on the part of their students if the subjects are something as follows:-

The Development of federal and provincial powers between 1867 and 1900.

The Influence of the United States on Confederation.
How far has contemporaneous criticism of the British North America Act been proved valid since?

The evolution of political parties since Confederation.

Reciprocity between 1867 and 1911.

The building of the West between the British North America Act and Sir Clifford Sifton.

The Department of English suggested:-

Sir John Macdonald and Confederation.

Joseph Howe and Confederation.

George Brown and Confederation.

Quebec's Part in Confederation.

The suggestions in 1928 were:-

Canada's Contribution to Political Progress.

Canada's Contribution to Scientific Progress.

Canada's Contribution to Economic Progress.

Will you kindly confer with these two Departments and boil the subjects down to, say, six in all, and let me have the list?

I am limiting the essays to five thousand words and suggesting that they should be submitted to the Registrar on or

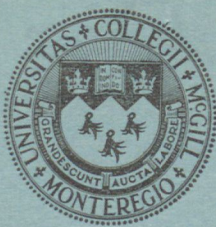
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before April 15th, the results to be announced at the May Convocation. Those eligible are undergraduates and graduates proceeding to the Masters Degrees during the present session.

I think that we should get this matter settled at once so that the students may have enough time to write the essays.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Arts and Science
Office of the Dean

January 12, 1933.

To Dr. Macmillan
and Dr. Fryer.

Dear Dr.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Principal dated the 10th instant, and I suggest that you give me five or six of the subjects referred to in the Principal's letter at your earliest convenience.

I may also add the following notes:-

1. This is a legal subject and would require a careful reading of all the principal decisions on Sections 91 and 92 of the B.N.A. Act since 1867. I am familiar with this field and I do not think that a student essay at the present time would make any contribution to legal opinion on this subject.
2. This subject is a little ambiguous. It may mean (a) a comparison of the B.N.A. Act and the American Constitution - quite an old-fashioned subject - or (b) the influence of life in the United States on Canadian life both before and after 1867 - a much larger subject.
3. I do not understand the significance of this subject. Most criticism of the B.N.A. Act has been of a legal character and the subject therefore only really lends itself to legal students. There has, no doubt, been some lay criticism, but most of it is distinctly superficial unless the writer is fully acquainted with the decisions of the courts.
4. This subject does not seem to me to lead very far. I do not think there really has been any very fundamental evolution of the two parties since 1867. It is very difficult to discover now where the two parties have really wholly differed on any political principle.
5. This a very important subject but the writer would have to be familiar with Hansard and the Canadian Press during the elections of '86, '90, '96 and 1911, and this means a lot of reading. The history of this subject, too, is pretty well known by every Canadian interested in affairs not under fifty years of age.
6. I think this subject should read "The Building of the West



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between 1867 and 1897". I have never understood why the name of Sir Clifford Sifton should be brought so prominently into this discussion. All that Sifton really did was to promote the settlement of several groups of Middle Europeans on the Prairies, and I doubt very much if this was so important as we sometimes think. The period from 1900 to 1913 was a period of extraordinary emigration from Europe and Canada really only received its share of this migration. The West, therefore, would undoubtedly have been settled no matter whether Sifton had been Minister of the Interior or not. Indeed some of his ideas may have stood in the way of homesteading in the West by more desirable immigrants.

7. This is a perennial subject but perhaps a little old-fashioned. No one yet, I think, has ever written a true historical biographical portrait of Sir John.

8. and 9. These are both excellent subjects and lend themselves easily to interesting political biography.

10. This is, I should think, with deference, the best subject of all. All English-speaking students of Canadian affairs and Canadian history should be constantly aware of the position of Quebec in the Dominion. Probably the essay would turn upon the influence of Cartier and Laurier.

11, 12, 13. These subjects appear to me to be too general for careful study although I think that Canada's "international position" would make a very pertinent subject at present. Our international relations with Europe, including Great Britain on the one hand and the Sino-Japanese problem on the other and the United States of America on the south, is becoming exceedingly acute and possibly dangerous.

Yours very truly,

Sgd. Ira A. MacKay

Dean

Encl.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Arts and Science
Department of History

January 13th, 1933.

Dear Dean MacKay,-

Replying to your note of the 12th instant, with its request that the History Department select for a Confederation Essay five or six of the topics listed in the Principal's letter to you of the 10th. instant, let me say that Professor Adair and I, after looking over the list, agreed to choose five of the subjects only, and to word them in the form of general test questions.

The questions are on the separate sheet attached.

Yours very truly,

Sgd: C.E. Fryer

Dean Ira A. MacKay,
Faculty of Arts and Science.



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QUESTIONS SUGGESTED FOR A CONFEDERATION ESSAY

- I. The British North America Act was subjected to considerable contemporary criticism. To what extent has this criticism been justified by subsequent events?

 - II. The proximity and the example of the United States:- how did these two influences contribute to the bringing about of Confederation?

 - III. Discuss Canada's experience with the party system of government since Confederation.

 - IV. To what extent has Confederation influenced the development of the West?

 - V. Discuss Quebec as a special problem imposed upon the statesmen who shaped the British North America Act.
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Department of English

January 16, 1933.

Dr. Ira MacKay,
Dean of the Faculty of Arts,
Arts Building,
McGill University.

Dear Dean MacKay:

With reference to your letter of January 12th, the Department of English begs to suggest that you select from the thirteen topics mentioned in the Principal's letter to you six subjects which in your judgment would be suitable for the Confederation essays. The department is in agreement with your comments on the first six topics, all of which seem to us to be too technical and too difficult for adequate treatment in a brief essay. With reference to topic seven, "Sir John Macdonald and Confederation", we had in mind not so much "a true historical, biographical portrait of Sir John", as your letter interprets it, but rather a discussion of Sir John's careful preparation of the various sections of the country previous to the actual conferences, the difficulties he had to overcome, his discussions with the British authorities and his disappointment with their reaction, his original plan, and the subsequent changes etc., etc.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Sgd1 Cyrus Macmillan

Chairman of the Department of English.

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January 17, 1933.

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

My dear Principal,

Confederation Essays

Referring further to your letter to me of the 10th instant I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Macmillan and Dr. Fryer dated the 12th instant and their replies dated the 13th and 16th instant, and I suggest the following six subjects:-

1. The Influence of the ~~United States~~ on the Making of the British North America Act, 1867.
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3. Confederation and the Development of Western Canada from 1867 to 1900.
4. Quebec's Part in ^{the} Confederation. *agreements*
5. Joseph Howe and Confederation.
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Yours very sincerely,

Ira A. MacKay

Dean

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American Constitution

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The Registrar.

Were any essays received
in the Confederation contest
for the medals?

D. McM

April 11.

None
L.H. Mc.

11 Apr.

DOCKET ENDS:

CONFEDERATION ESSAYS