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DEBATING TEAM
CORRESPONDENCE
21 JAN. 1927 - 22 DEC. 1931

December 22nd, 1931.

Keith A. Wood, Esq.,
The Manager for the West Australian University
Far East and America Tour,
Guild of Undergraduates,
University,
PERTH, Western Australia.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 17th of September was duly received and has been submitted to the Debating Union Society and to the Students' Council.

They would be glad to engage in a debate with your team under the conditions mentioned by you if dates could be made more suitable. The time which you set for the Eastern Seaboard is April 8th-May 14th. These dates are, of course, impossible for us as are all dates after the middle of March. If there is any way by which your tour could be carried on so as to run throughout the winter I think you would have more chance of success. Any date between the 1st of October and the middle of March, except during the Christmas - New Year week, would suit us.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



Guild of Undergraduates.

UNIVERSITY,

PERTH. Western Australia

17th September 1931

The Principal,
Mc Gill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir,

The Debating Society of the University of Western Australia contemplate sending a debating team on a tour of the Far East, America and Australia during the period from November 1932 to November 1933.

We would like to arrange a debate or debates with your University.

We enclose herewith a questionnaire and two contracts. The documents speak for themselves and if the proposition is acceptable to you we shall be obliged if you will complete both contracts and return one of them to us together with the questionnaire duly filled in.

It is necessary for us to obtain these guarantees to enable us to plan our itinerary.

The tour will be in the nature of a goodwill mission and we sincerely hope to be able to include your University.

In view of the amount of detail involved we shall be indebted to you for the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Keith R. Wood

The Manager for the West Australian University
Far East and America Debate tour.

*To Col. Zoey,
Please let me
know what
you think about this.
AUSA
2/11/31*

690 SHÉRBROOKE STREET WEST
MONTREAL, QUE.

TELEPHONE:
LANCASTER 7141

STUDENTS' COUNCIL OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MCGILL UNION
MCGILL ANNUAL
STUDENTS' DIRECTORY
MCGILL DEBATING UNION SOCIETY
PLAYERS' CLUB

MCGILL DAILY
MCGILL HANDBOOK
RED & WHITE REVUE
SCARLET KEY SOCIETY
BUREAU OF APPOINTMENTS

MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
OPERATIC & CHORAL SOCIETY
BANJO-MANDOLIN CLUB
MCGILL MUSIC CLUB
MCGILL UNIVERSITY BAND

December 18, 1931

Lt. Col. Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal

Dear Colonel Bovey:

We are enclosing the contract from the "West Australia University Far East and American Debating Tour" filled in by the President of the McGill Debating Union Society and myself, in almost every particular excepting some items which Mr. Goldenberg wishes to discuss with you.

At a meeting of the Students' Executive Council held on December 7th, the Council approved of having this debating team come to McGill University, at the expense of the Students' Executive Council, and have voted the sum required as a guarantee, approximately \$200.00, conditional upon the University assisting us in some way to meet this guarantee. I believe that this was discussed by yourself and Mr. Goldenberg.

May I point out to you the difficulty which will arise in connection with the dates which they suggest for the "East Seaboard", namely, April 8th to May 14th, 1933. These dates, you will immediately recognize, are very unsatisfactory for an appearance at McGill University.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Goldenberg, the President of the McGill Debating Union Society, and am asking him to make it a point to see you and discuss the contract and the dates suggested.

I am,

Yours very truly,

GHF/AVC.
Enc.

Secretary-Treasurer

CONTRACT FOR ENGAGEMENT
 "THE WEST AUSTRALIAN
 UNIVERSITY FAR EAST AND
 AMERICA DEBATE TOUR".

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In addition to debates the team will deliver lectures under the auspices of various organisations in cities included in the itinerary.

The members of the team, while on tour, will make a study of the problems of the countries visited.

PART 1.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT:- It is hereby agreed by the Debating Society of the University of Western Australia and the McGill University Debating Union Society

x Number of Debates. THAT (x) one debates shall be held between the said Institutions upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set out.

SUBJECTS FOR DEBATES:- The subjects for debate shall be as follows (Please indicate the subjects chosen by a cross and also by the same means indicate whether the negative or affirmative is desired)

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In addition to the above, the Far East and America Debaters will be prepared to debate any economic or social question not peculiar to the country concerned provided sufficient notice is given.

STYLE OF DEBATE:- Each institution shall be represented by (xx) either a two man or a three man team at the option of the University opposing the W.A. Far East and America Debaters.

Please indicate the style of debate preferred:-

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GUARANTEES:- The McGill University agrees to provide living accomodation and entertainment for the University of Western Australia Far East and America debaters during such period as they are unavoidably detained in any town for the purpose of such debates and a guarantee of £ 30 to help defray travelling expenses. The sum of £30 (gold) is requested from institutions visited.

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Please state the dates upon which you desire an engagement. If these general limits are not suitable please choose your own date and we shall do our best to conform to it.

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SIGNED for
THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY'S
FAR EAST AND AMERICA DEBATERS on the
17th day of Sept. 1931

Keith A. Wood
Manager of WEST AUSTRALIAN
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SIGNED for

McGill University

By _____

Date _____

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SIGNED for McKillop University

By _____

Date _____

EXPLANATION SHEET.

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AUSTRALIAN PLAN.

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1. The Teams are comprised of three speakers a side.
2. The leaders are allowed 20 minutes for their opening speeches and fifteen minutes for reply. The supporters are allowed fifteen minutes each for their speeches.
3. The debate is opened by the affirmative leader followed by the negative leader and the affirmative and negative speakers alternately. After the last negative speaker has finished the negative leader replies and the debate is closed by the reply of the affirmative leader.
4. All decisions as to relevancy of subject matter or other protests are subject to the decision of the Adjudicator.

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OREGON PLAN.

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1. The teams are comprised of two men a side.
2. The leaders are allowed thirty minutes. The supporters are allowed ten minutes each for cross-examination and twenty minutes each for summing up.
3. The debate is opened by the presentation of the full affirmative case by the affirmative leader who is then cross-examined by the negative supporter. The negative leader then sets out the negative case and is cross-examined by the affirmative supporter. The negative supporter then sums up and the debate is closed by the summing up of the affirmative supporter.
4. All questions as to relevancy of questions, subject matter or other protests are subject to the decision of the adjudicator.

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QUESTIONNAIRE.

1. Name of Institution:- *McGill University*
2. When does the school begin and end:- *October 1st. to April 25.*
No debates are held after March 25th. each year,
owing to examinations and closing of College Year.
3. Is there an English Department or a body of English speaking students in your University:-
Yes

4. Are there any large literary, forensic or educational societies in your town? Please give us their names and addresses.
- (a) *University of Montreal Debating Society, Montreal, Que.*
- (b) *Loyola College Debating Society, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que.*
- (c) *Montreal Debating League, Co. 611 Lansdowne Ave., Westmount, Que.*

Are any of these English speaking? Please indicate.
all could debate in English

5. Can you give us the names of men prominent in these organisations with whom we can open correspondence:-
- (a) *The Rector, University of Montreal, Montreal, Que.*
- (b) *The Rector, Loyola College, Montreal, Que.*
- (c) *Mr. James Broner, 611 Lansdowne Ave., Westm't. Que.*

6. Can you give us the names and addresses of any educators, news - paper men, or other persons in your city who might be interested in the West Australian University Debating Team.
- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

7. Is there a broadcasting Station in your city? Would such station be interested in lectures to be given by the West Australian Debating Team :-
Stations C.K.A.C. and C.F.C.F., Montreal, Que.

8. What guarantee or entertainment could your institution give in order to help cover the expenses of the West Australian University Debating Team while in your city:-

May 22, 1927.

Major F.J. Ney,
607, Boyd Building,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Major Ney:-

I enclose herewith two copies of letters which are interesting.

Personally I do not much believe in mixed teams. I do not think there is nearly the same interest attached to them as to the teams representing individual universities. You will note, however, that it is practically impossible to obtain any funds from the universities, in view of the arrangements outlined in the enclosed letters. I believe that only Cambridge is out of this Union. It is evident then that if we are to send Canadian teams, the cost must be met in some other way. This I must leave to your ingenuity.

Yours faithfully,

Dictated by Colonel Bovey and signed in his absence.

May 21, 1927.

Ralph Nun May, Esq.,
National Union of Students,
3, Endsleigh Street,
London, W.C.1.

Dear Mr. May:-

I was very much interested in receiving your letter of the 10th instant. So far as sending a McGill Team to England is concerned the proposal is off for this year.

I think you are quite right in sending your invitation to the National Federation of Canadian University Students and I have no doubt that they will be able to get together a satisfactory team.

We are quite aware of the financial difficulties in England and had no idea whatever of asking any assistance either from you or from the Universities. In any case it is not at all likely that there would be more than a very few debates so that it would be impossible for receipts to cover the outlay.

You will understand that while I should be very glad to see a team arranged by the Federation, I am more interested in seeing a McGill Team travelling in the same way as do those from Oxford and Cambridge and this is what I trust will be possible and what our representatives will arrange if practicable. I thank you very much for your interest and shall certainly let your Union know what is decided.

I shall look forward to meeting Mr. Leahey,
Yours faithfully,

May 21, 1927.

Ralph Nun May, Esq.,
National Union of Students,
3, Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1.

Dear Mr. May:-

I was very much interested in hearing of
the Harvesting Tour which the H.U.S. is running to Canada
this summer. I have spoken to the head office of the C.P.R.
about it and can see no reason why the undertaking should not
be a success.

Yours sincerely,

Dictated by Colonel Bovey and typed in his absence from town.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES OF
ENGLAND AND WALES.*Federated to the International Confederation of Students.*3, ENDSLEIGH STREET,
LONDON, W.C.1.

RNM/EMM

10th May, 1927.

Lt. Colonel William Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal,
CANADA.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I see in a cutting from the "Montreal Daily Star" of March 18th that McGill University is contemplating sending a debating team to England this summer. I do not of course know how your arrangements are progressing, but I am very much afraid that you will find great difficulty in fixing up debates with any of the Universities. We have made a definite arrangement with them that not more than two teams shall be received in this country every year. One in each year will be an American team: that is only fair considering the number of our teams that has been received in America. Also the American teams pay all their own travelling expenses and the only charge on the Universities is for entertainment. The second team each year will, we hope, come from one of the Dominions. For these teams it will be necessary to make some financial arrangement similar to the arrangement you have made for our teams in Canada.

As making a charge for admission to debates is an entirely new departure for the English Universities (and incidentally is out of the question at Oxford and Cambridge) we decided to experiment this year with a team which would not require very heavy financial support. The Australian Team from Sydney University, which toured the United States of America last autumn, wrote us that they would like to come on to England. As the team would consist of

two men only and as they did not require the whole of their travelling expenses from England to Australia we decided that this would be a good opportunity of trying out the system of charging for debates, without running the risk of a heavy loss. We therefore asked them to come and we arranged debates for them in Oxford, Cambridge, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Reading. The tour was very successful excepting on the financial side. London, where we ourselves arranged the debate, was the only place which covered expenses. We asked each University to guarantee £10, but most of them only took from £2-£5 in receipts. The rest was made up by grants from the Union funds.

The experiment was not therefore very successful, but at least it has shown us where the difficulties lie and we hope to overcome them sufficiently to enable us to invite a Canadian Team next year. You will, I think, understand that as we have already entertained the Australians and as the American Team is at present touring the country it was quite impossible to send an invitation to Canada this summer. In any case we feel that the invitation should be sent to the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the team selected by them should be representative of more than one Canadian University.

I have not heard from the Universities here about your proposed tour, but if you should get negative replies I very much hope that you will not get the impression that a Canadian Team would be unwelcome in England. If the Universities do not find themselves able to arrange debates it will be for the reasons I have given above - that they cannot afford to entertain more than two teams a year and we have already had an American and ^{our} Australian team.

I have given a letter of introduction to you to Mr. Leaney, House Governor of the Birmingham General Hospital and a great friend of my family's, who is shortly coming to Canada with a delegation to study hospital design and equipment. I very much

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hope you will be able to see him while he is in
Montreal.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Secretary.

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3, ENDSLEIGH STREET,
LONDON, W.C.1.

RNM/EMM

22nd April, 1927.

Lt. Colonel William Bovey,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

You will be interested to hear that the N.U.S. is running a Harvesting Tour to Canada in the summer. This is a large scale continuation of what was done last year by a group of students from Wye Agricultural College, who spent six weeks of the summer vacation working on farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This year it is probable that the total number will be between 150 and 200 men drawn from many of the Agricultural Schools and Universities of the country.

Our plan at present is for the men to leave England on July 8th, arriving Quebec July 16th, and proceeding to the Agricultural College at Guelph where the Government of Ontario will take charge of them and draft them on to selected farms. They will work in Ontario from July 18th until August 10th, approximately, when the harvest should be commencing in the West. They will then move on by rail to Winnipeg and be redistributed in that district. They will help with the harvest until the first week in October when they pack up and return home, sailing from Quebec on October 7th.

The idea is to give Agricultural students practical experience of farming conditions in Canada, and to give them and others an opportunity of seeing the country. The total cost to each man will be approximately £56 and their earnings will

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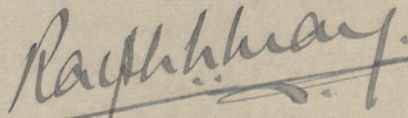
probably be in the neighbourhood of £36, so that for £20, which is not much more than the cost of a summer holiday in England, they will get the trip across the Atlantic and a summer vacation in Canada under very healthy and interesting conditions. We are making arrangements on this side through the Canadian Pacific Railway and the representatives of the Government of Ontario in London.

I should be very grateful if you could have a word with the head office of the C.P.R. in Montreal and see whether they have had information of the scheme from London. Last year the arrangements were very satisfactory and the tour was a great success, but the total number of students was then 50. I am a little doubtful whether the same machinery will stand the strain of increasing the party to three or four times its size and I should be very glad to have some idea of what they feel about it on your side.

I hear ~~of~~ great things of the National Federation of Canadian University Students from Mackenzie and Bannerman of Toronto. The report of the Conference at McGill last December was extremely interesting and very well produced. If the Federation goes ahead with as much vigour as it has commenced it should be a very effective body before long.

With very best wishes to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

P.S. I hear from Herklots of the Cambridge Debating Team that you entertained them to beer and oysters. They were as charmed with it as we were. You have established a noble if somewhat indigestible tradition!

April 7th, 1927.

J. M. C. Duckworth, Esq.,
President, Literary and Debating Society,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Duckworth:-

With reference to your letter of March 31st and our conversation today regarding the matters therein mentioned, I would appreciate the Selection Committee meeting again and taking into consideration the aspect of the matter I endeavoured to present to you.

It seems to me that we should exercise particular care when about to send our first McGill team to debate in the universities of the old land. They will appear before cultured and critical audiences, and I think we should be sure that they will leave the best of impressions as far as McGill scholarship is concerned. I have spoken to Colonel Bovey and to yourself, but not to Mr. Hugessen. You and Colonel Bovey have admitted to me that the Committee did not ask itself the question whether the men selected to represent McGill would be likely to leave the impression which we feel the first representative team of McGill should leave.

I am greatly in favour of this interchange of debating teams and I think that McGill should return the visits which Old Country teams have so courteously made. I know that probably these young men have looked forward through the last debating season to winning a place on our team, but these should not be the only factors governing the choice. As I said in the beginning particular attention must be given to the probability that these debaters will leave upon the critical audiences they will meet an impression

J.M.C.Duckworth,Esc., - 2 -

worthy in every way of the scholarship, standing and prestige of this University. This is the aspect of the case which I would ask the committee to consider.

If you can give me an unqualified approval I shall be only too pleased to write the letter to Major Ney, as you suggest.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGill University,
Montreal.
March 31, 1927.

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Alex G. Hain
W.F. Kelloway

As soon as we get your approval the names of the team will be forwarded to Major Ney and arrangements made for the completion of details regarding the trip.

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Yours very truly,

President, Literary and Debating Society.

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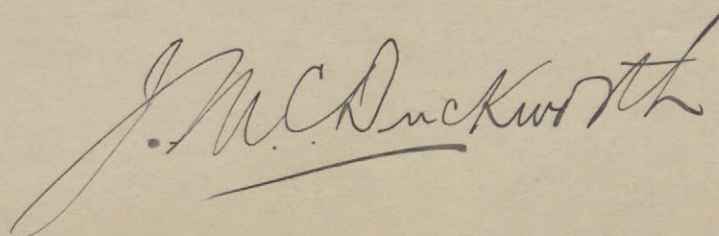
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President, Literary and Debating Society.

March 22nd, 1927.

J.M.C. Duckworth, Esq.,
Arts Building,
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Duckworth:-

Let me acknowledge receipt
of your letter of March 19th.

I approve of the selection
made by the Committee appointed to choose the
team of McGill Debaters to visit Great Britain
this summer. In Messrs. Scott, Alexandor and
Hairn we have three young men who will bring
credit to themselves and to McGill. I hope they
may find it possible to make the trip.

Please let me know of any
changes in the personnel.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



March 19, 1927.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Arrangements have been made through Major F.J. Ney of the Overseas Education League for a team of McGill debaters to visit Great Britain this summer. The men will leave Montreal about May 18th and return about August 21st.

Colonel Bovey, the Honourable A.K. Hugessen and myself have been appointed a committee of three to choose the McGill team. In conversation with Major Ney he impressed upon the writer the necessity of selecting men of personality as well as of debating ability, so that these students would be worthy of the college they represent. With this in view the committee has deliberated and come to the conclusion that the team should consist of:-

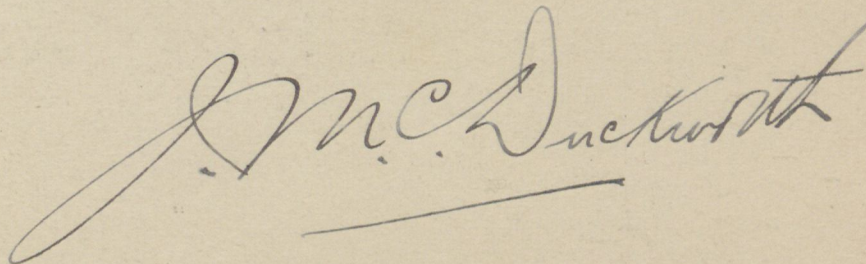
F.R. Scott
B.M. Alexandor
A.G. Nairn

In the event of one of these men being unable to go, our next choice would be W.F. Kelloway, and we submit further a list of names in alphabetical order which might be considered.

W.H. Budden
A. Edel
F. Godine
H.C. Goldenberg
J. Humphrey
A.A. MacNaughton.

... It was the hope of Major Ney that your approval would be given to any team representing McGill and so the committee submit these names to you for consideration. The suggestion which has been made is not at all final and the committee would be glad to consider any proposals that you have to make. When the team has been selected we would appreciate a letter from yourself to Major Ney expressing your approval of the representative team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. M. C. Duckworth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

President,
Literary and Debating Society.



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Understand you have been invited to
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to February 25th. I am with President
Currier in saying that he would be
delighted to have you as chairman
and if you would let me know if new
date will suit I will communicate with
him
Currie.

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January 26th, 1927.

Hon. Vincent Massey,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Massey:-

I am told that the President of the New Jersey Law School has invited you to preside at the debate between McGill and that institution on February 18th.

As Honorary President of the McGill Literary and Debating Society, may I say that I should feel most pleased if you were able to repeat on this second occasion your kindness of last year.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

NEW JERSEY LAW SCHOOL,
33 EAST PARK STREET
NEWARK, N. J.

RICHARD D. CURRIER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
CHARLES M. MASON, DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 21, 1927

B. M. Alexander, Esquire,
Secretary, Literary and Debating Society
McGill University
328 Sherbrooke Street, W.
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

Apropos of our forthcoming debate, Richard D. Currier, President of New Jersey Law School, has written the Honorable Vincent Massey, inviting him to preside at the meeting between McGill University and New Jersey Law School at Newark, on February 18th. Mr. Currier wrote Mr. Massey after having learned that he would occupy his post as Canadian Ambassador to this country early in February.

It has occurred to us that if it were possible for you to do so, you might communicate with your President, Sir Arthur Currie, informing him of the invitation extended by President Currier, and suggesting that it might help us in securing Mr. Massey for this particular occasion if Sir Arthur, as President of McGill, would extend a similar invitation. We shall greatly appreciate anything you feel that you might be able to do in aiding us to secure the Honorable Vincent Massey as presiding officer for our proposed debate.

Very truly yours,

Frederick H. Groel

Debate Coach

DOCKET ENDS:

DEBATING TEAM

CORRESPONDENCE

21 JAN. 1927 - 22 DEC. 1931

DOCKET STARTS:
DEBATING SOCIETY
GOLDEN JUBILEE.

7th March, 1930.

My dear Premier,

On the 21st of March next the McGill Debating Union Society is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. The ceremonies will consist of a dinner, at which will be present a few distinguished guests and the ex-presidents and officers of the Society, about forty in number. Following this there will be a full-dress debate.

His Excellency the Governor General will be present at both functions.

Dr. Stephen Leacock will act as Chairman of the debate, which will be carried on in semi-parliamentary form as at the Oxford and Cambridge Unions.

The motion to be debated is, "Resolved, that universities should be given representation in Parliament. The resolution will be proposed by the Honourable Dr. J.H. King, and a number of distinguished ex-members of the Society will take part.

We feel that the importance of the occasion and the presence of His Excellency warrants us in inviting a few visitors not especially connected with McGill. It would give us great pleasure if you would be present at the dinner and the debate and if you would open the debate opposing Dr. King.

Ever yours faithfully,

Honourable H. W. Rhodes,
Premier of Nova Scotia.

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PRESIDENT MCGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL QUE

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FOR ME TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION

EDGAR N RHODES

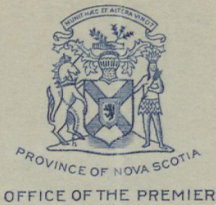
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Halifax, March 11, 1930.

Major General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., &c.,
President, McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I deeply appreciate the honour conveyed in the invitation contained in yours of the 7th, which is just at hand, and I only wish I could accept as it would be a real pleasure to participate in the debate under the circumstances as outlined by you. Unfortunately, I have no option in the matter.

It is very difficult for me to be absent in what might be termed an ordinary Session, but this year we have some unusual legislation of a major character. On the 21st of March I will be in the midst of a debate on a Government Control measure which I have to sponsor and, in addition, have to prepare and present the Budget.

To save you the delay involved in awaiting receipt of this letter, I thought it well to telegraph you.

May I repeat how sorry I am that I cannot foregather with you and express the hope that both the dinner and the debate will be abundantly pleasant and successful. May I also take this opportunity of telling you how delighted I am to know that your health is so greatly improved.

With kindest regards and all good wishes.

Faithfully yours,

ENR:CM.

WARWICK CHIPMAN
THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING
MONTREAL

7th February, 1930.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The Executive Committee has asked me to request that you write to His Excellency Lord Willingdon as Visitor and invite him to be the guest of the McGill Debating Union Society on the evening of the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary, namely, the 31st of March, and to attend a small dinner which would be given before the proceedings began.

It is proposed to have a Mock Parliament which would debate the following resolution: Resolved that this House favours the representation of the Universities in the Canadian House of Commons."

The Speaker would be Professor Leacock, while the debate would be led by a Member of the Dominion Cabinet, and possibly by the Leader of the Opposition - to be followed by two former Presidents of the Society on each side, and then by some Undergraduates - for all of which details are now being arranged.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Chipman
Per B.S.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
3450 McTavish Street,
M o n t r e a l.

February Eleventh,
1930.

Warwick Chipman, Esq.,
Messrs. Brown, Montgomery & McMichael,
Royal Bank Building,
M o n t r e a l .

Dear Mr. Chipman,

I have your letter of the 7th February, addressed to my house. I am glad to be able to tell you that I heard from His Excellency today that he will honour us with his presence on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the McGill Debating Union Society.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

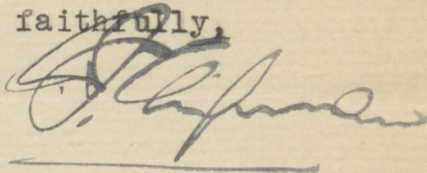
WARWICK CHIPMAN
THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING
MONTREAL

13th February, 1930.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of
the 11th of February for which I thank you.

Yours faithfully,



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Chipman', written over a horizontal line.

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

February Eighth,
1930.

Eric Mieville, Esq., C.M.G.,
Secretary to His Excellency
The Governor General,
O t t a w a .

Dear Mr. Mieville,

The McGill Debating
Union Society is celebrating its Golden
Jubilee on March 21st next.

The ceremonies will
consist of a dinner to ex presidents and
half a dozen distinguished visitors at the
University Club at 7 p.m., followed by a
full dress debate at the McGill Union. The
debate will be led by the Honourable J. R.
King. Mr. R. B. Bennett has expressed his
hope of being present to oppose Dr. King.
Other distinguished ex-members of the society
will speak, among them the Honourable A. R.
Macmaster, K.C., and Dr. Stephen Leacock will
act as chairman.

The event will be one
of peculiar significance. It will impress
upon the public the general recognition given

by those who are best able to judge to the value of university debating, not only for itself but as an introduction to public life.

The Society would be much honoured by the presence of His Excellency as Visitor, and I am asked to say that should he come they will ask him to accept an Honorary Membership, a distinction, so far, conferred only on the Right Honourable Ramsay MacDonald.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

Office of the Secretary
to the Governor-General

February 11th 1930

My dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of February 10th, I am desired by His Excellency to inform you that he will be pleased to attend the dinner at the University Club at 7.0 p.m. on March 21st next, in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the McGill Debating Union Society, and also to listen to the debate which will be held at the Union afterwards, in which, of course, it is understood he will take no active part.

Needless to add, His Excellency is very happy to think that he is going to be presented with an Honorary Membership of the Society.

Yours sincerely,

E. Currie

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

McGILL DEBATING UNION SOCIETY

JUBILEE CEREMONIES

DETAIL

- 7 p.m. Guests meet in Oak Room, Mount Royal Hotel
Form around room
- 7:10 p.m. Visitor arrives and turns to right
Guests will be presented to Visitor
Cocktails served
Party goes in to dinner

TOASTS

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|----------------------------|--|
| The King | The Chairman |
| The Debating Union Society | The Principal |
| Reply | Mr. George C. Wright,
First President |
- 8 p.m. Police to arrive at Union, arranged by Comptroller
and Superintendent
- 8:20 p.m. The Visitor, The Chancellor, The Principal
Dr. Leacock(The Speaker) Mr. Mieville Leave
- 8:25 p.m. All other guests leave

On arrival at Union all guests with the exception
of those mentioned below go up to the Hall. Coats
may be checked on ground floor. Checkroom arrange-
ments by Scarlet Key.

Dr. King, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Cahan, Mr. Mitchell
Col. Bovey go to Mr. Millen's room.

- 8:45 p.m. Dr. King, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Cahan, Mr. Mitchell
enter the Hall and are seated as follows:

Chair

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Dr. King | Mr. Cahan |
| Mr. Mitchell | Mr. McMaster |

8:50 p.m. Visitor and party arrive at Union and are met by President of Debating Union Society and President of Scarlet Key who conduct them to "music room" where coats are left. Two attendants must be in this room, Scarlet Key to arrange this.

AUDIENCE RISE

8:55 p.m. Visitor's party enters in following order:

President, Scarlet Key

Chancellor	Visitor
Principal	Dr. Leacock
President	Mr. Mieville

Visitor takes central seat facing chair
Chancellor on right of Visitor
Principal on left of Visitor
Mr. Mieville and Col. Bovey two seats in second row

President takes chair and calls meeting to order
Reads statement concerning anniversary
Announces presentation of certificate of honorary membership to Visitor
Crosses floor and presents certificate
Returns to chair

Visitor expresses thanks

President asks Dr. Leacock to take his place

Debate begins

1. Hon. J. H. King, M.D., LL.D.
 2. C. H. Cahan, Esq., K.C., LL.D.
 3. Victor E. Mitchell, Esq., K.C., D.C.L.
 4. Hon. A. R. McMaster, K.C.
 5. Jean Bruchesi, Esq., LL.D.
- Other Speakers

11:15 p.m. Closure
Vote by ayes and noes
Decision

Visitor and party leave
Audience leaves

DOCKET ENDS:
DEBATING SOCIETY
GOLDEN JUBILEE

DOCKET STARTS:
OXFORD DEBATING TEAM

Estabrook

September 12th, 1923.

F. R. Terroux, Esq.,
Lac Tremblant, Que.

Dear Mr. Terroux:-

In the absence of the Principal I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant with reference to the visit of the Oxford Debating Team.

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Estabrooks saying that the team has advanced its entire schedule and now wish to book McGill for October 17th, failing this October 16th might do. I have written Mr. Estabrooks that I think October 17th will be quite satisfactory.

Mr. Estabrooks also wishes the choice of subject for debate to be, if possible, either the "League" or the "Ruhr", preferably the League. Would it be possible for you to get in touch with the members of the McGill team and let me know as soon as possible what their decision is with regard to this request.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

September 12th, 1923.

G. H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
145 Queen Street,
St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 8th.

I am quite sure October 17th will be satisfactory as the date for the visit of the Oxford Team. In the continued absence of the Principal I am writing Mr. Terroux informing him of the change and of your request that the subject of the debate be either "The League" or "Ruhr" topics.

Professor Stephen Leacock is not a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Committee. Mr. E.W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is a member but he is also Chancellor of McGill University. If you write Mr. Gilbert S. Stairs, Royal Trust Chambers, Montreal, Secretary of the Committee, I think he will be able to suggest some one to act as Judge for the Oxford Team.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Miss M. M. Chesley, 145 Doreen St.
Office of Principal, St. John. N.B.
M^s Gill this Sept. 8/23.
Montreal.

Dear Miss Chesley:

The Oxford team has advanced its entire schedule two days and wish me to book M^s Gill for Oct. 17. Failing this, Oct 16 might do. Would you think Oct 17 a possible date?

Could you inform me if Stephen Leacock is on the Rhodes Committee of the Province of Quebec; or if not, could you give me the name of some member of said committee with whom to get in touch on the subject of judges?

Could you also ask Sir. Arthur Currie if he will try and have the debate on either the League or Ruler topics, as otherwise Oxford will have no time for preparation?
Sincerely yours. J.H. Estabrook

P.S. Preferably the League

Sac Tremblant., Que.
September the Sixth. '23.

Dear Sir Arthur, -

With regard
to the Oxford debate, I have
the following to report.

Mr. G. H. Estabrooks, is a
St. John. Rhodes Scholar and
is acting as secretary for the
Oxford debating team during
their Canadian visit.

I have written the Doctor
Laing concerning the choice of
men and he has suggested
several men. I also
communicated with O'Hagan,
the president of the "Lit." and
have written to two men whom
we have chosen to debate.

The choice of a subject has

been left in their hands, as they will debate on what they feel most competent to tackle.

Thus, these men, who are both excellent speakers, will have over a month in which to prepare.

In my experience this is more than ample for the purpose.

I have asked Mr. Edlatrooks to fix the date at the eighteenth or, after the nineteenth, — in order that you may be present, if you so desire.

I hope that these arrangements will meet with your approval.

With kindest regards.

yours faithfully

J. R. Devoux.

September 5th, 1923.

G. H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
145 Queen Street,
St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31st with reference to the visit to McGill of the Oxford Debating Team. The Principal is at present out of the city and I do not think he will be in Montreal before the 15th of the month.

Regarding the date of the team's visit, October 19th is "Sports Day" at McGill and also the Principal expects to be in Toronto on that day, so I am afraid it would not be suitable. October 20th falls on Saturday, but I think the debate could probably be arranged for that evening. It is difficult for me to make a positive statement just now, as the officers of the Debating Society are widely scattered, but if it is impossible for the team to be in Montreal on the 18th, I think the choice will have to fall on the 20th.

With reference to Judges, I do not think there will be any difficulty regarding the McGill Committee co-operating with the Rhodes Scholarship Committee for the Province of Quebec.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Sir, A. W. Currie, 145 Queen St.
McGill Univ. St. John. N.B.
Montreal, Aug. 31/23.

Dear Sir:-

The schedule for the Clifford
team at present stands

Toronto	-	Oct. 18
McGill	-	" 19 or 20.
U.N.B.	-	" 22
Mt. A	-	" 23
Dalhousie	-	" 24
Acadia	-	" 25

Is this agreeable to McGill and
if possible could Oct. 19 be picked?
I wish to give the team a chance
to see both Montreal and Quebec.

With reference to judges, I
trust your committee will be
willing to act with the Rhodes
Committee for Quebec, ^{Prov.} on this

point.

I trust, Sir, you will pardon me for troubling you personally with these topics but Mr. Teroux is off camping and rather difficult to get hold of.

Very sincerely yours.

W. H. Estabrooks.

Oxford Debating Team

August 13, 1923.

F.R. Terroux, Esq.,
Lac Tremblant, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Terroux,

As you know, I have had considerable correspondence with Mr. Estabrooks re the visit of a Debating Team from Oxford. Finally I guaranteed on behalf of McGill University a sum of \$250. to help the expenses of this team.

He writes to tell me that the date in Montreal will be October 18th or 19th; personally, I would prefer the 18th as I have an engagement in Toronto on the evening of the 19th, but the principal point I desire to make is this, that if we are to furnish a team to give the representatives of Oxford a good debate we should make our selection at once and give our men plenty of time to prepare their material. I leave it to you to see that McGill is worthily represented but I should like to be kept informed of the decisions made.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Sir A. Currie, 145 Queen St.
McGill Univ. St. John. N.B.
Montreal. Aug 9/23.

Dear Sir:-

In view of events I regard
\$250.00 as a perfectly adequate
guarantee. I will easily obtain
the same from Toronto and smaller
sums from our Maritime Divisions.

The team is in Canada from
Oct 17-25. Your date would
be Oct 18 or 19. The subjects on
which the team would prefer
debating I have already submitted
to F. R. Terroux.

I thank you for the personal
interest you have taken in the subject
& will forward you any further
information I may receive.

Very sincerely yours,
H. C. Taber, Esq.

August 5, 1923.

G.H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
Camp Spaulding,
Riverhill, N.H. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your recent letter-undated-giving further information re the tour of the Oxford Debating Team.

If the trip is arranged and if Toronto gives \$250. we shall hold ourselves responsible for the same amount. I should like to receive the earliest possible information as to when the team may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Sent to 145 Queen St
St. John. N.B.

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J. C. Derby	John C. Tilton
Carl H. Foster	W. W. Thayer
Harry F. Lake	Leila S. Virgin

RICHARD T. SMITH
Camp Director

MABEL F. LANE
Director of the Girls' Camp

145 Green St.
St. John. N.B.

Sir A. Currie,
M^{rs} Gill & Co.
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

The visit of the team to Canada is being managed by myself in direct touch with the team & not through an American organizing secretary. Now that the team has its American Schedule completed I am asking for a definite statement as to what they expect from Canada in expenses. If M^{rs} Gill & Toron to could put up \$250 - \$300 each & the others say \$125, that would give them between 200 & 250 pounds as our share. Candidly I am hoping that they can get along on much less.

At any rate I assure you that I am doing everything in my power to keep expenses down & I am hoping for an annual trip of this nature. I have drawn Baguall's attention to the fact that we do not want to be saddled with more than our share.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. E. Stabrook

Oxford
Debating Team.

Laurel Tremblant.
Que.
August the first.

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

Dear Sir Arthur. -

Owing to the erratic mails of the Laurentians, I have just received your letter regarding the proposed visit of the Oxford Debating Team. Mr G. H. Estabrooks, whose exact status still escapes me, has written to me.

The early date of their visit seems one of the greatest drawbacks in this matter - owing to the general disorder of settling down peculiar to the month of October.

On the other hand, since Toronto has extended an invitation to the team, it seems that we can

not be satisfied with less.

In order to give the Oxford men a worthy opposition, speakers will have to be chosen immediately by the "Lit" executive. — a proceeding which in the past has been subjected to criticism but this is a case of necessity.

The guarantee of three hundred dollars presents a difficulty; the "Lit" itself has no funds; to charge admission to the audience — in view of the habitual small numbers of the latter and ~~of~~ the other expenses which students undergo at that season is out of the question; the Student's Council who might advance the sum are in an insecure financial position and will probably not feel disposed to meet our request.

Such, I think is the position of the "Lit" in this matter.

With very kind regards, I am,

faithfully yours

J. R. Lerrone

DOCKET ENDS:
OXFORD DEBATING TEAM

DOCKET STARTS:
RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

MR. G. H. ESTABROOKS
15 OXFORD STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Col. W. Bovey.

Feb. 10/26.

McGill Univ.

Montreal.

Can.

Dear Sir :-

Please pardon my delay in
acknowledging your letter of Jan. 22.
I think your action the only logical
one & I will await developments.
As I am writing my Ph D thesis now
I hope nothing happens until June
after which I will be glad to defend
my position.

Trusting that Montreal is having
better luck at handling a real lelezzard
than is Boston, I remain,

Sincerely yours.

G. H. Estabrooks

P.S. Please forgive this scrawl. CS 172.

January 22, 1926.

G.H. Estabrook, Esq.,
15, Oxford Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Estabrook:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th, this in reply to mine, which I think expresses more or less the conventional view, provides so far as I can see a complete joinder of issue so that we may now have the material for a definite discussion. I am forwarding the copy of my letter and your reply to Mr. J.M. Macdonnell of the National Trust Company, who is the Secretary of the Rhodes Committee, in order that he may send it on to the Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, and I can assure you that some definite official consideration will now be given to the whole matter. This being so, it appears to me that I had best retire from the arena, leaving you in direct contact with the Rhodes Trust through Mr. Macdonnell. The issue is a most interesting one and I am sure it is worth a good deal of consideration.

Yours faithfully

Wilfrid Bovey.

15 Oxford St.

Cambridge, Mass.

Jan 17/25.

Dear Col. Bovey:-

I certainly thank you for the trouble you have taken on this matter and I know you will realize that my own desire in opening & continuing this dispute(?) is merely to shed a little light. Perhaps I have been a little too sweeping in my statements and yet I feel that, to a large extent I am justified.

Prof. Hooton of Harvard, an ex-Rhodes scholar, summed up the situation very nicely in a recent interview which he & I had with an applicant. He pointed out to this man (age 23) that he must go to Oxford prepared to accept the position of a Freshman, and prepared to associate with college freshmen type of men if he intended mixing with the English. Also that he must be prepared to enjoy the many little peculiarities of English discipline.

Now, Sir, frankly, I went to Oxford after a rather chequered war career, after two years in hospital on account of gassing (?) and in a state of health such that I was sent to Switzerland for my first two terms. I did not shine at my academic work while in Oxford and I did not fit into the system. This to clear the air. However, I assure you I have a profound respect for English social customs, I am a very poor democrat, and I will do everything in my power to strengthen the Empire.

But just as important, in my opinion, is the strengthening of the bonds between ourselves & the U.S.A. And, frankly, I must say that I consider the present state of affairs in Rhodes scholar circles pretty bad from this point of view.

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Lipkin may have been elected for other reasons than I suggest but Lipkin was a known firebrand, he was elected after a bitter campaign and as the spokesman of the Americans. Mr. Green's speech may have been and was severely condemned as you say but I can attest that a large number of Americans & a number of Canadians showed no disposition to quarrel with him the night after it was given. I was there & know from personal experience.

As for the banquet, I have no grievance there. I think its abolition a very excellent thing only I very gravely doubt if it would have been abolished but for Greene of the year before & the fear of another Greene in the hazy future.

The question of academic standing is plainly a sore point. It ill befits me to level since I was ^{in our exams} plucked & probably very properly so. However, as I pointed out to my cousin, the question of American college rating as apposed to English is really not the point at issue. I proposed to this gentleman, Mr. Adrian Gilbert of St. John & another ex-Rhodes man, that I was not asking that Oxford accept the American degree. I merely contend that the Rhodes man is or should be a man of rather outstanding intellect. I merely wish that he be given recognition on the most favorable possible basis, if only as an act of international courtesy. Oxford's cherished standards will in no way suffer and the intellectual misfit can easily be weeded out.

Moreover, I am not saying that an American PhD is in any way superior or inferior to an ^{English} American degree. I merely say that the American & Canadian wants or needs a PhD for his work on this side

of the Atlantic. If he is to succeed in Germany, (3)
work here he simply must have it. Of course, you
can point to the exception. It is no consolation for
him to know that he has something just as good
as the other if he cannot market it at the same
figure. Moreover, I would venture to assert
that any Rhodes scholar is quite prepared to qualify
for his PhD when he enters Oxford & should be given
senior rating. The exception in my mind is rapidly
eliminated.

I really feel that this is a
point which is justifiable and I again repeat that
in my opinion, the Rhodesmen are really being
kicked very unfairly when they are not given this
opportunity. The bases of training are entirely
different and the authorities of Oxford, merely because
our men have an inferior training in classics ^{philology}
and will therefore understand when they relay to
them to the ranks of high grade workers.

Again, I cannot emphasize too strongly that
the Rhodes men is not given proper assistance &
advice himself. A legitimate policy of selection
on this point should be started. We should be
made to realize the difference between Oxford &
say, Harvard. At present he is simply left to find
it out and much damage is done before he does
so. A plain heart & heart talk, a painting
out of the points of friction, would take him over
until he had had time to adjust, after which
his blood be on his own head.

Now, Sir, I fear you will think I am a plain
simple nuisance and perhaps I am. However, I
cannot get somewhat warm under the collar
when I recall certain features of Oxford life.

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All I wish is that the Americans be given the academic standing which I feel is his just due and a little help in adjusting. While we may wish him to attain comprehension of the points of view of the English speaking peoples, he wishes more than anything else a solid degree which has a certain cash equivalent on this side of the Atlantic. Deny him the opportunity to get this and I fear his reaction to all things English will be colored by three years of what he regards as wasted effort.

I know you will pardon my tone. I respect & admire the American. He has some things he could, in my opinion, get on very nicely without. On the other hand he has an energy & aggressiveness which ~~is~~ is bound to place him in the lead in world affairs. I regard my own three years at Oxf as largely wasted owing to maladjustment; I know that certain American Rhodes men do the same. Why allow this to continue when all that is needed is a little tact, a little give & take and a little less worry over galling non-essentials?

Once again I apologize for using you as the object of my spleen

Very sincerely yours.

E. H. Estlin

P. S. Baynall writes that this team is to try & organize a N. U. S. in Canada? Can a college body function in the reciprocating of these tours? Why can't Mr. Gill send a team to England as well as Colgate or Bates or Kalamazoo?

E. H. E.

Rhodes Scholarship

January 14, 1926.

G.H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
15, Oxford Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-

I have heard informally and confidentially a few rather interesting facts regarding the American Rhodes Scholar situation, and I know that you will be only too glad to get another point of view.

In the first place Mr. Greene's speech to which you refer did not meet the approval of the American Club at Oxford and was severely condemned the following autumn. In the second place, although Mr. Pipkin was as you pointed out, elected President, it was a good deal owing to his close connection with the club, rather than to any connection with Mr. Greene.

As far as the banquet is concerned, it seems that it has been officially cancelled some time before. The question of academic standing and equivalents is, as you know, one in which there is still a good deal of dispute, and I must tell you frankly from my own point of view that whatever may be his credits, the ordinary graduate of an American University has not yet the equivalent education of the honour graduate of an English University, the only class of English University graduate who is likely to go on to an English higher degree. Perhaps I am prejudiced in favour of English education, but I cannot see any parity between the English and American degrees, and I feel that an M.A. with honours at Oxford is at least the equivalent of a Ph.D. on this side; presumably the authorities at Oxford have somewhat the same view, although I understand that they have made the B. Litt. a little easier to attain.

On the point of discipline I cannot agree with you at all, and I do not think that the Rhodes Trustees would take any different view. It has always seemed to me that what Rhodes wanted and that is after all what we must aim at, is that the scholar should go to Oxford and become a part of Oxford. My own experience is limited to Cambridge, but such an end could not possibly be attained there unless the scholar became an undergraduate like anybody else. If he goes in as a senior student he cannot become one of the community. After all is not our aim neither

G.H. Estabrooks, Esq.

academic distinction nor an Oxford cachet but to attain comprehension of the point of view of the English speaking peoples.

I hope you will not think that I am not grateful for your letter and glad to be made acquainted with all points of view. Even if there is some incorrectness about what has been said and what you have heard, nothing but good can come out of your passing it on, since it makes it possible to correct at least some false impressions.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED
MONTREAL.

Jan. 9th, 1926.

Col. W. Bovey,
McGill University,
CITY.

My dear Bovey,

You will be interested in the enclosed
letter from Mr. Wylie.

It will probably be unwise for us to
let Estabrook know that we have written Wylie, but
perhaps you would care to drop him a line setting out
the general tenor of Mr. Wylie's letter without saying
where it comes from.

Kindly return the letter when you have
finished with it.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Macdonald

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 26, 1925.

Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
Principal's Office.

My dear Bovey,

I have a letter addressed by you to my wife and dated September 23rd last, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Estabrooks, and my wife now instructs me to inform you that she is consulting Mr. Estabrooks personally while on her present sojourn in Boston.

Yours very truly,

Ira A. MacKay
Dean

October 26th, 1925.

G. H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
15 Oxford Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-

I have taken up the two subjects mentioned in your letter of October 18th - the first, the necessity of letting the Oxford Debating Team know what they are coming to, with the National Union of Students - and the second, which you specially emphasize, with the Rhodes Committee here.

None of us, however, can make out what you mean by saying that "the Rhodes authorities are nailing a white flag to the mast before a handful of American Radicals". In another part of your letter you say that half the Americans and a considerable proportion of the Colonials are embittered purely because of gross misunderstanding of the American and Colonial point of view. Are you placing the blame on the English undergraduates, the English University authorities, or some undesirable Rhodes scholars? We do not know very much about Pipkin, not even who he is. I am quite sure, however, that a reasoned statement could do no harm and in so large a subject as this all information is valuable.

You know, of course, that universities as such are necessarily more or less out of the matter, but I can assure you that anything you have to say will be read with the same attention as

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is accorded to all communications from Rhodes
Scholars designed to help in the proper adminis-
tration of the Trust.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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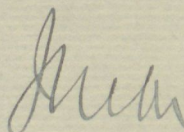
Oct. 24th, 1925.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,
McGill University,
CITY.

My dear Bovey,

I return herewith Mr. Estabrook's letter which I have read with interest. I confess, however, that I somewhat at a loss to know the exact tenor of his criticism. This is unfortunate because I think it is well worth while for criticisms to be launched in such a way that one can deal with them.

Yours faithfully,





15 Oxford St.

Cambridge, Mass.

Oct 1875.

Dear Col. Bovey:-

I certainly am glad to know that arrangements for the tour have come along so well. The list of subjects proposed seems perfectly reasonable. I am interested as to how the Canadian Universities will react to the further financial proposition of the British team. In Oxford there is a very definite idea that McGill, for instance, charters the largest hall in Montreal, sells it out for \$10,000 more or less and pockets the amount exceeding the guarantee. I think everything should be done to impress on the British team that this is not a money making tour on either side.

I think, moreover, that an Imperial team of this type will take much better than an Oxford team. The average Oxford man has as much conception of the colonial's outlook as I have of high finance. For heaven's sake do all you can to correct that very cheap snobbery which left such a bad taste in some places last year, for example, B.C.

* There is another point, Sir, to which I would beg to draw your attention. I feel it is really serious. The Rhodes Scholar situation in Oxford has been passing from bad to worse culminating this year in a debacle which ended

in the cancellation of the Rhodes Bazaar, supposedly
from lack of funds, really for a very different
reason. It seems to me tragic that the ideal
of Rhodes should be in a large measure a flat
failure, leading to the embitterment of half the
American & a considerable proportion of the colonial
purely because of gross misunderstanding of the
American & Colonial point of view.

I had the pleasure of a long talk with
Canon (now Archdeacon) Scott of Quebec last
week in which I gave him my opinion. He has
two sons who are ex-Rhodes scholars and I feel
he can present my outlook if you ever see him
in Montreal. He is not inclined to agree with me.

I feel very definitely that some action should
be taken. It is not inspiring to see the Rhodes
authorities nailing the white flag to the mast
before a handful of American radicals for whose
attitude they themselves or Oxford itself is
largely to blame. I know very personally
the central figure in the last phase of this
messle - a Rhodes man by the name of Pipkin is
and while I deprecate his attitude I can
certainly see his point of view.

I should certainly take it as a great favor
if I could see you whenever I am in Montreal -
which may not be this year - or if I could lay
my point of view before anyone you may suggest
in Boston. I merely want you to realize that I
am not talking to bear myself and that a really
serious situation has developed.

Very sincerely yours,
E. H. Estabrook.

September 23, 1925.

Mrs. Ira A. MacKay,
355, Mountain Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mrs. MacKay:-

I am sending you some correspondence
which it seems to me might interest your I.O.D.E. I must
confess that I have not got many suggestions on the subject,
but I suppose Mr. Estabrooks' idea might be a good one.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

66 Wendell Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 19, 1925

Col. W. Bovey
Office of the Vice Chancellor
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Col. Bovey:

Your letter received and I thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in this matter. Apparently you have got it down to its proper basis and I feel that it is much more sensible to have this originate from Montreal than from any place in the U.S. I gather that from now on the arrangements are to be made direct between Mr. Bagnall and yourself, and that I am not to bother myself any further. Please do your best to include St. John, N.B. as mentioned in the last clause of your circular. If you are expecting me to make any further arrangements please let me know at once and I will do my best to help out. I am very interested to know what your reaction is to a certain other little idea which I have had with reference to Imperial Unity. It would be of great assistance if we could get the type of intercorrespondence going between our various schools in the various parts of the Empire and in England, such as is promoted by the League of the Empire. I mean to say if we could have all the children in say a certain public school in Montreal corresponding with children in schools in various parts of the Empire. This could take place in the English literature period and I think could be made to form a very valuable part of the curriculum besides definitely promoting the cause of Imperial Unity. I communicated with certain people in England on this subject and they referred me to the League of the Empire. I have no quarrel what so ever with the League but I do not think that this subject should be handled on that basis. I think it should be worked in as part of regular school curriculum and that it should take a compulsory form and I do not think this compulsory form would in any way detract from the benefits which should accrue from such a proceeding. This may strike you as rather a wierd and fanciful matter but as I am specializing in the education of children here at Harvard and as I come in contact with the advanced American methods of forming every curricula I assure you, I see nothing impractical about the subject and I think it ~~would~~ be made a great success only it must be given official backing and it is quite senseless to expect any such unofficial organization as the League of the Empire to handle such subjects. Do you think this is worth seeing further? If so I will be glad to take it myself or to have it taken up by any person in Canada whom you consider advisable.

Very sincerely yours,
G.H. Estabrooks

May 27, 1925.

G.H. Estabrooks, Esq.,
66 Wendell Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-

Much obliged for your interesting letter of May 19th. The idea which you have is one to be given very serious consideration and one which might well be developed to a considerable extent. At first thought I am not inclined to agree with you as regards the compulsory notion, but that is only an early impression. I would very much like to have a talk with you some time when you visit Montreal or when I visit Boston. I do not suppose that you will be there during the summer, which is the only time that I see much prospect of a trip. I think, however, that I might be able to give you some suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

DOCKET ENDS:
RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Gen. Sir F. W. Currie.

M^{rs} E. L. Lewis.

Montreal

Exeter College

Oxford. Eng.

Dear Sir:-

I am given to understand that next Autumn the Oxford team will be touring the middle west & the Cambridge team will be taking the east. The American Univ. Union in London have suggested that you approach the

Institute of International Educa^{tion}.

522 - 5th Ave.

N. Y. C.

(D^r Stephen Duggan)

if you wish to be included in the schedule of the Cambridge team. This organization has consented to handle the Canadian end of the Cambridge tour.

The Oxford team were very much taken with their reception in Montreal and the Cambridge team have expressed their desire to include Canada in their tour.

Very sincerely yours,

G. H. Estabrook