

to the Right Honourable  
 Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., P.C.,  
 Prime Minister of Canada,

Sir,

That, whereas Chinese students are free to attend Universities in the United States and Europe, and are resorting to them in increasing numbers; but are in Canada subject to a poll-tax, this meeting resolves that the imposition of such a poll-tax is inexpedient and prevents Canada from taking her place in assisting the development of China.

That although, the Act 7 & 8 Edward VII c.14 the said poll-tax may be refunded after one year of study in a recognized University its imposition deters Chinese students from coming here, and tends to prevent friendly relations between the two peoples.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the said Act be amended to the effect of allowing free ingress to Canada of duly certified Chinese students.

Ass passed unanimously at a largely attended meeting in Montreal, May 3, 1909, presided over by Principal Peterson, the resolution supported by Dean Walton, Dr. Thomson and others being thereafter numerously signed as follows-

W. Peterson-LL.D., Principal of McGill University  
 F.P. Walton-LL.D., Dean, Faculty of Law  
 William I. Shaw-D.D., Chairman Prot. Com. Council Pub. Instr., Quebec  
 John Scrimger-D.D., Principal Presbyterian College  
 Arch. McGoun K.C., Prof., Faculty of Law  
 T.A. Starkey, Prof., Faculty of Medicine  
 C.E. Fryer Ph.D., Prof., of Faculty of Arts  
 Robt. Campbell D.D., Ex. Mod. Gen. Assembly Pres. Church in Canada  
 Rev. Jas. Patterson  
 Rev. E.I. Hart, Dominion Square Meth. Church  
 A.J. Mowatt D.D., Erskine Church  
 F.M. Dewey D.D., Stanley St. Church  
 Jas. S. Brierley, Editor "Herald"  
 E.F. Surveyer B.C.L., Prof., Faculty of Law  
 J.R. Dougall, Editor "Witness"  
 C.J. Fleet K.C., Governor of McGill University  
 Silas H. Carpenter, Chief of Detectives  
 Seth P. Leet K.C., Court House House  
 F.W. Hibbard K.C.  
 Arthur Dansereau, Editor "La Presse"  
 E. Lafleur K.C.  
 I.H. Gammell, Montreal High School  
 Walter Paul  
 James Rodger  
 Robert Munro  
 William Robertson  
 J.H. Gayford  
 A.M. Nairn  
 Wm. S. Keith  
 Geo. Grimson  
 Alex. Wilson  
 J.B. Picken  
 Henry Birks  
 E. Scott D.D.  
 Robert Johnston D.D.  
 D.A. Budge, Gen. Sec. Y.M.C.A.  
 Dr. J.C. Thomson, Cor. Sec. M.C.M.  
 (And many others)