

Geography

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Dear Professor:-

At the Protestant Committee meeting last month the enclosed Syllabus was held over as Sir Arthur Currie stated that the subject of Physical Geography could not be accepted by McGill for matric. I often wonder why. Physical Geography is an optional subject for the University of London Intermediate Examination (end of Second or Third Year) and their examinations are far from "easy".

Years ago Professor Cox used to say, "send me boys who have had no introduction to Physics; I prefer to give them the start in it." And certainly what the rural high schools can do either in Physics or Chemistry is very slight. But they can be made to do good work in Physical Geography, and that is why the Westmount teachers drew up that Syllabus.

I did not know of it until it was sent here, and it was then only that I learnt that my book was to be a supplementary. It is out of print, but Nelson & Sons are ready to print a new edition.

Now what I wish to say to you is this: If the Matric. Board is to consider Physical Geography if it is made stronger, I could strengthen my book by cutting out the "social" chapters and by giving much more of the physical geography and geology of the Province, and connecting it with Canada as a whole.

Dr. Collins of the Geological Survey (Director) has sent me some fine prints of fossils for reproduction and is willing to send prints of anything else I may need. So too for Denis of the Mines Department here.

I am at last promoted Assistant English Secretary, which means Assistant Director of Protestant Education, Assistant Deputy Minister and enables me to sign official letters in that capacity. Dr. Percival, our new head, is a fine man.

I sat next to Hamilton Fyfe at the dinner here to the Headmasters, had much talk with him and liked him very much. I see he is now Principal of Queen's.

Yours truly

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