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Professor F. Clarke,
Faculty of Arts,
McGill University,
Montreal. Que.,

Dear Professor Clarke,

The information regarding Mr. Norman Smythe is as follows:-

He has been appointed to a position in Montreal High School although he does not have a diploma. In fact, he does not even have the pink slip that entitles him to commence a course of training for a diploma.

He has a B.Sc., degree, but is short in second year Mathematics, and second year French.

He applied for permission to substitute a course in Statistics in a Psychology course for the required course in second year Mathematics. This request was not amiably received by the Protestant Central Board of Examiners, but was finally acceded to.

There was, therefore, a discussion about the position of Mr. Smythe at this Board meeting, at which you were not present. Dr. Percival pointed out that he had pleaded with the Rev. Dr. Smythe not to appoint his son and told him that he could not honourably appoint his son in view of his position as a clergyman, a member and former chairman of the Montreal School Board, and Chairman of the Montreal Protestant School Board. In spite of these official pleadings, Mr. Norman Smythe was appointed to a position in the High School without a diploma. I reported that his practice teaching was also unsatisfactory.

Mr. Norman Smythe is still lacking the following requirements:-

1. A pass in second year French in order to get the pink slip.
2. Satisfactory completion of classes in French, Music and Drawing.
3. Education course 2.
4. Satisfactory completion of practice teaching.

He has put in, possibly, the required number of half days, but he is not very satisfactory. He has a defect in his speech and