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Dear Sir:-

In the absence of Sir Arthur Currie I acknowledge your good letter of February 13th with reference to entrance requirements.

At McGill University we admit to the Faculty of Arts a student who has attained a definite standard (60% on the whole, with a minimum <sup>of 40%</sup> in each subject) on an examination in certain essential subjects. This examination is based on specific work which prepares the student for his first year in college. The time it has taken him to prepare himself, or whether such preparation is in private or public school or by tutor, is immaterial to us. In the State of New York, on the other hand, admission is based on the completion of twelve years of study, with, perhaps, only slight regard to particular subjects. It is just here the real difference lies in our requirements for admission.

Our records at McGill over a number of years shew conclusively that the percentage of failures in the first year is much lower among students who have passed our examination than among those who have entered under the qualification of time spent in preparatory grades and units studied.