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MEMO REGARDING FUSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS IN THE FACULTY
OF AGRICULTURE WITH DEPARTMENTS AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

1. Administrative difficulties regarding the announcement of courses, lectures, estimates, appropriations. If the usual procedure is to be followed, the Head of the Department is responsible for all such commitments, and thus the Professor of the Department at McGill would have the onus of carrying out such procedures.
2. Heads of the McGill Departments become members of the Faculty of Agriculture in which faculty they do no teaching; is this right?
3. Graduate work. How is this to be arranged? The Head of the Department has to sign all application forms; in many cases he would be signing for subjects he did not teach, or about which he knew little. There would consequently be delay and difficulty with a graduate student who was making out his application.
4. The fusion would place the Heads of the Scientific Departments at Macdonald College in a position of inferiority to the other Departments in the College. For example: The professor of chemistry being under the Head of the Chemistry Department can be only second man in the Department; the professor of horticulture or agronomy is head of his department simply because there is no Horticulture Department at McGill. This is a de-gradation certainly for two professors at Macdonald, and undoubtedly would