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Dr. Adams,
Acting Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

You will have noticed that in Ontario arrangements have just been completed between the Minister of Education and the University authorities whereby joint examinations are now provided for matriculation and entrance to normal schools and entrance to faculties of education. Next June there will be but two sets of papers - one for pass matriculation and entrance to the normal schools, and another for entrance to the faculties of education and for honour matriculation.

I am writing to suggest that it might be possible to get greater harmony in our own province of Quebec in the same way. It is true that the matriculation examination papers and the school-leaving examination papers are the same, but the requirements are different. The result is that our rural high schools, which as you know have a small staff, have an impossible task in attempting to give all the options which might be chosen by students proceeding to other institutions. For example, there is one set of requirements for a school-leaving certificate and another set for entrance to the model school class at Macdonald College, and another set for admission to the faculties of arts and a different set for entrance to other faculties and departments, as for example, the Department of Commerce.

Several schools in the province are ~~now~~ taking commercial work, and the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction during this winter are considering the question of authorizing commercial courses in our high schools and intermediate schools, in addition to, or instead of subjects at present on the curriculum. Some of these subjects might reasonably be of interest to the University as entrance qualifications for the Department of Commerce.

The purpose of this letter, however, is to suggest to you the desirability of an attempt being made in the near future to secure greater harmony in the final examinations of our schools in Quebec and in the entrance examinations for the