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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF McGILL UNIVERSITY RESPECTING THE RELATIONS OF GENERAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROTESTANT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

- I. With reference to the examinations preparatory to professional study, the attention of those interested in general and professional education is invited to the following facts:—
- 1. The Protestant population possesses, under Legislative sanction and under the control of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and of the Department of Education, a complete course of study, extending from the Elementary Schools to the Universities. In this course, definite and rigorous examinations are conducted in every grade by the best examiners the Province can afford, and it is believed that this system provides an education equal to that exacted in any country for entrance into the study of the learned professions. The Certificates and Degrees based on this course of study and its examinations are now accepted for the above purpose in the other Provinces of the Dominion, and also in the medical and law schools of Great Britain and Ireland.
- 2. It is held that the Councils of the several professions should content themselves with fixing the stage in the general education provided under the educational law, which may be necessary for entrance into professional study, and should allow the attainment of this to be ascertained by examiners under the two committees (Roman Catholic and Protestant) of the Council of Public Instruction. Should the professional bodies desire any amendment

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