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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I don't know how many months in advance you prepare your schedule courses for the next year, but in order that I may be in good time I am writing to you to urge once more by letter what I have suggested both to you and to Professor McMillan - the importance of establishing courses in Journalism at McGill. Certainly no University in Canada is in a better position to conduct such a course than McGill for you have your daily newspaper which would be an admirable laboratory as an adjunct to theoretical lectures. I believe desultory efforts have been made in the past to give a short course of lectures, but for the last two or three years even these have fallen into abeyance.

There must be more than one hundred men engaged in the editorial side of English journalism in this city while the number of correspondents outside is, of course, many times this number. The Star alone has more than two hundred correspondents on its regular list. Not a day goes by without four or five applicants for work coming to the editorial department and in 90% of the cases they admit they have had no training. We endeavour here, as far as the exigencies of time will allow us, to do something toward training the young fellows who come but it would be a splendid thing if we had a reservoir from which to draw. At McGill you have classes in everything - from part singing to banking - except training for newspaper work. Is it that the authorities of McGill do not regard such training as worthy of their efforts?

I am not suggesting that McGill should blossom out with a four year course right away, but couldn't something be done in the way of establishing a short course in Journalism next year? The Star will give you its support and there will be no difficulty in getting some of the trained newspapermen of this city to lecture.

May I urge you once more to consider this question. I am sending a copy of this letter to Prof. McMillan.

With kindest regards,  
Yours truly,

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