

January 7, 1930.

I attended in Dean Barton's room the first meeting of the Principal's Special Committee at Macdonald College;

Present, Dean Barton in the chair
Professor Brittain
Professor Summerby
Professor Snell
Professor Lattimer.

As in other meetings I have attended, the Principal's letter well received. Following suggestions and remarks seemed at the moment to have some general as well as particular significance:

1. Here, as elsewhere, question of improvement in any direction carried the discussion right into secondary schools. Dean Barton and others expressed concern at the increasingly small supply of boys attending rural Quebec schools in grades 10 and 11; the dropping-off was attributed to urbanization.

Dean Barton seemed hopeful that "consolidation" in Eastern Townships would help matters. From things he and others said it was apparent that many of the instructors at Macdonald were concerning themselves with this and kindred questions and attempting to shove things in the right direction by advice given, while they were doing field work, to agronomes, Women's Institutes, school principals and even the clergy.

Complaints were made by one or two - in a good-humoured way - that Bishop's was debasing the currency by strenuous advertisement of easier courses labelled with the same degree.