

"The complete course in the Protestant schools of this group ... consists of eleven grades and leads to admission to the provincial Protestant normal school (Macdonald College School for Teachers) for professional training, or to matriculation to McGill or Bishop's University, similar to the elementary and secondary schools of other provinces. The number of the 75,147 in the upper three or high school grades was 5,558 or about 7.4 per cent. The fact that there is no twelfth grade as in the other provinces tends to make the proportion in high school work smaller than elsewhere..."

That this is not a new situation may be seen in a reference to the Canada Year Book of 1927-28, page 915, last paragraph: "... the highest grade is Grade XI, from which students are matriculated to McGill University and Bishop's College..." Educational authorities all over the Dominion of Canada have for years followed the practice of regarding Grade XI as the last year of a three-year high school course.

The last two sentences of Dr. Percival's letter to Dr. Neville refer to high school courses and read thus:

"There is a strong desire also to make a post-matriculation course in some of the schools that are well equipped for the purpose. In fact an extra year has already been added to the course in the Westmount High School."

In the light of the above statements referring to three-year high school courses it is only natural for us to interpret Mr. Percival's statement concerning the post-matriculation course in the Westmount High School as meaning a one-year honour course added to a three-year course. If we are wrong, we shall gladly admit the error.

2. Your quotation from Dr. Neville's address beginning "It seems inevitable" and ending "why worry?" can only be interpreted in the light of the context which answers the question, "Why worry?" The fact of the matter is that a number of University Registrars in the United States have been worrying about the admission of Canadian students who have had only three-year high school courses. The question is, therefore, not asked in its colloquial or slang sense, but quite seriously and to reprove those Registrars who have rendered an "unfair verdict" against these Canadian students through their habit of applying mechanical measures to entrance qualifications. Dr. Neville's reply to the question was also a commendation of the products of the three-year high schools who apparently find their shorter high school course no handicap in their graduate work at Yale or Harvard. May I add that Dr. Neville was referring only to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island?

3. The exact words of Dr. Neville's statement concerning admission to Canadian universities of American high school graduates are: "In most cases we honor American high school graduation or school certificates, if the school is accredited by one of the recognized accrediting bodies." Perhaps a more exact way of stating that is to say that "most Canadian universities