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I think Mr. Ward acted hurriedly and unwisely in ordering a material which cost so much less a price than the one which the College advertises as purchasable at eighty cents a yard without consulting the Head of the School concerned. This consultation would be with the head of a department and not <sup>with</sup> a member of the Executive Committee. Dean Barton would be in no way concerned nor interested unless something took place similar to what the student outlined in his complaint in the debate referred to. I do not consider that the Executive Committee has any control over the manner in which the Purchasing Agent carries out that part of his duty. He should be, and I think is, a better purchasing agent than the Executive Committee as such or the Executive Committee as individuals. I am told that in the store there are more than 1100 different articles for sale. It would be wrong for me as Principal of McGill University to expect the Executive Committee to supervise the purchasing of these. Mr. Ward as Purchasing Agent represents McGill and not the Executive Committee of Macdonald College. If the Executive Committee, in carrying out its proper functions as such, believes <sup>adversely</sup> that Mr. Ward has done something which affects the discipline or administration of the College, it is perfectly proper for them to bring the matter up in Executive Committee and forward an appeal to me, if necessary. If he has done something which affects only a particular school I think the matter should be taken up as between Mr. Ward and the Head of that School, and an appeal brought to me if one is necessary. The student's statement being disproved and withdrawn by him, this particular matter affected only the Head of the School of Household Science and Mr. Ward as Purchasing Agent, because the material bought was only to be sold to students in the School of Household Science. I repeat that, in my opinion, Mr. Ward should have discussed the matter with Miss Philp before arranging for the purchase, and if contemplating similar action with respect to material for use of the students in the School for Teachers, should discuss it with Dean Laird before taking action.

I do not think it is a function of the Executive Committee to resolve itself into a