

P.E.I. summer school.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Prince Edward Island.
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General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal of McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

On behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, I wish to express to you our appreciation of your kindness in permitting the McGill Library School to conduct an Institute here during the past month, under the directorship of Dr. Lomer, who has been untiring in his efforts to make the Institute the success it is.

A special feature of the course was a series of evening lectures for adults on the general subjects of Canada, its geography and history, and the development of books throughout the ages. The interest aroused by these lectures and the continuous attendance of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred persons, leads me to make a suggestion that as we have no large universities, it is my belief our Island provides an excellent centre for adult education. It is with that thought in mind I venture to enquire as to the possibility of securing a course of lectures, to be delivered next summer under the auspices of McGill.

Our connection with McGill covers many years. Sir William MacDonald, as you know, came from the Island and very many of our boys and girls are graduates of the University.

Possibly a summer school in Canadian History could be arranged, so as to supplement and assist the work being done by the Carnegie Library Demonstration.

I believe the co-operation of Dr. J. Clarence Webster and Professor D. C. Harvey, M.A., Nova Scotia Archivist, will be available.

If this suggestion meets with your approval, I shall be only too pleased to render every assistance toward making possible a course of lectures in this Province next summer.

Again expressing our appreciation, I am

Yours faithfully,

W. J. P. MacMillan
Minister of Education.