

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ROYAL INSTITUTION, GOVERNORS OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
HELD 4th JANUARY 1907.

1. The Principal explained that the meeting had been called to consider the offer to be made by the Board, as Trustees of the Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, for the transfer from Montreal to Ste. Anne's of the Normal School, and particularly the composition of the Committee to be appointed to control, under the regulations of the Protestant Committee, the Normal Training Department at Ste. Anne's. The Board resolved that the Committee should consist of seven members, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to the Chairman of the Protestant Committee the following minute:-

In accordance with the wishes of Sir William Macdonald as expressed in the memorandum communicated by him to the Board of Governors on 18th June, 1906, when he arranged to incorporate Macdonald College with the University system and make it rank as a College of McGill, the Board of Governors is now prepared, if the Protestant Committee so recommend, and with the sanction of the Provincial Government, to provide at Macdonald College (Ste. Anne de Bellevue) for the training of teachers for the Protestant Schools of the Province of Quebec. Such an arrangement, carried out under the regulations of the Protestant Committee, as representing the Provincial Government will be similar to what obtains in the Training Departments of many of the Universities of the United States, which are authorized by their several Governments to provide and supervise the curriculum leading to the diploma or license to teach. It will also continue the close connection which McGill University has always maintained, through the McGill Normal School, with the training of teachers, - a new obligation being now specifically imposed on the University, namely, that through the agency of Macdonald College it shall have "particular regard to the interests and needs of the population in rural districts." The Board of Governors understands that the Government of the Province has already expressed its willingness to continue the sums now voted for the maintenance of the McGill Normal School, which may be set free on the acceptance of this offer from the Board, and to devote these sums (in addition to other grants made from time to time) to the support of Protestant Education under the regulations of the Protestant Committee. This is regarded by the Board as an essential condition of the new arrangements now under consideration. Under the head of material accommodation and equipment, the Board undertakes to provide and to maintain, in addition to the main buildings of the Macdonald College (containing Classrooms, Laboratories, Libraries, Assembly Hall, Offices etc.):

- (a) a residence for female teachers in training.
- (b) a residence for male teachers in training.
- (c) efficient courses in nature study, household science and manual training.