

February 23, 1933.

Colonel William Wood,
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My dear Colonel,

I have your letter of yesterday, and also the resolution that was passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the High School of Quebec.

The matter therein raised will come before the meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction at its meeting tomorrow, but, unfortunately, I shall not be present, as His Excellency the Governor General has notified me that he wishes to pay a visit to the University tomorrow morning and spend all forenoon with us.

What the attitude of the Protestant Committee will be I do not know, although at a short discussion of the matter at the last meeting my recollection is that the educational authorities at Quebec did not favour the granting of its diploma to any school over whose curriculum it had no control and concerning which it had no right of inspection.

You speak of "no danger of opening the flood gates to all or even sundry private schools". The matter first came before the Protestant Committee as the result of a communication from the Girls' School in Compton, and this afternoon I am having an interview with the Principal of the Trafalgar Institute (Girls' School) concerning the same matter. There would seem to be a general assault all along the line. The girls' schools frankly admit that many of their girls find the McGill matriculation standards too difficult, and they would like to have some diploma from a higher authority than themselves.

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