

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

(1) I have received your letter of yesterday and it has caused me very great surprise. In the first place, I have not recently put the Chemistry for the Pre-medical course in the morning, although the Dean may have just found out that it is given in the morning. That course has been given in the morning since, certainly, 1885. It was formerly given three times a week but now it is given twice, namely, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is attended by Pre-medical students, Pharmacy students, and B.Sc. students who are free in the mornings otherwise they take the Arts course in the afternoons. No Pre-medical student has ever found any difficulty in attending the laboratory work on Tuesday and Thursday morning. It has not interfered in any way with the regular work of the First Year.

(2) I wish to remind you that the instruction in Chemistry is extremely difficult to organize owing to the difference in the previous training of the students. We have students who have taken both Chemistry and Physics in High School, some for two or more years; we also have students who have taken Chemistry alone and those who have taken Physics alone; and further there is a very large number of students in Arts who have taken neither Chemistry nor Physics. You can readily understand, Sir, how difficult it would be, without some classification of the students, to carry on