

October 26th, 1932.

Mgr. V.-Joseph Plette, P.A., D.L. d'H.,
Rector, University of Montreal,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

My dear Monseigneur Plette:-

Some time ago Dr. Dubeau, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Montreal, indicated to Dr. Walsh, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University, that he had determined to insist upon a change in the requirements for admission to the study of dentistry. Officially, however, I have heard nothing nor has any word come to me from your institution regarding such a suggestion.

I was astonished to read in La Presse a statement, which on the face of it seems to have some official sanction, to the effect that at the next session of the Provincial Legislature an amendment to the Dental Act would be proposed, which would require students of this University entering the study of Dentistry to have the degree of B.A.

I can scarcely believe that your University, without any notice to us, can have decided to ask the Legislature to change, without our consent, an agreement which was made between us. The present provision of the law was prepared after long consideration by the accredited representatives of our two institutions, and of the Dental College; it has, so far as I know, been loyally adhered to and I am unable to see any reason for change.

The article in La Presse appears to me misleading in many ways, and likely to arouse feelings of racial animosity which, I think you will agree, are most undesirable. I trust I shall hear from you that the reporter was misinformed, that the proposal has no sanction from your institution, and that we may regard as unauthorised the intimation that the Legislature will be appealed to to alter, without our consent, the existing agreement.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.