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So much of the space of the present number of the McGill University Magazine is taken up by other contributions that the usual article on Current Events must be very brief. One of the subjects which would naturally find a place in it—the position of McGill in British Columbia—has been treated at considerable length by Dr. Tory, whose opinions, derived as they are from familiarity with the educational conditions of the far West and with those who are actively engaged in scholastic work there, are entitled to carry more weight than editorial inferences made three thousand miles away. Still, a few points might be iterated for the sake of emphasis and not for any other reason, inasmuch as they are clearly brought out by Dr. Tory himself.

Biased criticism stops at nothing. To asperse a university because it is free from disabilities which exist elsewhere, and is prepared to show its freedom and exert its influence when called upon to do so, seems distinctly uncharitable, particularly when the efforts McGill is making involve considerable care and, what is more, considerable outlay. So far from taking provincial education out of the hands of British Columbia and labelling it with the name of a distant university, McGill has entrusted the funds it has offered and the scheme to which they are to be applied to a Provincial board from which it is conspicuously absent. Again, it is only by a strange vagary of thought that McGill, in virtue of action recently taken, is credited with endeavoring to capture British Columbia as a feeding ground. Obviously, a moment's sober reflection will show the reverse to be the case, and consequently it seems superfluous to enter into argument. Of course in view of what it has done and is doing, McGill might naturally be regarded as a preferable goal for students who, having already enjoyed the increased opportunities for