

Of the total grant to Macdonald College, \$276,875 has been given to the School of Agriculture, \$14,000 to the Household Science School, and \$110,890 to the School for Teachers.

You will recall the statistics given at the last meeting of the Board disclosing that Quebec's contributions to higher education, as compared with those of other provinces, are very small. The Premier recognizes the obligation of the Province and in recent discussions with the Catholic School Board stated that the University of Montreal must be enabled to complete its buildings and given the help necessary for its existence. It is impossible, however, for the Province to make any grants this year. The proposed beer tax was dropped, and it is doubtful whether the gasoline tax will be enough for present requirements. The University of Montreal has been told that no money will be given this year. We would only do our own cause harm by making application now.

The situation of the University of Montreal is that they have no funds, that \$3,000,000 is required to complete the new buildings. It is proposed that \$2,000,000 of this be raised by a bond issue of the Catholic School Commission; / that property in the Catholic Ecclesiastical Province of Montreal be taxed under a new Diocesan tax to be authorised (this has already been approved by a private meeting of bishops); / that this tax be used for paying off the school loan (this is a new plan and the school and church authorities do not know if it); / that the remaining \$1,000,000 be given as a grant by the Province next year. I would ask you to regard this information as strictly confidential, and we must be sure that no reference is made to it in the press.

We have had confidential conferences with the authorities of the University of Montreal, and it is recommended that we take joint action and apply next year for an annual grant, payable first in 1933-34, as follows:-

University of Montreal,	\$800,000	.667%
McGill University,	\$275,000	.222%
Laval University,	\$137,500	.111%

The above amount is the University of Montreal's minimum, and does not ensure them full development, for which they would have to look to other sources. The total is not excessive. The intervening period would be used for propaganda purposes. The application should not be made until after the present session.