

March 13th, 1930.

Honourable A. R. McMaster,
Provincial Treasurer,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. McMaster,

I am attaching herewith a copy of a letter I wrote to the Honourable Mr. Perron on March 6th. In that you will note that I very definitely asked that out of the \$600,000 it was proposed to grant in aid of the agricultural industry Macdonald College should receive \$50,000. Any donation of a less amount to Macdonald College would not recognize the great contribution that college has made to the agricultural industry of this province. Neither would it be a fair distribution to the institutions which serve more particularly the English-speaking residents of the province.

In my address before the McGill Graduates' Society of Quebec City recently, I stressed what Macdonald College had already accomplished, and I outlined research projects now proceeding and to proceed in future, pointing out that investigation was delayed and success postponed because of the inadequacy of the funds at our disposal.

Take, for example, the value of our researches which resulted in the "Banner 44 M.C." oat. That has resulted in a grain that will yield three bushels more per acre. If the 2,000,000 acres planted in oats were planted with this Banner No.44, the yield would be 6,000,000 more than otherwise. Has that not been worth something to this province?

Take, also, our investigations in the soil. I notice that Mr. Perron intends to point out the value of fertilizer. That is quite proper. But how do you know the kind of fertilizer to use unless you know something about the soil which it is intended to fertilize? Most astonishing things have been learned.