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22nd September, 1919.

The Administrative Commission of the
City of Montreal.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated the 4th instant, from the City Clerk's Office, with regard to the annual grant of \$10,000.00 which the City of Montreal makes to McGill University.

You have asked us to state the reasons why this grant should continue to be paid, and in answer thereto, I beg to submit the following:-

1. McGill University may justly claim to stand in the forefront of Canadian Universities. It is well known and well thought of throughout the British Empire, as well as in France and the United States. It can be stated without fear of contradiction that McGill, with its world-wide reputation as a seat of learning, has added much lustre to the fair name of the City of Montreal.
2. This University, while being a Protestant institution, is strictly non-sectarian, and students of all religions are welcomed within its doors. No distinction has ever been made in its attitude towards students of all races and creeds, but rather on the other hand has its policy in this respect been broad and impartial.
3. Unlike the University of Toronto, it is not a tax-supported institution, and receives from the Government of this province an annual grant of only \$25,000.00.
4. It has a normal registration of 2,000 students, at least 60% of whom come from outside the city. Many of these young men after graduation take up residence in Montreal, and assume a leading part in the professions of Law, Science, and Medicine. It may be justly claimed therefore that McGill is the means of adding many desirable citizens to the City of Montreal.
5. Although McGill has received in the past many large private endowments its total income at the present time is quite inadequate to permit of that expansion which is absolutely necessary to meet the ever-increasing demands that are being made upon it. In these times of re-consturction, McGill University does in fact face a critical situation, due solely to the fact that it needs a large increase in funds.

I trust that the above stated reasons will appear to you as ones adequate to secure to McGill University the annual grant of \$10,000.00 which the City of Montreal in the past has been so generous to afford it.

Yours faithfully.