

Staff Death of Miss Price

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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I understood from Dean Barton that you wished to see me before I went West on my tour. I called at your office on Saturday morning, July 13th, either to see you or to make arrangements for an interview. I also arranged with Colonel Bovey to make arrangements and Mrs. Chesley was to telephone me this week. However, on telephoning again today, I find that it may not be possible for me to see you before leaving on Sunday, July 21st, and I am therefore giving you some information regarding our difficulties arising out of the tragedy whereby Miss Mabel D. Price, Lecturer in History & Geography, lost her life by drowning on June 23rd.

Miss Price was almost irreplaceable because of her knowledge and skill. She was one of the most efficient instructors for her position that we could possibly have found and I was very proud of her success both in her work and with her colleagues and students.

As you know, contracts cannot be broken after June 1st and therefore I am in a very difficult position. Several of those to whom I have spoken and who might have been free are either unwilling to tackle the work or could not find their release from their engagements.

Secondly, Dr. Gammell who, I thought, might be able to help out during his first year of retirement, would lose his pension if he undertook our work, and besides he is going for a tour of the west and will not return until the end of September. I fear, therefore, that temporary filling of the position for next year is out of the question.

Another arrangement that might have been possible cannot be worked out. I have also had an application from a former Ontario teacher now studying at Columbia University but she is not qualified for all the subjects we are requiring.