

To summarize: The Ecole Polytechnique needs more and greater facilities, ampler equipment and a larger highly qualified staff to give its students a training that will make them peers, in every respect, of the graduates of the other higher technical schools of Canada, while McGill should be equipped and staffed to provide advanced courses of instruction and facilities for research in Science.

To enable the Ecole Polytechnique to provide what she urgently needs involves a considerable increase in the annual grant made by the Government of the Province.

What the amount of the increase should be, and for what objects, is properly a matter for careful inquiry and report by a Commission appointed by your Government, which Commission should also investigate the needs of McGill University in the lines referred to above. It should be composed of, say, five (or seven) members, of whom two (or three) should be eminent graduates of the Ecole Polytechnique and two (or three) who should be distinguished graduates of other Canadian Institutions, while one, a representative public man, might be selected to act as Chairman.

I would, therefore, most respectfully urge that such a Commission be appointed by your Government and to report to you directly at a date which will enable you to give full consideration to its recommendations in order that early action may be taken thereon.

Should you regard favourably the proposal to appoint such a Commission, I shall be pleased to be of any assistance to you in the matter of advice as to its scope, functions and personnel, which you may desire me to give.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,