

GENERAL CURRIE FOR M'GILL POST

Understood Canadian Corps
Commander Has Been Of-
fered Principalship

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Formal Announcement of Ap-
pointment Expected After
Assembly of Board of
Governors

It is understood that General Sir Arthur Currie, Inspector General of the Canadian Forces, has been offered the appointment as Principal of McGill University, and that General Currie has tentatively accepted the appointment. The matter was brought up at a meeting of the board of governors yesterday afternoon, following which it was stated that the appointment of General Currie, to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes, now British Ambassador at Washington, has been considered. A further meeting of the board of governors will be held on Wednesday, when an official statement will be issued. This statement, it is expected, will contain the formal announcement that General Sir Arthur Currie has been offered, and has accepted the appointment.

At the close of the meeting of the governors yesterday afternoon, it was stated by members of the corporation that this appointment had been under discussion, but the governors considered that until the time came, on Wednesday, for an official announcement, no definite statement could be made.

Despatches from Ottawa stated yesterday that the probability of General Sir Arthur Currie's appointment to the principalship of McGill University had been mooted, but that General Currie had declined to discuss the matter in its present position.

PRACTICALLY SETTLED.

It was considered in McGill University circles yesterday that the moves made by the University Corporation, following the preliminary parleys with General Currie, had practically settled the question of who was to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes as Principal of McGill, and general approbation was expressed at the hope that General Currie would accept the position.

Should the movement for the appointment of General Currie end in his taking over the office it will establish one of the many new precedents at the university incident to the war, since General Currie is not a university man, although he had an education that fitted him to qualify for a high school teacher, and in his younger days he taught at high school for six years, before he entered the real estate business in British Columbia, after which he found his metier as a soldier, in which he won such high honors.

He was noted at the front not merely as a capable officer, to such an extent that he rose from rank as a lieutenant-colonel commanding

a regiment, to the commander of the Canadian Corps, with rank as lieutenant-general, but as an officer whose ability to inspire soldiers, both by speeches and written orders, was such that his addresses are regarded as classics. General Currie's final address to the Canadian Corps precedent to the great advance on Mons was considered one of the masterpieces of British military instructions, ranking with those given the Union forces just before the Battle of Gettysburg. So highly was this final order of General Currie considered in France that the French Government has since had it translated into French, and had it placed in every public school in France.

It was considered by leaders at McGill that the selection of General Currie as Principal of McGill University will be a distinct advantage to that institution, not only from the record won by General Currie in the war, but by reason of his commanding personality, his ability as a speaker and writer, and by his record as a citizen, who will be able to bring the university into even closer touch with the people.

Immediately on the organization of the Canadian forces for the war in 1914, General Currie joined, as lieutenant-colonel, commanding the 16th Vancouver Regiment, with which he went to the mobilization camp at Valcartier.

When the First Canadian Division left England for France, the then Lt.-Col. Arthur W. Currie was in command of the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the First Division. Later he succeeded Major-General Alderson in command of the First Division, shortly after the 2nd Battle of Ypres in 1915. He served with General Byng when the Canadian Corps was organized, and when the latter officer was promoted to a higher command General Currie succeeded him as General Officer commanding the Canadian Corps.

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GEN. CURRIE TO HEAD M'GILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

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This appointment, if confirmed, will create a new precedent since General Currie is not a university man, although he had an education that qualified him for a high school teacher and he taught in a high school for six years in his earlier days, before entering real estate in British Columbia, after which he found his real metier as a soldier.

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When General Sir Arthur Currie was informed last night that his name had been mentioned in connection with the principalship of McGill University his only comment was: "I do not know anything about it."

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