

Macdonald College, Que.
November 23rd, 1932.

Dr. J.F. Snell,
Acting Dean,
College.

Dear Dr. Snell:

Regarding the graduate and research work of Dr. R.R. Thompson:- during the past few years I have suggested the research projects and assisted in directing the research for the following students: Mr. Townsend in Bacteriology (M.Sc.), Mr. Gough in Bacteriology, Mr. Pugsley in Chemistry, Mr. Thompson in Bacteriology, Mr. Thompson (Ph.D.) in Bacteriology, Mr. Forbes in Chemistry and Mr. Duckworth in Chemistry - the latter two now in progress. I have also assisted in planning and supervising the work of Mr. Boothroyd in Plant Pathology. From the above list you may note that the graduate work emanating from the Veterinary Department has assumed rather a wide scope. No immediate credit has fallen to this department for any part taken in the above work, nor have I attempted to usurp the rights of other departments in asking that credit be given to this department. However, owing to recent developments, I feel that it is now time that a record be made of the part taken by myself in the work mentioned.

The work done by Dr. R.R. Thompson for his Ph.D. thesis is the controversial point. This work was planned, the animals used were selected by and the procedure suggested and work carried out under my constant supervision. Despite this fact I have never had an opportunity to read the completed thesis, nor to take part in the oral examination of the candidate. A recommendation emanating from the examining committee, suggested that assistance be provided for furthering this research. Dean Barton received a letter from the Principal asking that he investigate the possibilities of continuing the research of Dr. Thompson. When Dean Barton approached me as to what lines of work should be followed, I stated very clearly to him that I had no intention of outlining further work from which other departments might obtain full credit and this department merely supply the ideas and the efforts of supervising the details. From a pedagogical standpoint, this appears to me to be quite improper, and if any standard is to be placed upon the ability of members of the staff as teachers and as being able to conduct and supervise graduate work, then the facts which I have mentioned clearly point to the fact that the Veterinary Department should be given proper standing in this matter.