

but my only interview with the committee was some months later when the matter ^{had been} ~~was~~ practically decided.

Without committing myself to all the criticisms in the enclosed letter, from what I have seen of West I do not think it is at all a suitable book for school children, even if, as I do not think, the study of general history is useful at that stage. I should like, however, to say that the book condemns itself from the mere fact that it has been necessary to produce a special Canadian edition. A good history does not require to be revised for each country in which it is read.

I may add that our History Association of Montreal, which contains a large number of teachers, has recently set up a committee to consider that question of the most suitable history curriculum & text books for schools. The committee is shortly bringing out its report, & I understand that West's book is unequivocally condemned in it.

I think it is unfortunate that on the committee deciding on the history curriculum & text-books for schools, though there are McGill representatives, there is no representative of this department.

I return Miss Smith's letter.

Yours very truly,

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