

In regard to the proposal for McGill's coöperation in a  
history of the English Parliament.

The following difficulties might, I think, be put forward in a  
reply to Mr. Fisher's letter -

(a) Under present conditions it would seem almost impossible for  
McGill to provide any financial assistance in the compiling of a section of such  
a work.

(b) With the depleted staff of the Department of History there is really  
little time for any of the professors to embark upon work which is outside their  
own particular fields of research.

(c) The material for such work is not available at McGill nor indeed  
in Canada. It would undoubtedly be necessary to spend a very considerable time  
in England in order to carry out a satisfactory piece of research <sup>or of</sup> compilation.  
As things are at present it would be difficult to subsidise students and so enable  
them to reside in England for the requisite period.

(d) Finally, it is very doubtful if a student born in Canada and who  
has lived all his life in Canada would have the requisite background for a piece  
of research which is bound up so intimately with English life and English  
associations.

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