

Mr. Cameron seems to doubt our word, but I assure you that the University has placed all its cards on the table but from Mr. Cameron is not receiving the same measure of confidence. I fail to see with what reason or justice he can suggest that a grant for special purposes in Agriculture should be devoted to a School for Teachers, and with all due diffidence I suggest that the Council of Public Instruction has nothing whatever to say or do with that \$25,000 grant for Agriculture.

Let me add that yesterday the Corporation of the University met and I explained to them our petition to the Government. Dr. Rexford was present and spoke. What he said may be dealt with under three headings:

(1) That the University was asking to have a Bill of the Legislature abrogated. He pointed out that this was a very serious thing to do and the Council of Public Instruction hesitated to join in the request. You would think that we were asking for the abrogation of the British North America Act. If I remember rightly Dr. Rexford is one who has no hesitation in asking for the abrogation of the School Act of 1903.

(2) He pointed out that an unusual situation as regards the training of teachers prevails in this province. That is so. He said that the Council of Public Instruction gave up to an alien body the training of its teachers and that they had relinquished what was their responsibility owing to the extremely generous offer of Sir William Macdonald and the assurance that never in the future would the training of teachers cost the province a cent. I had to point out in reply that the Council of Public Instruction still retained control of entrance requirements, of the curriculum, the examinations and the certificates and that all McGill was doing was to pay the bills. I fail to see how he could with justice state that the Council of Public Instruction has surrendered its entire responsibility to an alien body.