

the future of our University. I have here to speak in a more comprehensive way.

McGill has two successive goals to strive for:-

(1) It has to improve its place as one of the two higher universities of Canada. The other English-speaking universities of the country should be able to turn with confidence to McGill departments for all higher instruction of its graduates, for personnel for its chairs and for general direction and leadership. Within a reasonable time, McGill should be in a position fully to fulfil this national demand. It can best do so in fair and open rivalry with Toronto. The one way in which our university will succeed in attracting the best type of Canadian undergraduate is by setting and achieving this higher aim, the discussion of which therefore includes or covers the whole undergraduate-drawing problem.

It is all to the good of Canada to have its provincial universities. The relatively cheaper curricula and cheaper living conditions prevailing at these institutions will ever tend to bring to them local students. Nor is there any reason why the instruction given in the provincial universities should not be sound and dependable. So far as the art of their individual teachers goes, they may often compete on even terms with the greater schools. Where they will long remain at a disadvantage is in the possibility of securing at any one time a sufficient group of superior teachers to give the university that they serve independent prestige and distinction. The outlook of the provincial universities is condemned to remain local.

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