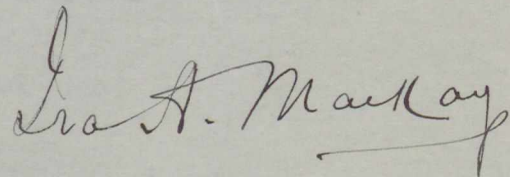


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students were able to pass our first year. This clearly indicates that our minimum requirements for admission to this University are distinctly, indeed very much higher than the minimum requirements for admission into other Colleges. Indeed, the whole situation looks distinctly ominous for students coming to McGill from other places. If only 25 out of 156 who apply for admission actually succeed in our first year, it seems to me that we have come very nearly to the point of refusing outside certificates altogether unless they be distinctly creditable. Just what policy the University should pursue in a situation such as this is a very difficult matter to decide. If we keep on raising our standards at McGill we shall obviously come very soon to the point where we will be compelled to refuse to recognise outside certificates altogether except for students who have a very distinguished career in their own schools. What should we do? I know that the school authorities in the other Provinces will immediately deny that our standards of admission are higher at McGill than in the local Universities, and who is to decide? The public, even our own public, do not know the facts and it would be impossible to put them in possession of the real facts at present. The situation is distinctly interesting.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ira A. Mackay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Dean".

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