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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 16th inst., together with enclosures from Dr. Parmelee and the report of the sub-committee for the professional training of candidates for academy diplomas.

I have thought this matter over carefully, and there are three different courses that may be pursued.

1. The first would be the appointment of a professor in the university who would carry the work asked for by the sub-committee of the Department of Public Instruction. This should not necessarily occupy one man's whole time, and he might be free to carry on other work in the university.

2. It would be possible to release Professor Laird to give the lectures on the psychology and principles of education, the history of education, methods of teaching, school and class management and supervision of practice teaching in Montreal. This would necessitate his absence from the School for Teachers here on at least two afternoons a week, and in addition would mean the supervision of classes during the months of May and June. He has already carried out this work for the last two years, and no doubt you would have an expression of opinion from those competent to judge as to the manner in which this duty has been carried out. It might be possible to make provision for such an arrangement, but naturally, extra remuneration would have to be given, and this amount of work would necessarily curtail some of the work which Professor Laird does at Macdonald College.

3. Provided you thought that Professor Laird's services in this connection would be advisable, some of his work both in connection with the course which he would have to give at McGill and ~~these~~ ^{as much} he undertakes here, might be partly assigned to an assistant, and if the first suggestion is not carried out, I should recommend the policy of asking Professor Laird to carry out this work, and give him some help. This would in a measure too, unify the training of teachers in the university and would practically place in the hands of the two institutions and under one responsible head, the whole of the training of teachers in this province, including academy, model, elementary and kindergarten teachers.

I am returning your enclosures.

Faithfully yours,

H. Harrison
Principal.