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Principal William A. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Principal Currie:

For some time this Department has been convinced that our recognition of Canadian universities and colleges has needed revision. We have reached this conclusion because of the difference in the admission requirements. As long as we require our own universities and colleges to establish and maintain a certain admission requirement, it is inconsistent to extend the same recognition to Canadian universities and colleges that do not admit students upon the same basis. Whether your requirement or ours is the better, pedagogically speaking, is an academic question. The fact remains that there is a real difference.

In the State of New York admission to a college course of study is based upon the completion of four years of secondary schooling preceded by eight years of elementary schooling, generally speaking, that is to say, upon the completion of twelve years of study. Unless I am misinformed admission to your university may be obtained by meeting the junior matriculation requirement, that is to say, upon the completion of eleven years of study. Therefore we feel that your admission requirement is not on a par with our own.

Furthermore you admit to your sophomore year the holder of a senior matriculation (Grade XII) certificate thus allowing college credit for the completion of secondary school courses of study, a practice that is not permitted in the State of New York.

Therefore, in fairness to our own students we have deemed it necessary to make the following ruling.