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Professor Gordon Laing,  
Dean of the Faculty of Arts,  
McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Professor Laing:

Your letter of May 29 has been read with interest, and I have given the matter careful consideration. Provided there are no important hampering influences, it appears to me that the opportunity for doing constructive educational work of value in the Province of Quebec at the present time, is a decidedly promising one. As I understand the situation, the Professor of Education would have a fairly free field to be of service in a practical way to the teachers of the Province, in addition to conducting the academic work in Education at the University. My own conviction is that we must seriously attack the problem of relating the educational theory given in our universities, to the actual practice in the schools, in a much more vital and direct way than has usually been done heretofore. It is this practical phase of the work that most strongly appeals to me. Also as both my wife and myself are Canadian born, we have always had a preference for work in our native land. Accordingly although my prospects here seem good, and the work is very congenial, and my present yearly salary is \$4550 not to mention opportunities in the way of lecturing at Teachers' Institutes, I have decided to become a candidate for the Chair in Education at McGill University.

At the present time I have no letters of recommendation from educators with whom I am acquainted, but I have no doubt that any or all of the following men would be glad to express their judgments as to my fitness for the position in question: