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the School for Teachers had approximately the same attendance as McGill Normal School. Twenty-five years afterwards we find that the attendance is much larger, and that on account of business conditions, it has been fluctuating and impossible to predict. For example, in 1930-31 the Intermediate Class had 87 students of whom 17 were admitted "on trial." In 1931-32 the Intermediate class admitted 168 students. The attendance this year threatens to be 192. We are certainly not equipped to handle this number, and in my opinion there will not be positions if all are admitted, and each obtains a diploma. In other words, I believe that the present conditions are abnormal.

With the exception of Practice Teaching we have facilities for handling, quite nicely, 35 students in the Elementary Class and 150 in the Intermediate Class. This number of 150 is an outside limit. Even with that number we are not satisfied with our Practice Teaching facilities.

I may also say in confidence, that my presence this year at the Central Board Meeting resulted in opposition to a ~~proposal~~^{movement} which would have ~~admitted~~^{more} students than have been admitted. Both Dr. Percival and some other members were anxious to admit students whose qualifications are, in some cases, better than those whom we were compelled to admit. I took advantage of every technicality, such as age, medical unfitness, residence outside the province, technical failures, etc., to exclude applicants and reduce our numbers. I believe that we will never have more students from the province than at this juncture, and I also believe that such large numbers will not be a permanent feature of ~~education~~ in this province.

However, I would respectfully suggest that when you make your reply to Dr. Percival you should suggest that all these matters are of vital concern to Macdonald College, the Protestant Committee and the Department of Education and that a conference should be held between representatives of these various authorities in order to discuss the situation and remedy such matters as require adjustment, or make provision for new conditions which were not contemplated in 1907.

Faithfully yours,

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