

November 5th, 1930.

Mr. R. E. Hayes,
Secretary-Treasurer,
267 Powell Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Hayes,

I have now had time to discuss with Dr. Chipman the matter of addressing the Ottawa graduates at luncheon at the Chateau Laurier on November 27th. Dr. Chipman finds it a little inconvenient to meet your wishes and he makes the suggestion (of which I most cordially approve) that you allow me to send up to you one of our younger professors; and the man I first suggest is Professor Fred Clarke, who came to us in September 1929 as our new Professor of Education.

Professor Clarke is a decided acquisition to the staff of this University and I venture to predict that within a few years he will be regarded as a leading authority in Canada on educational policies. He is a man about 51 years of age, an Englishman, a graduate of Oxford, but for the 20 years before he came here he was engaged in educational work in South Africa, where for a time he was attached to the staff of the University of South Africa and held the most responsible position in the gift of the Education Department of the Government of that Dominion. He is daily adding to his reputation here and is regarded by teachers and others as a source of great strength and encouragement to them. I can most cordially recommend him to you.

If I may be allowed to venture an opinion, I think it is a good thing for our graduates in outside places to become acquainted with the new members of the staff, otherwise they are likely to get the opinion that the staff of McGill to-day is something like the staff of years ago. I know the popularity of such men as