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III. Conclusion.

Under the policy in vogue at Macdonald College certain departments are denied a share in the funds available for research and extension ~~in~~ work. The present basis of departmental appropriations is archaic, inefficient and unjust. Expansion in certain cases has gone beyond the means of the institution, beyond the fundamental needs of teaching and, in some cases, probably beyond the legitimate function of the university. Other important lines of work remain static.

A new alignment is, therefore, long overdue, whereby a gradual retraction might be effected in certain directions, coincident with a certain development in others.

A "Committee on Policy" working in close conjunction with the Dominion and Provincial Departments and with leaders in technical agriculture, might well work out a long-range policy for Macdonald College, to which, if properly handled, the adhesion of individual departments could be secured, thus assuring the good-will of all concerned.

It is recognized that the last point is the one most difficult of accomplishment. Nevertheless, it is felt that, if the personnel of the committee were made up of men of unquestioned eminence in the field of education and research, together with a knowledge of the peculiar situation of Macdonald College, so that their considered opinion would command the respect of the entire faculty and, if the matter were then threshed out individually with each department head, it would be possible to win over the support of most if not all the departments involved, even though it might mean the temporary curtailment of certain lines of activity.

Finally, I would like to make it clear that I have nothing but gratitude for the sympathetic attitude of the former Dean towards the problems of my department and am of the opinion that had he remained, we would have eventually seen at least some of the suggestions contained in the foregoing put into effect.

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