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Macdonald College, Que.

January 22nd, 1920.

To the Board of Governors,
McGill University,
Montreal, Q.

Gentlemen,-

We, the undersigned Committee representing the staff of the School of Agriculture of Macdonald College, respectfully bring to your attention our serious position in the matter of salaries.

Since 1914 the cost of living has increased 100 per cent and during that time our salaries on the whole have remained practically stationary.

We say practically stationary because:

1. Certain members of the staff have received some increase in salary;
2. Those members who receive board and room as part of their salaries have received indirectly small increases because the cost to the College of providing them with room and board has increased.

Principal Harrison will assure you that each of us is a specialist in his line; that we do our work faithfully and enthusiastically and that we turn out graduates equal or superior to those turned out by other Canadian Agricultural Colleges.

We have spent our lives in training for this work and we enjoy it, but our present salaries limit our usefulness in every way.

During the war we felt it to be a necessary part of our patriotic duty not to press for increases in salary, but in the year since the armistice we have looked confidently for increases which would help us meet the higher cost of living.

We believe you will agree that we cannot do our best work while we are harassed by money matters.

We believe you will agree also that it is only a question of time when salaries must be increased here, otherwise when the present members drop out their places will be taken by men with inferior training.

We understand that you have recently granted to the members of the Arts and Science Faculties of McGill University liberal bonuses and substantial increases in salaries; also that you have established schedules of salaries for the different grades of the Faculties.