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My dear Mr. Murray:-

I wish to say that I appreciate greatly your courtesy in sending me a copy of Mr. Cameron's letter to Mr. Mitchell and the other members of his Committee, and of your reply thereto.

I find it very difficult to follow Mr. Cameron's reasoning and am now convinced that our petition shall meet determined opposition from him. The grant sought for is not a petition on behalf of McGill University but it is sought for the sole purpose of enabling the University to train efficiently the teachers in the Protestant Schools. We have done our best in this matter and have wilfully curtailed the activities of the School of Household Science and the School of Agriculture in order that no charge could be laid against us of having neglected the School for Teachers.

Mr. Cameron speaks about a surplus. You have answered him quite correctly, but in addition to what you have stated I might add that had the year at Macdonald been a poor one from the farmers' standpoint the surplus of \$19,000 might easily have become a deficit. The report shows that from the sale of produce and livestock our income was increased by nearly \$60,000. Bad weather, a blight or disease might easily have wiped out that surplus.

You are quite right with regard to the \$25,000 grant to the School of Agriculture. That is a special grant spent in a special way. It did not appear in the income nor did it appear in the expenditure.