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Dear Sirs:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, in which you ask me to express an opinion on "the police situation in general" in this City.

I feel that I am not competent to express such an opinion. Certain figures which have appeared in recent issues of the "Standard" are indeed startling and provide, as you say, much food for thought. I have not yet seen a statement of the case by the responsible municipal authorities, nor do I know whether those authorities and the Chief of Police agree with the deductions you have made. I know that there are always two sides to every question.

The City of Montreal is entitled to a strong, efficient and honestly administered Police Department. The head of that Department must be capable and efficient, honest and fearless. He must have a free hand and he must be supported in the organization, administration and discipline of his Department. All reasonable requests by him for men should be granted. The force itself, whether detective or constable, should be thoroughly trained in all their duties and sternly disciplined, and those who will not become efficient should be dismissed. Promotion should be by merit alone and the pay should be good. In this way only can a proper esprit de corps be developed.