

McGill vs Bishop's

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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The following is an excerpt from a letter,
which I have received from Dr. W. O. Rothney, Professor of Education
at Bishop's University, namely:-

"I am today in receipt of a copy of the prospectus
"of courses in Education for 1930 - 31, issued by McGill.
"It seems to me to be very meagre training for the High
"School Diploma. It is certainly not more than one third
"of what is being given at Bishop's. I think the time has
"come when we should insist on at least one year of
"graduate work in Education being done by candidates for
"the High School Diploma. I do not see how any profession
"could approve of less than one year of professional
"training. With the short year that McGill has, the
"least that could be expected would be 15 hours per week
"lectures in Education. McGill is offering only six. In
"Bishop's we are giving 15 hours per week lectures, and
"five half-days teaching per week, from the 20th of Sep-
"tember to the end of May. Moreover, McGill is still
"intending to continue the policy of crowding the work
"in Education in, along with the Arts work.

"It is evident that, if students are determined
"to secure their degrees, which they must secure, if they
"are to receive high school diplomas, they are going to
"do as little in Education as they can without actually
"failing.

"I call your attention to the McGill prospectus
"lest among your many duties you may not notice the paucity
"of training suggested. I presume the Protestant Committee
"will be asked to approve of the training prescribed."

I understand that Dr. Rexford had a meeting