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My dear Director Dufresne,

I would appreciate it very much if your men could verify a report which has been made to me, i.e., that No.3454 University Street is a house of prostitution.

This house is owned by the University, and the tenant is Mme. M. St.Pierre, who, I believe, at one time conducted a rooming house at No.1261 St.Hubert Street. She is a desirable tenant, inasmuch as she pays her rent in advance, and always promptly; but, of course, the University could not have one of its houses used for such purposes. At the time we leased the house to her, a man named Joseph B. Timmins, who claimed he was her nephew, came in and interviewed our Comptroller, and effected the arrangements.

This suggests the general question of houses of prostitution in the vicinity of the University. Even in returning from down town in day time, coming along McGill College Avenue, between St.Catherine St. and Sherbrooke, I have on many occasions been accosted by women. On more than one occasion, when returning from the Capitol or the Palace or Loews late in the evening, to my home on McTavish Street, I have seen these lone women, prowling up and down; while quite a favorite place for them to walk is in front of the University grounds on Sherbrooke Street.

You may recall the trouble we had last year with reference to a house on Prince Arthur Street.

I do wish something could be done to keep the vicinity of the University reasonably clear of these objectionable characters.

Ever yours faithfully,

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