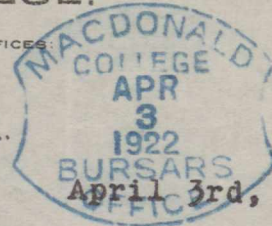


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Mr. Ward,  
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Dear Sir:-

I delayed replying to your letter of March 18th re increase in charges for shoeing horses in order to make some inquiries, and also thinking that possibly you would find that these charges were excessive and revert to the former ones.

I think you have emphasized on several occasions, and it has certainly been the policy of the college, that these charges were to be based on cost of the service plus a fair amount to cover overhead, etc. The former charges made for shoeing were the same as the local blacksmith charges for similar work in the village and he has interest on investment, taxes and profit to reckon on, none of which need to be considered by the Repair Shop. This increase amounts to 100% for the major part of the work and comes at a time when we should rather look for a decrease if anything. I have no objection to paying for service at a reasonable price, but this charge of \$2.00 equals the charge of about 3 hours of the blacksmith's time when one hour is ample for shoeing any horse.

If the College has departed from the policy of making these charges at a reasonable amount above cost, then I should have received some intimation to this effect. I desire to emphatically protest against this high and unreasonable increase of 100% at this time and also the manner in which it is made.

In the meantime I am enclosing a requisition on the village blacksmith for such shoeing as we require until there is a return to the former price or a satisfactory reason given for any increase that may be necessary.

Kindly return the order to me immediately, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*T. G. Bunting*

Professor of Horticulture.