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Sir A. W. Currie,

Principal, McGill University,

M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the circular about to be published by the Department of Religious Education of the Montreal Theological Colleges.

You will notice that about two thirds of this curriculum falls within ~~the~~ faculties and departments of the University other than Theology.

In working out this four years course, I was struck by the similarity of the problem facing my department and those of the Schools and Departments already existing in the University, which deal with other aspects of Education. I refer to the School of Physical Education, the Department of Social Service, School of Graduate Nurses and the Department of Education for High Schools and Academies. It appeared to me that many of the difficulties which might prove insoluble for any one of us, might be adequately met if we were organized as a School of Education.

Such a School would enable us to reduce administrative and teaching duplication, to standardize curricula, to multiply our capacity to recruit high grade students, and to merit and secure a University degree in Education. It would enable us to offer a sound professional training in a variety of educational fields within the limits of a four years course.

I believe that it would protect the University against the temptation to recruit uncertified students for the narrow and limited vocational training possible in a one or two years course. On the other hand, it would avoid the practical, economic, and educational difficulties that arise from an attempt to postpone vocational training until after the completion of four years of unspecialized study.