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*Increased grant
for seed farm*

September 22nd, 1931.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In compliance with your request for a memorandum regarding the Seed Farm and Increased Grant from the Quebec Department of Agriculture for students, I am submitting the following:

The Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J.A. Godbout, has approved the proposal to establish an Elite Stock Seed Farm at Macdonald College. This is for the purpose of producing a supply of elite stock seed of any special strains or varieties that may be developed at Macdonald College or elsewhere, in order that a sufficient quantity of the seed may be obtained for further multiplication on selected farms and finally distributed to farmers. The propagation of elite stock seed has to be done under careful technical supervision. The Agronomy Department has undertaken this for the Quebec Government in the past on a small scale but the work has to be expanded and a better organization effected to meet the need. It is felt that Macdonald College is the logical place to develop it. Under the proposed plan the college farm known as the Ste. Marie Farm will be largely devoted to this purpose. The Government will supply the equipment, pay the cost of operation, allow a rental for the land and receive the pure seed produced. The whole question of seed supply is of vital importance to the province and it is believed the proposed organization will be far-reaching in the improvement that will result. Quebec will then be on a basis of seed propagation and supply, comparable with the best in other countries. The arrangements are not yet complete so no announcement has been made.

Through a new arrangement with the Minister of Agriculture, the provincial department will now grant \$18.00 a month instead of \$9.00 a month to Quebec students who take the Diploma Course at Macdonald College. This will make it possible for students to take this course which Macdonald gives with free tuition at a cost of \$20.00 per month for both their living and

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