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Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th of August referring to the registration of the Faculty of Dentistry of McGill University and in reply would submit the following facts bearing upon the position of Physics in our Dental curriculum:-

- (1) At the present time candidates for entrance must present "one of the following: Botany, Chemistry, Physics or Physical Geography". This is the same option as is allowed to candidates for entrance to the Faculty of Arts. As a matter of fact, however, more than 75% of the dental students present Physics and the number is increasing so rapidly that we have reached the point where this subject should be made compulsory, as has been done in the case of candidates for the Faculty of Medicine.
- (2) The retention of Physics in the first year of our Dental course is based upon our belief in its importance and on the fact that, unfortunately, there is still a certain lack of uniformity in the courses in this subject given in our preparatory schools.
- (3) Although Physics has been retained in the first year we do not feel that it has resulted in too great a crowding of the other subjects. After all, is it not a fact that the results depend far more upon