

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF LAW  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 5th, 1923.

The Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Principal,

Chief Justice Lafontaine told me at dinner last Saturday that he expected Mr. Justice Greenshields to return and resume his judicial duties during the month of March.

It is clear that the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Dean by the statutes (ch. X, s. 1), cannot be shared or delegated, and any attempt to divide the responsibility would be obviously contrary to sound principles of administration. I am sure that you would not wish me to continue to assist the Dean in a merely clerical capacity without any executive responsibility, nor would I wish myself to risk any repetition of the events of the summer, when the Dean thought fit to make important recommendations to you without even informing me of his action.

I will therefore ask you to accept my resignation of the office of Vice-Dean as from the 1st March, 1924. I am writing some months in advance of the date in order to avoid causing you any embarrassment which a shorter notice might possibly occasion.

Faithfully yours,

*Herbert A. Smith*

Vice-Dean.