

When the educational authorities make it necessary for a teacher to take certain courses in order to retain her diploma, these classes will be much more largely attended. A passage from the "Vicar of Wakefield" comes to my mind in this connection. I think it is the Vicar's wife who says, "It is a very difficult matter to enter the families of the great, but when once you are in, as Moses says, you may go to sleep."

If the Government would make a grant to cover the fees of teachers who take these Extension courses or attend summer schools at McGill, or in other Universities, and if the retention of one's diploma depended, as it does in some parts of this Continent, on the teacher's taking some such courses, it would be doing two very good things at the same time: first, it would be spending public money more wisely than such money is usually spent, and secondly, it would be reducing very materially the tendency of teachers to go to sleep, as Goldsmith so picturesquely puts it.

Sir Arthur Currie deserves the thanks of the teaching profession of this Province for the work he did in connection with the grant of \$25,000. to Macdonald College. It was only after repeated conferences, some of them most discouraging, that this grant was finally secured. *By means of this grant the Course in Education at McGill will be materially strengthened and the finances of Macdonald College will be placed on a sounder basis.*

In conclusion, your representative begs to thank the Convention most heartily for the great and undeserved honour that has been done him, and to express his pleasure and gratification that the honour has now fallen upon one who is more worthy and infinitely more deserving.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

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