

BATES COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

While in New York a few days ago, I was informed that there is a possibility of your making an appointment to the chair of Education at McGill in the near future. The statement interested me at once, for ever since coming from Ontario to study at Columbia in 1913 I have cherished the idea of returning to a professorship in Canada.

I was born in Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 4, 1878; graduated with B.A. (honours in Classics and Education), McMaster Univ., Toronto, 1904; M.A. (in Education), 1908; received classical specialist certificate, Ontario Normal College, Hamilton, 1905; teacher of Latin and Greek, Woodstock College, Ont., 1905-13; associate examiner in Latin and Greek, Ontario Education Department and Univ. of Toronto, 1907-09; graduate student in Education and Sociology, Columbia Univ., New York, 1912, 1913-15; research scholar, 1914-15; Ph.D., 1915, also doctor's diploma as Instructor in Education from Teachers College.

Upon completing my work for the Ph.D. at Columbia I was appointed to the new Professorship in Education at Bates College, and for the past five and a half years I have been developing and conducting courses in Education here both for prospective high school teachers and for others. Beginning in 1919, we instituted a Summer Session at Bates, of which I am Director. During the past two years, in addition to regular college duties, I have been doing considerable work in state-wide educational rallies as a member of the staff of the State Education Department.

I should be glad to have you consider me a candidate for your Professorship, and I herewith append the following references:

President Clifton D. Gray, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.
Professor Thomas H. Briggs, Department of Secondary Education,
Teachers College, Columbia Univ., New York City.
Dean W.S.W. McLay, McMaster Univ., Toronto, Ont.
Dr. M. R. Trabue, Director, Bureau of Educational Service,
Teachers College, Columbia Univ., New York City.

Yours very truly,

Robert A. F. McDonald