



THE
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.
McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Principal Currie:-

May I draw your attention and through you, if you see fit, the attention of the Board of Governors of McGill to the fact that there are several Arts students registered in the Presbyterian College who have really been penalised by the recent increase in class fees for their overseas service during the war. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has instructed its Colleges to make provision for returned men by which they may regain lost time and be protected from further loss of time through financial embarrassment. We shall be very pleased to render this justice to our own students, but we feel that the Universities might well emulate the Church in this matter. Students who would have graduated before this, if they had not enlisted, are apparently compelled to pay the extra fees which their stay-at-home class-mates have avoided.

I am strongly of the opinion that the democratic ideal of John Knox - that society should give a chance to every lad, however poor, to attain the highest education of which he is capable - might with advantage be aimed at by our Canadian Universities, and I hoped that with the increase of fees the Board of Governors would have created a fund, such as they have at Harvard, from which any needy and promising student might receive a scholarship, not indiscriminate charity, to cover his tuition expenses. I understand that no bright young man is allowed to abandon his course at Harvard because of financial poverty, and I am inclined to think that our own Alma Mater would immensely