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Dr. F. D. Adams,  
Dean of Faculty of Applied Science,  
McGill University.

Dear Dean Adams:-

I notice on page 111 of the Annual Report to the Visitor for the year 1919-20 that Dr. J. B. Porter has designated himself as Director of the Departments of Mining and Metallurgy. My attention has also been called to an article in the Gazette recently, entitled "The McGill Students' Summer Schools", and in this article Dr. Porter is again referred to as "Head of the Departments of Mining and Metallurgy".

You will, of course, correct me if I am wrong, but from enquiries I have made I cannot find that there is any authority for this designation of Dr. Porter's position. I understand that each of the branches of Engineering, which form part of the Curriculum of the Faculty of Applied Science, has a separate Head. In those branches of Engineering which are housed in the Chemistry and Mining Building, Dr. Ruttan is head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr. Porter is head of the Department of Mining Engineering, and Dr. Stansfield is head of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering. The building itself is under the Chemistry and Mining Building Committee.

I understand that on account of the fact that under present conditions the Mining and Metallurgical Laboratories are crowded together in the basement of the Chemistry and Mining Building, and because these Laboratories are, to a certain extent, served by the same mechanics and workmen, a common control seemed to be advisable and Dr. Porter