

The principle is much wider than the matter which brought this dispute to the front, but the present controversy is due to the fact that uniforms which are definitely authorized and approved for both schools were mentioned in a debate conducted by the students, one of whom made a statement apparently reflecting on the administration of the College by stating that uniform material was sold at 80¢ a yard but only cost the College 30¢ a yard. It was in this accidental and rather round-about way that one of us (Dean Laird) learned for the first time that six months previously the Bursar had made, on his own initiative, considerable changes in the nature and cost of our uniform material. Miss Philp, on the other hand, had been in communication with Mr. Ward with a view to trying the cheaper material as the Royal Victoria Hospital had already been doing so. It was only then that Miss Philp learned that Mr. Ward had already purchased a thousand yards on trial. We feel that it is humiliating to us as Heads of Schools that changes or decisions concerning our schools should be made without our knowledge and that we learn about it accidentally afterwards.

The student afterwards made a statement in explanation as publicly as he made the original statement but this inquiry revealed the fact previously unknown that the Bursar actually had purchased a thousand yards of cloth for uniforms at 30¢ whereas the previous material was Scottish material of a superior quality authorized for sale at 80¢ a yard.

The College will now be in possession of cloth at 80¢ and also of cloth at 30¢ and the matter of sale to students will be a difficult one in which we will undoubtedly be involved by way of criticism.

The Bursar, however, maintains that as he is the purchasing agent, we have no jurisdiction. We, on the other hand, insist that authorized supplies should not be changed greatly in nature or cost without our being previously consulted and with out consent

We also believe that the Executive Committee is the proper place for straightening out inter-departmental difficulties and therefore are at variance with Mr. Ward's contention that such a matter should not come before the Executive.

Lastly, we desire to have important principles of this sort recorded for future guidance.

We would like to have your written decision on this matter in order to have the essential part of it incorporated in the