

Copy for Sir Arthur Currie

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To the Editor, The McGill News.

Sir, - In the last issue of The McGill News, appeared an article by Mr. Pitts, concerning the part McGill, and her graduates are playing in the national life of Canada. He claimed that she is taking a fine role in the country today, especially on account of the ideals of non-political, non-sectarian tolerance, due to her independence of government aid, and to the spirit of her administrators. All of which is doubtful.

In a day when intellectuals everywhere are increasingly questioning the ideals in which one is educated, and the people at large are beginning to realize the illogicalities of the system, under which they live, the policy of those who direct the college is one which denies the right to question such ideals, whose chief virtue appears to be their venerability. Instead of an attitude of sceptical doubt, not only of the old ideas, but also of the new, one finds only the blind support of an obsolescing theory of ethics.

Instead of an aloofness from propoganda, one finds a remorseless loyalty to the old British ideals, and traditions - a loyalty so strong that it condemns criticism as heresy, to be refuted by force. At a time when the absolute rights of individuals to hold private property are being increasingly questioned, and have been abolished in one large country, one finds at McGill a fanatical belief in these rights, and an unreasoning fear of those who question them, expressed in the efforts of the faculty to curb intellectual radicalism among the students.

Helped by the exclusivism of the richer fraternities, these