

mostly Hebrews, who had passed their entrance examinations, were refused admission in 1928-29. These figures, I should point out, too, take no account of 110 graduates, 1058 students doing part time work ^{intra} extra-murally in the afternoons and evenings, and the lecture work done by members of the staff in the Department of extra-mural relations under Colonel Bovey, three classes of work which were nearly negligible in 1922-23. Briefly, therefore, we had 882 students in 1922-23, 273 of whom were admittedly below grade and no others, and in 1928-29, 1331 students, only one of whom was below grade, plus all the others I have mentioned. We have, however, come to the end of the string to ⁱⁿ this expansion. We have no more room. Not a seat! The faculty would prefer to have fewer and better students than at present, and we should have better students. That is admitted. But that we shall have many fewer is doubtful. Montreal is growing very rapidly and will probably continue to grow rapidly in the future.

Standards

I should like at this point to mention the problem of standards. We frequently hear it said by critics outside and inside that our examination standards are low at McGill. This is not so. The facts and figures I have given above show that we have raised our standards of admission very distinctly during these years. Our standards both of admission and of promotion are as exacting and I think more exacting than in any other College in Canada. I do not believe in rapid and spasmodic changes in examination standards. The University is a slow mare. It is not a machine. It ought to be slow. It takes a lifetime to reform a college soundly.