

December 10th, 1931.

Dr. Frank Adams,  
Chairman,  
Unemployed Recreation Centre Committee,  
1173 Mountain Street,  
MONTREAL.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

As you are no doubt aware, McGill has entered upon a programme of research into the problems of unemployment, particularly in Montreal. (A copy of the general programme and the detailed projects under way this year is included herewith). Your Committee in charge of the Vitre Street Recreation and Day Shelter is dealing with a very important group of the unemployed in the city, and I am writing to ask your co-operation in our research.

In connection with one of the projects started this year, and as part of the general survey, we are very anxious to obtain information by questionnaire from all or some of the unemployed men being provided for this year at the Shelter; and also to obtain by tests adapted to the purpose knowledge of the occupational and general abilities of probably a smaller, but still representative group. Mr. Ewings knows something of our plans and is already giving his personal assistance. But if our study is to be scientific and adequate, it of course calls for some systematic organisation. Mr. Marsh, who is directing our unemployment researches, would be very glad to see you or your Committee to discuss further with you the details or possibilities of this proposal; and I should be personally grateful for all the assistance you can offer us.

We are aiming, I need hardly say, not merely at a limited academic study but at work which will enable some contribution to be made to communal welfare.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.