

So much for the Financial aspect of the situation for the present -- what of the educational aspects?

The Educational Aspect.

Sir Arthur Currie, Principal of McGill University, under whose jurisdiction the College and School comes, has said that the school ought to be the best school in the Province.

Certainly a school in which the future teachers of the Protestant children of this Province are being taught how to teach ought to be the best school in the Province. But to make a school the best school there is needed something more than good physical equipment.

There is needed, first and foremost, a competent and adequate staff and a staff which, because it is fairly paid and given a task within its power will be happy and content and in which the turnover from year to year will be reduced to the minimum rendered necessary by marriages of women teachers, sickness and other accidents.

Secondly, there is needed a Board of Trustees to represent the views of the parents to the Principal and to represent the views of the Principal and his staff to the parents.

Without these two essentials a first rate school is almost an impossibility and at the Macdonald School neither requisite is met.

To the everlasting credit of some of its women teachers, it must be stated that they have remained faithful to the school and have lived up to the highest ethical standards of their profession in doing so, when the temptations to leave have been many and strong. In saying this it must not be taken as a reflection on others, who have done excellent work and since left for more hopeful and less trying fields of service.