

6. Perhaps this would be a bad precedent for future years.
7. Perhaps the waiting period between the high school examinations for Grade 10 in June and the second short course might cause a loss of candidates who would prefer to take Grade 11 at school and we might lose them for the elementary class this year though possibly we might gain them for the intermediate class next year.
8. Neither the Board nor the College would wish to do anything which would reduce through this action the number of teachers available for our rural schools. It must, of course, be the first consideration of the Board.

The advantages, however, would be:

1. If the number of candidates is small, we might conveniently take them altogether, e.g., last year's class could from this point of view have been handled economically in this manner although I know that through the raising of the standard the candidates who normally would have been here last year are likely to be candidates this year.
2. The relief from our first short course would set the Staff free for the first term to take the history and geography. As you know, their hours are very completely filled up at present but this action would set the elementary class periods free and would enable one or more of them to take the extra work in history and geography.
3. There is a possibility that we might use the elementary class periods for practice teaching in the High School for more intensive practice teaching with the intermediate class before Christmas.

I know that there is little time left for consulting as my absence on the tour "Across Canada and Back" July 22nd to August 13th prevents me from being present at the Board meeting, and your impending visit to England for two months commencing August 1st makes any action you will take at the meeting of the Protestant Central Board of Examiners a rather hasty one perhaps, but I am passing up this suggestion for your earnest consideration in view of this regrettable emergency. I shall be at the College until Sunday evening, July 21st, and can be reached by telephone or telegram for any further information. At present I am at my wits end and although I know that I would have every support at the University for temporary and emergent help, I feel rather hopeless about securing any.

Any other information can be got after July 21st from Mr. Lockhart who will be at the College until my return from Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

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