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Dear Mr. Hatcher:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 13th of April with reference to conditions in the educational life of Newfoundland.

I am much interested in what you tell me Principal Paton reports regarding the progress or lack of progress of Memorial College. I am fully sensible of the contribution which Nfld. men have made to McGill. From her earliest days they have been here and some of our most distinguished men come from there. One pity, of course, is that these men after graduation have not returned to the land of their birth. I have always been interested in the attempt being made at Memorial College to provide two years of University work. McGill's attitude is one of sympathy and desire to help. We most cordially approve of young men receiving as much of their superior education as it is possible for them to get near home, coming to us for their final years. We shall always encourage such a plan in every way we can, our only consideration being that the standards in the College conform to what we demand in our first two years. For that reason we were glad to hear that Dr. Mennie and your brother had joined the staff.

I thank you for what you have said with reference to the interest that would be aroused by a visit of McGill's Principal. I should like very much to go but just when that would be possible I cannot now say. My summer is pretty well