

## GENERAL CURRIE GOES TO M'GILL

Has Accepted Post of Principal of University—Board of Governors Issues Statement Explaining Selection

MONTREAL, May 12.—General Sir Arthur Currie has been offered the post of Principal of McGill University, and has accepted.

Sir Arthur Currie is at present Inspector-General of the Canadian Militia. He received the D.C.L. degree from McGill this afternoon.

The statement issued at McGill University this afternoon is as follows:

"The board of governors has appointed General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. In offering Sir Arthur Currie the principalship of McGill, the governors were influenced by the conviction that the University needs at the present time, above all other things, a principal with exceptional powers of organization and administration, and endowed with a tried capacity for inspiration and leadership. The sustained brilliancy of Sir Arthur Currie's record in the Great War will always throw a lustre upon the most glorious annals of our country. His achievements as the General in command of the Canadian Army Corps won him a reputation unsurpassed, if not unrivalled, by that of any general in the British forces.

"They were accomplished, not alone by his skill as a soldier, but also by the patient, constructive, and far-seeing qualities of a statesman with which he welded the Canadian units into an organization which, we are proud to believe, was the best and most efficient army corps at the front. His war dispatches were notable for their clearness and descriptive excellence, while his messages to the Canadian army were characterized by a loftiness of tone and noble simplicity of utterance which attracted the admiration of all English-speaking peoples. The qualities which made him an incomparable organizing and leader at the front fit him pre-eminently for the headship of a great Canadian university.

"The appointment to the principalship of one, who, beyond six years' experience as a school teacher, is without academic affiliation, may come as a surprise to some friends of McGill. But the governors were supported by the sanction of high educational authorities in inviting Sir Arthur to accept the position.

"He was singled out and his appointment enthusiastically urged by Sir Auckland Geddes, and the suggestion was emphatically approved by the Master of Balliol and Prof. W. G. S. Adams, Fellow of All Souls, Oxford, who rank with the most eminent educationists in the British Isles. These two high academic personages united with Sir Auckland in the belief that McGill would be singularly fortunate if it succeeded in securing Sir Arthur Currie's services, and there is no one, either in Canada or Great Britain, whose name they value above that of Sir Arthur Currie.

### PRINCIPAL OF MCGILL.

The Board of Governors of McGill University have broken down the bars of precedent in appointing as Principal General Sir Arthur Currie, yet in the case of a man of his stamp, personality, ability and organizing genius it is not an experiment upon which they have embarked. Sir Arthur is equipped by his experience, and notably by his contact with men, to fill with distinction the office which has now fallen to his lot. The Principal of a university should be a man of great ideals and far-seeing vision and with both of these we believe General Currie is endowed. He has an adaptability and a bonhomie which will stand him in good stead in such an institution as McGill. He will have the opportunity to render his country a service of vital good in the paths of peace, and the fact that he is without academic affiliation is more than offset by the experience he has won in such a rich way as a graduate of life.

Sir Arthur Currie will carry with him into his new career the warmest good wishes of Victorians who regard every new advancement he wins as an honor to this community. The qualifications which have led to his selection for the post of Principal are his powers of organization and leadership. They cannot be exercised in a better sphere than that of education. In that field of endeavor Sir Arthur now has the opportunity of setting his mark anew on the progress of his country. He is recognized as the foremost military leader Canada has ever possessed. That he should be prepared to devote himself to the task of education and accept responsibilities which call for undivided efforts and a high level of achievement is typical of the courageous principles which won him such fame in the Great War.

### SCHOOL BOARD DOES HONOR TO SIR ARTHUR

Sends Congratulatory Telegram to  
New Principal of McGill  
University

The School Board last night dispatched a telegram to Sir Arthur Currie, newly appointed principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, congratulating him on the honor conferred upon him and wishing him success. School trustees and the educational fraternity of Victoria take special interest in Sir Arthur's appointment by reason of the fact that he was formerly a teacher on Vancouver Island.