

Memo re increasing number of agricultural
students at Macdonald College.

According to the census of 1911, the rural population of Quebec of French origin was 897,717, other than French 134,723. These figures include the population of villages and small towns, and, of course, the latter figure includes all other nationalities. Assuming 5 to the family, it means, in round numbers, about 27,000 families, and of this number more than half live in villages and small towns.

This means a rather small population from which to draw students, and how small the number actually prepared to fill the entrance requirements of the University is revealed by the report of the Department of Public Instruction.

In this report for 1921, the number of boys who obtained their University school leaving certificate from the rural academies was forty-one (41). Pupils from the following schools were excluded in this enumeration:-

Montreal,
Westmount,
Outremont,
Montreal West,
Lachine,
St. Lambert,
Macdonald High School,
Quebec, and
Sherbrooke,

and included in the figure 41 were the following schools:-

Pointe aux Trembles,
Longueuil,
Montreal South,
Stanstead Wesleyan College,
St. Francis College,
Galt Institute, Valleyfield.