



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean,
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING.

June 6th, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Some little time ago you sent me a copy of "Vocational Guidance in Engineering Lines", a book prepared under the auspices of the American Association of Engineers by an editorial committee, of which Dr. J.A.L. Waddell was chairman.

Owing to pressure of other work, I have not been able to look through the book carefully until recently, but I passed it on to Professor French shortly after you sent it to me. Neither he nor I think it is a good book to put into the hands of a young man who is trying to make up his mind as to whether he should enter the engineering profession. Every conceivable branch of engineering is treated in a special chapter by some expert, and ~~while~~ some of them are too technical, as for example the article on "Steel -Building Engineering" on page 431. The paragraphs of this article on page 432 dealing with foundations indicate what I mean. Then again, on page 341 there is a list of details of information which should be shown on a city plan - deadly dull reading to a young man who is seeking general information about the profession. The article on "Engineering Compensation", page 150, requires an actuarial mind for its appreciation. I do not think it would be very useful unless it were interpreted in language more readily comprehended by the young man leaving high school.

Some of the articles by the editors are of "high moral tone" not likely to appeal to a young man. Dr. Waddell has for a long time regarded himself as a sort of high priest in matters affecting advice to engineering students. He is a very fine old man, now