

Ste. Anne de Bellevue,
May 2nd. 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University.,
Sherbrooke Street, W,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

You reply of the 23rd. March, to the joint letter of Mr. J.K. McNutt and myself, has been duly received and we regret to learn that the Finance Committee of McGill cannot offer any promise of relief to the Protestant Tax payers of Ste. Anne de Bellevue. We are not surprised, however, in view of your further remarks as the case has evidently been considered altogether from a Macdonald College point of view and without any representative from Ste. Annes being heard and we believe your Finance Committee will consider it only fair to give us an opportunity of being heard by them before any arrangement is made for the next year.

There are also certain statements in your letter to which we must take exception as they are not in accord with actual conditions.

1st. That the larger salaries you are now paying teachers and the increasing cost of materials and supplies make necessary the high rate you are now asking; but these are considerably out of proportion to the increase asked from Ste. Annes, being over double the amount assessed in 1919-1920.

2nd. That the number of pupils from Ste. Annes during the years mentioned is incorrect; the proper figures being:

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| 1919-1920 | Only | 112 | not | 232 |
| 1920-1921 | " | 134 | " | 269 |
| 1921-1922 | " | 100 | in grades | 1-7 |

and those outside of grades 1-7 are paying \$50.00 per pupil.

3rd. That the cost of education of children on campus should not be borne by Ste. Annes as the College property, with the exception of the East side of Maple Avenue, is not in the town. If this property, now owned by Macdonald College and occupied by members of the staff, were part of the school district of Ste. Anne our trustees would receive approximately \$1500.00 additional taxes. Only ten (10) children from these homes attend school, which fact should be taken into consideration.

4th. That the College pays \$10.00 per head for each Ste. Annes child over and above the \$50.00 paid by the municipality.