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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
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Dear Sir Arthur:

I have just returned to town after an absence of a few days, and find yours of June 16.

We are putting up the fees very slightly; the increase for all students falling in the Registration Fee.

Last year this fee, including Students' Health Service, was \$ 10.00. We are increasing it to \$ 15.00. (Medicine has hitherto paid a maximum of \$ 5.00 for Registration and Health Service, so that the Medical students' fee for Registration is increased by \$ 10.00.)

The fee per class for Arts and Science was \$ 25.00, so that the annual tuition fee in Arts and Science, which includes Commerce, varied from \$ 125.00 for five classes, which was the normal number, to \$ 150.00 for six classes, the number taken by about one-sixth of the students. We have left the tuition fee standing for Arts and Science students. But we have put the fees up on the average of \$ 20.00 a year for Commerce students, and for all students we have made changes in the laboratory fees. Hitherto laboratory fees in this Faculty were \$ 10.00 each for Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Biology, Botany, and Zoology. We have increased the laboratory fee to \$ 15.00 in Zoology, and to \$ 20.00 in Physics and Chemistry. (To complete the Arts degree, our students must take at least one Science course. It does not matter which. But, as the B. Sc. students nearly all take both Physics and Chemistry, and more than one course of each, B. Sc. students will henceforth pay considerably more than B. A. students. This is as it should be. If you will look at Glasgow University Calendar, you will see that Arts students pay 45 guineas a year, and B. Sc. students 90 guineas a year. The bookkeeping methods of Glasgow are irreproachable, and they know where the heavy costs come. I discovered last winter that a third of the whole cost of maintaining the Arts and Science Faculty springs from the two subjects - Physics and Chemistry. Out of the other two-thirds we teach Engineering - first two years of the course, - Commerce, a four-years' course, 6 languages, Mathematics, Geology, Botany, Zoology, History, Philosophy, Education, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Fine Arts, etc., etc. The proportion, of course, is absolutely wrong-headed.)