

*Attitude of University  
Towards Business*

Ever since I came to McGill University I have had to listen to assertions to the effect that there is really no place in the University for a School of Commerce, and while convinced of the falsity of these assertions I always found it very hard to answer them in any convincing way. It was impossible to reach a common basis of discussion, or to approach the subject adequately in the course of any ordinary conversation. The only arguments that I volunteered were that business subjects of various kinds could be treated in a way that was worthy of the University and that in any case the principle of business instruction in the university was already admitted, when Economics was placed as a subject on the curriculum of the Faculty of Arts.

The assertions alluded to took more or less the following form:-

"All business activity springs from the desire for gain. Your economists teach this. There is therefore no science of business. All your work could be best carried out in a technical school,