24th Sept., 1919. The Administrative Go the City of Montreal. City Hall. Montreal. Dear Sirs. I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated the 4th instant, from the City Clerk's office, with regard to the annual grant of \$10,000.00 which the City of Montreal makes to McGill University. You have asked us to state the reasons why this grant should continue to be paid, and in answer thereto I beg to submit the following:-1. McGill University may justly claim to stand in the forefront of Canadian Universities. It is well known and well thought of throughout the British Empire, and in France and the United States. It can be stated without fear of contradiction, that McGill, with its worldwide reputation as a seat of learning, has added much lustre to the fair name of the city of Montreal=