

Dr. Fox

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 22nd concerning Dr. Neville's speech. I am very sorry if I misunderstood his statements but imagine that his audience must have been equally misled.

When Dr. Neville spoke of matriculation I assumed him to mean "pass matriculation" and have always thought that Ontario Public High Schools and Quebec Public High Schools both had a four years' course of preparation for this. The "Courses of Study and Examinations" published by the Ontario Department of Education (Revised 1931 Edition), p. 7 states "Scope of the Course. The High School course of study, detailed below, is designed to be a continuous and progressive course of five years. It comprehends a Lower School course of two years, followed by a Middle School course of two years, and an Upper School course of at least one year." "The Memoranda of Instructions to Teachers in the Protestant Schools of Quebec" states that "Grades VIII and IX are Intermediate, Grades X and XI are High School" and this appears to me to correspond exactly with the two years of work for the Ontario Lower School Certificate and two for the Middle School Certificate. As an example Latin, which is essentially a High School subject, is taught for four years before pass matriculation both in Ontario and in Quebec. I feel that any definition of a normal High School course that differed from this and included a "post-