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240 ST. JAMES STREET, WEST

MONTREAL, CANADA

January 11th, 1933.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal,  
Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

May I thank you for your courtesy in  
seeing me this morning.

You now have an idea of what I would  
like to secure in the way of agency material, and I feel  
sure that I may count on your co-operation.

With my best wishes for your continued  
good health, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*G. C. Burbidge*

# THE BUREAU OF STATISTICAL RESEARCH

A BUREAU ORGANIZED TO STUDY, COLLATE AND DISSEMINATE FACTS WITH REGARDS TO  
ASSURANCE, ITS RELATIONS AND EFFECTS ON BUSINESS, THE HOME AND THE COMMUNITY

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Sir Arthur Currie, L.L.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Sherbrooke Street W.,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In talking a short time ago to some of Montreal's prominent men with regards to the university man in business, I was impressed with the manner in which they stressed the importance of education, especially college education, and its value as an investment to the average man. Following this thought up I discussed the matter of education with the men with whom I am connected on the Bureau of Statistical Research as to how it could be laid before the public so that men would realize the monetary value of a college training.

The result of our thought and labour is found in the booklet "Education and Success" which I enclose and in the three letters which we have sent to a number of our citizens who are parents of boys and girls of school age. The interest which this has aroused has been remarkable and we feel that we are doing a good work in laying this information before them.

For your own information let me say that insurance does not enter into the subject unless the recipient of the letters desires to discuss insurance as a means whereby he may make certain that his boy or girl will have a college training. We want him to know the value of education and feel that the presentation of

Sir Arthur Currie

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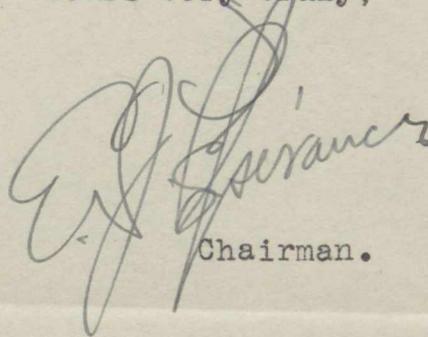
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facts in a concrete way will cause him to take such steps as he may think necessary.

I wonder if in view of the foregoing you would give your approval to the work which we are doing. An endorsement from you would go a long way towards bringing many parents to decide that their children shall have all the advantages of a college education. If this meets with your approval I am sure that the other members of the Advisory Council as well as myself would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. J. L. Currie".

Chairman.

EJL/J

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One of the Bureau's latest investigations discloses this fact--and you cannot doubt its accuracy--that each day your Boy spends in High School adds \$25 to his life's earnings. The four years of High School will add a total of \$18,000 to his earnings during the next 40 years of his life.

Here is the picture: The boy who starts life with only a Public School education at the age of 14, will average only \$500 a year for the next 44 years a total of \$22,000. If that same boy were to spend the next four years in High School, starting life at 18, in the next 40 years his earnings would be \$40,000 or an increase of \$18,000.

You have undoubtedly intended that your Boy should have an education, but--doesn't this bring it out as a vital necessity to be provided for him no matter what happens?

We have spent a great deal of time and money in compiling figures to show the priceless value of education. They are at your service together with any further explanations you may require.

Also, and here is where we can be of the greatest service to you, we will be glad to show you how to be absolutely sure that your Boy gets such an education. Mail the enclosed card and we will show you the complete details.

You cannot give your Boy a finer inheritance than this, a thorough educational equipment to carry him through the rough places of life.

Yours very truly,

HFJ/J.  
Enc.1.

Secretary.

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Put your Boy through High School and you put his feet on the ground as far as his business career is concerned. Better still put him through College and you give him far greater opportunities. Why?

Because 75% of the successful men of this country are university graduates.

Because only 25% of the men without college training succeed whereas 90% of the university graduates are successful.

Because a business man with a Public School education has only 4 chances of success against the 102 chances of the High School graduate and the 945 of the College man.

The Government confirms the findings made in one of the Bureau's investigations that members of the 1912 class of a prominent university received an average income in 1922 of \$6,750. The largest individual income reported was \$50,000, made by a manufacturer, and the smallest was \$3,525 earned by a professor. Surely an average income of \$6,750 for an entire class ten years after graduation is ample evidence of the cash value of a college education.

You, as a successful business man, will appreciate what these figures mean. We know that you are interested in the future welfare of your Boy and will do every possible thing to ensure his success in life.

Protect him as you would protect your business. Many of the Montreal business men to whom we sent our first letter have taken advantage of our offer to furnish details of a plan whereby the Boy's education is made a certainty. You also may obtain this information by signing and returning the enclosed card.

Yours very truly,

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The figures on this page are official. But, why the tremendous mortality between boys who enter Public School and University graduates?

Mainly two reasons:-  
The great majority of boys are unable to pay for a College education while of every 72 who can afford to enter College 49 have to leave during their course chiefly on account of financial reverses in the family.

One has only to think of the panics of 1893, 1907 and 1915 and the depressions through which we have just passed when so many of our big men and great institutions have gone to the wall to realize how easy it is for the unexpected to happen.

Can you afford to overlook these facts and neglect the opportunity of giving your Boy every assurance of a College education when it is available at so small a cost? Fill in the enclosed card and give us the opportunity of sending you all the details.

Yours very truly,

HFJ/J  
Enc. 1.

Secretary.

## CHANCES FOR SECURING AN EDUCATION

1000  
ENTER  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOL



343  
ENTER  
HIGH  
SCHOOL



72 ENTER  
college



23  
GRADUATE



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*Bureau M.A.R.*

December 11th, 1923.

E.J. L'Esperance, Esq.,  
Chairman, The Bureau of Statistical Research,  
189 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. L'Esperance:-

I have been very much interested in the booklet and letters regarding the commercial value of education which you have been good enough to forward me.

I am quite sure that your arguments will help to convince many that money is well spent on the education of children.

In view, however, of the fact that your Bureau furnishes information of a technical nature, and that the University cannot give a general endorsement to such undertakings, I am afraid that it is impossible for me to issue any statement which could be used as a part of your literature. I am sure you will understand my position.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

RAILWAY STATIONS AND EXPRESS  
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ADDRESS: ST. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUE.



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR  
POST OFFICE ADDRESS:  
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA

MACDONALD COLLEGE  
(MCGILL UNIVERSITY)

July 4th, 1938.

Mrs. McMurray,  
Secretary to the Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mrs. McMurray:

We have no record, either in  
Agriculture or in the School for Teachers,  
of Mr. J.T.Burgess, about whom you 'phoned  
this morning.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A.B. Walsh'.

A.B. Walsh  
Registrar.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
L. W. DOUGLAS

July 5, 1938

Dear Sir,

I return your form re Mr. J.T. Burgess.

We do not find his name on our records of regular students. The only possibility is that he may have attended some short course, but without further information we are not able to say definitely. We are sure that he was never a student for a degree or diploma. If you could ascertain from him exactly what course he followed here we should be glad to look further.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary

The Secretary, (S.V.e.)  
Air Ministry,  
Kingsway, London. W.C.2., England.

Joe. Tho. Burgess

Prof. Thompson  
advised The Bureau's  
office on Dec. 19/37  
that Burgess had not  
attended the class  
since Nov. 24 -

J. T. Thompson  
L. T.

*With the Compliments of  
The Secretary of the  
Air Ministry.*

ADASTRAL HOUSE,  
KINGSWAY,  
LONDON, W.C. 2.

Date..... 12 JUL 1938

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
L. W. DOUGLAS

July 26, 1938

Dear Sir,

I return your form A.M.1347 re Joseph Thomas Burgess.

Professor Thompson, who is in charge of the Extension courses in Accounting, is away on vacation at present. However, we have located the record card of Mr. Burgess, and we find thereon a note from Professor Thompson dated December 19, 1937, and stating that Burgess had not attended the class since the 24th of November, 1937. That is to say, he only attended for approximately one month, and therefore received no credit whatever for his work.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary

The Secretary of the Air Ministry,  
Astral House, Kingsway, London.

April 15th, 1926.

Lawrence Burpee, Esq.,  
Hope Chambers,  
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Burpee:-

I am enclosing herewith cheque  
for \$10.00 for the Thompson Fund.

I wish I could make it more, but  
half the cheques I issue are subscriptions to some  
fund or association.

Yours faithfully,

MEMORANDUM

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16 Geney St. Ottawa Dec. 11. 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie

I am a Soldier's Mother and

was entirely dependant on my Son as my sole  
supporter but now since he has married I  
am in a poor state well. Dear Sir I wrote you

here and you promised to do all you could  
to get me a better position Recieve separation  
allowance and assigned pay during the war

my son being four years overseas our small  
farm was sold when my boy went-away.

I work in the morning Char service and get  
\$32.50 a month I have a delicate girl whose  
husband was killed it takes nearly all her  
pension to buy nourishment-Dr. bills etc-

I cannot receive even one cent-out of the  
farm as it was mortgaged and interest in  
arrears at his demise He having died intestate

I had flu and two men died in the room  
I work in from which I never fully recovered

my son cannot help me and I slipped on  
a nail here where I work at the postal stores

MEMORANDUMIn any further correspondence on  
this subject please quote

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on Innes St Ottawa I stepped on a nail  
I got it dressed but - was three months walking  
on the side of my foot - I contracted Inflammatory  
Rheumatism I have tried J. B. Hunter for  
some remuneration but - am always  
told the charwomen have to work or starve  
now. I have seen days when I had not such  
times I worked all the time I might have  
laid up but I am no longer our regulations  
now. are kind to Russia I ask of you to see into  
my case surely it is not fair after the anxiety  
I suffered But - I should be paid the money  
I lost - with I could not afford a Dr for my  
foot - I am a Scotchwoman and I wonder if  
many of my country people claim much money  
or sympathy I know. As you are not in Military  
circles now. But I know. You will do something  
for me.

Please oblige

Your humble Servt

Mrs Emma Burns

16 Henry St - Ottawa

P.S. My Brother-in-law the late Professor Robertson  
was in India for many years he was a  
great man, but my sister is very old now  
and she never gave me anything I married  
a poor man and if I am scotch I possess  
honest pride  
Annaly A Burns

December  
Fifteenth  
1922.

Mrs. Anna Burns,  
10 Heney Street,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Burns:-

I am sorry to learn by your letter of the 11th instant that you are still having a certain amount of bad luck. I remember receiving a letter from you when I was in the Department at Ottawa and I also think that you came to see me.

It is too bad that as you were forced to depend upon your son for support that he should have got married and therefore made it more difficult for you. I am very sorry, the more so because I do not know of anything I can do to help you. There are so many claims upon one's sympathy and purse that it is impossible to help all, no matter how worthy.

I am sure I wish you well.

Yours faithfully,

472 St. Catherine St. West,  
Montreal, Que.,  
April 13th. 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, que.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am very anxious to tell you about the delight with which I read in last evening's paper, of the inauguration of the "Limited Undergraduates" scheme.

Though the meetings when I have had the pleasure of discussion with you have been few, and short of duration, there was no hesitation in recognizing in this, a further token of your intense interest in the people, and its contact with McGill.

I know many persons who will receive this announcement with enthusiasm as great, or greater than mine, and I have no doubt that when plans are finally drawn, I shall be able to be of some little service to you, by directing attention to this admirable extension of McGill.

Yours very truly,



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HB/DS

5th June 1939

My dear Mr. Millard:

Your letter of May thirty-first, addressed to Dr. Brittain, has been referred to this office for reply.

We enclose herewith the record of John Robert Burton, who has applied to your firm for a position.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert R. Stroud  
Principal's Secretary

Jesse C. Millard, Esquire  
Cravath, De Gersdorff, Swaine and Wood  
15 Broad Street  
New York, N. Y.

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15 BROAD STREET

NEW YORK

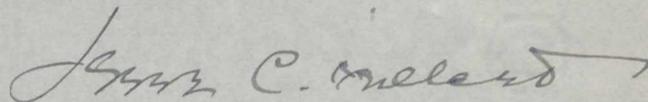
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW YORK May 31, 1939

Dear Sir:

We have been advised by Mr. John Robert Burton, of 220 Franklin Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., who has applied to us for a position, that he attended your university from September, 1938, to May, 1939. We should appreciate your sending us his school record, which we should like to consider in connection with his application.

Very truly yours,



Managing Attorney.

W. H. Brittain, Esq.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Quebec,  
CANADA.

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# THE BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

INCORPORATE 1925

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

November 3, 1927.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Through contact which I made with your associate, Dr. De Resillac-Roose, Curator of the Chinese Research Department, last June, I was fortunate enough to obtain his interest in the work of the collecting and preserving historical business data which we are carrying on. Since that time, your librarian, Dr. Gerhard R. Lomer, has indicated his interest and cooperation by accepting our invitation to become an affiliated member. This membership of course provides your University with every service which we can render in the matter of research and study, but the privilege which the Society would enjoy by having your own name included in our membership would be far reaching and of great value to us.

I am wondering if you would not be willing to accept our invitation to become an active member. I should like very much to have your name associated in the membership which already includes such names as Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Sir Henry W. Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, who has lately deposited in our library one hundred ledgers kept by the Medici family from 1350 - 1575, Mr. W. E. Rundell, Vice-President and General Manager of the National Trust Company of Toronto, and others of equal note in the United States. Since the issue of the enclosed pamphlet I have secured members among several of the most notable banks of Chicago, the Chairman of the Chase National Bank of New York, the Presidents of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Marshall Field Company of Chicago, and within the last two days Mr. Myron C. Taylor of New York, who has been prominently mentioned as a successor to Judge Gary as Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, has taken out a life membership.

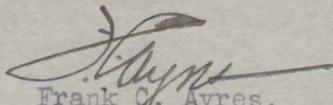
Your own connection with this Society would extend our prestige in many directions and would enable us to salvage historical business material now hidden away and which will ultimately be destroyed.

I believe that we can give you value received for the very small monetary consideration involved. We have at our disposal a vast amount of historical information and in case you require data involving research in any business activity, I

think that there is no doubt but that we can supply you with the information you require and thus relieve you of the expenditure of a great deal of time, energy and money which would otherwise be used in consulting many libraries which are not devoted intensively to business information as ours is.

Will you not therefore kindly take this matter under serious consideration and I hope that we may receive from you your signature attached to the enclosed card of acceptance. You may be sure that it would be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
Frank C. Ayres,  
Executive Secretary

FCA/FAE



Sept. 15th, 1926.

My dear Sir Arthur :-

When I was in Le Touquet, I met a very interesting Clergyman, who rejoices in the name of F. W. Bussell. The <sup>Bishop-</sup>Dean of Gloucester told me that he (Bussell) was one of the most cultured men in the Church in England. Much to my surprise I yesterday received from him a letter, a copy of which I feel it my duty to send to you. I have no suggestion to make. I anticipate that there is no opening where his abilities could be utilized by the University. If you will be good enough, when you have time, to drop me one of your diplomatic well worded communications, I will write to my correspondent, and convey to him, if you permit me, your regret and mine, that there is nothing to be offered him in McGill.

With kind regards,

General Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal McGill University,  
C i t y.

Yours sincerely,

Enc.

P.S. He enclosed me a letter from the National Union of Conservative & Unionist Associations. Just why he sent it to me, I do not know. You might return it to me.



Sept. 21st, 1926.

My dear Sir Arthur :-

I thank you for your letter of the 20th instant. I readily understand the position, and have written to my friend and taken the liberty of enclosing him a copy of your letter. It expresses much better than I could the situation.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

*A. J. French*

General Sir Arthur Curries,  
Principal McGill University,  
C i t y.

September 20, 1926.

Hon. Mr. Justice R.A.E. Greenshields,  
Judges' Chambers,  
Court House, Montreal.

My dear Judge:-

I was most interested to receive your letter of September 15th and with it the letter of the Reverend Dr. Bussell.

I am only sorry that at present there seems to be no way in which we can utilize the services of a man of such distinction. Unfortunately our University arrangements are such that responsibility for imparting general culture must be borne by the heads of our regular departments. I have no doubt that there would be much to be gained from having a number of men of the type of Dr. Bussell with whom the undergraduate and the graduate student might come into contact and from whom they could not but gain much good. However, as matters stand, I very greatly fear that we have nothing compatible with his attainments to offer Dr. Bussell, while from the financial point of view it would be impossible for us to give ourselves the privilege of having him here.

I note that in the postscript of his letter Dr. Bussell speaks of the publication of four works and suggests that this University might in some way aid in their publication. This too, I deeply regret to say, is impossible. We have not the advantage of a press and we are unable at present to do what we feel we should do to help in the publication of works by our own staff.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more encouragement, the more so because I feel that this University has reason to appreciate the desire of such a man as Dr. Bussell to be connected with it, but I am sure that both he and you would prefer me to place our situation quite frankly before you.

Yours faithfully,

# THE PHILIP STOTT COLLEGE

OVERSTONE PARK,  
NEAR NORTHAMPTON

Telephone: 11 MOULTON.

Telegrams: "RAWCLIFFE,  
11 MOULTON."

~~Sept~~ Oct 7 1926

My Dear Principal,

May I thank you

warmly, for the kind terms in  
which you wrote about my  
application, to Justice Greenhields?

I need not say I entirely understand  
the situation I only feel that it

is very kind of you to explain so  
sympathetically. I suspect that

my travelling days are over, or  
I shd. by I promise myself

the honour & pleasure of

thanking you in person.

I am, dear Sir Arthur,

Yr. truly yours

F. W. Bussell.

What I shall always  
keep such a letter from such a  
be proud to own?

To: Mr. Hton

Sir. A. W. Currie

3634 Park Avenue

Montreal

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1933

Sir

I am a Canadian Citizen I want too know the reason I could not get a job in one of your Fraternity Houses when I know there is a Vacancy. I put an application in since last May. I was promised up to now for the job as Cook. I applied to the Caterer to Day and he told me the job was gone. The Caterer is a Foreigner and a German. And he is running two Fraternity's Houses. My Husband is an Ex Service Man I dont see why one person can get everything. And ex Service Men and their family are starving. I heard one of your speeches and you said an Ex Service Man should never be in want. Well We are in want too Day My self and Family. We dont want Charity. I am just pleading for work. I would be much obliged If I could have an appointment to see you about this matter.

I am Sir

Yours  
Obligingly  
Mrs J. F. Butler

2nd August 1933.

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st July in which you complain that you could not get a job in one of the fraternity houses. I am very sorry that in this I cannot help you in any way. The fraternities do not belong to McGill University, nor have the University authorities anything whatever to say in their administration; who they employ as cook is their own business and I cannot influence their choice in that matter.

I am full of sympathy for you, especially as they have employed a foreigner. I would be glad to help you in this matter if I had any authority whatever in connection with fraternity houses.

I hope you will soon have satisfactory employment.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Mrs. J. F. Butler,  
3634 Park Avenue,  
MONTREAL.

**DOCKET STARTS:**

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February Fifth  
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General Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:

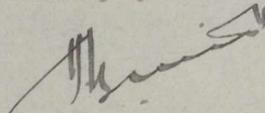
The enclosed is a proposed draft of a general appeal which is self-explanatory.

For years I have endeavoured to make these facts known, but of course, individual effort is more or less useless. If such an organization could embark upon a Dominion-wide campaign with the endorsement of such responsible names as yours, it could not but play no inconspicuous part in any success that might result.

This method I am suggesting because of its extremely sympathetic reception at the hands of a number of medical men whom I had the privilege of addressing some two or three weeks ago. They were genuinely shocked at the facts and asked to be given the opportunity of co-operating in any movement that might be inaugurated.

Would you kindly advise me, at your convenience, if we may use your name in the preliminary announcements as being at least in sympathy with the idea?

Sincerely yours,



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## Proposed Pamphlet for General Distribution

The British Reader's League is the outcome of a movement which has for its primary object a greater interest in and disposition for British books and periodicals. The following figures of importations of books and periodicals into Canada need no explanation.

Official Ottawa figures for the ten months ending January 1920, show that the United States sold very nearly \$2,000,000 worth of books in Canada, while Great Britain sold less than \$255,000 worth. In newspapers and periodicals, of course, the U. S. furnish a much larger proportion of the imported total. Subscriptions to American Journals in the ten months reached \$1,883,000 and to British only \$35,000.

For the seven months ending October, 1920 from the United Kingdom we imported books to the value of \$29,382, from the United States, \$167,255, from other countries \$35,421. Periodicals from Great Britain, \$455,028, periodicals from the United States \$1,536,763. Other countries \$128,496.

The Founders of the British Readers' League hold to the view that the average Canadian will be amazed at these figures. They do not wish to convey the impression that they are opposed to the importation into Canada of United States' literature. They appreciate the part that the U. S. has played in the world of letters. No library is complete without works by Mark Twain, Longfellow, Emerson, etc. etc. But the constant stream of books, newspapers and periodicals that pours into Canada from the United States in comparison with the English is a matter that gives them cause for genuine alarm. It is clear that Canada is a nation of readers of foreign literature. If this balance of trade, although the element of trade is of far less importance in this connection, continues unchecked that which many have predicted, including Mr. Horace J. Gagne, K.C., B.C., B.C.L. of Montreal will doubtless prove true. In a speech at Hamilton on Jan. 15th last when Mr. Gagne declared "that the constant stream of plays, moving pictures, reviews, books, newspapers and magazines that poured into Canada from the United States had a harmful effect on Canadian youth. Slang was imported and adopted almost as readily as its spread in New York. Before many generations he feared that Canadian people would be steeped in the same sentiment as the United States is. This influence was a grave danger to Canada's unity. Language was not a mere formula; it was the crystallization of a people's sentiment." The Founders maintain that it would be infinitely better if the ends that they have in view are secured by voluntary means and not by the enactment of prohibitory laws or the setting up of tariff walls. Patriotism cannot be made by law; it must be of the heart or it isn't worth anything.

The Founders appeal, therefore, to the people of Canada on patriotic grounds to join this organization. Each member would pledge himself or herself to allocate a majority portion of their spending powers for reading matter of British origin; to use all possible influence with their bookseller toward stocking such British reading matter.

A central Bureau of Information might be established through which members could secure information regarding available English and Canadian publications of all kinds. A disinterested Committee might be formed for the purpose of advising members through a Monthly or Quarterly Bulletin, that would be sent post free to Members, as to the best of the new books and periodicals. This Committee might also set in motion the establishing of a Canadian National Library, the nucleus of which has already been published. The League might also devise ways and means for the establishing of scholarships in public and High Schools, Colleges and Universities for the best work in the Department of English Literature.

The Founders also believe that inasmuch as the Moving Picture industry would be useless without literary co-operation and that the same menace prevails in this connection the British Reader's League might also use its organization in an advisory capacity in this connection.

The proposed Membership fee is \$2.00 which it is hoped will cover the estimated costs of an efficient organization, provided a sufficient number of members could be enrolled. Any surplus at the end of each year the Founders propose to place in the Scholarship Fund.

If you wish to preserve British institutions and play some part in the foundation of a Canadian National Literature the Founders believe you can do so most effectively by signing and returning the attached membership blank with your first Annual fee attached. It is also hoped that you will use your influence with those of your friends whom you believe to be similarly interested in joining the League.

February  
Seventh  
1921.

Henry Button, Esq.,  
Manager, J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd.,  
86 Church Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am much interested in the contents of your letter of February 5th.

This concerns a matter which I have lately and frequently discussed with men who were interested in it, and I am glad to associate myself with any effort that can be made to direct our reading public to British Books and periodicals. It is discouraging to know that such a high percentage of the light literature read in Canada is of unbritish origin. Readers cannot help but be impressed by what they read, and undoubtedly, with a certain section of our population the magazine furnishes the great bulk of reading matter.

There is another aspect of the case worthy of serious consideration and that arises from the fact of the enormous amount of advertising matter to be found in the so-called popular magazine. If these advertisements advertize almost exclusively goods made without the British Empire, it is only natural that people's trade thoughts are directed away from British made goods.

The whole question of light literature is one deserving the most thoughtful

Henry Button, Esq.,      - 2 -

consideration by all loyal and patriotic citizens. Not only should we encourage the reading of what might be termed British literature, but we should discourage in every possible way any literature which lowers the moral tone.

I enclose herewith my fee of  
\$2.00.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Sir A. W. Currie,  
McGill University,  
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Very many thanks for your courteous and cordial letter of the 7th. which came to hand this morning.

Your suggestion regarding the advertisements is a factor that I, for one, had not taken into consideration. It more than ever emphasises the necessity for some early and aggressive action.

I am hoping that when I have heard from a few others that we may arrange for a meeting somewhere, for I would not want to assume the sole responsibility of so important a matter.

It was very kind of you to send your Membership fee, which, by the way, is the first to come in. I shall hold it until the public appeal is made. I first wanted to obtain the opinion of representative men of this country before entering the larger field. It is quite manifest from replies already received, that the proposal is favourably considered.

Again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Dent and Sons, Limited

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Manager

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**DOCKET ENDS:**

BUTTON, H.

5606 QUEEN MARY ROAD  
HAMPSTEAD, MONTREAL.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1936.

Dear Mr. Morgan,

I thank you very  
much for your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I was able to procure Pelou's list of  
schools, and obtain a great  
deal of useful information.

We are indebted to you for  
your interest in our problem.

Gratefully yours  
Merion Byrnes.

February 6  
1936

Dear Mrs. Byers,

The School to which I was referring is the Nautical College, Pangbourne, England. Brief information with some pictures is to be found in Patons List of Schools, page 294 in the 1924 edition, of which there is a copy in the Redpath Reference Library. I cannot speak with first-hand knowledge of the School but from such rumours as I have heard of it I have every reason to think that it is the sort of school which would be well worth your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A.F. Byers,  
5806 Queen Mary Road,  
MONTREAL.

5606 QUEEN MARY ROAD  
HAMPSTEAD, MONTREAL.

Dear Mrs Morgan,  
If you can send  
me any information about the  
school or college for the men, of  
which you were speaking to me  
the other evening at the University  
Women's Club, I shall be very glad.

It was kind of you to lend  
me a sympathetic ear to

parental perplexities. I appreciate  
your kindness very much.

Sincerely yours

Marion Byers.  
(Mrs. C. F.)

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1906.



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Clerk.

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June 10th, 1927.

Hon. G. G. Foster,  
2 Place d'Armes,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Senator:-

Miss Helen Byrnes, 636 King  
Edward Avenue, Ottawa, called on me to-day. She  
says she has had six years experience as Steno-  
graphic clerk, the last two years in the Senate.  
She seeks a position in Montreal and gives your  
name as a reference.

Will you please tell me what  
you know concerning her capacity for that kind of  
work and what you know of her character.

Yours faithfully,

Major-General  
Hon. W.A. Griesbach, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
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*Montreal*

June 14th, 1927

The General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
McGill University,  
City.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have your letter of June 10th with regard to the qualifications of Miss Byrnes. She has been a stenographer in the Senate for the past two Sessions and so far as any work she has done for me is concerned and so far as I have heard has given satisfaction. You do not say whether you want her as your own Secretary or simply as a stenographic clerk. I am told by one who knows her better than I do that she is a good stenographer with a good character but I could not gather that her experience would enable her, at any rate at first, to discharge satisfactorily to you the duty of your Private Secretary.

I am not certain about it but I understand that she expects to return to the Senate for the opening of Parliament in the early winter, and this information also you are entitled to have if you are engaging her services. Of course,

*Foster, Mann, Place, Mackinnon,  
Hackett and Mulvena.*

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I know that you will treat this as confidential,  
but I gathered some of this information today  
from one of her fellow stenographers who may  
be wrong in saying that she only wants a  
temporary position. \_\_\_\_\_

Yours very truly

*Geo. Foster.*  
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Edmonton June 16th 1927

General Sir Arthus Currie G.C.M.G. &c  
McGill University  
Montreal, Que.

My dear General,

Miss Helen Byrnes of 636 King Edward Avenue  
Ottawa writes me to say that she has applied to you for employ-  
ment as a stenographer or secretary.

Miss Byrnes has acted as secretary-stenographer  
to me for the past two years while I am at the Senate in Ottawa.  
Miss Byrnes is quick, accurate, painstaking and industrious and  
turns out excellent work. In addition she is of good birth and  
breeding with a superior education and is fully capable of doing  
sec,retarial work of a social nature also research work in  
government administration, political events, news paper clippings  
biography and the like. In short she is very clever and will go  
far if given an opportunity.

With kind regards

yours faithfully

W.A. Griesbach