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MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 14, 1930.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
Principal, McGill University.

My dear Principal,

The enclosed sheet showing the geographical distribution of students in the first year during this session may be of interest to you. The large number of students living in Montreal homes and the increasing number of women in the B.A. course throw some light on many of our problems at present. The number of students coming from the Province of Quebec outside of Montreal is, you will observe, very small, and I am inclined to think that educational conditions in the English-speaking country communities in this Province are at a very low ebb. Possibly, however, Bishop's College at Lennoxville may place a different interpretation on these figures.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

*Ira A. MacKay*  
Dean

McGILL UNIVERSITY

First Year Arts and Commerce

Geographical Distribution

1929-30

	Montreal	Quebec	Outside Quebec
B.A. Men	59	6	17
B.Com. Men	43	9	25
B.Sc. Men	79	20	20
Total Men	181	35	62
B.A. Women	70	17	17
B.Sc. Women	6	1	6
B.Com. Women	6	0	4
Total Women	82	18	27
Total	263	53	89

3rd January, 1930.

Dean Ira MacKay,  
Faculty of Arts.

Dear Dean MacKay,

At a meeting of  
the Protestant Committee of the Council of  
Public Instruction this morning, Dean Laird  
said that the majority of those who failed  
in their work in First Year Arts were educated  
in the Schools outside this Province.

What are the  
exact figures?

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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LYON COHEN  
MONTREAL, P. Q.

December 24th, 1928.

Dear Dr. Martin:

I was very pleased to receive your kind favor of the 14th instant, relative to the letter written by Dean Ira Mackay to Mr. Max Freeman, of Vancouver.

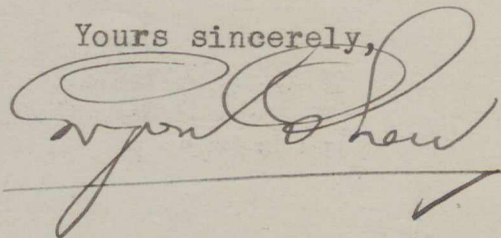
The assurance which you have given, that the remarks made in that letter with respect to Jewish students in no wise reflects the opinions of the authorities of the University, is very gratifying.

This is not alone a sentiment which affects me and my co-religionists in this country, but I believe that the stigma of such an illiberal attitude would harm the good name of our old McGill, of which we are very proud. For my part, I am glad of the fact that my three sons are graduates of McGill, and that my young daughter is now a student of the University.

I hesitate to make any suggestions, but it appears to me that if the worthy Dean were compelled to retract his written statement, it might also have a salutary effect in restraining his verbal insults.

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter, and wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Shaw". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Yours sincerely,". A horizontal line is drawn across the signature, and the signature ends with a checkmark-like flourish.

Dr. C. F. Martin,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.



14th December, 1928.

Lyon Cohen, Esq.,  
25, Rosemount Avenue,  
WESTMOUNT, P. Q.

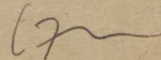
Dear Mr. Cohen,

I want to thank you for showing me the letter written by Dean Ira Mackay to Mr. Max Freeman, of 179, Hastings Street East, Vancouver.

I need not tell you how surprised and mortified I was to read it. I should like to say that any such statement as the Dean made with reference to Hebrew students is a personal opinion and is not in any sense official. The authorities of the University do not, and never have, entertained such views, and in making this statement, Dean Mackay had no authorization whatsoever. We have a large number of Hebrew students in our University, and many of them take very high rank. McGill University is undenominational, and there is nothing in our Statutes or our Regulations which would allow anyone to say that we have "no real desire to entertain Hebrew students coming from communities who contribute little enough to the maintenance of the University."

With kind regards, believe me

Very cordially yours,



Acting Principal.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Montreal

Faculty of Arts  
Office of the Dean

September 25, 1928.

Mr. Max Freeman  
179 Hastings St., East,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant addressed to Dr. J. A. Nicholson, the Registrar of the University has been handed to me and I now wish to reply as follows.

The reasons why your son's application for admission to McGill was not approved are: Firstly, we prefer that students complete the work they have undertaken in their own universities; and, secondly, we have no real desire at present to entertain Hebrew students coming from communities who contribute little enough to the maintenance of the University.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Ira A. Mackay  
Dean

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