

MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL

Estimated Budget for year ending 30th, June, 1927,
in comparison with Budget year ending 30th, June, 1926.

Year ending 30th, June, 1926
(Approximate)

RECEIPTS (Estimated):-

No. of
Pupils

Year ending 30th, June, 1927.
(Estimated)

\$4,950.00
1,500.00
2,100.00
1,800.00

\$10,350.00

Fees from pupils resident:-
Ste Anne de Bellevue 95
Ste Anne de Bout de l'isle 30
Senneville 40
Others 40

\$4,750.00
1,500.00
2,000.00
2,000.00

\$10,250.00

Grants:-

1,050.00
150.00

1,200.00

\$11,550.00

Department of Public Instruction
Superior Education Fund
French Specialist

1,050.00
150.00

1,200.00

\$11,450.00

DISBURSEMENTS:-

\$2,500.00
1,600.00
1,500.00
1,400.00
1,400.00
1,300.00
1,300.00
1,150.00
1,100.00
1,100.00

400.00
25.00
100.00
266.66
100.00
100.00
100.00

\$15,341.66

Salaries:-

H.S. Cook, Headmaster \$2,600.00
F. Kruse, Kindergarten & Grade 1 1,600.00
B. Ogden, Grade VII. 1,800.00
E. Tilton, Grades VIII. & IX. 1,500.00
M.D. Price, Grade VI. 1,450.00
G. Revel, French Specialist 1,500.00
H. Clarke, Grade V. 1,350.00
V. Ramsay, Grade II. 1,200.00
H.S. Armitage, Grade III. 1,150.00
E.E. Paige, Grade III. 1,950.00
* Teacher, Grade VIII. 1,600.00
Medical Inspection 400.00
Nurse 25.00
Athletics 100.00
Cookery 266.66
Manual Training 100.00
Physical Training 100.00
Music 100.00

2500 7 100
1600
1500 + 300
1400 100
1400 50
1300 200
1300 50
1150 50
1100 50
1100 850
1700 800
400 900
25
100
266
100
100
100

\$17,741.66

2400
1600

800

1600

800

900

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11050

1050

-800

200

200.00
289.06
100.00
25.00
50.00
6.00

670.06

\$16,011.72

Materials & Supplies 250.00
New Equipment 150.00
Equipment, Repairs & Renewals 100.00
Printing & Stationery 25.00
Miscellaneous (Includes \$20. for Prizes) 50.00
Postage 6.00

581.00

\$18,322.66

Building Maintenance:-

720.00
100.00
712.50
29.23
160.00
10.00

\$1,731.73
1,825.00
100.00

19,668.45

\$8,074.95

Janitor 780.00
Materials & Supplies 100.00
Repairs & Renewals 1,000.00
Insurance, Employers' Liability 29.23
Insurance, Fire 160.00
Laundry 10.00
Light, Heat, Power & Water 2,079.23
Miscellaneous 100.00

1,800.00

\$22,301.89

Deficit

Deficit - \$10,851.89
Less - 6,800.00

4,051.89
Less - * 1,600.00

2,451.89

High School

MACDONALD COLLEGE

SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

RAILWAY STATIONS, EXPRESS AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES:
STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUE.

POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA.

Feb. 12, 1929.

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

Dear Dr. Martin:

As I explained to you on Saturday, there will be a meeting of the Consultative Committee on Macdonald High School at Macdonald College on Tuesday, March 5th, at 8 p.m. in the Board Room of the Main Building. This meeting consists of the three representatives of each of the three School Boards, three representatives of Macdonald College with myself as Chairman in the absence of Sir Arthur Currie.

I am writing to ask if you will be good enough to come and preside at that meeting on March 5th in your capacity as Acting Principal as several important matters have to come up.

1. An agreement was made between the College and each of the three School Boards commencing June 1926 for three years ending June 1929. The municipality of Senneville has served notice that it will discontinue this agreement as far as finances go at the end of the period but it still wishes to send its children to our School.

2. The school is over-crowded and is very unsatisfactory as a laboratory for the School for Teachers. One class is held in the basement and we are ashamed of this. Another class is held in the College buildings and Chemistry and Physics classes are also held in the College buildings. An addition to the school is necessary; plans for it have been suggested, and we wish some help in getting the extensions carried out as soon as possible.

Perhaps you would feel disposed to consult myself and the Bursar before the meeting. Should you consider this advisable, we would be glad to meet you here any afternoon provided it is a Tuesday or a Thursday. Should it be inconvenient for you to come to the College, Mr. Ward, the Bursar, and I would make a point of coming to McGill to see you, as I think you ought to have full information before the meeting with the school boards, on March 5th.

I shall await your reply and make arrangements in accordance therewith.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Clarendon

Dean.

B.

13th February, 1929

Dean Sinclair Laird,
Macdonald College,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

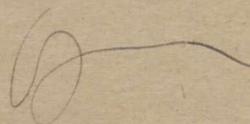
Dear Dean Laird:

I have your recent letter, for which I
thank you.

We will announce Mr. Walter Stewart's gift
after the Governors' Meeting on Thursday.

With reference to the meeting on March 5th,
I shall be glad to come if it is at all possible. Meanwhile
I do think that if you and Mr. Ward could arrange to come
here first and talk matters over it would help considerably.

Very truly yours,



Acting Principal.

MACDONALD COLLEGE

Magazine

RAILWAY STATIONS, EXPRESS AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES,
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HIGH SCHOOL

POST OFFICE:

MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA.

December 23, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal. Que.,

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of our Magazine, "The Static". This Magazine is the result of a project in English, worked out by Miss E.M. Barker, and Miss H.I. Fortier, two of the teachers in my school, with the co-operation of all teachers and pupils, who wished to contribute. I am pleased with the issue, and think that you may be interested in examining it. It is the result of an experiment which we thought worth while. I wish to call your attention especially to the contributions from the junior grades.

I am enclosing a copy of our programme for the closing day of school, and also a copy of a letter which we sent to all the parents of our children. I think you will be interested in these.

I am enjoying very much my work in this school; it is a very interesting situation. I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I have found those with whom I am working, not only willing, but anxious to help me in any way they can to make successful the work in this school. Dean Laird, and the members of his staff have been especially kind toward me. All this has contributed very much toward giving me a very happy four months at Macdonald College.

To you, Sir Arthur, and to Lady Currie, we at Macdonald High School extend our best wishes for Christmas, and the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

William A. Steeves

KC.

Headmaster.

Programme for Christmas Assembly. December 23.

9.10. Assembly Bell.

1. O Canada.
2. The First Noel.
3. Carol by Kindergarten.
4. Holy Night.
5. Three Kings of Orient.
6. Carol of Grade 3.
7. O Come All Ye Faithful.
8. Remarks by Mr. Steeves.
9. While Shepherds Watch.
10. Good King Wenceslas.
11. Arrival of Santa Claus.
12. For He's A Jolly Good Fellow.

Distribution of bags of Candy by Santa Claus.

December 9, 1931.

Letter to Parents or Guardian re Gifts to Teachers:

From time to time we hope to bring certain matters to the attention of the parents of our pupils through the medium of a personal letter. We trust that in this way we may be able to foster the spirit of co-operation between parents and school which is so mutually beneficial.

The purpose of this letter is to put before you the question of "presents to teachers."

PAST GIFTS APPRECIATED During past years the members of the staff of this school have been the recipients of many beautiful and very useful gifts. These have been very much appreciated by all. We feel, too, that the givers have enjoyed their act of giving.

DUTY OF MORE FORTUNATE. Although we are very happy to see our pupils enjoy their giving, we feel that in many instances their joy is at too great a sacrifice. Perhaps it is the duty of those who have plenty to forego their pleasure because some find it too difficult to give.

TOWARD SOME LESS FORTUNATE. One pupil wants to, but cannot give as nice a gift as his chum. Another pupil is one of four or five children in school from one family; the amount for giving has to be thus divided into smaller units than they wish. Another pupil comes from a home in which there has been sickness, he would like to fall in line with the class, but cannot. Must these "less fortunate" suffer extra heart-ache because of circumstances over which they have no control?

DISCONTINUE GIFTS TO TEACHERS. For these reasons we are very graciously requesting you TO DISCONTINUE THE CUSTOM OF PROVIDING MATERIAL GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO GIVE TO THEIR TEACHERS. The greatest gift which you can send to school is a cheerful, happy, and healthy child, anxious to learn, for us to guide from day to day. We will return him to you each night, we hope, a little bigger and better because of his contact with us.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT If, after carefully reading this letter, you will discuss it with your children and help them to understand why we make this request, you will be co-operating to the very fullest extent, with the teachers of your children in this very important matter.

THANKS AND BEST WISHES FROM STAFF We join in thanking you for this co-operation and in wishing you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On behalf of the members of my staff.

Yours faithfully,

William A. Steeves

HEADMASTER.

Members of the Staff:

Miss Helen S. Armitage.	Grade 3.	Miss Helena I. Fortier.	Grade 5.
Mr. Howard W. Atwood	" 7.	Miss Fréda Kruse	" K.
Miss Evelyn M. Barker.	" 8.	Miss Janet A. R. Macleod.	" 6.
Miss H. Marion Bradley	" 1.	Miss Grace E. Revel	" 10
Miss Margaret Clarke	" 2.		& 11 &
Miss Jean Davidson	" 4.		French.
		Miss Catherine Seiveright	Grade 9.

January 21st, 1932.

William A. Steeves, Esq., B.A.,
Headmaster, High School,
Macdonald College, P.Q.

My dear Mr. Steeves:-

At the time your letter of December 23rd reached me I was in bed suffering from a rather severe attack of tonsillitis. I found such an accumulation of work on my return to college that only today have I found time to answer your letter.

I was very pleased to get the magazine, the "Static", which is highly interesting and full of promise. You, and all others concerned in its production, have my best wishes.

I am very glad to learn that you are happy at Macdonald, and Dean Laird has more than once spoken to me about the good work you are doing.

Most cordially reciprocating your good wishes to my wife and myself,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

High School Magazine

MACDONALD COLLEGE

McGILL UNIVERSITY

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MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL
OFFICE OF HEADMASTER

POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA

May 5, 1933.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Under separate cover the pupils of this school are sending you a complimentary copy of our school magazine the "Macdonald High School Magazine". I trust that you will find a few minutes to look it over, especially those selections written by pupils of the junior grades.

Yours faithfully,

William A. Steves

Headmaster.

May 9th, 1933.

William A. Steeves, Esq.,
Headmaster,
Macdonald College High School, P.Q.

My dear Mr. Steeves,

Your letter of the 5th and the complimentary copy of the school magazine reached me. I must certainly congratulate you on the magazine and ask you to convey my congratulations to the pupils responsible for it. It is extremely well done in every particular. I consider that it does you all the greatest credit.

With every good wish,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

MACDONALD COLLEGE

McGILL UNIVERSITY

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MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL
OFFICE OF HEADMASTER

POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA

May 11, 1933.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,

It was indeed thoughtful of you to take the time to congratulate us upon our school magazine. I have read your letter to those responsible for the work and to the pupils in our upper grades. It pleased them greatly to know that you with your many duties would take the time to consider their modest effort.

To me your letter added a delightful personal touch which is very encouraging and which I appreciate.

Yours faithfully,

William A. Steeves

Headmaster.

BURSAR'S OFFICE

MACDONALD COLLEGE

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POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA.

November 23, 1929.

Consultative Committee.

MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL.

There will be a meeting of the above Committee on Thursday evening, November 28th, in the Board room, Main Building, Macdonald College at 8 o'clock.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Headmaster.
3. Christmas Holidays.
4. New Business.

A. S. Ward

Secretary.

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SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

MACDONALD COLLEGE

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Budget

Feb. 14, 1929.

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

Dear Dr. Martin:

In connection with financial and other matters affecting the High School, Mr. Ward and I will arrange to come on Tuesday afternoon, February 19th, at 2.30 p.m. in order to discuss matters with you in Montreal. I trust that 2.30 p.m. in the Principal's Office will be convenient to you.

Yours faithfully,

J. McLeanford
Dean.

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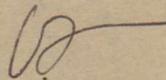
15th February, 1929.

Sinclair Laird, Esq., M.A.
Dean - School for Teachers,
Macdonald College,
Ste. Anne - de - Bellevue, P.Q.

My dear Dean Laird,

I have your note of the 14th instant,
and shall be very glad to see you and Mr. Ward in the
Principal's Office on TUESDAY afternoon, February 19th,
at 2.30 p.m.

Faithfully yours,



Acting Principal.

Ceremony

MACDONALD COLLEGE

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May 10, 1928.

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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Mr. Stuart, one of the school trustees of Senneville has purchased and presented to the High School twelve Union Jacks, one for each class, and also a large flag for the School. The class flags are six feet long and the school flag about twenty-five feet.

All the members of the School Boards at the meeting last night in accepting this gift were anxious to have the presentation made with some ceremony at an open-air function in front of the School probably on June 4th which seems the most suitable date provided you can be present.

I am writing to ask if you would be free to come to this ceremony on June 4th about 9.30 a.m., preside at the function and present the flags. We would be very glad if some of the Governors could accompany you on this occasion and see all the school children taking part. A holiday for the rest of the day would be declared and the children would thus have the occasion firmly impressed on their minds. A small committee has been appointed representing the Boards and the College to arrange for a short programme consisting of O Canada, God Save the King, presentation of the flags on small flag poles to color parties from each class, and the raising of the large flag on a temporary flag pole.

We hope to have the local clergymen and, of course, a small printed folder will be provided to show the order of the ceremony.

It is hoped that you yourself will be the central figure on this occasion and the Committee feels that the dignity and importance of the occasion will be emphasized if you take the leading part.

I hope that you will be able to come and that I may have the pleasure of informing the Committee that you will be present. It would be possible for you to get the eleven o'clock train back to Montreal. I hesitate to ask you because of the two other visits you will pay to Macdonald College that week, for the Closing Exercises of the School of Household Science and the School for Teachers, yet this open-air presentation is a unique event in the life of the High School whose children will recall the event with pleasure in later years.

Trusting that you will be able to come, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Dean.

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May 10th, 1928.

Dean Sinclair Laird,
School for Teachers,
Macdonald College, Que.

My dear Dean:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to the presentation of the Union Jacks, so kindly provided by Mr. Stuart.

I do not quite know what to say. Dr. Martin and some of my Governors are urging me to get away for a change as soon as possible. In fact they want me to go now, but I wish to stay here until after Convocation. It was my intention not to attend any ceremonies of any sort during June. Of course, there are some at which I would like very much to be present, notably the Closing Exercises at Macdonald. I really feel, though, if I am to check this high blood pressure and loss of weight, I must give up everything for a little while.

I am very sorry, Dean Laird, but I think it best to ask you not to count on me for either of the functions.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Report Rothney.

MACDONALD COLLEGE

SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
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POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA.

March 19, 1928.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter which Inspector W. O. Rothney sent along with the printed report on the High School. You will observe that he urges practically the very things we are asking for next year and which are urgent and necessary.

Yours faithfully,

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Dean.

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Quebec, March 12, 1928.

Mr. F. W. Ward,
Registrar, Macdonald College,
Macdonald College, Que.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith the formal report of my annual visit to your High School. The report shows that good work is being done in your school and that there is much to commend in the efforts your Institution is putting forth to provide high school facilities for the locality in which Macdonald College is situated.

There are, however, certain weak spots in the situation to which I think it well to call your attention. One of these is that you are offering a rather limited number of the optional subjects prescribed for the higher grades. Owing to this your high school pupils are unable to take the maximum number of units allowed for the High School Leaving Certificate. This limitation of subjects taught is scarcely justifiable in a school such as yours. I would recommend that next year you add another science subject to the optional subjects offered. If you could make the same arrangement for the teaching of Chemistry that you are now making for Physics, it would meet the need adequately.

Another weak spot in the situation lies in the fact that you have 41 pupils in Grades 8 and 9, all under one teacher. 35 pupils to a teacher is the maximum suggested by the Regulations, and while fairly good work may be done with 40 pupils if they are all in the same grade, you cannot expect the best results with so many pupils when they are in two different grades. I would strongly recommend that next year you provide separate teachers for these two grades.

Again, I regret that you still find it necessary to use a room in the basement for part of the training given the Kindergarten pupils. The room is very unsuitable for that purpose, and while your Kindergarten Assistant shows considerable aptitude for handling kindergarten children, you are practically making it impossible for her to accomplish but a small part of what she might accomplish had you suitable surroundings in which she might work. The engagement of a kindergarten assistant has resulted in much better work being

done in Grade I. The Grade I class occupies part of the Kindergarten Room proper, and receives a considerable portion of Miss Kruse's time without the presence of the Kindergarten pupils. As a consequence, I found a great improvement in the work being done in that grade. It is unfortunate, however, that better facilities cannot be provided for the Kindergarten particularly since it is the Provincial Training School for Kindergarten teachers. If nothing better can be done I would recommend a folding partition across the Kindergarten room on the ground floor, so that Grade I might occupy one end of the room and the Kindergarten the other.

Notwithstanding, however, the defects indicated above, your school seems to be doing decidedly good work, better even than last year. You have a good staff, and there are several other features of the school situation that are most desirable, and that are lacking in the great majority of the high schools of the Province. I refer to such features as Manual Training, Household Science, Music, Drawing and provision for athletic activities.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. O. ROTHNEY.

Report on School, 1927.

MACDONALD COLLEGE

BURSAR'S OFFICE

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December 19, 1927.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, LL.D., GCMG., KCB.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
- McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of December 16th, I enclose herewith, a copy of the report of the headmaster of Macdonald High School.

A copy of this report would no doubt be on your file, inasmuch as one was sent to you together with the notice calling the meeting referred to.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. Sward

Bursar.

TFW/MP
Encl.

December 16th, 1927.

T. Fred Ward, Esq.,
Bursar, Macdonald College,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Dear Mr. Ward:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th October last. The envelope would indicate that it was mailed only a day or so ago.

With reference to the resolution passed at a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Macdonald High School, will you please send me the report of the Head Master of Macdonald High School referred to.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

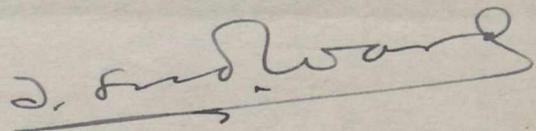
October 21st,
1927.

Consultative Committee
MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL.

There will be a meeting of the above
Committee on Wednesday evening, October 26th,
in the Board room, Main Building, Macdonald
College, at 8 o'clock.

Business:

1. Minutes of meeting June 9th, 1927.
2. Business arising out of the minutes.
3. Headmasters report.
4. Changes in staff.
5. New business.



Secretary.

REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 1927.

Mr. Chairman, members of the School Boards:

I have the honour to present to you the following report:

The enrollment for September shows an increase over that for the same month last year as can be seen from these figures:

<u>September 1926</u>	<u>September 1927</u>
K 14	K 18
1 35	1 28
2 27	2 29
3 29	3 32
4 29	4 29
5 38	5 34
6 29	6 43
7 32	7 24
8 12	8 23) 41
9 17	9 18) 41
10 11	10 7
11 8	11 5
Total 281	290

The estimated enrollment for the school year 1926-27, as presented to the meeting of the School Boards in September 1926, was 301, whereas, in June 1927, this was actually 308.

A conservative estimate for the 1927-28 session is between 310 and 320.

The cancellation of the \$50 fee has caused a large increase in Grade VIII, the first high school grade (1926-12, 1927-23). In the other grades a small but fairly steady increase is noticeable.

This year every grade except the Kindergarten, Grade X and Grade XI will have an enrollment of from 30 to 45. It is hoped that by next term the same increase will become apparent in the two highest grades.

Instead of reducing the number of applications from Catholics and outsiders the \$70 fee seems to have had the opposite effect. The following figures are actual enrollments, not estimates.

Outsiders and Catholics.

<u>1926</u>		<u>1927.</u>	
R.C.	5	R.C.	7
Pointe Claire	1	Pointe Claire	2
Hudson	1	Coteau-du-Lac	2
Oka	3	Beaconsfield	1
Choisy	2	Rigaud	1
	<u>12</u>	Ile Perrot	2
			<u>15</u>

Although this increase is a healthy sign it complicates our difficulties of accommodation, which, as you know, are already acute. This matter is considered at greater length later on in this report.

The uncertain weather in the fall, and the fact that the McGill track meet is held in the spring have made our boys wish to postpone the Sports Day until the spring. This is a matter that the Board might discuss at the present meeting.

The record of corporal punishments in the school has shown a surprising decrease. In 1925-26, some 40 pupils were punished; in 1926-27 only 15, and in September 1927, one. The general discipline after school and at noon hour has improved too. This is due to a considerable extent to the new janitor who has had a good influence on the boys.

The following homework schedule is given here to show what the larger city high schools are doing. These figures are, of course,

outside limits. The bright pupil will get along with less homework, the backward pupil may at times find it necessary to do more.

Homework.

K, I & II	No homework
III & IV	15 - 30 minutes.
V & VI	45 minutes - 1 hr.
VII	1 hour.
VIII	1½ hours
IX	2 hours
X	2½ hours.
XI	3 hours.

If these limits appear excessive it should be remembered that the most of our pupils are working for matriculation, and that this is becoming harder to get. The higher standards being set by McGill and the other universities are reflected in the schools which must do more and better work.

In connection with the \$70 fee, difficulties have come up with the three children, who live on the Skinners' property in Senneville, and who are Catholics, and with the two Hough children from Ile Perrot, who are Protestants but who are unable to pay the fee. The matter is at present under consideration but has not been settled.

Our most serious difficulty at present is that of accommodation. Classes are being held in the teachers' cloak room, in the basement room and in the Assembly Hall, all day long. The basement room is not suitable for a classroom and we lose marks every year because of it. Besides this, classes are held in the principal's office, in the cloak rooms, and, at times, outside. When Physics is taught, pupils will have to use the Physics building. The class rooms in use at present are overcrowded and are too small for the large classes using them.

Four large class rooms would take care of our immediate needs, although six are advisable. Grades VIII and IX need to be split, The present class of approximately 45 is too large for one teacher to handle, and the work there is so important as a preparation for Grades X and XI that there should be two teachers to look after it. A new high school teacher is needed urgently.

From now on. Physics and Chemistry will be necessary in Grades X and XI. After 1928, Physical Geography will not be accepted by McGill University as a matriculation subject. It will be necessary to provide for the teaching of Physics this year.

Advanced Mathematics ought to be taught when desired. It is necessary for Science Matriculation, and many of our pupils go to other schools because it is not taught here.

In conclusion, I give figures taken from the official records at Quebec to show the present size of our school. There are 51 High Schools in this province. Outside of Westmount (1) and of Montreal which has 5, there are 45. Of these schools Macdonald is fifth in size.

St. Lambert	831
Lachine	559
Outremont	464
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HAROLD S. COOK,
Headmaster.

REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 1927.

Mr. Chairman, members of the School Boards:

I have the honour to present to you the following report:

The enrollment for September shows an increase over that for the same month last year as can be seen from these figures:

<u>September 1926.</u>		<u>September 1927.</u>	
K	14	K	18
1	35	1	28
2	27	2	29
3	29	3	32
4	29	4	29
5	38	5	34
6	29	6	43
7	32	7	24
8	12	8	23)41
9	17	9	18)
10	11	10	7
11	8	11	5
Total	<u>281</u>		<u>290</u>

The estimated enrollment for the school year 1926-27, as presented to the meeting of the School Boards in September 1926, was 301, whereas in June 1927. this was actually 308.

A conservative estimate for the 1927-28 session is between 310 and 320.

The cancellation of the \$50 fee has caused a large increase in Grade VIII, the first high school grade(1926-12, 1927023). In the other grades a small but fairly steady increase is noticeable. This year every grade except Kindergarten, Grade X and Grade XI, will have an enrollment of from 30 to 45. It is hoped that by next term the same increase will become apparent in the two highest grades.

Instead of reducing the number of applications from Catholics and outsiders, the \$70 fee seems to have had the opposite effect. The following figures are actual enrollments, not estimates.

Outsiders and Catholics.

<u>1926</u>		<u>1927.</u>	
R.C.	5	R.C.	7
Pointe Claire	1	Pointe Claire	2
Hudson	1	Coteau-du-lac	2
Oka	3	Beaconsfield	1
Choisy	2	Rigaud	1
	<u>12</u>	Ile Perrot	<u>2</u>
			<u>15</u>

Although this increase is a healthy sign it complicates our difficulties of accommodation, which, as you know, are already acute. This matter is considered at greater length later on in this report.

The uncertain weather in the fall, and the fact that the McGill track meet is held in the spring have made our boys wish to postpone the Sports Day until the spring. This is a matter that the Board might discuss at the present meeting.

The record of corporal punishments in the school has shown a surprising decrease. In 1925-26, some 40 pupils were punished; in 1926-27 only 15, and in September 1927, one. The general discipline after school and at noon hour has improved too. This is due to a considerable extent to the new janitor who has had a good influence on the boys.

The following homework schedule is given here to show what the larger city high schools are doing. These figures are, of course, outside limits. The bright pupil will get along with less homework, the backward pupil may at times find it necessary to do more.

Homework.

K, I & II	No homework.
III & IV	15 - 30 minutes.
V & VI	45 minutes - 1 hr.
VII	1 hour.
VIII	1½ hours.
IX	2 hours.
X	2½ hours.
XI	3 hours.

If these limits appear excessive it should be remembered that the most of our pupils are working for matriculation, and that this is becoming harder to get. The higher standards being set by McGill and the other universities are reflected in the schools which must do more and better work.

In connection with the \$70 fee, difficulties have come up with the three Shea children, who live on the Skinner's property in Senneville, and who are Catholics, and with the two Hough children from Ile Perrot, who are Protestant but who are unable to pay the fee. The matter is at present under consideration but has not been settled.

Our most serious difficulty at present is that of accommodation. Classes are being held in the teachers' cloak room, in the basement room and in the Assembly Hall, all day long. The basement room is not suitable for a classroom and we lose marks every year because of it. Besides this, classes are held in the principal's office, in the cloak rooms and at times, outside. When Physics is taught pupils will have to use the Physics building. The class room in use at present are overcrowded and are too small for the large classes using them.

Four large class room would take care of our immediate needs, although six are advisable. Grades VIII and IX need to be split. The present class of approximately 45 is too large for one teacher to handle, and the work there is so important as a preparation for Grades X and XI that there should be two teachers to look after it. A new high school teacher is needed urgently.

From now on, Physics and Chemistry will be necessary in Grades X and XI. After 1928 Physical Geography will not be accepted by McGill University as a matriculation subject. It will be necessary to provide for the teaching of Physics this year.

Advanced Mathematics ought to be taught when desired. It is necessary for Science Matriculation, and many of our pupils go to other schools because it is not taught here.

In conclusion, I give figures taken from the official records at Quebec, to show the present size of our school. There are 51 High Schools in the province. Outside of Westmount(1) and of Montreal which has 5, there are 45. Of these schools Macdonald is fifth in size.

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