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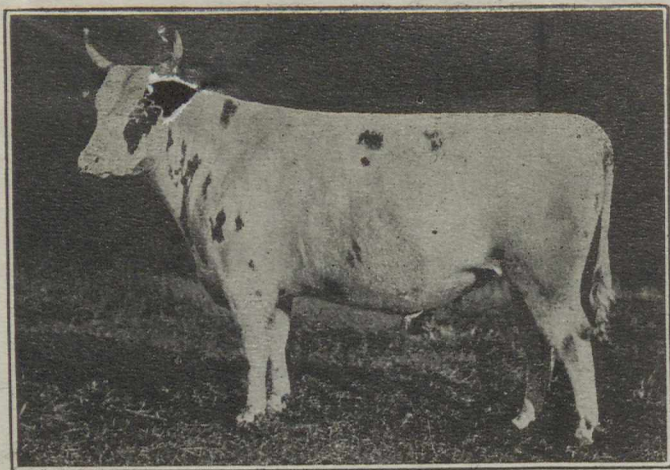
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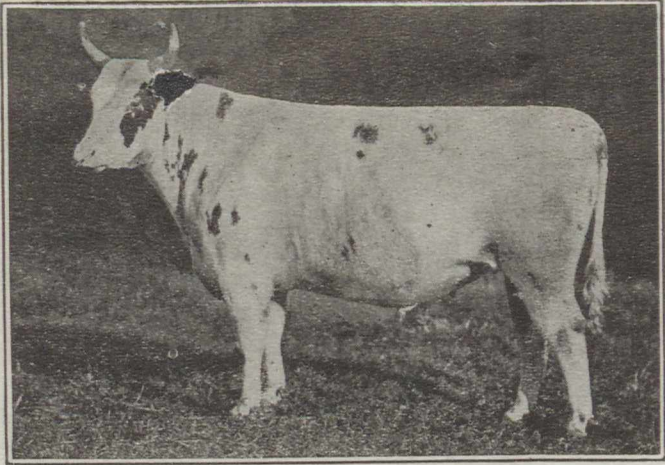
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Sir Arthur Currie

Dear Sir,

Your favor just to hand which has been delayed on account of father getting it from the office for which I am very sorry, as I am leaving for Quebec & may not return until Tuesday of next week. Mr. Col. Breth, I would be pleased to have him run out when convenient after. Mr. 26<sup>th</sup>. If I can be of any assistance to him, he can come out. I spend a day or night with us.

It is pleasing to me to note that you enjoyed your day at Howick, which was all too short & will expect you to come out again & finish inspection round Burnside. Mitchell wants Garner to



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Come out soon again!

Since our conversation last Sunday  
I have given the McDonalds situation  
some thought, & as you stated when  
leaving on Sunday you would like to  
have had more time discussing it.  
I will try to be in Montreal on my  
way back from Quebec for a while  
on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & will call you up  
& try to arrange a little while with  
you

Wishing you are well

Love yours sincerely

R. R. Ness

25  
July 17th, 1922.

R. Ness, Esq.,  
Howick, Que.

Dear Mr. Ness:-

This morning I had a call from a Colonel Brett who retired from the Army after the war and came to Canada, where for the last two years he has attempted to farm in the Province of New Brunswick. He has not made a success of the venture and he and his son have come to Montreal.

They were sent to me for advice and in the course of my conversation with him I stated that advice which some such man as yourself could give would be of far more value than anything I could say. If he should go out to see you will you please give him a little of your time. I think he must change his views somewhat before he can look forward to being successful in Canada.

I think of yesterday with a great deal of pleasure and look forward to seeing you again some time in Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

Col. Brett

322 Prince Albert Avenue,

Westmount,

July 16th. 22

Sir Arthur Currie:

Dear Sir Arthur,

This is to introduce Colonel Brett, who is staying with us, having come up from N.B., where he has a farm which has not turned out too well.

I gather that he has a limited income, but it needs supplementing; hence his coming here.

I don't know that you will be able to suggest anything to him, but I **do** know that you won't buoy him up with false hopes, and I am also sure that, after a few minutes with him you will be satisfied that all that could be said against him is that he is getting on in years. I judge that without personal backing this would go against him, but that he is one of the sort who are good until their last breath. I may add that his demands as to salary are "just a job, even if it is only \$60 a month".

It should surely be possible for him to get something? He was in the South African campaign, and has been, I imagine, one of the sort who do wonders for the Empire, but not too well for themselves - those who love **life** and **wide spaces** more than a **safe job**. I can't bear the idea of an **old gentleman**, in the best sense of the phrase, being cast on the scrap-heap.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to see you again after our last curtailed meeting, but working at Lachine makes it impossible, and I did want

to elaborate a little more fully on my slight criticism of "dear  
old McGill", especially of the weekly "tests" - surely the term and  
sessional examinations are enough? The weekly "tests" tend, I feel,  
to cramming rather than learning.

Yours sincerely, and with best wishes,

Alfred Gordon.

April 7th, 1926.

W. B. Brewer, Esq.,  
Cobalt, Ontario.

My dear Brewer:-

Thank you very much for your  
note of the 4th of April.

I have heard a good deal about  
the book "The Plastic Age" but have never read it.  
I shall make a point of doing so now owing to your  
recommendation.

I hope all goes well with you.  
We are just finishing a very active session, which  
for Arts and Commerce has been somewhat curtailed  
owing to the rebuilding of the Arts Building. The  
contractors made a start on the last day of March  
and already the old building looks a wreck. I  
shall be around all summer as there are many things  
to be looked after. We hope for a good crowd at  
the reunion.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Cobalt, Ontario  
April 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have just finished reading  
"The Plaketic Age"  
by Percy Marks  
and it so appeals to me  
that I am suggesting  
to you that if you  
have a few spare hours  
you read this novel. It  
is a very frank story  
of American college life  
and a reading of it  
will give you, perhaps,  
a clearer idea of the  
undergraduate mind



and "how he gets that way."

I am looking forward very much to the Re-union this autumn and I am quite sure that it will be as successful as that of 1921 when I was "only a Freshman."

Respectfully yours

W B Brewer

Com '23

P. S. I hope that during the Re-union you will be able to announce

to Commerce '23 that  
plans have been completed  
for the creation of the  
Faculty of Commerce.  
W.B.B.

To  
Sir A. W. Currie  
McGill University  
Montreal Que.

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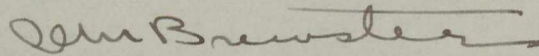
Sir Wm. Peterson,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

We should be exceedingly grateful if your institution would furnish us the data called for in the enclosed circular. The war and the problems of reconstruction have made it necessary for us to plan anew and build again, and in so doing we are anxious to make use of the experience of older institutions.

This request is at the suggestion of President Holland of the State College of Washington, who appointed this committee. Your help will be thankfully received.

Yours very truly,



Chairman, Faculty Committee  
on Salaries and Promotions.

April  
Ninth  
1920.

C. M. Brewster Esq.,  
Chairman Faculty Committee,  
Salaries & Promotions,  
State College of Washington,  
Pullman, Wash.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 2nd addressed to Sir William Peterson.

Sir William fell seriously ill and has retired from the Principalship of McGill University. As I am acting in his place, I have answered the series of questions which accompanied your letter, and have much pleasure in returning the same to you herewith. It is difficult to answer some of these questions, seeing that we have no sharp and definite rules to govern our action in connection with promotions. We endeavor to promote the best man when there are positions vacant, and each case is considered on its own merits.

I hope, however, the information which I have given you may be of some service to you.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.