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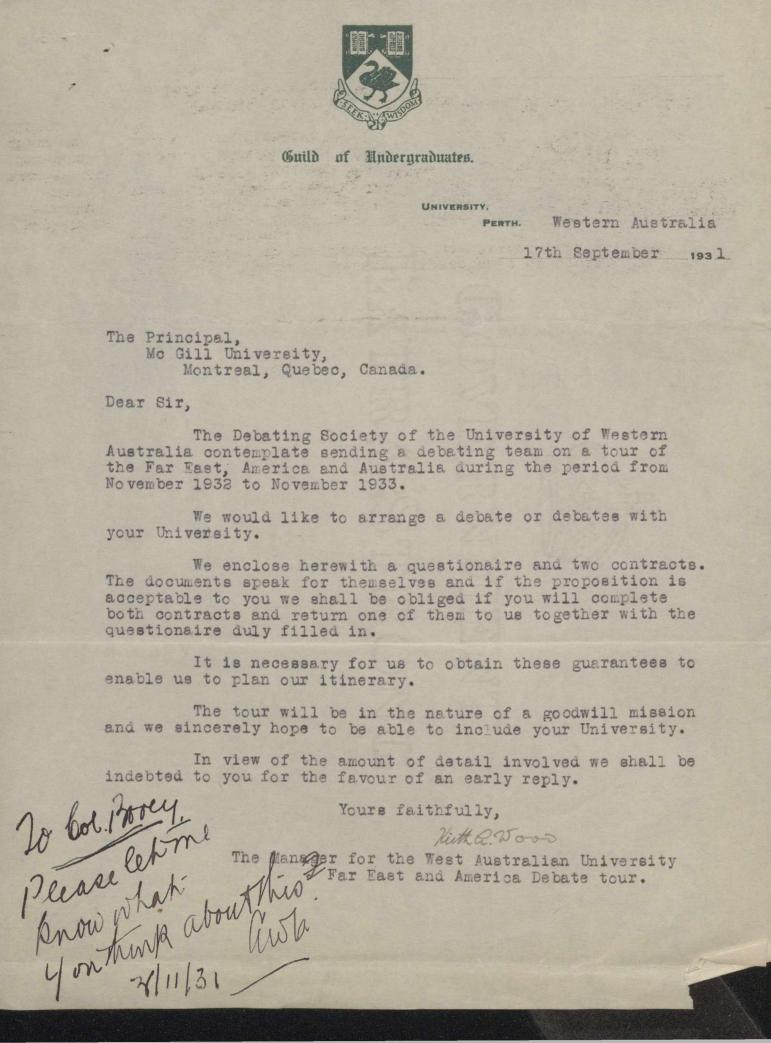
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DEBATING TEAM CORRESPONDENCE 21 JAN. 1927 - 22 DEC. 1931

December 22nd, 1931. Keith A. Wood, Esq., The Manager for the West Australian University Far East and America Tour, Guild of Undergraduates, University, PERTH. Western Australia. Dear Sir :-Your letter of the 17th of September was duly received and has been submitted to the Debating Union Society and to the Students' Council. They would be glad to engage in a debate with your team under the conditions mentioned by you if dates could be made more suitable. The time which you set for the Eastern Seawoard is April 8th-May 14th. These dates are, of course, impossible for us as are all dates after the middle of March. If there is any way by which your tour could be carried on so as to run throughout the winter I think you would have more chance of success. Any date between the 1st of October and the middle of March, except during the Christmas - New Year week,

Yours faithfully,

would suit us.



690 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST TELEPHONE: MONTREAL, QUE. LANCASTER 7141 STUDENTS' COUNCIL OF McGILL UNIVERSITY MCGILL DAILY MCGILL UNION MUSICAL ASSOCIATION MCGILL ANNUAL MCGILL HANDBOOK OPERATIC & CHORAL SOCIETY RED & WHITE REVUE STUDENTS' DIRECTORY BANJO-MANDOLIN CLUB MCGILL DEBATING UNION SOCIETY SCARLET KEY SOCIETY MCGILL MUSIC CLUB PLAYERS' CLUB BUREAU OF APPOINTMENTS MCGILL UNIVERSITY BAND December 18, 1931 Lt. Col. Bovey, McGill University, Montreal Dear Colonel Bovey: We are enclosing the contract from the "West Australia University Far East and American Debating Tour" filled in by the President of the McGill Debating Union Society and myself, in almost every particular excepting some items which Mr. Goldenberg wishes to discuss with you. At a meeting of the Students' Executive Council held on December 7th, the Council approved of having this debating team come to McGill University, at the expense of the Students' Executive Council, and have voted the sum required as a guarantee, approximately \$200.00, conditional upon the University assisting us in some way to meet this guarantee. I believe that this was discussed by yourself and Mr. Goldenberg. May I point out to you the difficulty which will arise in connection with the dates which they suggest for the "East Seaboard", namely, April 8th to May 14th, 1933. These dates, you will immediately recognize, are very unsatisfactory for an appearance at McGill University. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Goldenberg, the President of the McGill Debating Union Society, and am asking him to make it a point to see you and discuss the contract and the dates suggested. I am, Yours very truly, G. N. Eletchin Secretary-Treasurer GHF/AVC.

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# QUESTIONNAIRE.

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3.	Is there an English Department or a body of English speaking students in your University:-
4.	Are there any large literary, forensic or educational societies in your town? Please give us their names and addresses.
	(a) University of Montreal Debating Lociety, Montreal
	(b) Loxola College Debating Lociety 7141 Sterbrooke St. W.
	(0) Montreal Debating League, C/o. 611 Landowne ave. Westwood,
	Are any of these English speaking? Please indicate. —. all could debate in English
5.	Can you give us the names of men prominent in these organisations with whom we can open correspondence;-
	(a) The Rector, University of Montreal, Wontreal, due
	10. The Rector, Loyola College, Montreal, due.
	(c) Mr. James Bronar, 611 Landonne dre., Wester't.
6.	Can you give us the names and addresses of any educators, news - paper men, or other persons in your city who might be interested in the West Australian University Debating Team.
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7.	Is there a broadcasting Station in your city? Would such station be interested in lectures to be given by the West Australian Debating Team:-
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8.	What guarantee or entertainment could your institution give in order to help cover the expenses of the West Australian University  Debating Team while in your city:-

May 22, 1927. Major F.J. Ney, 607, Boyd Building. Winnipeg. Man. Dear Major Ney:-I enclose herewith two copies of letters which are interesting. Personally I do not much believe in mixed teams. I do not think there is nearly the same interest attached to them as to the teams representing individual universities. You will note, however, that it is practically impossible to obtain any funds from the universities, in view of the arrangements outlined in the enclosed letters. I believe that only Cambridge is out of this Union. It is evident then that if we are to send Canadian teams, the cost must be met in some other way. This I must leave to your ingenuity. Yours faithfully, Dictated by Colonel Bovey and signed in his absence.

May 21, 1927.

Ralph Mum May, Esq., National Union of Students, 3, Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1.

Door Mr. May:-

I was very much interested in receiving your letter of the 10th instant. So far as sending a McGill Team to England is concerned the proposal is off for this year.

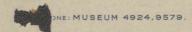
I think you are quite right in sending your invitation to the National Federation of Canadian University Students and I have no doubt that they will be able to get together a satisfactory team.

We are quite aware of the financial difficulties in England and had no idea whatever of asking any assistance either from you or from the Universities. In any case it is not at all likely that there would be more than a very few debates so that it would be impossible for receipts to cover the outlay.

You will understand that while I should be very glad to see a team arranged by the Federation, I am more interested in seeing a McGill Team travelling in the same way as do those from Oxford and Combridge and this is what I trust will be possible and what our representatives will arrange if practicable. I thank you very much for your interest and shall certainly let y ur Union know what is decided.

I shall look forward to meeting Mr. Leahey, Yours faithfully,

May 21, 1927. Ralph Nun May, Esq., National Union of Students, 3, Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1. Dear Mr. May:-I was very much interested in hearing of the Harvesting Tour which the N.U.S. is running to Canada this summer. I have spoken to the head office of the C.P.R. about it and can see no reason why the undertaking should not be a success. Yours sincerely, Dictated by Colonel Bovey and typed in his absence from town.



#### THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Federated to the International Confederation of Students.

3,ENDSLEIGH STREET, LONDON,W.C.1.

RNM/EMM

10th May, 1927.

Lt. Colonel William Bovey, McGill University, Montreal, CANADA.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I see in a cutting from the "Montreal Daily Star" of March 18th that McGill University is contemplating sending a debating beam to England this summer. I do not course know how your arrangements are progressing, but I am very much afraid that you will find great difficulty in fixing up debates with any of the Universities. We have made a definite arrangement with them that not more than two teams shall be received in this country every year. One in each year will be an American team: that is only fair considering the number of our teams that has been received in America. Also the American teams pay all their own travelling expenses and the only charge on the Universities is for The second team each year will, we entertainment. hope, come from one of the Dominions. For these teams it will be necessary to make some financial arrangement similar to the arrangement you have made for our teams in Canada.

As making a charge for admission to debates is an entirely new departure for the English Universities (and incidentally is out of the question at Oxford and Cambridge) we decided to experiment this year with a team which would not reqire very heavy financial support. The Australian Team from Sydney University, which toured the United States of America last autumn, wrote us that they would like to come on to England. As the team would consist of

two men only and as they did not require the whole of their travelling expenses from England to Australia we decided that this would be a good opportunity of trying out the system of charging for debates, without running the risk of a heavy loss. We therefore asked them to come and we arranged debates for them in Oxford, Cambridge, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Reading. The tour was very successful excepting on the financial side. London, where we curselves arranged the debate, was the only place which covered expenses. We asked each University to guarantee £10, but most of them only took from £2-£5 in receipts. The rest was made up by grants from the Union funds.

The experiment was not therefore very successful, but at least it has shown us where the difficulties lie and we hope to overcome them sufficiently to enable us to invite a Canadian Team next year. You will, I think, understand that as we have already entertained the Australians and as the American Team is at present touring the country it was quite impossible to send an invitation to Canada this summer. In any case we feel that the invitation should be sent to the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the team selected by them should be representative of more than one Canadian University.

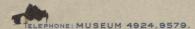
I have not heard from the Universities here about your proposed tour, but if you should get negative replies I very much hope that you will not get the impression that a Canadian Team would be unwelcome in England. If the Universities do not find themselves able to arrange debates it will be for the reasons I have given above - that they cannot afford to entertain more than two teams a year and we have already had an American and Australian team.

I have given a letter of introduction to you to Mr. Leaney, House Governor of the Birmingham General Hospital and a great friend of my family's, who is shortly coming to Canada with a delegation to study hospital design and equipment. I very much

hope you will be able to see him while he is in Montreal.

With very best wishes, Yours sincerely,

Secretary.



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22nd April, 1927.

Lt. Colonel William Bovey, McGill University, MONTREAL.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

You will be interested to hear that the N.U.S. is running a Harvesting Tour to Canada in the summer. This is a large scale continuation of what was done last year by a group of students from Wye Agricultural College, who spent six weeks of the summer vacation working on farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This year it is probable that the total number will between 150 and 200 men drawn from many of the Agricultural Schools and Universities of the country.

Our plan at present is for the men to leave England on July 8th, arriving Quebec July 16th, and proceeding to the Agricultural College at Guelph where the Government of Ontario will take charge of them and draft them on to selected farms. They will work in Ontario from July 18th until August 10th, approximately, when the harvest should be commencing in the West. They will then move on by rail to Winnipeg and be redistributed in that district. They will help with the harvest until the first week in October when they pack up and return home, sailing from Quebec on October 7th.

The idea is to give Agricultural students practical experience of farming conditions in Canada, and to give them and others an opportunity of seeing the country. The total cost to each man will be approximately £56 and their earnings will

- 2 probably be in the neighbourhood of £36, so that for £20, which is not much more than the cost of s ummer holiday in England, they will get the trip across the Atlantic and a summer vacation in Canada under very healthy and interesting conditions. We are making arrangements on this side through the Canadian Pacific Railway and the representatives of the Government of Ontario in London. I should be very grateful if you could have a word with the head office of the C.P.R. in Montreal and see whether they have had information of the scheme from London. Last year the arrangements were very satisfactory and the tour was a great success, but the total number of students was then 50. I am a little doubtful whether the same machinery will stand the strain of increasing the party to three or four times its size and I should be very glad to have some idea of what they feel about it on your side. I hear of great things of the National Federation of Canadian University Students from Mackenzie and Bannerman of Toronto. The report of the Conference at McGill last December was extremely interesting and very well produced. If the Federation goes ahead with as much vigour as it has commenced it should be a very effective body before long. With very best wishes to you and your wife. Yours sincerely, Kayhhhay. I hear from Herklots of the Cambridge P.S. Debating Team that you entertained them to beer and oysters. They were as charmed with it as we were. You have established a noble if somewhat indigestible tradition!

April 7th, 1927. J. M. C. Duckworth, Esq., President, Literary and Debating Society. McGill University. Dear Mr. Duckworth:-With reference to your letter or March 31st and our conversation today regarding the matters therein mentioned, I would appreciate the Selection Committee meeting again and taking into consideration the aspect of the matter I endeavoured to present to you. It seems to me that we should exercise particular care when about to send our first McGill team to debate in the universities of the old land. They will appear before cultured and critical audiences, and I think we should be sure that they will leave the best of impressions as far as McGill scholarship is concerned. I have spoken to Colonel Bovey and to yourself, but not to Mr. Hugessen. You and Colonel Bovey have admitted to me that the Committee did not ask itself the question whether the men selected to represent McGill would be likely to leave the impression which we feel the first representative team of McGill should leave. I am greatly in favour of this interchange of debating teams and I think that McGill should return the visits which Old Country teams have so courteously made. I know that probably these young men have looked forward through the last debating season to winning a place on our team, but these should not be the only factors governing the choice. As I said in the beginning particular attention must be given to the probability that these debaters will leave upon the critical audiences they will meet an impression

J.M.C. Duckworth, Esc., - 2 worthy in every way of the scholarship, standing and prestige of this University. This is the aspect of the case which I would ask the committee to consider. If you can give me an unqualified approval I shall be only too pleased to write the letter to Major Ney, as you suggest. Yours faithfully, Principal.

McGill University. Montreal. March 31, 1927. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Principal, McGill University, Montreal. Dear Sir Arthur:-In connection with the debating team which was chosen by the Committee and submitted to you for approval, we are sorry to have to inform you that Mr. F.R. Scott is unable to make the trip to the Old Country. This is due to the fact that he is writing off his Bar examinations this summer. As was indicated in our first letter to you, our next choice is Mr. W.F. Kelloway. The Committee has considered the matter again and we have come to the same conclusion that Mr. Kell way should be the third men on the team representing McGill. We trust you will give your approval of the team as it now stands:-Bernard M. Alexandor Alex G. Nairn W.F. Kelloway As soon as we get your approval the names of the team will be forwarded to Major New and arrangements made for the completion of details regarding the trip. Might I again surgest that you write Major Ney giving your official approval of the team as representative of McGill. Yours very truly, President, Literary and Debating Society.

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Yours very truly,

M.C.Duckworth

March 22nd. 1927. J.M.C. Duckworth, Esc., Arts Building, McGill University. Dear Mr. Duckworth:-Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th. I approve of the selection made by the Committee appointed to choose the team of McGill Debaters to visit Great Britain this summer. In Messrs. Scott, Alexander and Nairn we have three young men who will bring credit to themselves and to McGill. I hope they may find it possible to make the trip. Please let me know of any changes in the personnel. Yours faithfully, Principal,



March 19, 1927.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Principal, McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Arrangements have been made through Major F.J. Ney of the Overseas Education League for a team of McGill debaters to visit Great Britain this summer. The men will leave Montreal about May 18th and return about August 21st.

Colonel Bovey, the Honourable
A.K. Hugessen and myself have been appointed a
committee of three to choose the McGill team. In
conversation with Major Ney he impressed upon the
writer the necessity of selecting men of personality
as well as of debating ability, so that these students
would be worthy of the college they represent. With
this in view the committee has deliberated and come
to the conclusion that the team should consist of:-

F.R. Scott B.M. Alexandor A.G. Nairn

In the event of one of these men being unable to go, our next choice would be W.F. Kelloway, and we submit further a list of names in alphabetical order which might be considered.

W.H. Budden
A. Edel
F. Godine
H.C. Goldenberg
J. Humphrey
A.A. MacNaughton.

It was the hope of Major Ney that your approval would be given to any team representing McGill and so the committee submit these names to you for consideration. The suggestion which has been made is not at all final and the committee would be glad to consider any proposals that you have to make. When the team has been selected we would appreciate a letter from yourself to Major Ney expressing your approval of the representative team.

Yours sincerely,

President,
Literary and Debating Society.



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January 26th, 1927.

Hon. Vincent Massey, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Massey:-

I am told that the President of the New Jersey Law School has invited you to preside at the debate between McGill and that institution on February 18th.

As Honorary President of the McGill Literary and Debating Society, may I say that I should feel most pleased if you were able to repeat on this second occasion your kindness of last year.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

NEW JERSEY LAW SCHOOL. 33 EAST PARK STREET NEWARK, N. J. RICHARD D. CURRIER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. CHARLES M. MASON, DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT January 21, 1927 B. M. Alexander. Esquire. Secretary, Literary and Debating Society McGill University 328 Sherbrooke Street. W. Montreal. Canada Dear Sir: Apropos of our forthcoming debate, Richard D. Currier, President of New Jersey Law School, has written the Honorable Vincent Massey, inviting him to preside at the meeting between McGill University and New Jersey Law School at Newark, on February 18th. Mr. Currier wrote Mr. Massey after having learned that he would occupy his post as Canadian Ambassador to this country early in February. It has occurred to us that if it were possible for you to do so, you might communicate with your President, Sir Arthur Currie, informing him of the invitation extended by President Currier, and suggesting that it might help us in securing Mr. Massey for this particular occasion if Sir Arthur, as President of McGill, would extend a similar invitation. We shall greatly appreciate anything you feel that you might be able to do in aiding us to secure the Honorable Vincent Massey as presiding officer for our proposed debate. Very truly yours. Frederick H. Grock Debate Coach

### **DOCKET ENDS:**

DEBATING TEAM CORRESPONDENCE 21 JAN. 1927-22 DEC. 1931

## **DOCKET STARTS:**

DEBATING SOCIETY
GOLDEN JUBILEE

7th March, 1930. Wy doar Premior. On the Blot of March next the McGill Dobating Union Society is colebrating its Golden Jubilee. The ceremonies will consist of a dinner, at which will be present a few distinguished guests and the ex-presidents and officers of the Society, about forty in number. Pollowing this there will be a full-dress debate. His Excellency the Governor General will be present at both functions. Dr. Stephen Loacock will act as Chairman of the debate, which will be carried on in semi-parliamentary form as at the Oxford and Cambridge Unions. The motion to be debated is, "Resolved, that universities should be given representation in Parliament. The resolution will be proposed by the Honourable Dr. J.H. King. and a number of distinguished ex-members of the Society will take part. We feel that the importance of the occasion and the presence of His Excellency warrants and ith Angiting a few wild town mg t especially biological you would be present at the dinner and the debate and if you would open the debate opposing Dr. King. Ever yours faithfully, Honourable N. W. Rhodes, Premier of Hove Scotis.

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USE OUR DIRECT ALL-CANADA SERVICE TO VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA POINTS

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER Halifax, March 11, 1930. Major General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., &c., President, McGill University, Montreal, P. Q. Dear Sir Arthur: I deeply appreciate the honour conveyed in the invitation contained in yours of the 7th, which is just at hand, and I only wish I could accept as it would be a real pleasure to participate in the debate under the circumstances as outlined by you. Unfortunately, I have no option in the matter. It is very difficult for me to be absent in what might be termed an ordinary Session, but this year we have some unusual legislation of a major character. On the 21st of March I will be in the midst of a debate on a Government Control measure which I have to sponsor and, in addition, have to prepare and present the Budget. To save you the delay involved in awaiting receipt of this letter, I thought it well to telegraph you. May I repeat how sorry I am that I cannot foregather with you and express the hope that both the dinner and the debate will be abundantly pleasant and successful. May I also take this opportunity of telling you how delighted I am to know that your health is so greatly improved. With kindest regards and all good wishes. Faithfully yours. Mann Mans ENR: CM.

WARWICK CHIPMAN
THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING
MONTREAL

7th February, 1930.

Dear Sir Arthur :-

The Executive Committee has asked me to request that you write to His Excellency Lord Willingdon as Visitor and invite him to be the guest of the McGill Debating Union Society on the evening of the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary, namely, the 31st of March, and to attend a small dinner which would be given before the proceedings began.

It is proposed to have a Mock Parliament which would debate the following resolution: Resolved that this House favours the representation of the Universities in the Canadian House of Commons."

The Speaker would be Professor Leacock, while the debate would be led by a Member of the Dominion Cabinet, and possibly by the Leader of the Opposition - to be followed by two former Presidents of the Society on each side, and then by some Undergraduates - for all of which details are now being arranged.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. Dhilyman

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D., 3450 McTavish Street.

Montreal.

February Eleventh. 1 9 3 0 . Warwick Chipman, Esq., Messrs. Brown, Montgomery & McMichael, Royal Bank Building, Montreal. Dear Mr. Chipman. I have your letter of the 7th February, addressed to my house. I am glad to be able to tell you that I heard from Hiz Excellency today that he will honour us with his presence on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the McGill Debating Union Society. Ever yours faithfully, Principal.

### WARWICK CHIPMAN THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING MONTREAL

13th February, 1930.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 11th of February for which I thank you.

Yours faithfully

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D., Principal, McGill University, Montreal.

February Eighth, 1930 . Bric Misville, Esque C.M.G., Secretary to His Excellency The Governor General, Ottaws. Dear Mr. Mieville, The HeGill Debating Union Society is colebrating its Colden Jubiles on March 21st next. The ceremonies will consist of a dinner to ex presidents and half a dozen distinguished visitors at the University Club at 7 p.m., followed by a full dress debate at the McGill Union. The debate will be led by the Honourable J. H. King. Mr. R. B. Bennett has expressed his hope of being present to oppose Dr. King. Other distinguished ex-members of the society will speak, among them the Honourable 1. R. Macmaster, E.C., and Dr. Stephen Leacook will act as chairman. The event will be one of peculiar significance. It will impress upon the public the general recognition given

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

Office of the Secretary to the Governor-General

February 11th 1930

My dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of February 10th, I am desired by His Excellency to inform you that he will be pleased to attend the dinner at the University Club at 7.0 p.m. on March 21st next, in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the McGill Debating Union Society, and also to listen to the debate which will be held at the Union afterwards, in which, of course, it is understood he will take no active part.

Needless to add, His Excellency is very happy to think that he is going to be presented with an Honorary Membership of the Society.

Yours sincerely,

Ellirsille.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,

McGill University, MONTREAL.

#### McGILL DEBATING UNION SOCIETY

#### JUBILEE CEREMONIES

#### DETAIL

7 p.m. Guests meet in Oak Room, Mount Royal Hotel Form around room

7:10 p.m. Visitor arrives and turns to right
Guests will be presented to Visitor
Cocktails served
Party goes in to dinner

#### TOASTS

The King The Chairman

The Debating Union Society The Principal

Reply Mr. George C. Wright, First President

8 p.m. Police to arrive at Union, arranged by Comptroller and Superintendent

8:20 p.m. The Visitor, The Chancellor, The Principal Dr. Leacock(The Speaker) Mr. Mieville Leave

8:25 p.m. All other guests leave

On arrival at Union all guests with the exception of those mentioned below go up to the Hall. Coats may be checked on ground floor. Checkroom arrangements by Scarlet Key.

Dr. King, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Cahan, Mr. Mitchell Col. Bovey go to Mr. Millen's room.

8:45 p.m. Dr. King, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Cahan, Mr. Mitchell enter the Hall and are seated as follows:

#### Chair

Dr. King Mr. Mitchell Mr. Cahan Mr. McMaster

Visitor and party arrive at Union and are met 8:50 p.m. by President of Debating Union Society and President of Scarlet Key who conduct them to "music room" where coats are left. Two attendants must be in this room, Scarlet Key to arrange this. AUDIENCE RISE Visitor's party enters in following order: 8:55 p.m. President, Scarlet Key Visitor Chancellor Dr. Leacock Principal Mr. Mieville President Visitor takes central seat facing chair Chancellor on right of Visitor Principal on left of Visitor Mr. Mieville and Col. Bovey two seats in second row President takes chair and calls meeting to order Reads statement concerning anniversary Announces presentation of certificate of honorary membership to Visitor Crosses floor and presents certificate Returns to chair Visitor expresses thanks President asks Dr. Leacock to take his place Debate begins 1. Hon. J. H. King, M.D., LL.D. 2. C. H. Cahan, Esq., K.C., LL.D. 3. Victor E. Mitchell, Esq., K.C., D.C.L. 4. Hon. A. R. McMaster, K.C. 5. Jean Bruchesi, Esq., LL.D. Other Speakers 11:15 p.m. Closure Vote by ayes and noes Decision Visitor and party leave Audience leaves

**DOCKET ENDS:** 

DEBATING SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE

## DOCKET STARTS: OXFORD DEBATING TEAM

September 12th.1923. F. R. Terroux, Esq., Lac Tremblant, Que. Dear Mr. Terroux:-In the absence of the Principal I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant with reference to the visit of the Oxford Debating Team. I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Estabrooks saying that the team has advanced its entire schedule and now wish to book McGill for October 17th, failing this October 16th might do. I have written Mr. Estabrooks that I think October 17th will be quite satisfactory. Mr. Estabrooks also wishes the choice of subject for debate to be, if possible, either the "League" or the "Ruhr", preferably the League. Would it be possible for you to get in touch with the members of the McGill team and let me know as soon as possible what their decision is with regard to this request. Yours faithfully. Principal's Secretary.

September 12th, 1923. G. H. Estabrooks, Esq., 145 Queen Street, St. John, N. B. Dear Sir:-I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 8th. I am quite sure October 17th will be satisfactory as the date for the visit of the Oxford Team. In the continued absence of the Principal I am writing Mr. Terroux informing him of the change and of your request that the subject of the debate be either "The League" or "Ruhr" topics. Professor Stephen Leacock is not a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Committee. Mr. E.W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is a member but he is also Chancellor of McGill University. If you write Mr. Gilbert S. Stairs, Royal Trust Chambers, Montreal, Secretary of the Committee, I think he will be able to suggest some one to act as Judge for the Oxford Team. Yours faithfully, Principal's Secretary.

miss m. m. Chesley. 145 Ducen St. Coffice of Pourcepal. St. John. NB. me tell their. Sept. 8/23. Dum min Cherley. The coffeed town has advanced its entire & che clube two days and wish me to book m's Till for Oct. 17. tuling this, Oct 14 might do. Would you think act 17 a possible I dute! Could you wform me if stephen Leacock is on the Rhodes Committee of the Provence of Surbec; or if not, could you gain me the name of some member of suid committee with whom to get in touch on the surly est of judges? Could you also ask Six. Enthur Currie of he will try and have the delvate on wither the League or Rule topics, as otherwise affect view boun w time for preforation: 3. M. Estaburk

Soc Tremblant, am. September the Sixth: 23.

Dear Sin arthur . -

with regard

to the Oppord debate, I have the following to report.

Am. G. H. Estaterooks, is a St. John. Rhodes Scholar and is acting as secretary for the opport debating team during their Camadian visit.

Show written the Goden of Saing concurring the choice of men and he has suggested several men. I also communicated with B' Hagan, the president of the Lit and have written to two men whom we have chosen to debate.

The choice of a subject has

bun left in their hand, as they will debote on what they ful most competent to tackle.

Thus, there men, who are both excellent speakers, will have over a month in which to prepare. It may experience this is more than ample for the purpose.

I have asked Mr. Estatusho to fix the date of the eightenth on, after the nineteenth, - in order that you may be present, I you so desire.

I hope that there arrangements will meet with your approval.

with hindest regards.

yours faithfully

FR. Denoux.

September 5th. 1923. G. H. Estabrooks, Esq., 145 Queen Street, St. John. N. B. Dear Sir:-I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31st with reference to the visit to McGill of the Oxford Debating Team. The Principal is at present out of the city and I do not think he will be in Montreal before the 15th of the month. Regarding the date of the team's visit, October 19th is "Sports Day" at McGill and also the Principal expects to be in Toronto on that day, so I am afraid it would not be suitable. October 20th falls on Saturday, but I think the debate could probably be arranged for that evening. It is difficult for me to make a positive statement just now, as the officers of the Debating Society are widely scattered, but if . it is impossible for the team to be in Montreal on the 18th, I think the choice will have to fall on the 20th. With reference to Judges, I do not think there will be any difficulty regarding the McGill Committee co-operating with the Rhodes Scholarship Committee for the Province of Quebec. Yours faithfully. Principal's Secretary.

145 Queen St. Sur. a. W. Currie. St. John. N.B. mª Fill Thin. ang. 31/23. Montreal. Dean Sur! The schedule for the afford team at piesent stands Toronto - Oct. 18 m= fill - " 190120. Mr. A - " 22 Dalhousie - " 24 acadia - " 25 Es this agree able to mi Eill and of possible could act. 19 be picked? I wish to give the team a chun ee to see both Montreal and Quebec. With reference to gudges, I trust your committee will be Committee for Queles, on this

Joint, Sir, you will pardon
me for troubling you personally
with there topics but Mr. Terrous
is off comping and rather difficult
to get hold of.
Very sincerely yours.

514.6 stabrooks.

August 13,1923. F.R. Terroux, Esq., Lac Teemblant, P.Q. Dear Mr. Terroux. As you know, I have had considerable correspondence with Mr. Estabrooks re the visit of a Debating Team from Oxford. Finally I guaranteed on behalf of McGill University a sum of \$250. to help the expenses of this team. He writes to tell me that the date in Montreal will be October 18th or 19th; personally, I would prefer the 18th as I have an engagement in Toronto on the evening of the 19th, but the principal point I desire to make is this, that if we are to furnish a team to give the representatives of Oxford a good debate we should make our selection at once and give our men plenty of time to prepare their material. I leave it to you to see that McGill is worthily represented but I should like to be kept informed of the decisions made. Yours faithfully, Principal.

145 Decem St. In a Curie. St. John. N.B. mis Eil Unio. ang 9/23. montreal. Dear Sir. In view of events tregard \$250.00 as a perfectly a dequate ger ar auter. I will easily obtain the some from Toron to and smaller sums from our maritime Union. The bounds in Canada from Oct 17-25. Your date would be lect 18 or 19. The subjects on which the team would prefer debating I have already submitted to F. R. Terroux. I thank you for the personal interest you have taken in the subject information I may receive.

August 5,1923. G.H. Estabrooks, Esq., Camp Spaulding, Riverhill, N.H. U.S.A. Dear Sir:-I am in receipt of your recent letter-undated-giving further information re the tour of the Oxford Debating Team. If the trip is arranged and if Toronto gives \$250. we shall hold ourselves responsible for the same amount. I should like to receive the earliest possible information as to when the team may be expected. Yours faithfully, Principal. Jed 15. 145 June 5° 50. John Ws.

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The visit of the team to E an a da is being managed by myself in direct touch with the team \* not through an awar can organizing se cretary. How that the team has its awar can Schedule completed I am asking for a definate statement as howhout the effect from Canada in expenses. If ym & Eill & Tor on to could put up \$250 - 300 each \* the others say \$125°, that would give them between 200 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada give them between 200 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds as our shared Canada Give them between 400 & 250 pounds are the same for the first they can get along on much beso.

everything in my power to keep expenses down - Jan Koping for an annual trip of this nature. I have drawn Bag nall's attention to the fact that we do not wont to be raddled with more than our share.

G. H. & stabrooks

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Sin anthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancella.
McGill University.

Pear Six arthur . -

awing to the senations, of how put received you letter regarding the proposed visit of the append Dabating Team. Am G. H. Estabooks, whose exact status still escapes me, has written to me.

The early date of their visit sums one of the quatest drawbacks in this matter — owing to
the grand disorder of settling down
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that the other band, since Toronto
has extended an invitation to the
team, it sums that we can

not be satisfied with less.

ch order to give the oxford men a worthy opposition, speakers will have to be chosen immediately by the "Lit executive. — a proceeding which in the past has been subjected to criticism but this is a case of messely.

The quaranter of three hundred dollars presents a difficulty; the "Sit itself has no funds; to charge admission to the audience - in view of the habitual small numbers of the latter and of the other effences which students undergo at that season is out of the question; the Student's Council who might advance the sum are in an insecure financial position and will probably not ful disposed to meet out request. Such, I think is the position of the "lit in this matter." with very beind regards, I am, faithfully yours Sift of enney.

### DOCKET ENDS: OXFORD DEBATING TEAM

### DOCKET STARTS: RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

MR. G. H. ESTABROOKS 15 OXFORD STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Cal. W Bovey. Me Etel Vin. Montre al. Con. Feb. 10/26.

Dear Si :-

Please pard on my delay in acknowledging your letter of fan. 22.

I think your action the only logical one & I will await developements.

On I am writing my Ph D thesis now I hope nothing happens until June after which I will be glad to defend my position.

Tuesting that Mantical is having letter luck at Landling a real belegged than is Baston, Fremain,

Encinely yours.

G. H. Estatrooks

P.S. Please forgin this scrawl. a 172.

January 22, 1926. G.H. Estabrooki, Esq., 15, Oxford Street, Cambridge, Mass. Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-Many thanks for your letter of the 17th, this in reply to mine, which I think expresses more or less the conventional view, provides so far as I can see a complete joinder of issue so that we may now have the material for a definite discussion. I am forwarding the copy of my letter and your reply to Mr. J.M. Macdonnell of the National Trust Company, who is the Secretary of the Rhodes Committee, in order that he may send it on to the Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, and I can assure you that some definite official consideration will now be given to the whole matter. This being so, it appears to me that I had best retire from the arena, leaving you in direct contact with the Rhodes Trust through Mr. Macdonnell. The issue is a most interesting one and I am sure it is worth a good deal of consideration. Yours faithfully Wilfrid Bovey.

15 On fact St. Cambridge. Mars. gan 17/25.

Dear Col. Bowey :-

I certainly thank you for the trouble you beve taken on this matter and I know you will realize that my own desire in opening & continuing this dispute (?) is merely to sheel a little light. Perhaps I have been a little too sweeping in my statements and yet I feel that, to a large extent I am justified.

Prof. Hooton of Haward, an exis Rhodes scholar summed up the situation very ucely in a recent interview which he & I had with an applicant. He pointed out to this man wage 23 es that he must go to Waford prepared to accept the position of a Freshman, and prepared to associate with college Freshmen type of men if be intended mixing with the English. also that he must be prepared to carry on the many little prouliarities of English discipline.

now, Sis, frankly, I went 18 Oxford after a rather chequered was career, after two years in bospital on account of gassing (?) and in a state of health such that I was sent to Switzer land for my first two terms. I did not show at my seolastic work while in Oxford and I did not fit into the system. This to clear the air. However, I assure you I have a profound respect for English social customs, Jam a very poor democrat, and I will do everything in my sources to strengthen the Empere.

But just as important, in my apenion, is the strengthening of the bonds between ourselves with USA. And, frankly, I must say that I consider the present state of affairs in Rhodes Jeholar circles pretty bad from this point of wew (over)

lipkin may four been elected for other reasons than I suggest but lipkin was a known firenbrand, he was alected after a litter compaign and as the spokerman of the americans. Mr. Gover's speech way have been in and was in severely condemned as your say but I can attest that a large number of Quesicans & a number of Quesicans & a number of Canadians showed not disposition to queried with him the wight often it was given. Two there wherever from personal experience.

Osfor the banquet, I have us quievance there. I think its abolition a very excellent thing only I very gravely doubt if it would have been abolished but for Breene of the year before of the fear of another Greene in the boyy future:

The question of a cademic standing is plainly a some paint. If ill befits we to found since I was plushed & probably very properly so. However, as a pointed out to very courin, the question of american college rating as approved to Inglish is really not the point at resure. I proposed to this gentleman, ME adrien Gulbert of St. John x another ex & Rhodes wan, & that I was not asking that Oxford a rept the american dequee. I merely contend that the Rhodes wan is not should be as a man of rather outstanding intellect. I merely wish that he be given be evaguition on the most foundable possible basis, if only as an act of international countary. Oxford's cherished standards will in no way suffer and the intellectual vierfit can easily be weeded out.

PhD is in any way superior or inferior to an american dequee. I werely say that the american x Canadian wants in & needs in a PhD for his work on this side

of the atlantic. If he is to succeed in Unwersity work here he simply must have it. Of course, you can point to the exception. It is no consolation for him to know that he has something gust argowel as the other if he cannot market it at the same figure. Moreover, I would wenture to assent that any Rhodes scholar is quite prepared to quality for his PhD when he enters waterd & should be given. senior rating. The exception was my selfor is rapidly eliminated. Treally feel that this is a point which is justifiable and I again repeat that in my opinion, the Rhodesmen are really being treated very unfairly when they are not given this opportunity. The bases of training are entirely different and the authorities of Oxford, merely because our wen have an inferior training in classics & philosopy act with doubtful wis down when they relegate by them to the vanks of high grade morous.

Cagain, I cound emphasize too strongly that the Rhodes wan is not given proper assistance to endjust himself. A definate policy of education on this point should be started. He should be made to realize the difference between Oxford x, tay, Haward. At present he is sniggly left to find it out and much damage is done before to close so. A plain beaut to beaut talk, a pointing out of the points of fiction, would tick him over until be had had time to endjust, after which her blood be on his owen head.

how, Sir, I fear you will think I am a plain simple rescionce and perhaps I am. Howevery I confers I get somewhat warm under the collect when I recall certain features of Certor d life.

all I wish as that the american be given the academic standing which I feel is his just due and a little belp in adjusting. while we way wish him to attain comprehension of the points of when y the English speaking peoples, he wishes nove than anything else a sordid degree which has a certain each equivalent of this side of the atlantic. Dany him the apportunity to get this and I fear his reaction to all things Toglish will be whored by three years of what he regards as wasted effort.

Throw you will parden my tone. Trespect admire the curerican. He bas some things he could, in my opinion, get on very vicely without but the other hand he bas an energy x aggressiveness which is so bound to place him in the lead in world affairs. Impand any own three years at 0 x find as largely wested owing to maladjustment; Throw that certain american Rhodes wen do the same. Why allow this to continue when all that is wedered is a little tout, a little quis ytake and a little less warry own galling non-essentials?

Once again I apologize for ming you as

Very sercerely yours. Ettestalrooks.

p. S. Baywall writes that this team is to try & organize a N.U.S. in Canada? Can a could this body function in the reciprocating of these towns? Why early H& Gill send a team to England as well as every colpate or bates or Kalamayoo?

( hope Scholodys January 14. 1926. G.H. Estabrooks, Esq., 15, Oxford Street, Cambridge, Mass. Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-I have heard informally and confidentially a few rather interesting facts regarding the American Rhodes Scholar situation, and I know that you will be only too glad to got another point of view. In the first place Mr. Greene's speech to which you refer did not meet the approval of the American Club at Oxford and was severely condemned the following autumn. In the second place, although Mr. Pipkin was as you pointed out, elected President, it was a good deal owing to his close connection with the club, rather than to any connection with Mr. Greene. As far as the banquet is concerned, it seems that it has been officially cancelled some time before. The question of academic standing and equivalents is, as you know, one in which there is still a good deal of dispute, and I must tell you frankly from my own point of view that whatever may be his credits, the ordinary graduate of an American University has not yet the equivalent education of the honour graduate of an English University, the only class of English University graduate who is likely to go on to an English higher degree. Perhaps I am prejudiced in favour of English education, but I cannot see any parity between the English and American degrees, and I feel that an M.A. with honours at Oxford is at least the equivalent of a Fh.D. on this side; presumably the authorities at Oxford have somewhat the same view, although I understand that they have made the B. Mitt. a little easier to attain. On the point of discipline I cannot agree with you at all, and I do not think that the Rhodes Trustees would take any different view. It has always seemed to me that what Rhodes wanted and that is after all what we must aim at, is that the scholar should go to Oxford and become a part of Oxford. My own experience is limited to Cambridge, but such an end could not possibly be attained there unless the scholar became an undergraduate like anybody else. If he goes in as a senior student we cannot become one of the community. After all is not our aim neither

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED MONTREAL. Jan. 9th, 1926. Col. W. Bovey, McGill University, CITY. My dear Bovey, You will be interested in the enclosed letter from Mr. Wylie. It will probably be unwise for us to let Estabrook know that we have written Wylie, but perhaps you would care to drop him a line setting out the general tenor of Mr. Wylie's letter without saying where it comes from. Kindly return the letter when you have finished with it. Yours faithfully, Alleadonnel

## MoGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 26, 1925.

Col. Wilfrid Bovey,

Principal's Office.

My dear Bovey,

I have a letter addressed by you to my wife and dated September 23rd last, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Estabrooks, and my wife now instructs me to inform you that she is consulting Mr. Estabrooks personally while on her present so journ in Boston.

Yours very truly,

Ina A Maellay

October 26th, 1925. G. H. Estabrooks, Esq., 15 Oxford Street. Cambridge, Mass. Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-I have taken up the two subjects mentioned in your letter of October 18th - the first, the necessity of letting the Oxford Debating Team know what they are coming to, with the National Union of Students - and the second, which you specially omphasize, with the Rhodes Committee here. None of us, however, can make out what you mean by saying that "the Rhodes authorities are nailing a white flag to the mast before a handful of American Radicals". In another part of your letter you say that half the Americans and a considerable proportion of the Colonials are embittered purely because of gross misunderstanding of the American and Colonial point of view. Are you placing the blame on the English undergraduates, the English University authorities, or some undesirable Rhodes scholars? We do not know very much about Pipkin, not even who he is. I am quite sure, however, that a reasoned statement could do no harm and in so large a subject as this all information is valuable. You know, of course, that universities as such are necessarily more or less out of the matter, but I can assure you that anything you have to say will be read with the same attention as

G. H. Estabrooks, Eso. - 2 -

is accorded to all communications from Rhodes Scholars designed to help in the proper administration of the Trust.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

## NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED MONTREAL.

Oct. 24th, 1925.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,

McGill University,

CITY.

My dear Bovey,

I return herewith Mr. Estabrook's letter which I have read with interest. I confess, however, that I somewhat at a loss to know the exact tenor of his criticism. This is unfortunate because I think it is well worth while for criticisms to be launched in such a way that one can deal with them.

Yours faithfully,

Auch



15 Oxford St. Cambridge. Mass.

Dear tol. Bovey:- I certainly am glad to know that arrangements per the tour have come along so well. The list of subjects proposed seems perfectly reasonable. I am interested as to how the Canadian Universities will react to the further ferenceal proposition of the British team. In Coxford there is a very definate idea that Ms Gill, for instance, charters the largest hall in Montreal, sells it out for 10.000 more a less and pockets the amount exceeding the quarantee. Ithink everything should be done to impress on the British team that this is not a money making tour on either side.

I think, moreover, that an Imperial team of this type will take wuch ketter than an Oxford team. The average Oxford man has as much conception of the colonial's authork as I have of high finance For heaven's sake do all you can to correct that very cheap snabbery which left such a bad taste in some places last year, for example, B.C.

\* There is another point, tin, to which I would beg to draw your attention. I beel it is really revious. The Rhodes Scholar situation in Oxford has been passing from bad to worse culminating this year in a deback which encled

in the can cellation of the Rhodes Banquet, supposed from lock of funds, really for a very different reason. It seems to me tragic that the ideal of Rhodes should be in a large measure a flat failure, leading to the embitterment of half the american & a considerable purportion of the coloniae purely become of gross minunderstanding of the american & Colonial point of view.

I bad the pleasure of a long talk with Canon ( now Orchdones) Scatt of Quebre last week in which I gave him my opinion. He has two sous who are ex is Rhoeles scholars and I feel be can present my antlook if you ever see him in Montreal. He is not inclined to agree with me.

I feel very definately that some action should be taken. To is not wapning to see the Rhueles authorities nailing the white flag to the wast before a handful of american radicals for whose attitude they themselves you Oxford itself is is largely to blame. I know very personally the central figure in the last phase of this middle a a Rhodes man by the name of Pupkin is and while I deprecate his attitude I can certainly see his point of view.

Ishould certainly take it as a quent four if I could see you whenever I'm in Montreal & which way not be this year is or if I could lay my point of view before anyone you may suggest in Boston. I werely want you to realize that of am not talking to bear un self and that a really serious situation has developed.

Very sincerely yours.

E. H. Estalsooles.

September 23, 1925. Mrs. Ira A. MacKay, 355, Mountain Street, Montreal. Dear Mrs. MacKay:-I am sending you some correspondence which it seems to be might interest your I.O.D.E. I must confess that I have not got many suggestions on the subject, but I suppose Mr. Estabrocks' idea might be a good one. Yours faithfully, Wilfrid Bovey.

## 66 Wendell Street Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 19, 1925

Col. W. Bovey Office of the Vice Chancellor McGill University Montreal, Quebec

Dear Col. Bovey:

Your letter received and I thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in this matter. Apparently you have got it down to its proper basis and I feel that it is much more sensible to have this originate from Montreal than from any place in the U,S, I gather that from now on the arrangements are to be made direct between Mr. Bagnall and yourself, and that I am not to bother myself any further. Please do your best to include St. John, N.B. as mentioned in the last clause of your circular. If you are expecting me to make any further arrangements please let me know at once and I will do my best to help out. I am very interested to know what your reaction is to a certain other little idea which I have had with reference to Imperial Unity. It would be of great assistance if we could get the type of intercorrespondence going between our various schools in the various parts of the Empire and in England, such as is promoted by the League of the Empire. I mean to say if we could have all the children in say a certain public school in Montreal corresponding with children in schools in various parts of the Empire. This could take place in the English literature period and I think could be made to form a very valuable part of the curriculum besides definitely promoting the cause of Imperial Unity. I communicated with certain people in England on this subject and they referred me to the League of the Empire. I have no quarrel what so ever with the League but I do not think that this subject should be handled on that basis. I think it should be worked in as part of regular school curriculum and that it should take a compulsory form and I do not think this compulsory form would in any way detract from the benefits which should accrue from such a proceeding. This may strike you as rather a wierd and fanciful matter but as I am specializing in the education of children here at Harvard and as I come incontact with the advanced American methods of forming every curricula I assure you, I see nothing impractical about the subject and I think it could be made a great success only it must begiven official backing and it is quite senseless to expect any such unofficial organization as the League of the Empire to handle such subjects. Do you think this is worth seeing further? If so I will be glad to take it myself or to have it taken up by any person in Canada whom you consider advisable. Very sincerely yours,

G.H. Estabrooks

May 27. 1925. G.H. Estabrooks, Esq., 66 Wendell Street, Cambridge, Mass. Dear Mr. Estabrooks:-Much obliged for your interesting letter of May 19th. The idea which you have is one to be given very serious consideration and one which might well be developed to a considerable extent. At first thought I am not inclined to agree with you as regards the compalsory notion, but that is only an early impression. I would very much like to have a talk with you some time when you visit Montreal or when I visit Boston. I do not suppose that you will

be there during the summer, which is the only time that I see much prospect of a trip. I think, however, that I might be able to give you some suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

## DOCKET ENDS: RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Exeter College Len. Sii 17. W. Cerrie. Ox ford. Evy. mis till uni. Moutreal Dear Lis :-I can given to understand the next auteemn the Oxford toam will be Touring the middle west , the Cambridge team well betaking the east. The Cemerican Unio. Their in London have suggested Institute of International Educe 522 - 5th ave. n.y.c. (D= Stephen Duggan) if you wish to be included in the schedule of the Cambridge team. This organization has consentall to handle the Conaction evel of the Cumbridge town The Opport team were very mult taken with their reception in Houtread and The Cambridge team have expressed than desire & include Cavade in their tour.

Very sincerely yours.

G. H. Estabiotoks