

October 17, 1939

Dear Sir Edward,

I find that James has to go to the University of Minnesota to make an address on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its founding. He leaves on Friday and will not be back until Wednesday morning, and I therefore suggest that the contemplated luncheon be held either ~~Wednesday~~ ~~of~~ Thursday.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board I suggested that the Joint Committee on the Royal Victoria College be not now convened. I am now reversing myself, for the following reasons: The endowment of the Royal Victoria College was set up, so I understand, for the purpose, among other things, of defraying the cost of educating women. Aside from an annual \$17,000 contribution made from the income derived through the endowment of the College to the University administration and Physical Education, no part of the cost of educating women has been borne by the College. It seems, under the circumstances, that the College should properly bear a reasonable part of the cost to the University of educating women. I therefore suggest that some time during the course of the next month a meeting be convened to consider this question. In the meantime I am assembling all of the relevant facts and material information.

Yours sincerely,

The Chancellor.

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

November 20, 1939

Mrs. W. L. Grant.  
Warden,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Mrs. Grant,

In the matter you discussed with me to-day, having to do with the possibility of girls enrolled in the College being called as witnesses, I suggest that you ask Mr. McFadden, of the firm of Ewing and McFadden, to appear for the purpose of generally protecting the girls, if, as and when they appear in the witness stand.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. DOUGLAS.

COPY TO MR. McFADDEN.

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Mrs. Grant, Warden  
Royal Victoria College.

October 16, 1939

Dear Mrs. Grant,

I am having the information prepared in connection with the Royal Victoria College, but it will take a little time to get it ready. I think therefore it would be premature to appoint the committee this week, but that by the November meeting of Senate things may be in shape so that the Committee can be set up.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. DOUGLAS.

THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

October 16, 1939

Dear Mr. Principal,

Since our talk on Friday about the relation between the Royal Victoria College and the University, I have read the minutes of Senate; on page 167, item 134, I notice that you are to nominate two members of this Committee from Senate. I hope it will be possible for you to make these nominations on Thursday and that also we may <sup>before hand</sup> have some discussion about suitable members. Dean Hendel must, of course, be one of them, but the other member will also be important.

I do not wish to seem importunate, but I do not see anything in the items arising out of the minutes that would cover this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Maudie Grant*  
Warden

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Sir Edward Beatty, G.B.E.  
Windsor Station,  
MONTREAL. QUE.

October 13, 1939

Dear Sir Edward,

Wardenship - Royal Victoria College

Mrs. Grant does not wish to serve after this session, that is, after August 31, 1939, and I think you said you had a candidate in mind to succeed her. We are preparing a list of possibilities now, and it would be helpful if you would be good enough to pass on your suggestion, with the candidate's curriculum vitae.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. DOUGLAS.

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR



*copy*

William Bentley, Esq.

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

October 13, 1939

Dear Mr. Bentley,

I took up with Mrs. Grant this morning the possibility that the Royal Victoria College might make a large contribution (in money) to the University, and to pursue the subject further I should like to know:

- (a) What the College has paid to the University over, say, 10 years, approximately, and for what purposes?
- (b) I would like to know what the endowment of the College is and to see its portfolio and what it yields.
- (c) What does it cost us now to put a student through Arts or Science?
- (d) How many of the students in Arts and Science are women?

~~I am clear that the College must contribute to the University its fair share of the teaching expenses.~~

Yours sincerely,

*L. W. Douglas*  
~~L. W. DOUGLAS.~~

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

September 14, 1939

Dear Mrs. Grant,

I understand that the McGill Unit of the C.O.T.C. has conceived the idea of having the girls at the Royal Victoria College sell flowers at football games for the benefit of the C.O.T.C. Unit. I see no reason why the girls should not undertake to do this, if you think they would like to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. W.L. Grant, Warden  
Royal Victoria College

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Mrs. M. W. Grant,  
C/o Mrs. Andrews,  
Upper Canada College,  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Grant,

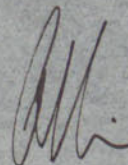
Unfortunately, the attached letter missed you at Chicago and has just been returned. The address to which it was sent, was secured from the Royal Victoria College on July 19th. I thought you would like to know about this as other letters may have gone astray.

There are no significant developments since July 19th, except that further conferences have been held with school officials and Mrs. Clayton, and correspondence exchanged with Miss Munro and Miss Smith.

As I am leaving Montreal to-morrow until August 22nd, and in view of the willingness of the school authorities to assist us for next year, I have suggested that further discussion of responsibility and schedules for the women members of the staff might be deferred temporarily.

Nothing further has been done re the medical services, and I am confident that a happy solution to our problems can be reached.

Yours very sincerely,



Copies to: The Principal,  
The Bursar,  
Dr. Simpson  
Miss Munro.



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July 7, 1939

c Dear Mr. Matthews,

I suggest that you tell Mr. Baker that this is a matter for the Real Estate and Investment Committee of the Board of Governors and that he should address his letter to Mr. G. S. Currie.

Yours sincerely,

The Registrar.

*Hand has copy*

C O P Y to the Bursar

February 8, 1939

My dear Mrs. Grant,

Referring further to yours of December 15th regarding adjustments of the salaries of Mrs. Murray, Miss Power, Miss Law and Miss Paterson, in the light of general University policy I regret to say that your request cannot at the moment be allowed. I am sorry.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Grant, Warden  
Royal Victoria College

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Memo after conversation with Mrs. Grant. Jan. 12. 1939

Principal told Mrs.G. that Dr. Stredder would have the information about these increases in pay that she is keen about available in a day or so and I would then discuss his statement of fact with her.

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

December 16, 1938

Dear Mrs. Grant,

I have read your note of the 15th December in which you say that it might be advisable to restore the salary cut in the cases of certain members of the staff at the Royal Victoria College.

I shall be glad to talk with you about this after the holidays. If there is a minute before I leave I should gladly do it then, but it seems to be a matter on which we can delay, so I will see you in January.

In the meantime, my very warmest wishes to you for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. W.L. Grant, Warden  
Royal Victoria College

December 15, 1938



ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Dear Mr. Principal,

Some time ago I spoke to you about putting the salaries of the administrative staff of the Royal Victoria College back to their pre-cut level. This would seem justified on account of the large number of resident students we have this year which involves everybody in extra work, and, of course, brings in extra revenue. The persons involved would be:

Mrs. Murray	-	Secretary of the College
Miss E. Power	-	Librarian
Miss W. E. Law	-	Dietitian
Miss M. Paterson	-	Housekeeper

I am not sure of the amount involved, as I have not wished to discuss it until I had your permission in principle, but I do not think the total amount would be more than \$300. - \$400. a year.

I shall be very grateful if I may have your approval of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Ward Grant*

Warden

The Principal,  
McGill University.



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Memo re attached letter of Mrs. Grant's.

The Royal Victoria College shared in the general salary cut.

Other departments of the University which happen to be well endowed, such, for example, as the Faculty of Law, have made the same application for special treatment in the return of the cuts, and the University could not subscribe to the view that there could be discrimination.

The Royal Victoria College furnishes a residence for 100 students and takes on to its register all women students of the Faculty of Arts and Science (and a few others).

The idea of its founder was that it should supply higher education for women, separate and apart from men. This has never been possible, so the endowment has been ample for merely operating a residence, and surpluses pile up.

The new wing, for example, was provided solely out of these surpluses. If they want remodelling or more accommodation it must be saved up for in the same way.

The reason for the surplus is that although the women students form about 25% of the student body, the Royal Victoria College gets its teaching free, except that it contributes the sum of \$10,000 per annum to the University chest for presumably administration: the University does all its bookkeeping, provides it with a Principal, Barsar, and Registrar, etc. etc.

October 16, 1939

Dear Sir Edward,

Royal Victoria College - Wardenship

I thought that we would have an ad hoc group, consisting of Dean Hendel, somebody representing the sciences, Mrs. Grant, and two representing the Board of Governors to prepare a list of possible candidates for the wardenship, so that we would have quite a group from which to make a selection.

In reply to your enquiry as to remuneration, I enclose a memorandum which was drawn up, I am told, by Mr. Morgan, when he canvassed the field prior to Mrs. Grant's appointment. From this you will see that the salary is \$3,000 in addition to a private suite of rooms in the Royal Victoria College, and of course, free board. In view of the fact that the College is actually not fulfilling the purposes for which it was founded and that it is not a teaching College the warden is merely the head of a residence and acts as adviser to the women students. In view of war conditions, too, I don't know whether we might consider lowering the salary.

Yours sincerely,

The Chancellor

THE CHANCELLOR



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

14th October, 1939.

Personal

L. W. Douglas, Esq., B.A., LL.D.,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Douglas,-

Wardenship - Royal Victoria College

I have your note of the 13th instant.

It is quite true that I have someone prominently in mind. She is a Canadian who has lived for some years in the United States and is a graduate of a Canadian University. I have not mentioned the matter to her because I was not sufficiently familiar with the terms of emolument that the position carried, and I shall be glad if you will drop me a note letting me know the terms the University would be prepared to grant and what value is placed upon the perquisites other than salary.

About the only hope I will have of securing the services of this lady is the fact that her family are still residents of Montreal.

Sincerely yours,

*John Latta*



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

March 8, 1939

Dear Mrs. Grant,

In view of the fact that there will apparently be an abundance of visitors having quarters in both R.V.C. and Douglas Hall, sound university policy would dictate the wisdom of charging the same rate for board and lodging at both institutions.

Ever truly yours,

Mrs. Grant,  
Royal Victoria College.

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

ND  
December 5, 1938

Dear Miss Lamb,

Thank you so very much for thinking of Mrs. Douglas and myself in connection with the concert of The Hart House String Quartet on Monday afternoon, December 12th. I know that this fine Quartet will give a concert well worth hearing and I shall make a note of the time. I am afraid that just at that hour it will be hard for me to get away, but if at all possible I should like to hear the Quartet.

I will tell Mrs. Douglas, too, about it. Please do not trouble to write her another note. Thank you so much, on her behalf and for myself.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Margaret Lamb, President  
Women's Union.

December 5th, 1938



ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Dear Mr. Principal,

The Hart House String Quartet are very kindly giving a concert to the Women's Union of McGill University. It will take place in the Assembly Hall of the College from 5.00 to 6.00 on Monday, December 12th, and it would be a great pleasure to the members of the Women's Union if you could join us that afternoon.

This invitation of course includes Mrs. Douglas if she is in town, but I do not want to bother her with an extra note if she is away.

Yours sincerely,

*Margaret Lamb.*

President  
Women's Union of McGill University

The Principal,  
McGill University.

THE ALUMNAE SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL



May 9<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Dr. J. C. Douglas,  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Douglas, we shall be very pleased to send you a copy of the photostats we have had made for the records of the Alumnae Society. They will be prepared in a few days and forwarded to your office.

Sincerely yours  
Marion Rogers.

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

May 18, 1938

Dear Mrs. Grant,

The Principal asks me to send you the enclosed letter and memorandum from Dr. William Bell Dawson (a son of the late Sir William Dawson). Will you return it for these files? If you are having it typed, we should appreciate a copy but otherwise please do not bother.

I presume that Dr. Dawson would very much appreciate an invitation to the tea on the 25th May. I am sending him one to the Garden Party.

Yours sincerely,

Principal's Secretary

Mrs. W.L. Grant,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College.

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

May 18, 1938

My dear Dr. Dawson,

How very kind of you to send to me the  
Notes enclosed with yours of the 18th May, telling of  
the beginnings of higher education for men at this  
University during the regime of your very distinguished  
father! I have read them with the greatest possible  
interest, and with your permission I am passing them on  
to the present Warden of the Royal Victoria College,  
Mrs. W. L. Grant.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. W. Bell Dawson,  
7 Grove Park,  
Westmount, Que.

# MCGILL WILL HOLD RECEPTION MAY 25

## Commemorate Beginning Of University Education For Women

The Chancellor, Principal and Governors of McGill University and the warden of the Royal Victoria College have issued invitations for a reception to be held at the Royal Victoria College on Wednesday, May 25, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The college wishes to celebrate on this occasion the fiftieth anniversary of the first graduation of women from McGill University and to commemorate the munificence of Lord Strathcona in founding and endowing the college.

McGill opened its doors to the first group of women in 1884. A step forward in the education of girls had been taken with the opening of the High School for Girls in 1875. At McGill the question of women's education remained quiescent until the autumn of 1882, when Dr. J. Clark Murray brought before the corporation a resolution to the effect that "The educational advantages of the Faculty of Arts should be thrown open to all persons without distinction of sex." As there was a decided difference of opinion in regard to "co-education", the matter was referred to a committee and no further action was taken at the time.

The record of students at the High School for Girls helped to open the way. Referring to the results of the Associate in Arts examinations of June, 1884, Principal William Dawson reported: "An event unexampled in our previous connection with the school examinations of the universities, two young ladies from the Girls' High School had taken the highest place on the list of Associates in Arts, one of them with remarkably high marks."

Stimulated by their success a group of the High School girls began to ask "What about admission to McGill?" They placed the matter before Principal Dawson, who listened with attention but felt that the time was "unpropitious." He told them that McGill was not in a position to receive women, but that as an active demand had come from "those who had the greatest claim to consideration" perhaps some means might be found to pro-

vide classes to prepare them for the Senior Associate in Arts examinations, especially if there should be an increase in the number of applicants.

The matter rested there until a few weeks later Lord Strathcona, then the Hon. Donald A. Smith came forward with the offer of \$50,000 to establish collegiate classes for women. This munificent gift was augmented later.

Active preparations were at once hastened by the university in order that the women students might begin their work at the opening of the approaching session. The brilliant success of that first group, who graduated in 1888, has set a standard which has been maintained by many women on the succeeding roll of graduates. Composing the graduating class of 1888 were Miss Georgina Hunter, Miss Jane V. Palmer, Miss Octavia Grace Ritchie (now Dr. Grace Ritchie England), Miss Martha Murphy, (Mrs. W. H. Breithaupt, Kitchener), Miss Cora B. Evans (Mrs. D. G. Yates, New York; Miss Eliza Cross, the late Mrs. Dugald Currie; Miss J. Donalda McFee, PhD., Miss Alice Murray.

"The Star,"  
17 May, 1938.

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THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

*Ent. DM*

GRADUATES OF 1888

To be present at the celebrations

Mrs. D. G. Yates (C. Blanche Evans) 101 West 80th Street, New York

Miss Georgina Hunter, 1321 Sherbrooke Street W., Montreal

Ph.D. Miss Donalda McFee, 1012 Sherbrooke Street W., Montreal

Mrs. W. H. Breithaupt (Martha Murphy) 66 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, Ont.

Miss Jane V. Palmer, 3797 Marlowe Ave. Montreal.

M.D. Mrs. F. R. England (Octavia Grace Ritchie) 1426 Bishop St., Montreal  
(Husband - Dr. F. R. England)

Not attending

Miss Alice Murray, 1506b Bonita Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

Dead

Mrs. Dougald Currie (Eliza Cross) Died 1907 - mother of George Currie  
of the McGill Board of Governors



Principal Douglas, Ph.D.  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

7 Grove Park,  
Westmount.  
18 May / 38.

Dear Principal Douglas,

I see the announcement of the commemoration of the beginnings of Higher Education for Women; and I am troubled by the article in the "Star" regarding it; for it omits much that is more important than what is stated; especially the successive steps which led to the result, in which my Father, Sir William Dawson, was concerned. — I am therefore venturing to enclose some Notes, as a concise indication of the facts; in the hope that a fair and balanced account may be given in the addresses on the occasion.

The information in these Notes is based on the recollections of my wife, who attended the lectures of the Ladies' Educational Association shortly after our marriage; and on my own remembrance of my Mother's endeavours on behalf of that Association. They are also checked and supplemented by the chapter on "The Higher Education of Women," in my Father's autobiography: "Fifty Years of Work in Canada;" which gives considerable additional detail on the history of the subject, and the various contributing factors in its incipient stages.

With respectful regards,  
Yours very sincerely,

William Bell Dawson.

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NOTES on the beginnings of Higher education  
for Women, and their relation to Mc Gill  
University.

Principal Dawson during his early years at Mc Gill, took part in the establishment of the Normal School for the training of teachers. He took much interest in this, for he recognized that the teachers were those who prepared young people to become students at the University. Also, the Normal School in itself was practically a professional college for women; but beyond this, there seemed no means of proceeding with their higher education at the time.

The Principal drew attention to the subject in his University lecture in 1870; and he proposed to provide for the pupils of schools in Montreal for young women, lectures on scientific and literary subjects. For this purpose, the Ladies' Educational Association was founded in 1871. Mrs John Molson was its first President; and in it, Lady Dawson took an active part. Principal Dawson delivered the introductory lecture to this Association, in which he outlined its aim and the methods proposed. A summary of this lecture is given in his autobiography: "Fifty Years of Work in Canada," pages 240-256.

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This Association carried on its useful work for fourteen years (1871-1885) up to the time of the institution of classes for women in the University.

Meanwhile ~~in 1874~~ there was a movement for the establishment of a High School for girls. The Protestant Board of School Commissioners felt able, in 1874, to undertake this. They appointed a committee to consider the matter, which was headed by Principal Dawson; but as there were delays, it was decided to engage temporary rooms and begin at once. By the end of June, 1874, premises were secured and a staff of teachers appointed, who had all been trained in the Normal School. Though the girls' High

School had no direct connection with the Ladies' Educational Association, the new interest excited by the lectures for ladies, and the growing wish of young women for systematic study, gave much help to the Commissioners in meeting the criticism and objections raised against a High School for girls.

In 1884, a deputation of young ladies who had passed the examinations for Associate in Arts, pressed for facilities to proceed to the Degree in Arts at the University; and only a few weeks later Sir Donald Smith offered to Sir William Dawson (as he had then become) a substantial endowment for collegiate classes for women, although no application for aid had been made to him. This coincidence of a demand for higher education and a liberal benefaction for the purpose, seemed a rare opportunity which seldom occurs. The offer was accepted with thankfulness by the Board of Governors, and followed up with earnest effort.

Thus began on a substantial basis, the Higher education for women; followed by further donations from Sir Donald Smith, <sup>better</sup> known as Lord Strathcona; which is now so largely developed.

18 May, 1938.

William Bell Dawson.

RECEIVED FROM DR. WILLIAM BELL DAWSON (SON OF THE LATE SIR WILLIAM DAWSON)  
MAY 18, 1928

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William Bell Dawson

1888



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*The Chancellor, Principal and Governors of the University  
and the*

*Warden of the Royal Victoria College*

*request the honour of your presence at a reception to be held in the*

**ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE**

*on Wednesday the Twenty-Fifth of May*

*from 4.00 to 6.00 o'clock.*

*The College wishes to celebrate on this occasion the 50th Anniversary of the first graduation of women from McGill University and to commemorate the munificence of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal in founding and endowing the College.*

THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

May 19th, 1938

Dr. L. W. Douglas,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal,

I am enclosing the list of the 1888 graduates  
that you asked for.

We intend that this party should be quite  
informal, but I think it will be necessary to have a few minutes  
of speeches, and I hope I may have a chance to speak to you about  
it, possibly on Saturday after Senate, or at a time that fits in  
with your heavy programme. I am at your command at almost any  
hour except when there is a meeting.

I hope to speak to Mrs. Douglas ~~and~~ that  
you and she will be able to share in the "receiving" for part  
of the time anyway, as it would be a very great pleasure to all  
the graduates and visitors.

If you feel you can include them, I think  
the graduates of 1888 would very much appreciate invitations  
to the party you and Mrs. Douglas are giving on May the 26th.

Yours sincerely,

*Maude Grant.*

Warden

*Sent ✓  
J.M.*



May 7, 1938

Dear Mrs. Grant,

Thank you so much for yours of the 6th May.

It is very helpful for me to have this information, and I should be so grateful if you will let me know a little nearer the time the names of those who expect to be present at this Convocation. It is indeed interesting to hear that seven of the graduates of 1888 are still alive.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Grant, Warden  
Royal Victoria College

THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

May 6, 1938

Dr. L. W. Douglas,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal,

I have just been talking to Mrs. McMurray and she has asked me to tell you the facts and figures about the first graduation of women from McGill.

That Convocation was held on April 30th, 1888, and eight women had degrees conferred on them. Of these all except Miss Eliza Cross, who became Mrs. Currie (Mother of George Currie, a member of the Board of Governors) are alive and we expect some of them to be present at this Convocation.

Lord Lansdowne, then the Governor General, who was present with Lady Lansdowne, said that these women would be the "advance guard of a numerous army and that their admission to the privilege would be an unmixed advantage to themselves and to the Canadian community." We hope this has proved to be true.

As you know, the College in celebrating this 50th Anniversary wishes to link it up with Lord Strathcona's generous benefactions which are the largest gifts to women's education ever made in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

*Maude Grant.*

Warden

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MONTREAL GAZETTE, QUE.

## WOMEN AT MCGILL FIRST GIVEN B.A.'S HALF-CENTURY AGO

### 1888 Convocation Set Record in Attendance as Pioneer Class Graduated

#### CEREMONY PLANNED

#### Tributes by Lord Lansdowne and Principal Dawson Were Paid on Historic Occasion

McGill University looks back this year. The Alma Mater pauses to recall a scene of half a century ago, when she conferred academic honors upon her first group of daughters.

Today McGill congratulates herself on the decision that was made in the 'eighties to admit women to degrees. That first group to receive Bachelor of Arts degrees brought honor to her and set a standard which has been maintained by the many distinguished women on the rolls of her graduates.

The association with the university has continued. One member of the first class of women to receive degrees now has a daughter teaching there, Miss Esther England, of the English department. The son of another is a Governor of McGill, George S. Currie.

All but one of that pioneer group of eight women are living, four of them in this city, and a special commemoration of their graduation is being planned. One member of the class of '88, Miss Eliza Cross, later Mrs. Dugald Currie, died in 1907.

Old newspaper files give vivid accounts of the ceremony of half a century ago, when McGill's first women graduates received their degrees in the presence of the official Visitor of the university, His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Lansdowne, and Lady Lansdowne.

The Gazette devoted over a page of its issue of May 1, 1888, to an account of the convocation of the Faculty of Arts which took place in the old William Molson Hall. The women who were presented for their degrees of Bachelor of Arts were Miss Eliza Cross, Miss Georgina Hunter, Miss Cora B. Evans, Miss Martha Murphy, Miss J. Donald McFee, Miss Alice Murray, Miss J. V. Palmer and Miss Octavia G. Ritchie, the last-named being the valedictorian for what was called the Donald department in honor of the benefactor, Sir Donald A. Smith, later Lord Strathcona, whose gift of the necessary funds opened the university to women.

In the terms of 50 years ago, the women graduates "stood the test with becoming modesty and dignity" and showed that "higher education was compatible with the most refined delicacy."

#### "EMINENT SUCCESS" NOTED.

Sir William Dawson, the principal, confessed that "the eminent success which has attended the enterprise"—that of admitting women to the degree course—"has been beyond my expectations."

Lord Lansdowne expressed his belief that the eight women students then receiving "official recognition of a successful university career" would be "the advance guard of a numerous army and that their admission to the privilege will be an unmixed advantage to themselves and to the Canadian community."

The Governor-General then declared: "In this liberal movement McGill University has taken an honorable lead." He offered congratulations "in the name of the Sovereign who by her own brilliant example has shown that the sex is no disqualification for the discharge of the highest duties in the State."

Lord Lansdowne then suggested that henceforth the office of Visitor "should be held conjointly by the Governor-General and his wife."

The Gazette reported at the time: "The gathering was probably the largest that has ever taken place in this hall, the platform, the sages and even the stairs being crowded. This was partly due to the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, and partly to the fact that the first class of ladies were to receive the degree of bachelor of arts. There was a good deal of curiosity and fully half of the spectators belonged to their own sex. All w

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

May 16, 1938

Dear Mrs. Williamson,

Your letter to the Principal has been referred to the Warden of the Royal Victoria College, but the Principal asks me to say that he does not think it is possible to extend the invitation list. The College is not large, and already there are doubtless many graduates of the College whom we have not been able to invite.

The Convocation ceremonies on the 26th May on the Campus are open to relatives and friends of those who are graduating.

Yours very truly,

Principal's Secretary.

Mrs. L. Garrett Williamson,  
3410 Atwater Avenue,  
Montreal. Que.

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

April 20th, 1938

My dear Mrs. Byers,

Thank you so much for letting me see the most interesting photostats, which I return herewith. Would it be possible for me to have a copy made for my office files? They are indeed worth keeping .

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Byers,  
Care The Royal Victoria College.

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WARDENSHIP, ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE.

Mrs. Grant will be 65 in two more years.

We ought to think soon of her successor?

Mr. Morgan had an idea that the person chosen ought to come in and learn the ropes under the Warden in office.

It is an important appointment.

We advertised and thoroughly canvassed the field a year ago and ended by taking Mrs. Grant because she had only 3 years to go and it didn't seem that there were any strong candidates.

There have only been 3 wardens:

Miss Hurlbatt, Somerville College, Oxford  
Mrs. Vaughan, a McGill product  
Mrs. Grant.

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Registered Nurse, St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 1937.  
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# The Entrance of Women to McGill

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# The Entrance of Women to McGill

By GRACE RITCHIE ENGLAND, B.A., M.D.

IN writing on the subject of the admission of women students to McGill, fifty years ago this October, an event recently celebrated by the Alumnae Society, it may not be inopportune to glance backward, and from printed records and out of the store-house of personal memory, recall the changing educational status of women at that time, and the more immediate circumstances leading up to their entrance into McGill as undergraduates in Arts in October, 1884.

During the latter half of the nineteenth century a widespread movement in favour of the higher education of women was taking place in various countries, most notably in Great Britain and the United States, but also, to a lesser extent, in European countries such as Sweden, Germany, France and Russia. In our own land, in the Province of Ontario, the Universities at Toronto and Kingston had reacted favourably and were providing facilities for women students. It is, however, no matter of surprise that, in the Province of Quebec always strongly influenced by repressive conventions and traditions in everything relating to women, the symptoms of awakening consciousness were long delayed and even the suggestions of providing higher educational opportunities was late in appearing. It was not until the year 1870 that there was any outward evidence at McGill that interest had at last been aroused. In October of that year, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes first brought to the notice of the University and its friends, the desirability of providing for the higher education of women. Though sympathy was expressed with the idea, it was felt that no active step could be taken by McGill to admit women. The authorities agreed with great willingness to enter into co-operation with the Ladies' Educational Association, then in process of formation, and also arranged to admit women to the preliminary university examinations. It is interesting to note that extreme caution in so doing was exercised. In order to avoid any assumption that the passing of such examinations might imply a right of entrance to the University, the use of the term "Matriculation Examinations" was deliberately avoided and a special title "Examinations for Associates in Arts" was adopted.

The first classes of the Ladies' Educational Association were inaugurated in October, 1871, by a very admirable address by Principal Dawson, entitled "Thoughts on the Higher Education of

Women," in which he strongly advocated the undertakings of the Association and assured its members of the support and co-operation of McGill, whose professors had gladly agreed to give courses of lectures. The Principal congratulated the Association on its "zeal, judgment, and foresight"; stressed the fact that "the undertaking originated with the ladies, was carried on by them, and supported by their contributions and was moreover entirely self-supporting." "As a further guarantee of success," he states, "the association embraces nearly all that is elevated in social and educational standing in our city." During the first year, the subjects covered were English, French, and Natural Science, but gradually the courses were extended to cover a wider and more varied field. They were extremely popular and well attended, and continued very successfully till 1885; then, as the University had opened its doors to women, it was felt that the Association had fulfilled its mission, and the classes were discontinued.

In the early seventies there was another and even greater need in regard to the education of young girls. While the High School of Montreal, since 1843, had been providing facilities for a sound education for boys, extending the public school courses another three years and preparing its pupils for entrance to the university, no similar provision had been made for girls of a corresponding age. The daughters of people of means or position in the community were educated in private schools conducted for "young ladies." There were many excellent schools of this type. but as each school arranged its own curriculum, it was only natural that such heavy subjects as classics and mathematics were little in evidence and more attention was paid to fitting the pupils for entrance into society.

A very great step forward in the education of girls was taken by the Protestant Board of School Commissioners when they opened the High School for Girls in 1875. The public education of girls thus became standardized along lines largely parallel to those of the Boys' High School. The wisdom of providing such education for girls was proved by later events, for it was thus that the ground was prepared and the seed sown for the reaping of rich harvests in the future.

At McGill the question of women's education remained quiescent till the autumn of 1882. On October 25th of that year, Dr. J. Clark Murray



"DONALDAS" 1888  
THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF WOMEN AT MCGILL

Eliza Cross	Martha Murphy	Blanche Evans	Jane Palmer
	Grace Ritchie (England)		
Alice Murray	Georgina Hunter	Donalda McFee	

brought before the startled corporation a resolution to the effect that "the educational advantages of the Faculty of Arts should be thrown open to all persons, without distinction of sex." This implied "mixed education" and as there was a decided division of opinion in regard to the adoption of such a method, the whole matter was referred to a committee. The not unusual outcome of the work of a committee resulted: much information was collected; no recommendation was made; and no action was taken.

A year and a half later, in the spring of 1884, Principal Dawson, being in England, undertook to obtain further information in regard to the conditions and methods under which the higher education of women was being carried on in Great Britain. On his return to Montreal in June, as there seemed no likelihood of any action, and as he was very busy with other matters, he deferred his report to the Corporation until October. So much for the educationists.

Let us turn again to the Girls' High School and "the young ladies" being educated there, who are now most unexpectedly to become an active factor in the situation. For five consecutive years, a small group of school girls had passed from grade to grade, and, in the autumn of 1883, had entered the final class and were being prepared for the ordeal of the A.A. examinations the following June. Their record had been high throughout, and they looked forward to ranking well in the final test. There was a rude awakening. The disconcerting discovery was made that in the curriculum, as arranged for the girls, Greek had been entirely omitted and German provided as an optional substitute for another subject. Thus they saw themselves deprived of the chance of 150 marks, which was open to the boys of the sixth form, and there seemed no hope of surmounting such a handicap. The writer, who was a member of the class, before entering the High School had spent two years at school in Germany,

and it seemed an easy task to brush up the subject and take the examination course in German. The head girl, Rosalie McLea, a very brilliant and ambitious scholar, with undaunted courage, undertook the study of Greek. Under the tuition of Mr. George Murray, the Classical master, she applied herself assiduously and intensively, covering the work of three years in one, and went up for the Greek examination. Principal Dawson refers to the results of the Associate in Arts Examinations of the following June, 1884, as "an event unexampled in our previous connection with the school examinations of the universities. Two young ladies from the Girls' High School had taken the highest places on the list of associates in Arts, one of them with remarkably high marks." It might have been added, that the young lady referred to has come first in Latin and Greek and taken the highest total marks on record.

Upon the High School girls the success in the examinations had had an unforeseen effect. Stimulated and exhilarated, a little group of four gathered at the house of Mrs. Robert Reid, the mother of one of them, to discuss plans for the future with her. And soon the question arose "What about asking for admission to McGill?" Encouraged by the sympathy and support of Mrs. Reid, an enthusiastic optimist, they resolved to approach the Principal and place their request for Higher Education before him. Dr. Dawson received them with graciousness and listened with interested attention, but the time was unpropitious, as he was fully occupied with arrangements for the approaching meeting of the British Association at the end of August. He told them that McGill was not in a position to receive women, but, as an active demand had come from "those who had the greatest claims to consideration," perhaps some means might be found to provide classes to prepare them for the Senior Associate in Arts Examinations, especially if there should be an increase in the number of applicants. With the co-operation of some of the professors, a circular was issued shortly afterwards to the Ladies' Educational Association, asking for their aid in the establishment of such classes for women. And so the matter rested, and the Principal dismissed it from his mind.

One morning, some weeks later, during the meeting of the British Association, Dr. Dawson was called from the geological section by a gentleman who asked to see him. It was the Hon. Donald A. Smith, who, quite unsolicited, came unostentatiously with the offer of \$50,000.00 to establish collegiate classes for women. To the Hon. Donald A. Smith (later Lord Strathcona)

"the illustrious benefactor whose far reaching vision and enlightened generosity made possible the entrance of women to McGill," all Alumnae owe a lasting debt of gratitude. Without his first munificent gift, to be augmented later, many of us belonging to those early years might never have been graduates of McGill.

The passiveness of fourteen years now suddenly vanished, and active preparations were immediately hastened in order that the women students might begin their work at the opening of the approaching session.

In those far off days, the students' environment was strikingly unlike that of the present. Montreal was a great sleepy old town, free from noise and bustle, with wooden sidewalks, dimly lighted at night by flickering gas jets. There were few distracting interruptions and much leisure; it was a quiet and peaceful world, well suited to meditation and intellectual concentration. The University itself, wore a different aspect. The buildings were much less impressive, the students comparatively few, and the curriculum much narrower in its range. Entering the grounds through the college gates, the student saw no massive science buildings; beyond the campus rose no beautiful Redpath Library, but then as now, the Peter Redpath Museum, a new building rested solidly in the shadow of the Presbyterian College. At the head of the avenue stood the Central Arts Building, much as it appears at present, for happily, the original facade has been preserved. The extreme eastern end of the building was used as the Principal's residence, and at the corresponding western end was the William Molson Hall, where convocations were held, and beneath it, the dark and, to the average student, rather unattractive library.

Up the avenue, one Monday early in October, a little group of girls hastened with high hopes and fast beating hearts. Turning to the left, they mounted the broad steps of the Peter Redpath Museum and entered through its wide portal. It had been arranged that *separate* classes for them should be conducted in this building. Mr. Peter Redpath had kindly furnished a "retiring room," adequately, but not luxuriously furnished with tables, chairs, hooks for hats and coats, and most certainly a mirror, though memory fails to record its size, shape, or location.

The first lectures to women students were held in a classroom on the left of the hall, now designated by the figure "4." Might it not be appropriate to place a small tablet, indicative of this historic fact, in the room or on the door?

The first class consisted of ten members, most of us school girls in our teens. To mark the

dignity of our new status, we had lengthened our skirts and put up our hair, coiled smoothly at the nape of the neck. As to our clothes, we wore simple woollen dresses of serge or cashmere and woollen or cotton stockings, according to the season. Silk stockings were then unheard of for daily wear. In winter we wore heavy cloth coats; any fur in evidence was in the form of fur caps, which were in common use, and for further protection from the cold, long knitted woollen scarves, with fringed ends, called "clouds" were wound round and round our necks—warm and comfortable, doubtless, if not exactly "chic."

The age was above all not "beauty conscious." Like the rest of the world, we carried small purses, not hand-bags elaborately fitted with mirrors and numerous toiletries. Our complexions were, "for better, for worse," as Nature had made them. We were guiltless of powder, rouge, lipsticks, unguents, nail polishes, and various other cosmetics, which seem essential to the happiness of the modern girl or woman. At that time a lady who was noticeably rouged was looked at askance and considered of dubious respectability. As to cigarettes, "ladies" simply did not smoke. "Autre temps, autre mœurs!"

In regard to our characteristics, eager and earnest students though we were, enjoying our new privileges to the utmost, we were not at all typical "blue stockings;" on the contrary we were full of life, fun-loving, and at times even irrepressible. Some of us indulged in hero-worship, common to the youth of both sexes. The special object of our romantic adoration was a certain sad, pale-faced instructor. To win a quiet word of approbation from him, we spent long weary hours in solving some intricate mathematical problem, or we walked many blocks out of our way on the mere chance of meeting him and receiving a bow and smile of recognition. At other times a "Puckish" spirit took possession of us. The professor of English was young, eloquent, and enthusiastic, always ready to dilate upon the beauties of English Literature. It was soon observed that one of the class developed an extraordinary interest in this subject, and, as the lecture came at the end of the day, she habitually lingered on, detaining the professor with numerous questions, provocative of prolonged dissertations. We grew weary of this untimely practice, and as mild hints were of no avail, we resorted at last to drastic measures. One evening several of us resolved upon a deed of darkness. Like guilty conspirators, a deadly vow of secrecy upon our lips, we crept down the basement stairs, and joining hand to hand, with a sudden pull, we turned off the gas! Then through the ensuing

blackness we fled to the sound of the professor's irate voice, summoning a bewildered janitor to throw light on the situation. This hint proved effective, but for many days the perpetrators went trembling in fear of discovery, which never came.

Coming to the more serious matters, the need of a common meeting-ground, where we could give expression to our views on general subjects was soon felt, and it was not long before we formed a literary and debating society. In recognition of our indebtedness to Sir Donald Smith, and with his consent, the name "Delta Sigma" was adopted, representing his initials—D. S., transposed into more euphonious Greek. As none of us had ever had any experience in public speaking, great timidity was apparent in those undertaking to debate, and it was strongly urged that debaters should be permitted to read their speeches. This method was wisely voted against, and it was decided that speakers should be allowed the use of notes only.

The professors, awe-inspiring in the beginning, we soon learned to regard as friends. So small, indeed, were the classes, even with the addition of partial and occasional students, that the lectures assumed an almost tutorial character. We were thus brought into close intellectual contact with our teachers, and had many opportunities of discussing our problems with them. Looking back, one can now realize the heavy task imposed upon them by the daily duplication of lectures, first given to the men and then repeated to the women.

Scarcely were separate classes well established before a bitter controversy arose in regard to the respective merits of mixed and separate education of the sexes at McGill. The public and the press took an active part and it was a long time before the dispute was dropped. It was well known that there was no unanimity on the question among the members of the Faculty, but the views of the Principal, who was utterly opposed to co-education, continued to prevail. At that time Sir William Dawson had a vision, never to be realized, of an entirely separate college for women, affiliated with McGill. In later years the Royal Victoria College, the beautiful residential building for women, was eventually erected and endowed. Mixed classes, which as a matter of necessity, had been carried on previously in the honour courses only, soon became usual in the ordinary courses also.

The two first years passed quickly by. Donalda McFee, a member of our year, and the first woman graduate of McGill to obtain the Ph.D. degree (Cornell) in referring to these early years, speaks of the "happy, joyous days in the old Peter

Redpath Museum" and continues "What a wonderful opportunity was afforded us, and how much we, who were the first to enter, enjoyed the privileges of those formative years." Up and down the avenue we passed daily, frequently to the tune of "Hop Along Sister Mary, Hop Along, Hop Along," loudly chanted by drawn up lines of men students. At first blushing self-conscious, we soon grew indifferent to the refrain, but for many years the performance was a source of great diversion to the men.

In spite of repeated warnings that the classes might not be continued beyond the second year, we were sustained by an unwavering faith that a way would be found. Knowing that the classes for women could not be continued for the third and fourth years, unless a further endowment were provided, the Principal, deeply interested, exercised to the full his persuasive powers to obtain the necessary funds. Then came the glad news that Sir Donald Smith had increased his original gift to \$120,000.00, a sum sufficient to maintain the classes for the additional two years.

New quarters were prepared for us in the "East Wing", and here we entered happily on our third year, in full undergraduate standing. Just when our worries seemed at an end, unexpected events occurred to distress our little group. After brilliantly passing the second year examinations, Rosalie McLea suddenly dropped out, to our great regret and dismay, and shortly afterwards Mary Simpson left college to be married. Helen Reid was prevented by serious illness from completing the year. Separated from her classmates, disappointed and disheartened, she nearly gave up; with returning health, however, wiser counsels prevailed, and she bravely came back the following autumn, repeated the year, and finally graduated with the second class, in 1889. McGill later recognized her patriotic services during the war by conferring upon her the honorary degree of LL.D. But eventually we were to graduate eight in number. Georgina Hunter who had previously passed the Senior Associate in Arts Examinations with distinction, entered the third year, a most welcome addition to our class. She had been our teacher for three years at the Girls' High School, and now joined her former pupils. Two years later we

proudly hailed her as the winner of the Shakespeare Gold Medal, awarded for the highest standing in the Honour Course in English Language and Literature.

The "Donaldas," for so we were dubbed, now firmly established on a permanent footing, were approached by the management of the "University Gazette," with the request to appoint an Editor for the Women's Department. This we gladly did and named Blanche Evans, who accepted the position. Under the clever caption "Feathers from the East Wing," she most successfully held the position for two years as an undergraduate, and for two years more after graduation.

There were other matters of importance to claim our attention. In the mind of the Principal, there were still subtle distinctions to be maintained between the men and women students. The college gown, which hitherto we had not been permitted to wear, we now insistently demanded, regarding it as the cherished symbol of equality. Reluctantly the demand was conceded and proudly the college garb was donned. Much more important was the still unsettled question of granting us a degree. Following the British precedent, it was suggested that some sort of *certificate* be given us; the word "bachelor," as applied to women, seemed to be a heavy stumbling block. We did not hesitate to voice our dissatisfaction, and finally, after many months of hesitation, a decision was reached by the authorities, and we learned with satisfaction that we might look forward to receiving the coveted B.A. degree.

In closing it is fitting that a tribute should be paid to the memory of Dr. Clark Murray, the ardent champion of our rights and our revered teacher and friend. His gentle voice and fine face were the outer evidence of a beautiful personality where peace, goodness, and spirituality dwelt. He ever directed our thoughts to high and noble ends, and was an abiding influence on our lives. Space allows but a brief reference to the many other professors, who patiently guided us through these eventful years, and whom we shall always hold in remembrance for their fine qualities of heart and mind.

# McGILL'S FIRST WOMEN GRADUATES

## CLASS OF 1888



In the group above are the portraits of the eight members of the first class of women to receive degrees from McGill University. These portraits were taken at the time of their graduation in 1888.

Top: Left, **MISS GEORGINA HUNTER, B.A.**, of Montreal; centre, **MISS JANE V. PALMER, B.A.**, of Montreal; right, **MISS ELIZA CROSS, B.A.** (the late Mrs. Dugald Currie).

Lower: Left, **MISS MARTHA MURPHY, B.A.**, now Mrs. W. H. Breithaupt, of Kitchener, Ont.; centre, **MISS OCTAVIA GRACE RITCHIE, B.A.**, now Dr. Grace Ritchie England; right, **MISS J. DONALDA McFEE, B.A., Ph.D.**

Inset: Left, **MISS CORA B. EVANS, B.A.**, now Mrs. D. G. Yates, of New York City; right, **MISS ALICE MURRAY, B.A.**, now residing in California.

### CLASS OF 1938



**MISS SYLVIA HOWARD**  
Vice-president



**MISS HELEN ADAIR**  
President



**MISS BERYL WEBSTER**  
Secretary

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satisfied that they stood the test with becoming modesty and dignity, and showed, as their valedictorian said, that higher education was compatible with the most refined delicacy."

The account continues: "In their flowing gowns and black silk hoods lined with red and white, they gave the impression of seriousness and grace, and looked anything but the conventional bluestocking. The valedictory was a surprise to all but those who knew the scholarly attainments of the reader and the class she represented. It would be a poor compliment to say it was fully equal to the average valedictory from the male classes."

Chancellor Ferrier presided at the convocation, having the Governor-General on his right and Lady Lansdowne on his left. Miss Hunter presented a bouquet of roses to Lady Lansdowne on behalf of "the lady students."

F. W. Macallum, valedictorian for the class of '88, paid compliments to the women graduates, speaking of the "high feeling of honor in going forth from McGill with her first feminine offspring."

#### VALEDICTORIAN CHEERED.

Miss Ritchie's valedictory for the Donalda department was read "with grace and ease, and was received with cheers." She recalled that five years earlier, very little was heard of a university education for women. At that time a few scholars in the High School were anxiously waiting for what the future would bring. At that time the prize list (of the High School) was headed by a girl, and the same evening several of her classmates met to discuss the prospects for higher education, and still remained sanguine in spite of the opposition of older heads. The principal was waited on to find out if there was any hope of the sacred portals being opened to women; he replied that it would hardly be that year. The names of eight candidates were sent in and two months of suspense

The officers of R.V.C. '38 are shown above. The number of women in final year Arts is eleven times that of the pioneer class. There were eight then; now there are 88.

were passed until in September the well-known endowment was given. To this generosity was due the graduating of the first class of women.

In October 1884, classes for women were first opened in the Peter Redpath Museum. Except in the honor courses the classes were separate. (Co-education was a later development at McGill).

Miss Ritchie was presented with a bouquet by the men students.

Sir William Dawson replied to her valedictory, and recalled the gift offered by Sir Donald Smith in aid of higher education for women.

"The eminent success which has attended the enterprise, and which I confess has been beyond my expectations, is the best justification of the prompt action of the university and of the enlightened liberality of our benefactor in his original gift, and in the enlargement of it to \$120,000 in order to allow the continuance of the classes to the fourth year, as well as in that further enlargement which he is understood to contemplate, and which will give us, in affiliation with the university a college for women equal to those great institutions of the United States. . . ."

Sir William reported that honors

and standing had been "pretty equally divided" between the men and women, (The Shakspeare gold medal for English language and literature was won by Miss Georgina Hunter).

The women graduates were entertained that evening by Miss Helen R. Y. Reid. The university dinner, attended only by the men, was "a demonstration in favor of co-education of the sexes," The Gazette reported.

Fifty years ago, eight women received B.A. degrees. This year there are 88 women in the final year in Arts; none in the final years of Law and Medicine; one is completing the course for Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; 24 are in the final year of the Bachelor of Household Science course, and 21 in the McGill Library School. All these are in addition to the many in the diploma courses.

March 14, 1933.

Professor W. T. Mitchell,  
Mental Hygiene Institute,  
Pine Avenue W.,  
Montreal.

Dear Professor Mitchell,

Since our interview on February 23rd, when I discussed with you and Mrs. Mitchell the questionnaire which Mrs. Mitchell had distributed to some women students at the University, I have received many complaints from parents of the girls and from members of the staff of the University.

I notice also that in the Column "S.C.M. Notes" in the McGill Daily of Thursday, March 2nd, there is a notice in which women students are reminded that those who still intend to hand in the questionnaire are urged to do so. I have asked that such notice be discontinued.

As I said to you in our interview, I do not think the questionnaire should have been distributed without the knowledge and consent of Mrs. Vaughan or myself. I would have no objection to these questions being asked any young woman who consulted you in a professional capacity. But to seek to get this information by questionnaire is to my mind most objectionable. Few people will regard it as having any scientific value.

I must ask that in any publication issued by you bearing on this matter, no reference be made to such information as you may have gleaned from the women students of McGill University. As you have been on the staff of the University for a number of years past, it is inevitable that there would be an association between McGill University and what you might publish. It follows, therefore, that if reference were made to information such as could be gleaned from these questionnaires, people would immediately think you referred to this University; and that must be avoided.

I may add that many people have asked if they might be furnished with a copy of the questionnaire, and I have consistently refused to oblige.

Yours faithfully,



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March  
twenty-third,  
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Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of March 14th. We will, of course, not use any of the material contained in the completed questionnaires in any publication. As a matter of fact, in our own thinking, we had not gone so far as to consider the questionnaire material for publication. As I explained to you, our only purpose in attempting to have this questionnaire completed was for the information which might be valuable in outlining any further lecture courses of this character for a group of students of University age, and also in an attempt to discover what were, from a comparatively large, representative group of University students, some of the gaps and misunderstandings which were playing some significant part in the individual's life adjustment.

I think that the lecture material for the course was well and carefully planned and the student response, so far as one has been able to judge, has been very good. Approximately one hundred questionnaires have been completed and returned. I believe that you would be interested in the evidences of careful thinking response and the really healthy attitudes revealed in these completed questionnaires.

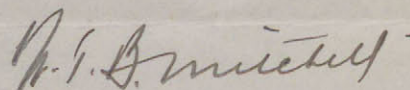
I am very sorry, indeed, that there has been any inconvenience in this matter for you. It is of course understandable that there would be a certain number of people who would object very strongly to the presentation of any material of this sort.

The completed questionnaires did indicate that many of the students took this opportunity of talking things out with their parents and that many of the parents appreciated and made good use of the opportunity to get closer to their children in the discussion.

Sir Arthur Currie

I am convinced that it is tremendously important that we should work out some approach other than to the individual student which will help him to deal with some of his own conflicts and to arrive at a more satisfactory adjustment in his mental life. I should like to have an opportunity to discuss this general question further with you and if you wish I should like to let you have the material presented in this course and also to show you some of the completed questionnaires.

Sincerely yours,



DIRECTOR.

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McGILL UNIVERSITY  
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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

March 12, 1933.

Sir Arthur Currie, K. C. M.G.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,

There has come to my attention a peculiar document in the form of a questionnaire which was submitted to the students of the Royal Victoria College in connection with a course given there by Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Dr. Mitchell of the Mental Hygiene Committee. From its nature, I am very sure that it never had the endorsement of Mrs. Vaughan.

Now I am neither a prude nor yet a Puritan but this performance appears to transcend the limits of very ordinary decency and can only be labelled as the product of minds which require a course in "mental hygiene". I fail to see how it can be of much scientific value for there is really nothing new in it and the questions are couched in the form of "leading questions" suggesting affirmative answers. Neither can it be of value to the students upon whom it was perpetrated, in fact the result may be far from good.

Scientific studies should be carried out by scientists and few medical men are such. It was this same pair who made what they called a scientific survey of mental deficiency in Nova Scotia. I criticized this adversely to Dr. C. F. Martin then President of the Mental Hygiene Committee under whose auspices it was done, for it was not great credit to McGill. This group tends to look upon all human behaviour from the pathological viewpoint and therefore distorted. I could never subscribe to it and was branded as non-coöperative. It was for this same reason that I opposed the course which Bridges insisted on giving to the undergraduates in Arts. "here is only one place for such intimacies--the confidence of the clinic.

I trust that you will see the "why" of some of my attitudes in the past and why I have kept the courses in Arts free from this aspect of psychology.

Very respectfully yours

*William D. Scott*

March 14, 1933.

Professor W. D. Tait,  
Department of Psychology,  
McGill University.

Dear Professor Tait,

More than two weeks ago, Dr. Mitchell and his wife came in to see me with reference to the questionnaire about which you have written in your letter of March 12th. I had heard about it before, and discussed the matter with Mrs. Vaughan.

It seems that several weeks before I had heard of it, the document had been distributed - entirely without my knowledge or consent and without the knowledge or consent of Mrs. Vaughan.

The students Y.W.C.A. had asked Mrs. Mitchell to lecture to them on Sex Hygiene. Mrs. Vaughan had given her consent. She attended Mrs. Mitchell's lectures and thought they were useful, an opinion held by the most senior and most sensible girls of the class. Mrs. Mitchell tells me that she intended to consult Mrs. Vaughan about the questionnaire which had been prepared by Dr. Mitchell and herself, but on the day it was distributed Mrs. Vaughan was not in attendance, it being the first lecture she had missed. Mrs. Mitchell intended to speak to Mrs. Vaughan, but finding the latter not present and assuming that Mrs. Vaughan would have given consent, she went on with the distribution.

It was too late when it came to my attention for me to recall the documents, and all I have done with reference to it is to instruct the S.C.A. that they are not to insert any further notices in the DAILY asking for the questionnaire to be returned, and I have also told Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell that the questionnaire

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should not have been distributed without the knowledge and consent of the University authorities; that we highly disapprove of it and that there must be no repetition of such a thing. I told them that I found no fault with their asking any student of the University such questions if the student came to them for advice.

They promised me that such information as they had gained would not be used in any way. The whole affair is most regrettable.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

R.V.C. Course:

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

To the Students:

Perhaps you are finding the course on Human Relationships personally helpful. Would you like to have a share in helping others?

In order that we may have accurate data as to the type of information young people lack, want and need, I am asking you to give frank and full replies to the questions following. The questionnaire is to be returned unsigned so no one will even know what you have personally disclosed.

To fill out the questionnaire, carefully and thoughtfully, will require some effort on your part. The realization that you are making a valuable contribution that may lead to a fuller appreciation of the sex element in life, will perhaps carry its reward.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

*Harriet Mitchell*

HM/McI

(Harriet Mitchell)

R.V.C. Students

QUESTIONNAIRE

Year of Birth ..... Date .....  
Course registered in at University .....  
Year in Course .....  
Religion ..... Nationality .....  
Married ..... Single .....

A. Home Background:

1. Year of birth of father .....  
Living Dead (Underline) Date of Death ..... Cause .....  
Occupation .....  
Education: Grade School      Highschool      College (Underline)  
General State of Health .....  
.....
2. Year of birth of mother .....  
Living Dead (Underline) Date of Death ..... Cause .....  
Occupation before marriage .....  
Education: Grade School      Highschool      College (Underline)  
General state of health .....  
.....
3. Brothers and sisters with age of each. (List according to place  
in family - including position of informant).  
1. .... 4. ....  
2. .... 5. ....  
3. .... 6. ....
4. Attitude in home to sex interests and problems:  
Frank Open Secretive Reticent (Underline and detail).

A. Home Background: (Cont'd)

5. Ability of parents to discuss sex problems and give truthful information. (Underline and detail).

Reluctant Not able Satisfactory

6. Financial planning of home assumed by: (Underline and detail).

Father Mother Both parents

7. Discipline of children assumed by: (Underline and detail).

Father Mother Both parents

Discipline: Harsh Reasonable Very kindly

8. Affectionate response between: (Underline)

Parents:	Loving	Quarrelling	Indifferent	Antagonism	Dislike
Children:	Loving	Quarrelling	Indifferent	Antagonism	Dislike
Informant and father:	Loving	Quarrelling	Indifferent	Antagonism	Dislike
Informant and mother:	Loving	Quarrelling	Indifferent	Antagonism	Dislike

9. Check creative activities as follows:

x. Activities you have experienced and enjoy.

xx. Things you would like to have.

1. Music (Instrumental)

2. Singing Solo  
Group

3. Painting

4. Modelling

5. Sewing

6. Cooking

7. Carpentry

8. Writing

Poetry  
Prose

9. Gardening

10. Dramatics

11. Interior decorating

12. Block printing

13. Others

10. List here the last ten books you have read (fiction):

1. ....	6. ....
2. ....	7. ....
3. ....	8. ....
4. ....	9. ....
5. ....	10. ....

11. Do you seek social contacts or are you happiest by yourself?

Explain:



B. Sex Information:

1. At what age and how did you obtain your information about the following: (That is, who gave information; result of observation, etc.)
  - a. Sex differences
  - b. Origin of babies
  - c. Birth process
  - d. Character of sexual relationship
  - e. Father's part in procreation
  - f. Menstruation
  - g. Masturbation
  - h. Homosexual attachments
  - i. Love-making
  - j. Venereal diseases
2. What misunderstandings or incorrect information did you have in connection with the above functions? Please write out in detail.

C. Sex Activity:

1. Masturbation (Handling or rubbing of sex organs to produce sex pleasure and satisfaction).  
Age beginning .... Age stopped .... Recurrences Continuing now  
How practice was begun: Accidental? Who learned from .....  
Practiced how frequently (daily, etc.)  
Orgasm experienced: Age of first .... Rarely Always Frequently  
(Underline)

C. Sex Activity (Cont'd)

1. Masturbation (Cont'd)

Reasons for stopping activity if discontinued:

Reasons for practice: Pleasure Relief of strain or tension, etc.  
(Underline and detail)

Do you believe the practice to be harmful? ..... Explain.

What do you think has been its effect upon you?

With whom have you talked over this problem?

For you, what circumstances are apt to lead to this activity?

Have never experienced masturbation:

2. Petting. Kissing; fondling; stroking. (Underline and detail the following).

To you think this activity is harmful      desirable      Undesirable

Do you enjoy this type of sex contact    Much    Little    Not at all.

If you "pet" is it because you enjoy it or because your male friends expect it?

Do you pet with one man?..... Many .....

Do you find it sexually stimulating?

3. Heavy Petting (Stimulation between sexes to point of orgasm but without complete intercourse.

No experience ..... Age of first experience .....

Approximate age of partner in first experience .....

Married man                  Single man (Underline)

3. Heavy Petting (Cont'd)

Have you experienced "heavy petting" with: One man? .....

How many men ..... Once ..... Many times .... Occasionally.....

Do you enjoy this type of experience?

Much            Little            Not at all (Underline)

For you, under what conditions and in what circumstances does this type of experience usually occur?    Detail.

Following this type of experience, do you feel? (Underline)

Happy    Guilty    Ashamed    More comfortable physically  
Less comfortable physically    Fearful.

What is your attitude toward the desirability of this type of experience?    Detail fully.

4. Intercourse:

Have you ever experienced complete sex intercourse? (Underline)

No experience    Once    Many times    Occasionally

With same person?    With how many .....

At what age did you have your first experience? .....

What was the approximate age of your partner? .....

Married man            Single man (Underline)

Have you experienced orgasm with intercourse?

Once            Always            Occasionally (Underline)

Had you decided beforehand to have the experience or was it an accident due to inability of control, etc. Explain fully.

In your experiences of intercourse are contraceptives used?

By you    By partner    Always    Occasionally    Never (Underline)

Contraceptive method used:

Where did you get your information about contraceptives?

Parents    Other girls    Advertisements    Physician, etc.

After intercourse have you had a fear of pregnancy?

4. Intercourse (Cont'd)

Have you known accurately the relation between pregnancy and cessation of menstruation?

After intercourse do you feel: (Underline)

Happy    Guilty    Ashamed    More comfortable physically  
Less comfortable physically    Fearful

Do you think that accurate information about contraceptives should be available: (Underline)

To college students                      To married people only

Do you think that such information would: (Yes or no)

Contribute to desirable, unafraid, judicious sex activity of the unmarried?

Encourage promiscuity?

Be very undesirable?

Explain your answer

D. Homosexual Attractions:

Do you prefer companionship of women to that of men? .....

Do you feel you are excessively fond of some woman friend?

Have you been sexually excited through affectionate contact with a woman? ..... Age at first experience .....

Never    Once    Frequently    Rarely (Underline)    Age of woman .....

Have you ever experienced a type of sex activity with another woman? (heavy petting, mutual masturbation, etc.). Explain

Are you experiencing such activity at the present time? .....

Age of partner .....

Do you find such activity: (Underline)

Pleasant    Satisfying    Relieves physical tension    Non-pleasur-  
able    Repugnant

Do you feel that such activity is: (Underline)

Undesirable    Immoral    Desirable    Abnormal

D. Homosexual Attractions: (Cont'd)

Have you been worried over your felt attraction to women?

Have you sought advise about this?

Do you "idealize" some particular woman? Why? Explain in detail

E. General:

1. Check the following list as follows:

x Immoral    xx Undesirable    xxx Desirable (Please detail reasons for so checking)

a. Divorce

b. Pre-marital intercourse

c. Petting

d. Heavy petting

e. Flirting

f. Jokes about sex

g. Masturbation

h. Sex stimulation with person of same sex

i. Commercialized prostitution

j. Sex relations with married man

k. Intercourse with unmarried man

2. Number in order of merit (1-2-3-4) the following motives which should prevent one from intercourse before marriage? (Over)

E. General (Cont'd)

- ..... a. Fear of being found out
- ..... b. Happier married life
- ..... c. Venereal disease
- ..... d. Fear of pregnancy
- ..... e. Loss of social status
- ..... f. Christian ideal of chastity.

3. Are you being bothered with anything pertaining to sex now?

Please describe the problem or problems in detail.

4. What do you think is the reason for your difficulty?

5. What are you doing to solve the problem.

6. At what period in life do you think individuals should be instructed about each of the following things. Place a figure in front of each item on the following bases:

- a. Pre-school period (1 to 6 yrs.)
- b. Pre-adolescence (6 to 10 yrs.)
- c. Adolescence (10 to 14 yrs.)
- d. Just before marriage
- e. After marriage
- f. Never

<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>
.....	a. The origin of babies	.....
.....	b. Masturbation	.....
.....	c. The sex changes in adolescence	.....
.....	d. How the sex act is performed	.....
.....	e. Venereal diseases	.....
.....	f. Menstruation in the female	.....
.....	g. Sex organs	.....
.....	h. Birth control	.....
.....	i. Marriage and parenthood	.....
.....	j. The psychology of sex adjustments	.....
.....	k. Nocturnal emissions	.....

(If difference for male and female indicate).

E. General: (Cont'd)

What would be your attitude toward the following activities with a man you knew to be married?

Flirtation:

Frequent companionship:

Petting:

Heavy petting:

Sex intercourse:

Have you talked over the material in this course with your parents?

..... With other Adults .....

What is their attitude? Detail.

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MONTREAL

February 27th, 1933.

Confidential

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G. C. M. G.,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I am obliged for your confidential note of the 22nd instant with its interesting but disgusting enclosure.

Needless to say, I agree with everything in your letter. Questions, such as the questionnaire deals with, always disturb me because of the difficulty of one generation reviewing the thoughts, habits and standards of another, and probably failing in their consideration of them because of the span of years and the change in the conditions through which they themselves have not lived as young people.

I have always assumed that, while these questions are valuable to the scientist and the social worker, to whom the human relations problem is no doubt interesting and important, nevertheless the vast majority of our young people are clean-minded and, if they come from respectable families, scarcely understand the language which the questionnaire employs.

Those who are abnormal must be in the minority, and to them only should warnings of this character be directed, and then not in the form of a printed document. I have some knowledge of the frank and wholesome manner in which this subject is dealt with in English public schools, and the method of personal exp-



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lenation is the only one that appears to have any hope of success.

The importance of the question to McGill is, of course, that its reputation suffers from the actions of people like Mrs. Mitchell, whose motives may be of the best but whose wisdom is under strong suspicion.

Since I heard the first report, which came from a bank manager, I have heard other items of gossip which indicate that the matter has been discussed, though, I should say, not very generally. No amount of explanation, however, can wipe out the initial disgust which most mothers and fathers would feel, knowing that their daughters had been subjected to this kind of insult.

I do not think there is much that you can do beyond that which you and Mrs. Vaughan have already done, but it should be most definitely understood that Mrs. Mitchell's activities at McGill University, no matter under whose auspices, should promptly cease. Indeed, I am not sure that you should not consider whether her husband should be transferred to some other community, as I assume he would of necessity have some knowledge of the action she took and is, therefore, in part to blame.

Sincerely yours,

February 23, 1933.

E. W. Beatty, Esq., K.C., LL.D.,  
Chancellor,  
McGill University.

My dear Chancellor,

I am sending you herewith the questionnaire as put out by Mrs. W.T.B. Mitchell.

Once more, let me say that Mrs. Mitchell is the wife of Dr. W.T.B. Mitchell, whom you will know in connection with Mental Hygiene work. She herself pretends to be a psychiatrist.

At the request of the Y.W.C.A. movement, she was asked to give some lectures on Sex Hygiene to the women students of the Royal Victoria College. She had the approval of Mrs. Vaughan, who attended the lectures, and thought they were very useful, - an opinion confirmed by the leading and most sensible girls in the Royal Victoria College.

Without any authority from Mrs. Vaughan, and without her knowledge, she issued this questionnaire, which I consider a most preposterous document, and an affront to every young woman in the College. I am informed, though, by Mrs. Vaughan, who has since made some enquiries, that a great many of the students were not at all shocked, and had no particular objection to answering the questions asked.

Mrs. Vaughan had a conference with the Y.W.C.A. authorities, and finds that they approve of this sort of thing. Personally, I put it on a par with solicitation, and cannot understand the mentality of those who approve of it. Yet it is an indication to you and to me of the different way in which such things

are regarded these days to what they would be in the past.

The questionnaire was issued more than two weeks ago, and it is strange that I have not heard of it before.

I have written to Mr. Crabtree and told him the circumstances.

I have discussed with Mrs. Vaughan the advisability of attempting to recall this document, but she thinks that nothing would come of it. She will speak to the students next Friday, and will let them know her displeasure. She will also see Mrs. Mitchell and tell her of our disapproval of this sort of thing, and will also tell her that we object to her making use of any information she may have obtained in this way for any publication whatever. This is the sort of thing that some people call "research".

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

TELEPHONE No.  
41121



WASSON HALL  
GEORGE SQUARE  
EDINBURGH

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Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I have been thinking hard since I saw you, but I find it difficult to decide whether to let you put my name forward as you so kindly suggested. I wonder if you would allow me another week to think it over.

The job attracts me very much in many ways. I like Caudrean & I believe I could work happily in your country. Your conditions are generous & I can see that I should have every chance of making a good start &

MASON HALL  
GEORGE SQUARE  
DUNDEE



pulling my full weight. Also I have the impression that any scheme I might have would be considered sympathetically & not be held up for the sake of a few pennies, or because of age-long tradition & prejudice.

The factors that hold me back are firstly, the distance from family & friends & the break with associations; & secondly, the leaving of my present job in an unsatisfactory state. The job of Adviser to the Women students <sup>here</sup> has to be built up & I am only at the stage of laying one or two foundation stones. Whether I could get much further if I stayed on I do not know & this is why I

THURSDAY 21/12/21



MASSON HALL  
GEORGE SQUARE  
EDINBURGH

Hesitate.

When I saw you last Monday I was so eager to hear all I could about Mr. Gill that I spent the time in asking you questions & told you hardly anything about myself. I am therefore enclosing now a short statement of my education & experience together with two rather old testimonials. If I decide definitely to apply I could get new ones from people who have known my work during the last 4½ yrs & I would refer you to Sir Alfred Ewing who knows me pretty well. If you wanted a voice from your own country the Principal

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of the University of New Brunswick could  
tell you something about me, because his  
daughter was at Mason Hall all last  
year.

I have been thinking that by this time  
you may have stronger candidates in the  
field. If you have I should be so  
grateful if you would tell me frankly,  
for then I should not need to weigh  
the pros & cons any more, nor trouble  
people to write me testimonials.

I am so sorry not to give you a  
direct answer at once, but I know you  
will understand that for me it is a  
big step. At 40 one's roots have gone  
pretty deep & one doesn't transplant very  
easily.

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MASSON HALL

GEORGE SQUARE

EDINBURGH

I have not yet found anyone else to suggest to you, but in the next two or three days I shall be meeting one or two people who may be able to help.

With kind regards & apologies for giving you all this trouble,  
I am,

Yours sincerely,  
Marjorie Rackstraw.



MARJORIE RACKSTRAW. THE UNIVERSITY. EDINBURGH.

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Date Of Birth. 24th June 1888.

EDUCATION.

The Grove School, Highgate, London.

France 1908-9

University of Birmingham, 1909-12  
Graduated B.A., 1912.

Bryn Mawr College. U.S.A. 1912-13.  
British Graduate Scholar.

(Department of History & Politics.)

EXPERIENCE.

Bursar, University House, Birmingham. 1913-15

Voluntary Relief Worker in France (Marne and  
Meuse Departments), with Society of Friends.  
1915-17.

Warden, Moray House Hostel, Edinburgh. 1917-21.

Famine Relief Worker in Russia (Volga District)  
with Society of Friends. 1921-23.

League of Nations Union, Head Quarters, London.  
1923-24.

Warden, Masson Hall, Edinburgh 1924-29

General Adviser of Women Students,  
University of Edinburgh 1927-29.

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MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES.

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1. Appointments Committee.
2. Athletics Committee.
3. Cowan House (new Mens' Hall), Furnishing Cttee.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

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Joint Organiser, Edinburgh Workers' Educational  
Association.

Vice President, Federation of University Women,  
Edinburgh Branch.

Vice President, Outlook Club. (Social and Three arts  
Club.)

COPY.

EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROVISION  
OF HOSTELS FOR WOMEN STUDENTS.  
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From.

Buchanan Hostel,  
East Suffolk Road,  
Edinburgh.

Miss E.T. McKnight, M.A.,  
Principal Warden,  
Edinburgh Hostels for Women Students.

April, 1921.

Miss Marjorie Rackstraw has acted as Warden of the Moray House Hostel, Edinburgh, since September, 1917, and I have learnt with great regret of her desire to seek other work at the end of the current session.

Moray House Hostel is one of four, managed by the Edinburgh Hostels Association, and accommodates students of the University and the Training College. Three of our Hostels are new buildings, erected for the purpose; Moray House Hostel is an old one, situated in what was once a good quarter but is now a poor part of the city, and all its arrangements and equipment are old-fashioned. To make community life not only possible but attractive, is, in these circumstances, a great achievement, and Miss Rackstraw has been so successful in doing it that I do not know how we shall adequately replace her.

Her conception of the office of Warden is in no sense narrow; she has dealt wisely with the problems of household management, but has not limited herself to them. She has sympathy with students, understands their point of view, and takes a real interest in their work. At the same time her energy, enthusiasm, and artistic capacity have constantly stimulated them in other directions. Her students have learnt from her what membership of a community may give, and how best its responsibilities and pleasures may be shared.

Miss Rackstraw has found time to undertake a certain amount of social work outside the Hostel; she worked regularly for two or three sessions at an Infant Health Centre, and this winter has taken a study circle for the Edinburgh Women Citizens' Association, on "International Problems". She has also taken part in the founding of a small club for the promotion of the study of literature and the arts.

In conclusion, I have to express my indebtedness to Miss Rackstraw for her support during the past four years. They have been to some extent experimental years, for the Hostel scheme had only been launched twelve months before her appointment. She brought insight and imagination to bear on our problems as they arose, and any success we may ultimately achieve will owe much to her help in establishing the new venture on the right lines.

(Signed) E.T. McKnight.  
Principal Warden.

COPY.

Failand House,  
Failand,  
Nr. Bristol.

April 14th. 1915.

MISS MARJORIE RACKSTRAW was first known to me when she came to Birmingham as a student in the autumn of 1909. She was with us at the Hostel for Women Students until 1912, and then having finished her course for the B.A. degree, went to do Post Graduate work at Bryn Mawr.

I had formed such a high opinion of Miss Rackstraw that when a vacancy occurred, the University Council, on my recommendation, appointed her as Bursar to the Hostel, and after her year in America she came back to us in that capacity. From that time until I gave up my position as Warden at Xmas 1914 we worked together as colleagues, so that I speak of her from a long, intimate and affectionate knowledge.

As Bursar Miss Rackstraw fulfilled the high hopes I had of her. She was a most loyal and helpful subordinate. She has always been on excellent terms with Staff, students and servants. I attribute her success in dealing with people largely to her possession of two almost contradictory merits. She likes responsibility but she is not "managing". This is due, I think, to her real and practical belief in liberty, which makes her slow to intervene, but where she holds intervention to be necessary she is fearless, decided, and tactful in accomplishing it. She has, in fact, an unusual amount of wisdom in dealing with people, and on the occasions when she has been left in sole charge of the Hostel she has shown herself completely competent to deal with any questions that arose, sometimes of a very difficult character.

Miss Rackstraw is quite alive to the need of looking after the health of students and servants; during the time we worked together I left this very largely in her hands, and she usually interviewed doctors and saw to the carrying out of their orders. While in America she worked for a time in a dispensary, and there gained a very useful knowledge of first aid.

I shall be very glad to answer any questions on Miss Rackstraw's behalf.

(signed) S. MARGERY FRY.

Formerly Warden of University House, Birmingham.  
Member of the Council of the University of  
Birmingham, and of Somerville College, Oxford.

Since the above was written Miss Rackstraw and I have worked together for many months as members of the same relief expedition to the invaded districts of France. She has not only been a most valuable and efficient worker, but has added largely to her experience both on the side of social work and on that of nursing and has thereby in my opinion, done much to ensure her future usefulness.

(Signed). S. Margery Fry.

Tel: 7478 Sloane.

24, Lower Sloane Street,  
S.W.1.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1928.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Thank you for  
your letter. I shall be delighted  
to see you if you will kindly  
suggest a time & place. I am  
free all tomorrow if you care  
to name an hour by telephone.

I have to go to Cambridge on  
College business from Thursday  
till Saturday, & again from  
28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Yours faithfully,  
Edith M. Chrysal.

TELEPHONE  
MOUNTVIEW 1695.

COPLEY DENE,  
CHOLMELEY PARK,  
HIGHGATE.

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Sir Arthur Curie,

Dear Sir,

I shall be very  
pleased to consult with  
you about the vacancy on  
the staff of your Homer's  
College. I shall be at  
this address until 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
If you would be so

kind as to ring me up to  
make an appointment I  
should be glad.

Yours very truly,

Marjorie Rackstraw.

NEWNHAM COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

29<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1929.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Thank you for

Your letter. I am glad you have decided to go to Egypt & I hope your stay there will re-establish your health entirely.

I have considered the question of going to Canada very carefully. I feel greatly honoured that you should have thought of me in connection with the wardenships of the Royal Victoria College. I have,

however, decided that I cannot  
see my way to leaving this  
country at present. I hope that  
you will find the right woman  
for the post which, I am sure,  
is a nice & interesting one  
with a good deal of scope.

With best wishes for your  
journey & your health.

Yours sincerely,  
Edith M. Chrystal.





*Dear Sir Arthur*

*I thought you would prefer to answer this from where you are now.*

*C.F.M.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

28th September 1928.

Dear Sir,

You will remember that a short time ago you mentioned to the Duchess of Atholl the problem of finding a suitable person for an appointment as Lady Warden at the Victoria College. The Duchess has been making a few inquiries from our Inspectors but most of the Inspectors have asked for further information about the nature of the post. The questions which are asked are - Is it purely a hostel post without any academic duties attached? What will the salary be?

Without information on these points our Inspectors find it very difficult to offer any suggestions. I should be glad, therefore, if you would be so kind as to let me have as full particulars as you can on these points.

Yours faithfully,

*P. Wilson*

Private Secretary.

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

LADY MARGARET HALL

OXFORD

Telephone 2214

15th December, 1928.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I have been trying very hard since we met to think of other possible people for the post of which you spoke to me. I greatly regret that at present my mind is rather barren on the subject. I hope Miss Mercier will be able to help you better. The only other name that occurs to me in connection with L.M.H. is that of Miss O.C. Lodge (26, Jenner House, Hunter Street, W.C. 1). She did Science when here and took only a third; but she has done a good deal of vigorous research work since, and is an exceedingly competent and very nice person. She is very much interested in University work, and I think she has a spice of adventure in her.

- With regard to those I have already mentioned,
1. Miss E.M. Chrystal (Newnham College, Cambridge, or, c/o Sir George Chrystal, 24, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1.) has a very distinguished personality and considerable experience in dealing with people, having done welfare work in factories during the war and having been a tutor at Newnham for several years. Everybody likes her. She is distinguished looking and capable of holding her own in any position and any circumstances. She took Economics at Newnham and got a second in the first part of the Tripos and a third in the second part; but her ability was above her class. I do not know whether she would be prepared to go so far afield, or whether she is strong enough. She has suffered from ill-health in the past; but I am told that she is quite strong now. Her age must be about 37.

LADY MARGARET HALL

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OXFORD

Telephone 2214

2. Miss Angely Lawrence is about the same age, and has had solely administrative experience, having worked for the British Medical Association for some years. She took a first in the Historical Tripos at Cambridge, and is a woman of force and distinction. She has held her own among a large body of Doctors, and has, I understand, won a great degree of esteem from them. She went to India at the end of October and I am not sure when she will return; but a letter addressed c/o the British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1., would be forwarded to her home address and you could by that means get knowledge of her movements and whereabouts.
3. Miss G.M. Skipworth, French Tutor and at the moment acting Vice Principal of this Hall, is older, being over 40. She obtained first class Honours in French here and has been a Tutor at the Hall for a considerable number of years. I do not know that it is worth while for you to consider her. I asked her to day whether she would at all care to think of the post, but she was afraid that it would so much mean giving up her subject that it seemed hardly worth while to press the matter. I will let you know if on thinking the matter over she would like to know more of the work. She has great vigour and vitality and in many ways would be admirable; but I think she probably ought to go on with French. If you should be by any chance coming up to see Mrs. Wrong, I understand that Miss Skipworth will be in the neighbourhood for a few days longer.

The more I think of it the more it seems to me that if you can secure her Mrs. Wrong would probably meet your wishes as well as anybody. But I am speaking entirely from what I have heard of her,

as I do not remember that I have ever met her.

Yours sincerely,

*Lynda Price.*

72. S<sup>c</sup> Giles' S<sup>c</sup>

Northampton.

15. 11. '28.

Dear Mr Arthur Currie,

After our conversation last Sunday, and in view of the fact that you were not at the file during my Principalship at Trafalgar, I feel that I ought to let you know a little more of my experience before and after that time.

I am, as you know, an M. A. of Cambridge - on leaving Newnham College I became Head of a department

of Haverhill College, Toronto. From  
there I returned to England in  
1910 and became first head-  
-mistress of the girls' grammar  
School at Roshell Drayton. When  
that school was full and established  
in 1913 I returned to Canada  
as head of Trafalgar &  
resigned that position on  
my marriage in 1916, my  
husband being a member of  
an est. established legal  
firm in Skropshire.

During my married life I did  
a good deal of voluntary  
work in connection with

Education, being elected as a  
member of the County Education  
Comm<sup>ee</sup> & serving on many of  
the sub committees. I also  
acted as an Examiner for  
the Cambridge Local Exam<sup>ns</sup>  
Syndicate & for the Northern  
University's Matriculation  
Board.

On my husband's death in  
1924, I went on a visit to  
Canada, and was then intro-  
duced by Miss Hurlbatt to  
you.

On my return to England  
in 1926, after a period of

travel on the Continent, I became  
one of His Majesty's Inspectors  
of Schools for the Government  
and am still serving in  
that capacity.

Until a few weeks ago I  
was working in London &  
have gained a wide

view of national Educational  
Writings, having on occasions  
addressed meetings of  
London Head Teachers.

Canada has always made  
a great appeal to me &  
I am really fond of the country.



When I remarked to you last Sunday that I had "nothing to look forward to", I meant that one's satisfaction & happiness must lie in the service of a cause that appeals to one's imagination & one's heart - not in something merely personal.

I quite realize the opportunity of a position such as that which Dr. Herkstatt is now filling. I miss the young people & the freshness & warm-heartedness of my Canada make a special

Appeal.

I am enclosing letters which  
Dr Barclay wrote when  
left Trafalgar. No doubt  
he was actuated by a kindly  
feeling towards our entering  
on married life; but letters  
did not then seem much  
probable of my again  
needing anything in the  
nature of a "Testimonial".

Please forgive my writing  
at such length; but I  
feel that some such

account of myself is due  
to you.

Mr Mackey was very  
sorry to miss you when  
you went to Cambridge  
& perhaps will let her  
know if you contemplate  
another visit to Newham.

I most sincerely hope  
that the report from  
Lord Dawson was all  
that you and your  
family could wish &

that you are not finding this  
damp weather too trying.

Yours sincerely

C. G. Casside.

I shall be obliged if you will  
slip Dr. Barclay's letters  
into the enclosed envelope.

Candidates for Wardenship

24 Lennox Ave

Montreal West Que

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1929

Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill University,

Dear Sir:-

I have been advised  
that the position of warden  
for the Royal Victoria College  
is to be vacant in the autumn  
and beg to make application  
for the situation. I have had  
a good deal of experience  
in institutional work.

Information regarding  
qualifications required and  
duties involved would be  
greatly appreciated, by

Faithfully Yours  
Mary Walker

(Mrs) M. M. Walker

24 Fenwick Ave.

Monkton, West Gee.

July 24th, 1929.

Mrs. M. K. Walker,  
24 Fenwick Avenue,  
Montreal West, Que.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your letter of  
July 10th, I have to say that the position of  
Warden of the Royal Victoria College has been  
filled for next year.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 8th, 1928.

P. Wilson, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Duchess of Athol,  
Board of Education,  
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your kind letter of the 28th of September regarding a Lady Warden for the Royal Victoria College, I have forwarded your note to Sir Arthur Currie, who is at present in France and would, I think, prefer to answer Her Grace direct.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Principal.



C O P Y.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

28th September 1928.

Dear Sir,

You will remember that a short time ago you mentioned to the Duchess of Atholl the problem of finding a suitable person for an appointment as Lady Warden at the Victoria College. The Duchess has been making a few inquiries from our Inspectors but most of the Inspectors have asked for further information about the nature of the post. The questions which are asked are - Is it purely a hostel post without any academic duties attached? What will the salary be?

Without information on these points our Inspectors find it very difficult to offer any suggestions. I should be glad, therefore, if you would be so kind as to let me have as full particulars as you can on these points.

Yours faithfully,

P. Wilson

Private Secretary.

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

" S.S. Karmala "

9th March 1931.

My Dear Mrs Vaughan,

Naturally I have often thought of you and the College and have hoped that everything has gone well, that your health has been good throughout the winter and that you have not worked too hard. I know the choosing of the furniture for the Extension will throw an extra and troublesome burden upon you but how glad we all shall be when that extra accommodation is available.

I should be home by the 25th April as I am sailing on the Empress of Japan which leaves Hong Kong on April the 1st. I should arrive there next Thursday, March 12th and so I shall have about three weeks to see something of China. Mr. Beatty, our Chahcellor, was very anxious that I should take this time in China in order to appreciate at first hand the conditions as they are there. What emerges in the next few years from the chaotic condisitons now existing in China none can tell. For 35 years there has been revolution and the end is by no means in sight. So disturbed have conditions become that many formerly peaceful farmers have turned to banditry, forced to fight in the army of some selfish War Lord for little or no pay, seeing the countryside overrun and devastated and no apparent end to it all they have conceived the outlook as hopeless and joined the roving, thieving, criminal bands. But there is one thing we can appreciate and that is, when China does become stabilized, when their ideas more nearly approximate those of the Japanese, as they will in time, then China must become a great force in world affairs. Its population is over 400 million, or nearly a quarters of the total population of the world; it may of course be that China is too unwieldly to unite as one nation, that it may divide into a Northern and Southern China, but yet, China has always been one country and is just as likely to remain a national unity as India, with all its races, creeds, castes and religion. No one can afford to take the Far East indifferently and that is why, when I have such an excellent opportunity, I propose to take an axtra fortnight to learn what I can.

I have much to tell you when I come home and something to show you if the moving pictures turn out well. We have had a truly wonderful trip and our six weeks in India constitutes an experience that we shall never forget. Nothing could exceed the kindness, the attention and the consideration we received. We landed in Bombay on January the 16th and for three days were the  
guests

guests at Government House where Sir Frederick and Lady Sykes reside. I knew him during the war but her I had not met before though I knew her father, very well, the late Bonar Law.

We then went to New Delhi where we were the guests of General and Lady Chetwode for four days. He is the Commander in Chief of our Army in India and I knew him during the war.

Then we spent fifteen days visiting Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur. We were the guests of the Government of India in all our travels, having our own private car on the railway with caterer and staff attached and three servants and a chaprassi for our party of four - Lady Currie and myself, my staff officer and my secretary. At Jaipur and Jodhpur we were the guests of the Maharajas of these States and at Udaipur of the Maharaj.

Then we went back to New Delhi for Inauguration week, and a wonderful week it was. We stayed with the Viceroy who lives in what is ~~called~~ claimed to be the most wonderful house in the world. I could well believe this because it combines the State and Guest Apartments, magnificent in proportion and exquisitely furnished. I am told there are one thousand servants employed. During the week there was a large house party of interesting people added to by many others invited to luncheons and dinners. There were State banquets, garden parties, Peoples' Fetes, Investiture, polomachekes, aeroplane displays and the War Memorial Arch ceremony also the unveiling of the Dominion Columns. India is the home of magnificent ceremony and all functions were carried out with great precision, dignity and impressiveness.

I conceived a great respect and great regard for Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Irwin. Nothing could exceed their graciousness to every one and they were particularly kind to us.

From New Delhi we went to the Holy city of Benares and to us the most foul, filthy and obscene place. We werethere at the time of the riots, a communal war between the Hindus and the Mohammedans. The likelihood of communal strife is one of the perplexities of the Indian situation. The 200 million Hindus and the 70 million Muslems dislike and distrust each other intensely. My old servant hit off the situation very correctly when he said "Self government India - two months - war" To my mind India is by no means yet ready for national government; I am greatly afraid that there is a tendency at home to hurry matters too much.

From Benares we visited Calcutta and Madras, staying at Government Houses, and so on to Ceylon where we had an unexpected visit of five days owing to the fact that our ship, the "Hakozaki Maru" without warning sailed a day ahead of her schedule. I raised such a row that the Company paid our hotel bill and, as the Governor gave us the use of a car, we were able to see much of what is, after all, a very beautiful Island.

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I cannot tell you how glad I shall be to get home and see you all again.

My wife joins me in sending very kindest wishes,  
I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Mrs. Walter Vaughan,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University,  
Montreal P.Q.  
Canada.

Mrs Baughin's appointment

475, Côte des Neiges Road.

July 9, 1928.

My dear Dr Martin,

I wish to unburden my mind to you in your double capacity - as physician and as acting principal of the University and as I am probably leaving the city before you return to it, I fear I shall be obliged to trouble you with a longish letter.

I have been seeing our unfortunate friend Miss Humboldt two or three times lately, and, knowing her and the situation of the College as I do, I cannot escape certain reflections which will not leave me in peace. When I first saw Miss Humboldt two or three weeks ago, she spoke as if she were confident of being able to resume her work at the College in the autumn.

More recently I have seen this confidence  
wane. Of course on my side I had no expectation  
of seeing so speedy a recovery, but I thought  
it better to avoid all discussion. It is not my  
place to go into debatable matters with her  
at all, but before very long I think that her  
medical advisers will find that the college  
situation is on her mind and perhaps  
that brooding ~~on~~ it is retarding her  
recovery. It seems to me essential that  
there should be something ready to offer  
her <sup>better</sup> than a mere counsel of "don't worry".

It is here that I begin to address you  
as Vice principal - Mr Vice-Principal.  
For all I know Sir Arthur Currie may  
be at this moment interviewing possible  
Vice-wardens for the Royal Victoria College  
in England; or he and you and the  
governors may have chosen some one.  
If that is the case I have nothing more

to say, except that I rejoice. But in case, as I fear, no such step has been taken, I wish you or Dr Hamilton or whoever is concerned to be able to say that failing a more suitable person, I am ready to go into residence at the College in September and to carry on as Miss Humboldt's deputy until some better arrangement can be made, always supposing that such a temporary appointment is satisfactory to the Principal and Governors.

I should perhaps explain that when Miss Humboldt was given sick leave and went abroad two or three years ago, Sir Arthur Currie asked me to act in her place, offering me a generous salary. I had no courage or will for the job then, and refused it. A year and a half ago I was so concerned about

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Miss Hulbatt's health and the inadequacy  
of the assistance given her at the College  
that I went to one of the governors  
and implored him to take some steps  
about finding an adequate vice warden  
who would be in training to take up  
the warden's position later. His only  
suggestion was that I should resume  
my former position with a view to  
inheriting a heavier job later. I must  
admit that I felt like swearing at  
the excellent gentleman who was thus  
wary to shelve the difficulty and do nothing.  
I told him to take a look at my grey  
hairs and broken down nerves and  
then to go out and find a young,  
strong and well trained woman. A  
week or two later I was myself in bed.



- in the hospital where I nearly died, and I
- felt firmly that it was a good thing that I carried only personal responsibilities.

Now, I feel precisely as before about this job. I don't want it; and I don't think that Sir Arthur would be likely to appeal to me again, but I think that an emergency has arisen, and if I can be of use to the University and to my poor friend Miss Hulbalt I am ready to do what I can. I may add that my health is at present very good, and that I have no objection to receiving a reasonable salary—always on the understanding that the appointment is temporary and that the really suitable person is being sought for.

Would you mind having some consultation about this when you return to town, and

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letting me know your decision. I am much  
cumbered with family business at the moment  
and am probably going down to Boston  
within a day or two, but letters sent here  
will follow me. If I am to take on the  
R. V. C. responsibilities in September, I  
shall have to modify summer plans  
and get a bit of a holiday some  
time.

Meanwhile I am so sorry for Miss Mullock  
that I feel ready to undertake anything.

Forgive a very lengthy long hand  
letter.

Sincerely yours

Susan E. Vaughan.

July  
Eleventh  
1928.

Mrs. Walter Vaughan,  
475 Cote des Neiges Road,  
Montreal.

Dear Mrs. Vaughan:

Very many thanks for your good  
letter which I have read carefully.

I might say for your information  
that Sir Arthur is quite cognizant of the fact that Miss  
Harlbatt will not be able to undertake her duties next  
Fall and I may say, confidentially, that he is on the  
lookout for someone now. Whether or not he will be  
successful I do not know - in any case, I have written  
him telling him of your very kind offer which I know will  
be a comfort to him in any case.

With many thanks for your interest  
and with all kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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4th August, 1928.

Miss Woodland,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Sherbrooke Street West,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Miss Woodland,

At the request of the Governors and  
Principal of the University, Mrs. Walter Vaughan  
has kindly consented to assume the duties of  
Warden of the Royal Victoria College temporarily,  
and will take on her duties immediately.

This is merely to notify you of the  
appointment and to ask you to do everything in your  
power to assist Mrs. Vaughan in carrying out these  
duties, which she has so kindly consented to under-  
take.

Very truly yours,



Acting Principal.

4th August, 1928.

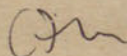
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To

Mrs. Walter Vaughan

Sept 1st

1928

c/o H. E. Cunliffe

York Village Maine

Letter from Sir Arthur accepting your  
kind offer. Could I see you Tuesday  
morning?

C. F. Martin

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To

*Sir Arthur Currie**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>*192 *8**Ville Ant. R.**Hendaye Plage France.**Delighted good news improved health.**Strongly recommend remaining end October**Arranging Vaughan. All were at**University. Have wired Beatty.**Martin**Charge University*

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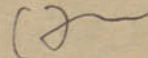
4th September, 1928.

A. P. S. Glasco, Esq.,  
Secretary and Bursar,  
McGill University,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Mr. Glasco,

Mrs. Walter Vaughan will temporarily  
take over the duties of Warden at the Royal Victoria  
College from this date, with the approval of the  
Chancellor and Principal of the University.

Very truly yours,



Acting Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

November 1<sup>st</sup> 1928

Dear Dr. Martin,

Excuse me for troubling you about a personal matter, but I think perhaps you would wish to have me put it before you. It is this - that I have now been working for the university somewhat intensively for a couple of months, and have not yet had word or sign from the office concerning the remuneration one would suppose to be due. It may be that the Finance Committee has the idea that I am doing this job for love. It ought to be disabused!

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I do not consider that a good principle. In any case I think I ought to know when I stand. It seems unbusiness like to go on week after week quite in the dark as to the terms on which one is working. I may add that the job has now laid hold upon me, and that, if my health holds, I should not mind holding it through the session with the proper salary attached. Meanwhile it is a bit expensive. I am living here, keeping up my own apartment, and spending money freely in both places.

Pardon a mercenary appeal. I am really not greedy, but I like to know what I have.  
Sincerely yours  
Susan E. Vaughan.

RVC.

24th November, 1928.

A. P. S. Glassco, Esq.,  
Secretary and Bursar,  
McGill University,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Mr. Glassco,

I have had an interview with Mrs. Walter Vaughan with respect to her stipend for the year for replacing Miss Hurlbatt, and she is quite agreed that \$3,000.00 a year from September 1st, 1928, would be satisfactory.

Would you be good enough to send her cheques in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

December 14, 1929

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I wonder if I may ask you a small personal favour. A niece of mine, Anna McKeen, a graduate of McGill, who holds a position in Boston, has a project for establishing a Summer Camp for children in New Brunswick. In preparing the necessary advertising folder she is told by her agents that it is desirable to have a list of influential names, Canadian as well as American, as references. She assures me that the persons permitting their names to appear are seldom or never questioned, and commit themselves only to a guarantee of the respectability of the camp proprietor. It has been suggested also that her own University would be expected to contribute to the required assurance, *so I have told her that I would ask you whether it would be possible to use your name.* This young woman is, of course, unknown to you as she graduated in 1908. She is, therefore, at a disadvantage, since most of those who knew her here are here no longer. I think, however, that I can give you all the assurance necessary of the required respectability.

Miss McKeen is the daughter of a surgeon, at one time very well known in Eastern Canada, and a niece of the late Senator McKeen who at the time of his death was Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia. Left an orphan soon after her graduation, she had first to assist in the upbringing of her younger sisters and brother and then to make a career for herself. She has been for some years now in full charge of the Graduate House of Simmons College, Boston. One of her sisters was a nurse with the McGill Hospital during the War, two others worked as V.A.D.s, and one of them was in the Secretariat of the British Embassy at Washington under Sir Auckland Geddes. Her only brother is a McGill doctor, lately appointed to the Assistant Professorship of Pathology and Bacteriology at Dalhousie.

I trouble you with these details simply to

Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill.

Dec.14,1929

assure you that this young woman is not likely to bring any discredit upon McGill in her effort to make some use of a picturesque bit of land,unsuitable for farming,on the banks of the St.John River.

With apologies for troubling you on a personal matter,

Sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*



Kind permission has been given to use the following names as references:

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

Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, St. John, N. B.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier of New Brunswick, St. John, N. B.

Mrs. Walter Vaughan, Warden, Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

Dr. W. L. Grant, Principal, Upper Canada College, Toronto.

Miss Jane Louise Mesick, Dean, Simmons College, Boston.

Dr. Channing Frothingham, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.

F. J. Fessenden, Esq., Headmaster, Fessenden School, West Newton, Massachusetts.

Charles Wiggins, Esq., Headmaster, Noble & Greenough School, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Robert F. Jackson, Esq., Resident Headmaster, Greenvale School, Roslyn, L. I.

Mrs. Henry Chapin, Louder's Lane, Boston.

Mrs. John Wells Farley, South St., Needham, Massachusetts.

Joseph Revere, Esq., Canton, Massachusetts.

The group will be kept small in order to make it possible to avoid routine, except in matters such as bedtime, rests and meals where regularity is of real importance. Thus we hope to be able to give scope to each child's natural aptitudes and inclinations. Various pets, including a pony, and a garden and simple handicrafts, should provide a hobby for everyone.

Miss Joan Armitage, who comes on special leave from the staff of the Froebel Demonstration School, London, will be in direct charge of the children. Miss Armitage has done much good work with Girl Guides and Brownies in Canada as well as in England and has the knack of winning confidence and affection.

There will be a counsellor to every three children.

All counsellors are strong swimmers and accustomed to boats and canoes. Under suitable conditions, children will be taught to use our very safe type of row-boat, but before entering a canoe a swimming test must be passed.

The children bathe from an excellent sloping sand beach and the water, though tidal, is modified by the river to a comfortable temperature.

There will be careful instruction in swimming and elementary diving. Self-confidence and love of the water will be considered before all other things.

A specialist in diseases of children is within reach in St. John, and also hospital facilities.

16th December, 1929.

Miss Susan E. Vaughan,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Vaughan,

I have your letter of  
the 14th with reference to a project of  
Miss McKeen's to establish a summer camp  
for children in New Brunswick.

Please tell her that  
I shall gladly allow my name to be used as  
a recommendation for the camp and as a  
guarantee to parents and others that the  
Director is well qualified for such position.  
Your assurance of her qualifications is enough  
for me.

Ever yours faithfully,

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

March 21, 1930

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

You may recall that some time ago you gave permission to my niece, Miss MacKeen, to use your name as a reference. Some of her Camp circulars have just arrived, and I thought it might interest you to see one of them. I enclose it with renewed thanks for your kind permission.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Acting Warden

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MONTREAL

December 17, 1929

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I thank you very sincerely for your prompt and kind response to my note asking for the use of your name for the prospectus of my niece's Summer Camp. I am forwarding your letter to her at once, and I know that she would wish to add her thanks to mine.

Very sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Acting Warden



Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

October 22. 1930.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The business of the moment so monopolized the short time at our disposal this morning that I found no chance to congratulate you on the latest honour, that of representing Canada at the Delhi Ceremonial.

Be sure that, in common  
with the whole of McGill,  
the Women's College, and  
I as its representative,  
feel very proud.

Hoping that the experience  
may be an interesting one,  
as it must surely be one  
that draws attention  
to McGill and its principal.

I am very sincerely yours,  
Susan E. Vaughan

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

February 25, 1930

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

You may remember that when I saw you the other day, I spoke of going to the Conference of Deans of Women to be held at Atlantic City from February 19th to 22nd. I thought it might interest you to hear that I have just returned from this Conference, having remained over yesterday in New York in order to see something of the dormitories at Barnard College.

I feel that the time and money have been well spent, both in going to the Conference and in my visit to Barnard. Among the five hundred odd delegates at the Conference, Mrs. Kirkwood, of University College, Toronto, and I were the only Canadian representatives. We were treated with great courtesy, being even rather specially singled out as guests coming from a distance.

I attended all sessions, and though I heard a good deal that was not new, I was able to pick up some valuable hints about dormitory life and other matters, and I heard a particularly interesting interim report made by the Carnegie Foundation on students attending colleges in the State of Pennsylvania. This survey, which is to be extended over seven years of time, has as its main object an attempt to cut off the waste occasioned by the failure, or withdrawal for different reasons, of students at the end of only one year of College. This being a subject which is of very real interest to us here, I was very glad of the opportunity of hearing this report, which was made by a very brilliant young woman graduate employed by the Carnegie Foundation.



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McGill.

Feb. 25, 1930

I had also some discussion on the subject of  
Sororities, which I think may be quite helpful.

Perhaps I need not go into further details,  
but I thought I should like to assure you that this little  
journey has been worth while, and I am quite sure that the  
College has been well looked after in my absence.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Acting Warden

*Miss Hurlbatt's illness*

7th February, 1929.

A. P. S. Glassco, Esq.,  
Secretary and Bursar,  
McGill University,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Mr. Glassco,

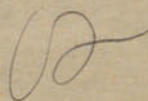
re Miss Hurlbatt.

I have just learned from Miss Hurlbatt's friends that the cost for the year (it ends next month) for her maintenance in the Hospital - apart from Surgeon's fees - is well over \$6,000.00. These friends have paid this, so that the University has been relieved of any charge in that respect.

It is also not to be expected that these friends will wish to continue this indefinitely, and it seems to me that the Governors should be informed as to the state of affairs and some decision arrived at as to how this matter should be dealt with finally.

Will you therefore, be good enough to put this down on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Principal.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

SECRETARY AND BURSAR'S OFFICE

April 8th, 1929.

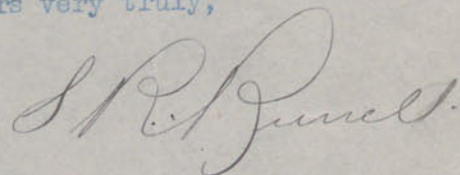
Dr.C.F. Martin,  
Dean, Faculty of Medicine,  
Medical Building.

Dear Dr.Martin:-

I have your favour of the  
4th inst., enclosing a cheque from Miss Jessie Dow  
for \$300.00 to be applied toward the payment of Miss  
Hurlbatt's hospital expenses.

I note that you have acknowledged  
it direct.

Yours very truly,



Asst. Bursar.


SRB/L

4th April, 1929.

Dear Mr. Burrell,

The enclosed cheque for  
\$300.00, made out to me and endorsed, is  
intended as an aid towards the payment of  
Miss Hurlbatt's expenses in hospital.  
Would you kindly <sup>apply</sup> it for that purpose.

Very truly yours,



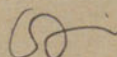
S. R. Burrell, Esq.,  
Assistant Bursar,  
McGill University.

18th April, 1929.

Dear Mr. Burrell,

I am enclosing herewith cheque for \$100.00 from Miss MacFarlane, to be placed towards the fund which takes care of Miss Harlbatt's hospital expenses. I have already acknowledged it personally, but would you kindly send an official acknowledgment as well.

Yours sincerely,



S. R. Burrell, Esq.,  
Assistant Bursar,  
McGill University.



3 April

Dear D. Martin

I have much pleasure in sending the enclosed cheque towards the financial affairs of Mrs Hurlbatt.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours  
Jessie Dow

4th April, 1929.

Miss Jessie Dow,  
Ritz-Carlton Hotel,  
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Miss Dow,

How extremely kind of you to send me your cheque for \$300.00 on behalf of Miss Hurlbatt's maintenance in hospital! It certainly is a great help because she has been worrying a good deal about her finances, and while we are doing all we can to help her, she still has to carry quite a bit of a burden.

With very many thanks on behalf of the University and myself, believe me

Very cordially yours,



EXPRESS

3480 ONTARIO AVENUE  
MONTREAL.

Dear Dr. Hartie -

I am going to send  
you on the first of each  
month one lumber a  
dollar, for the next five  
months - March - July -  
inclusive - just to oil the  
wheel in the new adjustment  
of Miss Hartie's conditions -  
When the summer comes, we  
will see how things are -

Affectingly Yours,  
Isabella C. M. Luman.

Sunday - February - 24<sup>th</sup> (over)



Monday morning -

It is such a disappointment  
not to see Peggy - but I get  
home every time I look & now  
the raven is "croaking" never  
more" will I have a word  
fill words from Peggy from  
A.C. -

27th February, 1929.

A. P. S. Glassco, Esq.,  
Secretary and Bursar,  
McGill University,  
M o n t r e a l.

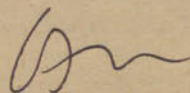
Dear Mr. Glassco,

I have a note from Miss Isabelle C. McLennan, Ontario Avenue, in which she tells me she will send to me on the first of each month a cheque for \$100.00 for the next five months - from March to July inclusive - on behalf of Miss Hurlbatt's account for hospital expenses.

I am enclosing the first of these cheques, which has been made out to me, and have endorsed it to the University.

Would you please put this item on the Agenda for the Governors' Meeting on Monday next?

Yours sincerely



3480 ONTARIO AVENUE  
MONTREAL, CANADA

Feb. 25th, 1929.

Dear Doctor Martin,

Miss McLennan asks me, before she goes away, to send you the enclosed cheque for One hundred dollars towards Miss Hurlbatt's account.

Yours truly,

*A. Petrix.*

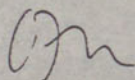
27th February, 1929.

Dear Miss Betrix,

I beg to acknowledge your note and the enclosed cheque for \$100.00 from Miss McLennan towards Miss Hurlbatt's account. I am endorsing this over to McGill University.

I am also writing direct to Miss McLennan, to acknowledge the cheque and to thank her.

Faithfully yours,



Miss A. Betrix,  
C/o Miss I. C. McLennan,  
3480, Ontario Avenue,  
M o n t r e a l.

June 27, 1929

My dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I find it difficult to express adequately the regret which we feel at your departure from the University.

As Warden of the Royal Victoria College you have had no easy task. It is always difficult to reconcile necessary discipline with sufficient freedom, and few have done so as well as you have. My own experience tells me that officials are seldom successful in winning both the respect and affection of those in their charge. Those who do succeed are to be envied, and you have been of their number.

Under your care the Royal Victoria College has made a real advance; it has become the recognised centre for all women students at McGill, it has developed a corporate spirit, and it has contributed in no small measure to the cause of education.

It is a pleasure to be able to voice at the same time the admiration, the friendship and the regard of your colleagues, and to offer you our sincere congratulations on the completion of a duty well done.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
McGill University.

Principal

Ron Memorial  
RWH



2.7. 1929

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

Dear Sir Arthur,

I ought to have written to welcome  
you & Laif Currie back to Montreal -  
writing was very difficult so must ask  
you to forgive my silence.

Now I have to thank you for your  
very kind letter of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

I have been singularly happy in  
rejoicing the sympathy & confidence of  
yourself & of Sir William Peterson  
during so many years. It has been  
a life rich in experience & interest;

- the Collg, Keefill, Montreal, Canada:  
a feast for which gratitudo knows  
no bounds.

The kind appreciation & goodwill of  
yourself & of my Colleagues, expressed  
in your letter were reward enough  
for any contribution I may have been  
able to make, & I know that is my small.

It is a lasting pride & satisfaction  
to have had any part in such  
a life & to leave it with such

Evidence of friendship -

Believe me, dear Sir Arthur,  
with renewed thanks & with  
so many good wishes for yourself  
your family & mine in all its  
many parts.

Yours very sincerely  
Ethel Hurstbatt



Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

May 27, 1930

Mr. Vice Chancellor, I have the honour to present to you that she may receive the degree of doctor of Laws, Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, well and happily known to this Convocation as Warden of the Royal Victoria College.

Born in England, educated at the University of Oxford, Miss Hurlbatt came to this country in 1907 with a distinguished reputation as student of History and administrator of women's colleges in the Universities of Wales and of London. In Montreal this reputation was quickly enhanced. During the War Miss Hurlbatt's public spirit was recognized by the Governments of France and of Serbia, whose decorations she wears. In her professional policy two aims have always been clear, that of revealing and sustaining the important place of the Women's College in the University and ~~the~~ community, and that of maintaining cordial human relations with her students. It is, therefore, in special recognition of the wise and beneficent government of the Royal Victoria College throughout a period of twenty-one years, that I ask you, Sir, to confer upon Miss Hurlbatt the degree of doctor of Law, Honoris Causa.

15. 12. 1929



HOTEL INVERURIE  
and COTTAGES  
MANAGEMENT, STANLEY S. HOWE  
PAGET-WEST, BERMUDA

Dear Sir Arthur,

I should feel it unkind on my part not to send you something more than a word on a card. I take the Gazette & the Lolly-suds handpicks of Daikies - & news of letters. I have followed your trials with great sympathy & hope things may be kinder on the papers on (the Session I should say)

It is good to know there have been some bright spots - high lights - the visit of the Port of Premier, the great Art Ball season for the Girl Institute, but perhaps that may be for the best if it is throwing emphasis upon vigorous athletics instead of on the few.

Bermuda is a place of call - happy!

Miss McClellan & her brother looked me up for one day. I had a note from Lady Wilbydon - they were delighted with their glimpse of Bonunda - & hope to be here again in January. I think they were tired & in need of a whiskey - & I see she has not been able to land at one or two subsequent places of call.

I know a few residents here & have met a few nice American girls. Bonunda depends upon its USA tourist business. Canadians may come more with their delightful little lady boats - but never in such numbers as from USA. Whenever they arrive there is a whole lot of you at a time! So there is a strange spectacle of a British County - growing in activity & prosperity for the sake of this traffic - & by it. Big Companies are being formed - buying up large tracts of the little land there is - building good golf links & hotels - there is not



HOTEL INVERURIE  
and COTTAGES  
MANAGEMENT, STANLEY S. HOWE  
PAGET-WEST, BERMUDA

Much native labour & Portuguese are brought  
in from the Azores - Seventy arrived lately  
& now 100 are coming - for building Hotels &  
roads. Then they remain & take to small  
vegetable farming. If there is the more  
Export - like, onions, tomatoes, Banana -  
then there would be more labour - we have  
in the Hotels an imported food stuff

The steward of this Hotel told me the other day,  
the things that they bring in from Canada &  
then from U.S.A. Some American private households  
bring in everything from New York - even to the milk!  
I chose this little Hotel because it is next-door to

a Long Wharf: & for the past six weeks I have been able  
to make use of the little boat - by getting an airing &  
often into Hamilton for books & bank etc.

The Coloured people are said to be of a much better  
type than those of the West Indies - or the  
U.S.A. They certainly have a dignity as well as a  
proud which sometimes puts other people quite  
into the shade. My particular waiter was  
African all through the year - a Gannet: - I think  
you might be thankful for him in any good  
Dinner Club! The Colonel of the R.E. here  
& Mr. Steph. my kind called on me & I find  
them my charming neighbours.

I have found a Water Colour painter who  
will begin to give me lessons this week!

It is dreadful to look so well, & to be feeling so  
much better - & not to be working!

Mr. Vaughan is so good in writing & I think  
she is really my happy - if busy. It is splendid for  
the College & McGill to have her again - she has such  
humoural gifts & graces.



Please give my love to La of Currie - & my remembrance  
to your son & daughter & your sister. I hope you may  
all be together in your Ontario home for  
Christmas, because that, I believe, is what  
you all would like best.

I often think of you & all the kind friends  
& the students; & of all the many problems  
before you to solve, as must absorb  
the time: & I watch for signs in *Jaylitz Dallas*,  
of new life in Philosophy, Education: -  
Music is evidently well awake.

Believe me, dear Sir Arthur  
Yours always sincerely  
Ethel Hurstbatt

Geneva.

26.2.1932

Dear Sir Arthur

At the risk of sending Coals to Newcastle I should to you some time ago a verbatim copy of the draft proposals made by Mr. Carden at the opening of the Conference. - & also the fullest report I could obtain of the speeches of the two students presenting the Students' Petition Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

I hoped to obtain verbatim reports of all the speeches made at the several sessions - but Laurence Touche promised to do his best in that matter. I fear however he has not been able to obtain the daily Journals - which I might have been sending all the time!

In case they may not have reached you I now send a copy of the proposals of the

German Delegation.

I often wish you could be here, not only for the Disarmament Conference but for the Council of the League, & also for the coming Assembly.

I can suppose how intensely you are preoccupied with the Chinese Japanese tragedy.

As far as I can judge it strengthens the case for some effective program in the Conference. The reluctance of nations to be drawn into the quarrel in the East - one can well understand. Without effective interference now the future influence there of Britain & the U.S.A. is involved -

There seems to be some popular discontent & belittling the League for its inaction - but here it certainly seems that the representations of all nations are being welcomed



included to do so, but are all too anxious  
 to have cooperation rather than  
 individual action in this crisis -  
 This is not to shelter ourselves from  
 individual responsibility - but to strengthen  
 a world authority - & reinforce the League.

I found myself with a few free weeks  
 & thought I could not do better than to  
 use them to obtain some first hand  
 impressions of the League & Conference.

His interesting; but it is quite impossible  
 to write of the many elements that  
 contribute to the "Scene" - Mr. Henderson's  
 ability and standing; the new Enforcement of  
 British Foreign Policy; the French proposals  
 & the caution wept in given to them; the  
 & their proposal of a Potential Committee  
 in addition to those recommended by the  
 Secretaries C.; the well known alignment of  
 the Little Entente with France; the efforts

Bringing a Hadolny not to fail in cooperation  
in the Conference - the efforts to keep the  
Soviet, in the Conference - avoid any excuse  
upon which they might withdraw.

The Canadians, <sup>resident</sup> in Geneva are few in  
number but carry weight - since McGill  
graduates here - just now I am told!

The Canadian Delegation seems to be  
watchful, & I should suspect the Soviets long  
for some work tools! I hope to stay for the Assembly.

The visit to England last July was a visit  
more of a pleasure, & it has been a great satis-  
faction to have a round of visits with all  
members of my family! But no exact  
place for me among them offers as yet -  
& it is likely that I shall happen in Montreal  
in May & return to England for the winter again  
as my visits seem useful there.

So I shall look forward to having good

5.

News of you & your family and of McGill  
& shall hope to have some talks again  
with you: world, British, Canadian politics, & McGill!

Please give my kindest greetings to  
Lady Currie & with my good wish  
Believe me, dear Sir Arthur

Yours very sincerely

Edw. Hurlbatt.

22.7.1931

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB  
3492 PEEL STREET  
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for letting me see the report  
which is returned now.

This a matter for Congratulation that the  
University has the services of so good a man.  
To proceed as he proposes will be to shield.  
Happily in such a case one effort and  
demonstration should "leave the whole  
camp" & other Departments the more  
satisfied & set in the new line  
of progress. The influence of one good mind

is far reaching - if given a chance  
to show its resources & powers, & win confidence.

The whole report bears the impress of  
a fine mind: things should quickly fall  
into place before such clear analysis,  
sound planning, & good sense in  
recognizing the help that lies within  
ready to effect the ends in view.

The whole situation & needs are very  
intelligible, & an interesting example - in  
little - of what must be the fall out for a

long time to come - getting everything onto  
a good basis. Indeed that must always  
be the basis both of the University -  
there is no resting upon laurels.

The University of Montreal is probably  
able to profit - in its new organisation  
by the very things that hamper us.

- the sounder basis of Secondary Education  
at the University in a position to take students  
at about our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr. stage (End of 2<sup>nd</sup> year);  
- then the recent contacts with the spirit  
Scientific ideal of France - (through M. Dolbe's

influence & direction); & one would suppose,  
above all, the command that the Church  
may give them of the Hospitals & other  
institutions - to create the properly coordin-  
-ated forces with which to build up the  
Scientific Structure, & the community affiliation  
that follows.

I am so glad the gift pleased you.  
I am thinking of sailing on Friday -  
but with the happy intention of  
returning & the hope of more interesting  
talks in May 1932. Yours sincerely  
Ethel Hurstbath

2.12.1930



Hotel Clarendon  
Quebec, Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

Read that you leave on Thursday for  
India.

This is just to send you the best of  
wishes for this well great opportunity.

No doubt everything will be so well  
"run" that you will accomplish the  
effort with a minimum of fatigue. I do  
hope so, & that it will be a very life giving  
& satisfying experience.

I shall look forward to seeing you



in the Summer. Just now I expect to  
be off to the South - Charleston S.C.  
until May or June.

I shall watch for news of you in  
the McMill Daily!

Yours always sincerely  
Wm. Hurlbutt

St<sup>e</sup> Famille  
Île d'Orléans  
P. Q.

24. 10. 1930

Dear Sir Arthur,

I must send you a word of congratulation  
on your new distinction. It was a relief  
on turning from the headlines to the article  
in the Gazette to find that you had not  
been appointed Vice Roy of India and taken  
inwardly from McGill!

Hope it may mean a very happy journey  
satisfying in every respect. It is good that

Mc Gill shares the honor; & that Despat is  
half your pleasure.

I have been intending to write to you & to  
ask whether if and when you are  
next expected there in Quebec for the

Protestant Committee meeting, you would  
feel inclined to let your secretary send  
me a word in advance.

I could, Despat, come over from the Island  
or I may even be moving into Quebec  
before long, although I have as yet no plan

Made to do so.

If your Quebec visit are not too  
wished I should so much like a chance  
of a brief meeting - just telling you  
'rather brief': even a few minutes only.

Now that the winter is over you are  
of something in India - it seems best  
to write now.

I should greatly like to meet Professor Clark  
who I suppose is now on the Committee.  
I read that he has lately made some

Study of Education in Rhodesia - & the interests  
we especially as my own little nephews &  
nieces - or rather by ones now - have  
their Education & probably their future  
in Rhodesia.

I have so often thought with satisfaction of  
the making of the 'Sloe' in Quebec & the hope  
it should offer of a more sympathetic  
attention to the Educational needs of the  
Minority. I hope it may relieve you of  
some anxieties - & that a good future is in  
view.

Yours always sincerely  
Ethel Hurstbath

*Hurd Hurlbatt*  
*after*  
*retirement*

November 3, 1930.

Dr. Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Ste Famille,  
Ile d'Orleans,  
P. Q.

Please forgive me for not acknowledging before this your kind letter of October 24th. In one way I am very happy to have the opportunity of going to India. The Chancellor, Mr. Beatty, is very keen that I should make this trip, believing that it is a compliment to McGill University, to Montreal and to myself. Of course, there are those who have doubts as to whether I should take so long a period out of the year for what they can only regard as a social affair. I shall not leave here much before the middle of December, so that, the Christmas vacation period and the mid-term examinations counted out, I shall miss about ten weeks of real university work. I think I shall be able to plan for useful work to be carried on in the meantime.

I shall try to attend the next meeting of the Protestant Committee in Quebec, in fact I must, if at all possible, because I believe one matter to be brought up reflects on the discipline at Macdonald College. There are one or two old gossipers on that Committee who take a real delight in pretending to believe that all sorts of indiscretions are committed at Macdonald.

Professor Clarke is now a member of the Committee, and I am sure he will be present at the next meeting. The more I see of him the more I realise what a valuable addition to the staff he is proving to be.

You will be glad to know that the other Clarke, the Dean of the Faculty of Music, demonstrates more and more every day that he is "a really live wire". Really, he has had great success in the organization of a symphony orchestra which gives concerts every Sunday afternoon at the Orpheum Theatre.

Lady Currie will come with me to India leaving Marjorie and Garner at home. I shall be awfully glad to get her away because we have had so much illness in the house that I sometimes think she is becoming quite nervous. Unfortunately it happens that Garner is laid up with rather a severe attack of tonsillitis at the present time.

I hope that it may be possible for me to see you in Quebec, and I also hope that you had a pleasant and most beneficial summer.

Ever yours faithfully,

From July 1-1533 Chez M<sup>me</sup> Barbe

CENTRAL HOTEL

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POUR LA VISITE  
DES CHATEAUX DE LA LOIRE

—X—  
TÉLÉPHONE 7-87

R. C. 17.286

1. 7. 1933

Dear Sir Arthur,

This Dominion Day I must put  
it's very early hours to use in writing to you;  
because this summer there will be no such  
thing as any talks with you.

I hope all goes well with you and Lady Currie  
& Marjory & Garner. I had some expectation  
that this summer might bring you to England in  
search of staff & soon. As I have not heard of this  
I hope there may be compensating interest &  
holidays at home. Certainly every part of the  
habitable globe seems to be a sufficiently interesting  
place to be in today — with such wide spread

Believe me dear Sir Arthur, with my kindest regards to Lady Currie & your family & with so many good wishes from sincerely  
Edith Harbott



& interlocking problems. It is a state of mind  
that makes or mars, & Canada should have  
hopes of surging into better things because  
of her steady head & courage! It can only be  
a few die hards who struggle for a return to  
old conditions. One gathers that with the  
younger business men in England & those already  
passing through business, & the experience there  
is a very clear view that the changes must be  
shaped to new ends not old ones in the matter  
of material progress. Sir Arthur Salter (Cambridge  
lectures (and McGill had one for him also!)  
& Sir Thomas Angell seem to have joined hands  
in the matter of a solution of the problem of  
individual enterprise & Government action -  
Control or direction.

I see you have made dear Dr. Ryan Chairman  
of his Department; & I hope that implies the  
introduction of new blood abt to build up  
the teaching power. He will be a most  
devoted helper to you.

Of course I read greedily all the news that comes.  
Changes there must be, but none & necessary  
ones are not to be regretted. & I hope sincerely  
that you feel your hands strengthened &  
your hopes encouraged by every new adjut.  
ment and appointment.

I wish that Professor Day represented you  
in London on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A great occasion for  
London & for the recognition of bearing. I heard a  
great account of it between my boat & Paris from  
a geologist (who knows Canada!) Prof. of Caen -  
& who organized the Union of Caen Celebrations

last year. He was full of admiration & sympathy for  
England! & enjoyed the sense of relationship with Canada!

I am now about to remove myself to a  
Pension de famille; & bathed daily comes in  
Duch Phosatis at the excellent Institute here.

All success the very promising & if no need  
recalls me to England I may stay until Christmas  
or even May when I fix my hopes on Canada  
again!

It has been a quiet winter in Bowmont. with  
the solid satisfaction of standing by a sister through  
Sickness, Operation, Convalescence, & an excellent recovery.  
& I can now leave with a free mind; & try to employ  
myself as fully here as the ready prayer often call!  
I had a few days in London in November & again  
in May & a weekend in Oxford: a perfect time & a  
very happy impression of the new building, & more  
important of the Mrs Principal of Somerville College

Mrs Helen Barber, a Miltonian scholar & a most charming woman whom  
you would certainly approve & appreciate!

*R V C survey*

Royal Victoria College for Women

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

November 28, 1930

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you very much indeed for sending me a copy of the letter and statement which, as you explained to me the other day, you are sending to all the Deans and Heads of Departments. As this College has no Faculty apart from that of the Faculty of Arts, I take it that you do not intend me to make any recommendations for the Committee. I need hardly add that if there is anything that I can do to assist the work of this Committee I shall be only too happy to be called upon.

The special opportunity which I enjoy here of observing the work and daily life of one section of the students puts me in possession naturally of a certain amount of information about them, but, as I am not associated with any teaching Department I am hardly in a position to give advice on that line.

Again thanking you for giving me an opportunity of understanding the undertaking which is going forward, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Acting Warden

P.S. I am writing to Lady Currie to tell her that we are hoping to have a little gathering of Professors and their wives at tea time on Saturday, December 6th. We should be very happy if you and she could find time to look in for a few minutes, and so give us an opportunity of adding our good wishes to those of the University on the occasion of your setting out on a most interesting journey.

November 30th,  
1930.

Mrs. Susan Vaughan,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Mrs. Vaughan,

Thanks for your note of to-day.

Without going too deeply into the trend of women in the universities, I feel that it might add to the interest of a survey report if we had something on that line.

I also think that the historical record of the Royal Victoria College, together with an appreciation of the facilities now being provided in the new wing, would be interesting.

Regarding your postscript, I should have made it clear to you that I was leaving a week from to-day, or December 5th.

As far as the Royal Victoria College is concerned, I know everything will go very well during my absence.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1931.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Having sent off the report  
of the college survey, with a  
brief note to accompany it,  
I feel that I must send  
you a personal word of  
thanks for your long and  
deeply interesting letter  
dated March 9<sup>th</sup> from  
S. S. Karmala.

What glimpses you give

of your recent remarkable  
experiences, and how eager  
we all are to hear more  
about this wonderful trip:

I hope that Montreal and  
McGill will not seem  
altogether too dull after  
so much of the "gorgeous  
East." We have had an  
uneventful and very busy  
winter. Personally I have  
greatly enjoyed the opportunity  
given me by Prof. Macmillan  
of returning to a small  
measure of my old work

of lecturing in the English department. Taken with the business of the new wing and its furnishing, it has meant a fairly strenuous programme, but a pleasantly varied one. The extension is almost finished now. We expect to have the students' rooms in good order in time for the French Summer School. I plan to take a holiday then, but to return in time to complete the furnishing and organization before the beginning of the session.

I have had a good deal of



Correspondence with Madame  
Durand - Toly who, I understand,  
is improved in health but  
is advised to extend her period  
of rest. It is now quite  
settled that she is not to  
return to the College. In fact  
she has sent in her  
resignation. Madame Furness  
is going to France this summer  
and will confer with Madame  
Paeck who is already on the  
look out for someone for us.

But you must be already  
inundated by letters. Pardon  
my impulse to add another.  
With a very warm welcome  
to Lady Curie and yourself,  
Sincerely yours Susan E. Vaughan.

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ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
BALANCE SHEET

		1911-1912	1912-1913
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash		50,000	12,500
Investments		2,200,000	2,200,000
Grounds, Buildings, and Equipment		500,000	500,000
Reserve for Depreciation		25,000	25,000
Interest Due		1,000	1,000
Accounts Receivable - McGill University		-	40,000
		3,276,000	3,378,500
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Endowment		1,700,000	1,700,000
Unpaid Revenue		1,000	100
Reserve Account		-	25,000
McGill University		25,000	30,000
Loans and Cash Account			
Balance June 1st	200,000		
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure - 8 Months	20,000	200,000	200,000
Excess of Expenditure over Revenue - 1 Month			
Accounts Payable		500	
		2,026,500	2,026,000

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*[Signature]*  
Treasurer

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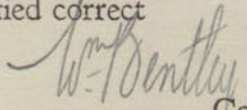
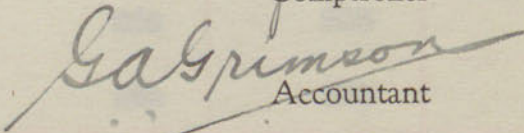
# ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Feb. 28-1933	Feb. 29-1932
Cash.....	65 265	11 392
Investments.....	1 180 181	1 153 470
Grounds, Buildings, and Equipment.....	823 931	434 000
Construction in Progress	14 000	391 532
Interest Due	6 250	1 050
Accounts Receivable - McGill University	-	60 000
	2 089 628	2 051 444
LIABILITIES		
Endowments.....	1 789 704	1 630 822
Funded Revenue.....	2 161	116
Reserve Accounts.....	-	99 284
McGill University.....	14 234	16 785
Loss and Gain Account.....		
Balance June 1st.....	249 473.	
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure..... 9 Months	53 719.	254 437
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts..... Months		
Accounts Payable	344	
	2 089 628	2 051 444

March 9th 1933.

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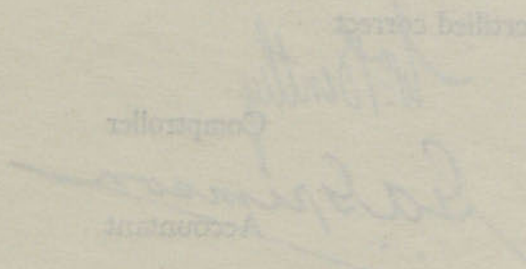
  
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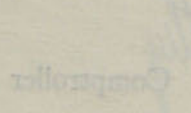
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ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	11,000	Endowments	1,000,000
Investments	1,100,000	Funded Revenue	2,000
Grounds, Buildings and Equipment	400,000	Reserve Accounts	50,000
Prepaid Expenses	50,000	McGill University	20,000
Interest Due	1,000	Loss and Gain Account	
Accounts Receivable - 180 Days	50,000	Balance June 1st	500,000
	2,000,000	Excess of Receipts over Expenditures - 12 Months	200,000
		Excess of Expenditures over Receipts - 12 Months	
		Accounts Payable	500
	2,000,000		2,000,000

Certified correct

  
 Accountant

  
 Controller

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Nine MONTHS 1931-32	Nine MONTHS 1932-33		YEAR ENDED MAY 31/ 32	BUDGET FOR YEAR Revised	SUPPLE- MENTARY BUDGET
INCOME					
49 677	45 395	Interest .....	63 484	52 193	
48 954	40 964	Fees-Board & Residence .....	49 164	41 500	
3 669	3 279	Other Receipts .....	3 942	3 875	
<b>102 320</b>	<b>89 638</b>	TOTAL INCOME	<b>116 590</b>	<b>97 568</b>	
EXPENDITURE					
19 654	17 647	General Maintenance .....	25 288	27 211	
23 063	18 783	Board and Residence .....	34 142	27 025	
26 517	19 484	Building Maintenance .....	41 608	36 800	
<b>69 234</b>	<b>55 919</b>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<b>101 038</b>	<b>91 036</b>	
33 086	33 719	Estimated Surplus .....	15 552	6 532	
		Estimated Deficit .....			

FUNDED REVENUE

INCOME					
		Residence Building Fund .....			
		Reserve Account .....			
210	283	Scholarship Funds .....	264	323	
210	283		264	323	



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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	1911-12-31	Apr. 30-1912
Cash	45,000	4,000
Investments	1,200,000	1,200,000
Grounds, Buildings, and Equipment	300,000	400,000
Construction in Progress	20,000	50,000
Interest Due	5,000	5,000
Accounts Receivable - McGill University		10,000
	1,570,000	1,710,000

LIABILITIES		1911-12-31	Apr. 30-1912
Endowments		1,200,000	1,200,000
Funded Revenues		5,000	5,000
Reserve Accounts			50,000
McGill University		10,000	10,000
Loans and Cash Advances			45,000
Balance June 1st	240,000		
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures - 25 Months	20,000	20,000	20,000
Excess of Expenditures over Receipts - Month			(5,000)
Accounts Payable			10,000
		1,485,000	1,710,000

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## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AND EXPENDITURE

	Apr. 30-1933	Apr. 30-1932
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash.....	63 383	6 825
Investments.....	1 180 181	1 153 562
Grounds, Buildings, and Equipment.....	823 931	434 000
Construction in Progress	14 000	389 931
Interest Due	8 020	2 100
Accounts Receivable - McGill University		60 000
	2 089 516	2 046 419
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Endowments.....	1 789 704	1 680 821
Funded Revenue.....	2 147	81
Reserve Accounts.....		99 283
McGill University.....	18 345	19 432
Loss and Gain Account.....		
Balance June 1st.....	249,473.	
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure..... 11 Months. 29,500.	278 974	246 800
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts..... Months.....		
Accounts Payable	344	
	2 089 516	2 046 419

Certified correct

*W. Bentley*  
Comptroller

*G. G. G. G.*  
Accountant

May 15th 1933.

CENTS OMITTED

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE

BALANCE SHEET

Apr. 30-1923

8 528

20 808

1 128 005

1 240 141

424 000

502 871

320 000

14 000

2 100

8 000

80 000

2 016 419

2 028 815

1 600 627

1 700 704

61

2 127

40 205

10 428

10 210

245 810

240 274

2 046 819

2 100 815

Corrected copy

Comptroller

Accountant

May 1923

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**ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.**

Eleven MONTHS 1931-32	Eleven MONTHS 1932-33		YEAR ENDED MAY 31/ 32	BUDGET FOR YEAR Revised	SUPPLE- MENTARY BUDGET
INCOME					
59 070	55 166	Interest .....	63 484	52 193	
49 034	42 044	Fees-Board & Residence .....	49 164	41 500	
3 834	3 322	Other Receipts .....	3 942	3 875	
<b>111 939</b>	<b>100 532</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>116 590</b>	<b>97 568</b>	
EXPENDITURE					
22 363	21 326	General Maintenance .....	25 288	27 211	
30 884	25 386	Board and Residence .....	34 142	27 025	
33 241	24 318	Building Maintenance .....	41 608	36 800	
<b>86 489</b>	<b>71 031</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>101 038</b>	<b>91 036</b>	
25 449	29 500	Estimated Surplus .....	15 552	6 532	
		Estimated Deficit .....			

FUNDED REVENUE

INCOME					
-	-	Residence Building Fund .....	-	-	
-	-	Reserve Account .....	-	-	
249	344	Scholarship Funds .....	264	323	
249	344		264	323	

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*231 St. James Street West*  
*Montreal*

25th September, 1931.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Sherbrooke St. West,  
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Finding you were out of town today, I took the liberty of informing your secretary that while Miss McLennan appreciated very much the honour you have done her in suggesting that she should declare open the new wing of the Royal Victoria College on the afternoon of Thursday, October 15th, she could not undertake to do it.

I may say I intended to tell you about this on Wednesday afternoon but you were giving me such a thorough drubbing at golf that it went completely out of my head.

Yours very sincerely,

*George C. McDonald*

GCM/HE.



Lefevre Jewel

University Women's Club  
3492 Peel Street,  
Montreal.

July 1, 1931.

To the Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I would ask you and the Governors to accept on behalf of the Royal Victoria College, for the use of my successors, Mrs. Vaughan and future Wardens of the College, the accompanying jewel.

I should like the jewel to be known by the name of Miss Madeleine Shaw Lefevre, the first Principal of Somerville College. Miss Shaw Lefevre had visited her kinsmen, Governor-in-Chief Sir Edmund Walker Head and Lady Head, in Quebec, and retained her interest in Canada throughout her life. She helped greatly to make the advent of women to Oxford acceptable and thereby to prepare the way for their full recognition later by the University, and she should be remembered for that service.

The jewel she had brought from Ceylon on her return from a visit to India. It is of tourmalines set in silver, of Portuguese workmanship, made as part of native chieftains' jewellery during Portuguese ascendancy in the East.

She gave it to me in 1906 as I was leaving for Canada, as a token of her interest and good wishes, and I have worn it ever since.

I shall be grateful if you will accept it for the College in connection with the opening of the New Buildings of 1931, as a small sign of my gratitude and goodwill to you all.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurdbatt*

July Twentieth, 1931.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
University Women's Club,  
Peel Street, Montreal.

Let me acknowledge with many thanks your letter of July first, in which you ask the Governors of McGill University to accept on behalf of the Royal Victoria College and for the use of future Wardens of that College a jewel given to you by the late Miss Madeleine Shaw Lefevre, the first Principal of Somerville College, Oxford.

I think it was most considerate on your part to offer this jewel, which will be accepted with greatest pleasure and will be valued highly, I am sure, by all future Wardens. At the time of the official opening of the New Buildings of the Royal Victoria College, I shall arrange to present it to Mrs. Vaughan, but I shall not say anything to her about it before that time.

May I say, my dear Miss Hurlbatt, that I am deeply touched at this evidence of your continued interest in the Royal Victoria College, and at the very kind thought which prompted you to make this gift. We would, of course, much rather it should have the name "Hurlbatt" associated with it, but will be guided by your wishes and it shall be called the "Madeleine Shaw Lefevre jewel". I am so sorry you will not be here when the presentation is made.

With all kind wishes,  
I am,

Principal.

October 9, 1931.

Mrs. Walter Vaughan,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Mrs. Vaughan,

I note your letter about the  
Opening of the Royal Victoria College next  
Thursday. I shall, of course, be there, and  
I shall have something to say. It will be very  
brief.

With kind regards,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

October 8. 1931.

My dear Sir Arthur,

Have you any desire to  
make any remarks at  
our party on Thursday?  
Or is this an occasion  
where you would gain be  
spared, and leave the  
favouring - to the women?  
I will do just as you  
like about it. I think  
we shall have a very  
large and democratic  
Party - That is if the Graduates

turn out well. We are  
arranging to have the  
whole building open, and  
the resident students on  
hand to conduct people  
about. There will be tea  
all the afternoon in the  
dining room, and I thought  
that about 5.15, if we  
had a gathering of people  
in the new reception room,  
I should say something  
about the new building,

Miss Derick would follow  
with a few words for the  
women of the earlier generation,  
and Miss Oakley, who  
knew the R.V. College so  
well in its early days  
would conclude, and  
declare the building  
open. I think that will  
be about as much as  
people want. Miss Derick  
is very much touched by finding  
that she is not considered one  
of things, and many of our  
graduates are delighted to  
have Miss Oakley as a  
central figure.

We shall all be rather glad  
when next week is over!

Very sincerely yours  
Susan E. Vaughan.

Yes because of  
Miss Shurlbatt's  
gift - to be  
presented?

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE.  
Opening of New Wing, - Presentation of  
Madeleine Shaw Lefevre Jewel.

Oct. 15, 1931.

Office of the Principal  
and Vice Chancellor.

I have "interjected" myself into these proceedings for a very definite purpose.

Before Doctor Ethel Harlbatt left for England this summer, she entrusted to me a very pleasant mission, which I was instructed to carry out when we were assembled on this happy occasion, the opening of the New Wing of the College. She asked me to act in her stead and on her behalf, but before I take up that role, may I say first a few words about Miss Harlbatt herself.

In her work here she did so much to reveal and sustain the important place of the women's college in the

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university and the community, that I feel we owe her a debt that we must always remember. She was beloved by all who came in contact with her. She maintained most cordial human relations with her students, and her mere presence was a guarantee that good form, dignity and charm of character would be essential factors in the development of the women under her care. Her tact, her fine qualities of mind and heart, endeared her to a wide circle of friends, who hope that after enjoying a visit to the old land, she will come "home" to Montreal again. As a fitting tribute to her wise and beneficent government of the College over a period of 21 years, McGill in 1930 conferred



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and Vice Chancellor.

upon her its highest honour, the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. The Royal Victoria College, as I have said, owes to Miss Hurlbatt a very great debt, and now, at her own request, I am about to add to that debt.

Miss Hurlbatt had, as many of you know, the greatest admiration and affection for Miss Madeleine Shaw Lefevre, the first Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, one who helped greatly to win full recognition for women at the University. She was a woman of the finest intellect, and Miss Hurlbatt says that it was a liberal education to live with her in College, and the greatest happiness as she grew older to find that their grounds of fellowship and bonds of sympathy multiplied with the years.

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Miss Shaw Lefevre, being a relative of the late Sir Edmund Walker Head, had visited Sir Edmund and Lady Head in Quebec, and retained throughout her life a great interest in Canada, and when Miss Hurlbatt was leaving Oxford to come to us in 1906 Miss Shaw Lefevre, as a token of her interest and good wishes presented her with a jewel she had brought from Ceylon on her return from a visit to India. This jewel, became, naturally, one of Miss Hurlbatt's most treasured possessions and I was very greatly touched when she came to me this summer and told me that in order to perpetuate the memory of Miss Shaw Lefevre and her work in Oxford, and as a token of her own gratitude and goodwill to the Royal Victoria College, she wished to present it to the Warden.

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and Vice Chancellor.

The jewel is of tourmalines, set in silver, of  
Portuguese workmanship, made as part of a native chieftain's  
jewellery during the Portuguese ascendancy in the East, and  
on behalf of Miss Haribatt I now ask Mrs. Vaughan to accept,  
for the use of herself and future Wardens of the College,  
"The Madeleine Shaw Lefevre Jewel".

*Her Excellency*

October 10, 1931.

Captain A. Lascelles,  
Secretary to the Governor-General,  
Government House,  
O t t a w a .

My dear Captain Lascelles,

I regret to learn this morning that your letter of a few weeks ago to Colonel Bovey, in which you intimate that Her Excellency will be pleased to take tea at the Royal Victoria College on the afternoon of October 30th, has not yet been answered.

As Colonel Bovey will not return to the College until some time next week, may I ask you to say to Her Excellency with what pleasure the Warden and students of the Royal Victoria College receive this news.

I also understand that Her Excellency has no engagement for Luncheon that day. Mrs. Herbert Molson, the wife of Colonel Herbert M. Molson, one of my Governors, would like very much to have the honour of entertaining her at Luncheon.

I hope you thoroughly enjoyed your trip to the Maritimes.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Office of the Secretary  
to the Governor-General

October 13th 1931

My dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you for your letter of October 10th.

Her Excellency will be delighted to lunch with Mrs. Molson on October 30th, and much appreciates the suggestion. She will be attended only by her Lady-in-waiting, Mrs. Gordon-Ives.

By the way, could you very kindly suggest to the Warden of the Royal Victoria College that Her Excellency would like tea to be not later than 4.30 p.m. that afternoon? As you may know, she has to attend a Ball that evening, and would like to get back to the train as soon after 5.30 p.m. as possible, so that she may have a rest before dinner.

Yours very truly,

*PA/awb*

*A. Marshall*

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
McGill University  
MONTREAL.

October 15, 1931.

Captain A. Lascelles,  
Secretary to the Governor-General,  
Government House,  
O t t a w a .

My dear Captain Lascelles,

With reference to your letter of the 13th, let me say that Mrs. Molson's luncheon party will be at 1:30, Friday, October 30th, at her residence, 3517 Ontario Avenue.

Mrs. Vaughan, the Warden of the Royal Victoria College, will expect Her Excellency, and those who accompany her, at 4.30 on the same afternoon. Mrs. Vaughan appreciates that Her Excellency must leave not later than 5.30.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal & Vice-Chancellor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

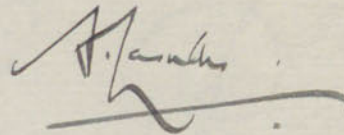
Office of the Secretary  
to the Governor-General

October 17th 1931

My dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for your letter of October  
15th, which I have shown to Her Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Currie', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL.

*Mrs Vaughan  
on extension*

**Royal Victoria College for Women**

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL**

March 24, 1930

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

May I ask you to give a few minutes of your attention to the enclosed paper? I have sent a copy also to Mr. Glassco, and have written to him more fully concerning it. I suggested to him that perhaps it would be possible for him to confer with you on the subject, and he could then let me know your ideas as to what further steps may be possible or advisable.

I remember that you said to me when we spoke on the subject, that you thought it inadvisable to make two jobs of this work of extension and renovation of the College; it is largely on the strength of your agreement with my own idea that I have drawn up this paper.

Hoping that you will be able to give it favourable consideration,

Yours sincerely,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Acting Warden

THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE, A REVIEW AND AN APPEAL.

GROWTH

Thirty one years ago when the Royal Victoria College opened its doors, nine students, of whom only five were of Undergraduate standing, presented themselves as candidates for residence. About fifty rooms were available. This year applications for residence approached the hundred mark and the rooms available were still about fifty, excluding temporary annexes. Day students in those far off days numbered 64 in all, of whom 26 were Partials, taking one or more subjects. Today the number of day students is 354, of whom 32 are Partials. The reader is asked to note the proportion of Partial students to Undergraduates in this statement. The number of those attempting the hard work of the degree course has increased enormously, of those trifling with one or more subjects the increase is very slight. Popular prejudice to the contrary notwithstanding, it would seem that our young people are becoming more serious. But the fact which cries out for attention here is this. Space planned for <sup>the</sup> accommodation of one hundred students is now in daily use by over four hundred, not to mention the additional burden put upon it by the School of Physical Education, of which more hereafter. Nothing can be clearer than this, that the time for expansion, alteration and improvement is overdue. How are the necessary changes to be brought about?

HISTORY

Like the great University of which it forms a part, the College owes its existence to the foresight and generosity of one man. But while the bequest of James McGill was soon



supplemented by the donations of other benefactors, the gift of Lord Strathcona has remained a lonely splendor.\* In this statement no adverse criticism is implied. Since the foundation of the College it has been generally understood that its endowment was ample for its needs. This was true for some years of its history. It should be added that careful management extending over a considerable period of time has resulted in the accumulation of a respectable surplus. The economic position of the College as a going concern is excellent. Cautious trustees have agreed that it is safe to make plans for a second residence unit.

Why then an appeal to the public? Because the College needs much more than the additional dormitory which it can afford to build. Because the building of this dormitory will exhaust its surplus and leave an excellent and far from extravagant plan unfinished. Because the new dormitory makes no provision at all for the urgent needs of day students who have a very special claim upon the sympathy of Montreal citizens. Because within recent years there has grown up a whole fabric of new requirements, those of the professional students, not provided before because <sup>not</sup> foreseen when the College was founded.

PRESENT POSITION Let me present the case a little more in detail.

At McGill, as elsewhere, the great increase in the number of women students in the Faculty of Arts (including pure Science) has led to the appearance of larger numbers in the Graduate School and also to the demand for admission to the professional faculties. Women

\* An exception for which the College is profoundly grateful should be noted. Two ladies have entrusted to the warden, year after year a sum to be used, at her discretion, for special bursaries and also a small fund for concert tickets. The donors names are not published.

are now enrolled in the Faculties of Law and Medicine and the School of Commerce. Their numbers, however, are small, since it is evident that the demand for their services is, up to the present time, also small. Hence has come a demand for a greater variety of training in vocational courses. Response to this demand has come from time to time in our recent history, in such forms as the Conservatorium of Music, the Library School, the School of Physical Education, ~~and~~ the School for Graduate Nurses and the School for Social Workers. It may be stated briefly that every one of these departments is suffering from lack of space. The one whose needs are most closely involved with those of the Royal Victoria College is the School of Physical Education.

M.S.P.E. This school was founded in 1912 by an ardent pioneer who saw the need for such an institution. It had no endowment and no buildings. So handicapped, it has had 18 years of very successful existence. It has sent out 220 graduates, almost all of whom have secured posts as teachers immediately after graduation. Obviously this accomplishment would not have been possible without the unselfish, it is hardly too much to say, the self sacrificing cooperation of the Royal Victoria College. In its early days no great inconvenience was felt when a classroom and a share of the gymnasium were made over to the School. Parallel growth of both institutions has resulted in mutual crowding to a point which now threatens to become insupportable. The present position is that

the School is carrying on its operations in quarters altogether inadequate, while the College is obliged to deny its students and younger staff such obvious necessities as proper study and rest rooms because there is not a foot of space available. The original gymnasium has long since been outgrown, and classes both of Arts and Physical Education students are held in the Assembly Hall.

PLANS

Plans for converting this Hall, no longer much used for University functions, into an adequate gymnasium have been drawn, together with plans for much needed offices, a swimming pool and other additions, involving certain structural changes in the original building. We are told that these plans cannot be carried out at present because funds are not available.

WOULD IT NOT BE POOR POLICY TO DIVIDE BY A PERIOD OF YEARS A PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY A UNIT ? AND HAS NOT THE TIME COME WHEN THE PEOPLE, PRE-EMINENTLY THE WOMEN OF THIS CITY AND PROVINCE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF DOING SOMETHING FOR THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE?

OBJECTIVE

The sum required is not unreasonable. Two hundred thousand Dollars would suffice for the completion of the work as planned and leave a nucleus for further expansion, expansion which must be expected within a few years. The housing of the Physical Education students will again become a pressing matter as soon as the number of Arts students has increased to the extent of filling the new dormitory, a time probably not far off.

Consideration should be given to the view that it might be better from the first to give the Physical Education students a dormitory of their own, and to reserve the extra space in the Royal Victoria College for graduate students, an important group, now given no accommodation whatever.

GRADUATES The community has shown its confidence in the College by sending its daughters in ever larger numbers to seek an education there. May we add that the Graduates of the College must now be reckoned an important element in the community and in the country at large? University graduates are not in this country a class apart and aloof. Their lives and careers are woven into the common stuff of citizenship. But the stuff is the better for those academic threads. To women are offered in much smaller numbers than to men the highest prizes in the academic world. Among them therefore are naturally to be found a smaller number striving for the highest academic distinctions. Nevertheless a fair number of McGill women have distinguished themselves and obtained the coveted Doctor's degrees in famous universities of the Old World. Others wear the more familiar Ph.D.'s of American Universities. Many have honourable places on American faculties, a few on those of our own country. A very large number are married and bringing up an excellent type of family. An interesting catalogue of present day McGill students might be made whose mothers were McGill students in their day. A large number also are doing valuable work

in schools of all types in their own country, the United States and elsewhere. It would take too long to enumerate all the forms of their activity, but it may be safely stated that neither in the English section of Montreal, nor in any of the cities where they are found, is there any important organization for educational or philanthropic improvement which does not number one or more members of the McGill Alumnae on its executive.

RECAPITULATION:

OUR NEEDS

Gymnasium

Swimming Pool.

Offices, Classrooms, Library and Housing for the School of Physical Education.

Extension of our own Library.  
(Every chair is filled now at certain times, and more books are needed.)

Study rooms and rest rooms for Day Students.

A large number of minor improvements.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

If 1000 persons were sufficiently interested in the College to give us \$200. each, our problem would be solved. It is not very much to ask. If some one would like to head our subscription list with a thousand or ten or twenty thousand dollars, the opportunity of completing the required sum could be extended to a large number of persons contributing smaller sums. The more givers the more friends. McGill, once remote on the outer

edge of the city is now, in every sense, in the heart of Montreal. McGill Women, late comers into the College centre, have been the least demanding of her students. Now that they have put their needs before you, can you afford to let them ask in vain? There is an ancient saying: "What I gave, I have." Could you find a better opportunity than this for testing it?

*Mrs. Hurlbatts ideas on  
extension*

Royal Victoria College for Women  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

May 20, 1930

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

In response to your request supported by that of Mrs. Vaughan, I will put in writing what I tried to express, I fear very imperfectly, the other day when you came to see me. I fear the following is very inadequate.

I cannot say how glad I am to know that there is to be (A) an extension of residence accommodation and cloakroom facilities for non-residents, both so urgently needed.

You ask me what I think of a suggestion (B) for another extension of the building, i.e. <sup>towards</sup> on the Tennis Court, and an adaptation of the Dining Room and Hall to supply a Swimming Pool and offices for the Department of Physical Education (for women), I understand the Hall to become a regular gymnasium, rather than as at present an improvised one, that the seating accommodation of both Dining Room and Hall would be curtailed, and the lighting from the windows considerably diminished.

I understand that from an architect's and a building standpoint, the two extensions (A) and (B) are quite separate units, the plan for the first being in no way involved in the second.

I take it that (A) the extension of the Residence accommodation involves a considerable expenditure and may be taken as settling any question of the site of the College for many years to come. In that case it would

*Noted  
December  
R.H.*

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McGill.

May 20, 1930

seem to be necessary to safeguard the interests of the site by the acquisition of adjacent property as it should come into the market, i.e. (1) the houses on University Street between the rear of the College and the Montreal High School. (2) The Macfarlan property at the corner of Sherbrooke and Shuter Streets. This to prevent the erection on such sites of apartment houses, cinema theatres, shops, etc. In view of this it would be well to hold the College as free as possible from the burden of debt, with the possibilities of accumulating income from endowment or new capital to be used for such purchases.

With a long future before the College on the present site it would seem necessary to look forward to a growth in the number of students, and so to a further extension of accommodation at no long distance of date, unless the University very decidedly adopted a policy of limiting the size of the Faculty of Arts.

The site, as enlarged by (1) and (2) would supply ample ground space for further residence accommodation, a women students' club (or union), a women's gymnasium and its offices, and some more sports ground - which would be greatly needed and which should help to keep a small breathing space of open ground about the resident College. Already the Montreal High School has sensibly affected the College by shutting out light and air.

At the moment neither (1) nor (2) are available, and any building over the tennis court would curtail existing facilities for tennis, etc. *(Since writing this I am told the plans do not encroach upon the Tennis Court)*

Concerning the usefulness of an Assembly Hall, it may safely be said that every large and growing women's college finds a need for such a Hall. At present it seems that the Hall is needed for examination purposes - already three or four years ago it was overflowing for this purpose. It is used when meetings of all the students are needed, or for gatherings of members of the McGill Women Students' Society.

At present there is only one small Common Room. The extension (A) I understand, provides additional small reception rooms, etc. but quite rightly no large common room, as, if the latter were needed, there is the Hall.

It seems useful and desirable that the existing power of the College to use a Hall for general educational and occasional purposes should be retained - music, lectures, meetings which can be regarded as adding liberally to the general educational advantages of its students. With the growing life of the University, the



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present full use of the Moyse Hall, it would seem likely that the University would soon regret cutting off one of its Hall of good seating capacity.

It is true that the Hall has some disadvantages - it is approached only by the corridors and stairways of the College. It is true that in the past it has stood largely idle. If it is to be put to other uses it may not be out of place to consider what will happen when the present College Library becomes over-crowded. It may even be that the Hall may have to help out as a Reading Room.

Two questions need to be considered. Whether the College needs are such as to make the abolition of the Hall in favour of a gymnasium, and the sacrifice of Dining Room and tennis courts, an urgent necessity, and whether such a change would provide adequately for the purposes of a gymnasium for women students, including the School of Physical Education.

The College needs a Gymnasium.

It should, however, be held in mind that women students now leave school more generally than in the past, having received a good physical training in a gymnasium. The policy of the Physical Education Department has already recognised that, and the student is given a wider choice of activities, e.g. riding, skating, tennis, hiking, skiing, etc., in place of universally and strictly required gymnasium work. This must to a large extent reduce the actual pressure for space in a gymnasium, ~~and~~ while one remains very necessary and generally desirable for sports gatherings and competitions.

A Swimming Pool would be a very pleasant <sup>of a University Education</sup> desirable addition, but can hardly be regarded as a necessity. (For a School of Physical Education, of course, it is a very desirable part of equipment - perhaps essential if the hiring of a good pool becomes difficult).

The Physical Education Department has large needs for adequate accommodation for Undergraduate students and for the School of Physical Education.

A cursory glance at the suggested extension on the Tennis Court and a knowledge of the ground space available, <sup>towards</sup> the entrance and communicating facilities, leave the impression that the Architects' scheme, however ably planned and beautifully carried out could not provide more than a makeshift, and that

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probably not adequate after a few years.

Provision for the School of Physical Education will be met in one respect- the alleviation of the crushingly inadequate cloakroom facilities by improvements in the Basement accommodation under the scheme for extension (A).

There would be room in plenty on a site including (1) and (2), University Street and Macfarlan property, to erect in the future ; Residence accommodation, Women students' club or union, gymnasium, etc.

The conclusion that inevitably forces itself is that the suggestion (B) would amount to sinking a considerable capital in spoiling existing facilities, endangering future needs, and at best providing something of a makeshift job.

And in particular, in direct answer to the inquiry about the Hall, some needs for it exist, others are inevitably approaching, and it would seem unwise to strike out what would be hard to replace, and so create future difficulties. It would be best to keep intact the existing College facilities, they are or will undoubtedly all be required, while to disintegrate and limit them now would create new and great difficulties for the future.

It is, I hope, permissible to add: that the financial aspect of a project involving the finding of new capital beyond the existing resources of the College, i.e. creating a debt or College fund, makes one pause to be sure that the expenditure is urgently necessary, and it is perhaps not irrelevant to consider other needs that will arise, and which it were very desirable should be met in an institution founded and endowed for the higher education of women: scholarships for poor students of proved ability; post graduate opportunities for distinguished scholars, enhancement of the attraction of resident staff appointments to women of distinction in learning and teaching power: purchase of books for the Library *etc.*

Yours sincerely,

*Esther Hurlbatt*

P.T.O.

Additional Note -

( I venture to append the following.)

It is hardly fantastic to foresee that the drift of population away to the suburbs, and the possible consequences of some new policy for Jewish Schools, may involve the future use of the existing High School on University Street. A huge central school may no longer be required - in view of transportation difficulties and ideals concerning the size of schools.

At the same time there are eager friends of Protestant education anxious to rescue the latter from its disabilities, and to build up a force that may animate its whole field. The University has long been labouring to that end, but it has been acutely conscious that its hands have not been upheld. In spite of obstacles and poverty it has been building in parts. It wishes to weld those parts together.

There should be a Faculty of Education to bring together what is, and to add what is needed, among other things a Practice or Demonstration School.

The present Montreal High School would offer a convenient home near the University for such a Faculty of Education with its many Departments (Dept. of Education and Practice School; School of Physical Education; Graduate School for Nurses; School for Social Workers; ? Library School? ) With its two excellent gymnasiums and swimming pool, it could serve admirably for all women students in these respects as well as for the School of Physical Education. A building so large might even afford a wing or separated section of rooms for the School of Commerce, leaving the Arts Building and Molson wing for the exclusive use of the Arts Faculty.

I venture to think that the future and fortunes of the School of Physical Education are bound up with those of a Faculty of Education.

Because of the inter-relation of the Department of Physical Education as needed for Undergraduate life, with the School, the present use of the R.V.C. Hall for both purposes is justified, and the site of a future women's gymnasium with school and offices should be adjacent to the College, if not on a future extension of its present ground, e.g. University Street or Macfarlan property.

*S. Hurlbalt*  
20.5.1930.

Detached Statement of  
Increase in Salaries

Increase in numbers

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May  
Sixteenth  
1930.

Major P. E. Nobbs,  
Messrs Hobbs and Hyde,  
14 Phillips Square,  
Montreal.

I am returning herewith the plan of  
the R.V.C. left with me this morning.

Mrs. Vaughan tells me that the plan  
which involves the extension to the hall lessens the space  
available in the dining-room - is this so? It scarcely seems  
right to do that, when doubling the number of boarders.

I have spoken to Miss Hurlbatt and find  
her objections most pronounced. It is probable that we shall  
have to be content with the erection of the addition on  
Sherbrooke and University Streets and the alterations in the  
basement.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Enc.

NOBBS & HYDE  
ARCHITECTS

PERCY E. NOBBS, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., R.C.A.  
GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.B.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE,  
MONTREAL

May  
twenty-second,  
1930.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

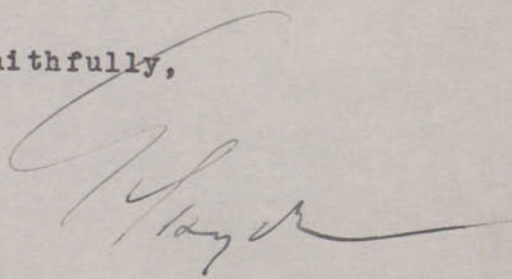
re: R. V. C. EXTENSION

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have your letter of May 16th  
to Mr. Nobbs, with enclosures.

Mr. Nobbs is out of town until  
Monday next, and will answer your question as  
to the reduction of the dining-room space on his  
return. However, if there is any information  
regarding this matter, which you require before  
Monday, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,



GTH:C

March 27, 1931.

Mrs. Susan Vaughan,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Mrs. Vaughan,

Probably I shall hit upon the same people as you yourself in suggesting who should meet the British headmistresses. The following are names of those who in my opinion might well be invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Macdonald	Mrs. G.W. MacDougall
George S. Currie	Col. Herbert Molson
George Henderson	Walter Molson
J. C. Kemp	A.R. MacMaster
G. S. Stairs	Dr. Milton Hersey
Principal Walsh (Outremont)	Senator Smeaton White
Principal A. B. Parker (Westmount)	Howard Murray
Principal J.S. Astbury (Baron Byng)	D. C. Logan
J.A. Mathewson, K. C.	
P. S. Fisher	

Those inside the university itself you will think of as readily as I.

Yours faithfully,

C.W.S.

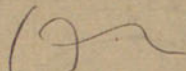
July 30th,  
1928.

Mr. W. D. Lawrence,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

You promised sometime ago to transfer the engineer from the Royal Victoria College. In view of all the trouble there is over his staying there, I would be grateful if you could place him somewhere else or get rid of him altogether.

Yours very truly,





a similar inquiry addressed  
also to Miss Addison Head of Amosby Hall  
Womens Residence  
Victoria University  
Toronto.

January 31, 1927,

Miss Vera Brown, Ph.D.,  
History Department. & Head of a House,  
Smith College,  
Northampton, Mass. U.S.A.

CONFIDENTIAL.

My dear Vera,

Could you oblige me by a brief line by return to tell me how you meet the problem of smoking at Smith College, and secondly, do you happen to know how the matter is dealt with at Bryn Mawr? For example, are smoking privileges allowed to any students, if so to what years, or is there any division according to age? 2. May they smoke in their own rooms or are there special rooms set apart, or may they only smoke in the grounds?

I understand Vassar began with allowing smoking only in the grounds but later proceeded to provide a smoking room.

The Resident Students here have just intimated that they are unable to guarantee the keeping of a rule against smoking and they recommend that a room or two should be set aside where it is permitted. From the point of view of the modern young woman this seems not unreasonable, but our concern is (1) the effect of this upon quite young students (16) who enter the College and might never have thought of smoking, and (2) increase in fire danger.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

COPY.

Letter received from Miss Addison, Head of Annesley Hall, Residence for Women students, Victoria College, Toronto. (METHODIST)

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Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

My knowledge of what the other colleges are doing about smoking is rather hearsay, i.e. as to the amount of smoking. We have an organisation of Women Deans, and the matter has not come up before them, so I assume it has not been a serious issue in any College.

In our own, we had outbreaks of smoking after the war, We had no ruling against it, though student government took a strong stand against it, and those who were discovered were reproved by them, and often spoken to by the Dons. Gradually it died out. There is a tendency to smoking at the dances, but we ask that smoking be not allowed in our own dances which are in the women's buildings.

It has seemed to me that prohibition by rule has very little value. We did make an appeal that there should be no smoking in the residences out of loyalty to the College - of course, that appeal would not have the same force in a non-denominational College. Some ~~years~~ young women do smoke at home, or at tea rooms, or at dances, but the percentage is small. I have not heard of any smoking in the residences last year or this, and we keep pretty careful watch for signs of smoking - cigarette ends, cases, burnt fingers, etc.

I, too, should not like to see smoking among women meet with anything that looks like authorization by the powers that be, for once instituted it stays - just like the sororities. On the other hand, a request by one generation of students will be repudiated by another, so long as it does not become an established custom. While from a "personal freedom" basis, it would look as if women had an equal right with men to smoke, it is recognised, I think, that the smoking habit among women affects the race more than it does among men, and it is most unwise for young people of sixteen to eighteen of either sex to acquire the habit of frequent cigarettes - or cigarettes at all. Older people are able to exercise more restraint than these very young people.

It seems to me that if decision could be postponed, in a year or two there might be no demand for smoking, whereas a smoking room is a direct invitation to smoke, and would establish the habit as a College custom. Miss Cartwright of St. Hilda's (Trinity College, Toronto) and I only yesterday were remarking on the splendid quality of the women of the first and second years. We have noticed a steady advance toward a sane normal life, despite the multiplied activities, and think the future promises better than the past, despite all the shifting standards and the manifold temptations offered to youth.

The question of fire is serious. We had the Fire Inspector recently after the tragedy in Montreal, to make sure that our provisions were adequate. One of his first questions was about cigarettes. We had a maid who some years ago set fire to her room through a cigarette, and the danger of fire is reason enough to exclude smoking from a building where people live. I think it was the fear of fire which caused the setting aside of a room for smoking at Bryn Mawr. I found when I visited various American Colleges two years ago, that the question of smoking was an issue. They forbid it at Goucher and Wellesley, I believe.

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There is, I think, a sufficiently strong public opinion in Canada, on the whole, against women's smoking, that I would fear that the setting aside of a room for smoking would tend to emphasize the attendance at the University of one type of girl, and eliminate the type, which though it may not always be the most brilliant, does give ballast to the student body. One wants all kinds of students to make a world.

COPY.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM SMITH COLLEGE DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1927.

SMOKING AT SMITH COLLEGE. Last Spring after the news arrived that Bryn Mawr and Vassar had given up total prohibition of smoking a feverous agitation arose here for liberty along this line- and finally, after conferences between the Self Government Association and the Administration, a general vote of the student body was taken on the question whether smoking should be allowed in those dormitories in which the majority of students voted for it. There was a high affirmative majority. A vote by ballot was taken in each of the dormitories to have smoking permitted the majority, and to be a 2/3 vote. In all but 2 of the 35 houses the votes were in favour of smoking. In each of these houses one room on the ground floor was set aside and smoking permitted in it. In the rest of the public rooms it was forbidden and a general fire regulation that had always been in force, totally prohibited smoking in the bedrooms. No distinction based on age or class was made or suggested.

Smoking on these terms ~~was~~ went on for a short time last Spring, and again this Autumn the same plan was tried- a new vote being taken in each of the dormitories. After 5 weeks the administration was nearly wild over the fires that constantly became more numerous and dangerous. After several fires in the Students' Building, where at first there were several smoking places, privileges there became restricted and finally wholly withdrawn. As for the dormitories, it came to a point where there was actually a serious fire daily- appeals for care in smoking from the President at the Chapel services had no apparent effect. Curtains, waste-baskets, ~~union~~ cushions, sofas, tables, pianos, rugs, etc. etc. were constantly catching fire. Finally when it was evident that the Administration would come down very speedily with a total prohibition, the Self Government Association took action, and suspended smoking privileges until such time as some safe scheme could be thought out. Just before Christmas a vote was taken by the student body on the 3 propositions:-

- (1) No smoking in Northampton.
- (2) Smoking only in the Boat House, Allen Field Club House, and along Paradise Pond, (a favourite, practically Campus, College Walk).
- (3) Smoking in places named in (2) plus the Northampton tea houses and restaurants that would permit it.

No. 3 was voted for by a vast majority and this is the regulation now in force. There has been a great deal of notoriety given to the whole affair in the newspapers. Letters from the townspeople accusing the College Administration of having "passed the buck", as many inelegantly express the matter- to the town- having saved their own dormitories at the expense of the tea houses, have frequently appeared in the local papers. One or two small tea rooms forbid smoking, but the majority feel that they cannot afford to. There was very considerable excitement and quite a bit of smoking in tea rooms for the first two weeks of the new regulations, but much of this excitement has now died down, and I am told that there are not many students smoking.

While smoking was permitted in the dormitories the worst effect that most people thought that it had, besides the fire risk, was that it encouraged many students to waste time badly. Undoubtedly too many girls who might otherwise not have done so, learned to smoke.

At Bryn Mawr smoking has been from the first relaxation

of the general prohibition, permitted in one room in the dormitories, and I haven't heard anything of serious fires occurring. Of course, there is no comparison in numbers of students in the two institutions. Also at Smith a large number of the dormitories are frame buildings.

Generally speaking I understand that all the large Women's Colleges in the East, with the exception of Mount Holyoke, permit smoking in some form. The only thing that has saved Mount Holyoke has been a more or less open threat of Miss Woollie to resign if smoking is allowed. Most people think that she can stem the tide for a very limited time only.

From what I have seen of the whole matter here, if I had to take action in another institution I should either prohibit smoking entirely and deal severely with those who broke the regulation or I should set aside a small, not too attractive, room for the purpose and forbid smoking elsewhere particularly on the grounds, and, most of all, in public places in the town. The smoking room I should furnish with as non-flammable articles as I could find, provide huge ash trays, and fine individually or collectively for all damage caused by carelessness. It would seem to me impractical to make any distinction between classes or ages in the matter. I should be very much afraid of making smoking appear more desirable, more heroic, more grown up, in freshmen eyes.

Perhaps my judgment is warped by too close contact with the problem. Our own record here is rather shocking.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

Faculty of Medicine  
Office of the Dean.

February 10, 1927.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt M.A.  
Royal Victoria College,  
Sherbrooke Street West,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

In reply to your enquiry, I may say that I do not believe it is in the interests of health for young girls under 19 to smoke. If girls of that age would confine themselves to ~~smoke~~ smoking in moderation, it might not be so bad, but in nearly all cases, smoking becomes a habit which is cultivated so immoderately as to be a menace to the nervous system. Worse than that, girls who smoke a great deal are apt to get loose in their habits otherwise.

Nevertheless, I fear girls will smoke despite any regulations, and if I would suggest anything at all it would be that girls under 19 should not be allowed to smoke, and those of 19 years of age and over should be given one room in the building in which to smoke, and that regulations should be made accordingly.

Sincerely, yours,

C.F. MARTIN

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE  
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AVERAGE AGE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS 1926-27

4th Year	(9)	20 years 11 mos.
3rd Year	(12)	20 years 1 month
2nd Year	(17)	18 years 11 months
1st Year	(18)	18 years 2 months

AVERAGE OF ALL STUDENTS - 19 years

Royal Victoria College for Women

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February 17, 1927.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I think you may care to have an opportunity of expressing your opinion with regard to smoking among Resident Students here.

We have lately received a memorial, copy of which I now enclose. We have been to some pains to go into the matter thoroughly, as you will see if you care to do so by the enclosed papers, and our conclusion is that it would be wise to make some provision for resident students of the Third and Fourth Years only, trusting that a privilege given would enable them more strenuously to resist surreptitious smoking in private rooms.

Unfortunately we are very short of public sitting rooms and it is impossible to set aside any one of the existing rooms for restricted use by a small number of students. The only arrangement we are able to offer to Seniors and Juniors will be the use of a small class room after lecture hours, that is to say from about 5 p.m. in the afternoon and during the evening.

Mr. Glassco, whom I have consulted in the matter especially with a view to fire risks, thinks we should be wise in making an arrangement such as I refer to.

Perhaps you would kindly ask Mrs. Chesley to telephone your wishes if you are content with our proposed solution of the problem.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Harbutt*

Warden.



Received 29.1.1927.

We, the undersigned resident students of the Royal Victoria College, wish to bring to the attention of the House Faculty the fact that the majority of girls smoke and that there is also a number who do not themselves smoke, yet do not object to smoking on principle. We think under these circumstances that some provision should be made for girls who wish to smoke but prefer not to break the house rules while so doing; we suggest the setting aside of some one or more rooms for the aforementioned purpose:-

Margarite Benny  
Isabel Craig  
Elizabeth B. Green  
Maud E. Martin  
Pauline J. Morrison

Nora Home  
Marjorie Bradley  
Norah Longworth  
Olive Basken  
Carmen Code  
Madeleine Girvan  
Sally Cox  
Ida Graves  
Betty Archdale  
Hilda Gilroy  
Alice R. Prowse  
Margaret Gillies

Beatrice Tweedie  
Hazel Wilson  
Ruth Heartz  
Ada Fanjoy  
Virginia J. Campbell  
Jean D. Reid  
Winifred Coates  
Eunice Tamahill  
Helen Gilman

Elizabeth Campbell  
Hyacinth Lambart  
Elizabeth Stead  
Roberta L. Henderson  
Alice Hand  
Dorothy Bell  
Helen P. Bell  
Jean Macalister  
Amy M. Collie  
Ruth Tomlinson  
Eleanor O'Halloran  
Marjorie Mitchell  
Beatrice Smith

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED

M. Caine  
L. Saunders  
C. Lytle  
E. Lamb  
R. Smith  
F. Liang  
M. McEwen  
A. Ross  
H. Tobin  
G. Roberts  
D. Roberts

Annex ?

J. Smellie  
G. Donnelly  
M. White  
M. Ball

Royal Victoria College for Women

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April 20, 1927.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Some time ago I wrote to you and also saw you on the subject of smoking among Resident Students, and made a suggestion for your consideration concerning it. I did not want to press you for an immediate opinion on the subject and I am not sure that it may not in some ways have been a good thing to have been able to let the students know how serious a matter it was considered and to have left it in doubt.

The Resident Students are holding a meeting this evening for their election of officers and I am not sure that I may not want to take the opportunity of speaking to them on the subject. If you have any advice to give or have come to any conclusion in the matter and care to let me know today I shall be glad, but, as I have already said, I do not want to urge you for an opinion that you do not feel satisfied to give, that is to say I am willing to feel our way out in the matter a little longer here without invoking any verdict from you, if you prefer it to be left in this way.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurstbatt*

Warden.

April 20th, 1927.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

With reference to your letter of April 20th, I am prepared to endorse the suggestions made by you in previous correspondence and in our interviews regarding smoking by women Students of the Royal Victoria College.

My understanding is that the students in the first and second years will not be allowed to smoke and that they pledge themselves to observe this regulation. The students in the junior and final years will be given a room to be used as a smoking room at certain times, and that they pledge themselves not to smoke elsewhere. If the smoking now indulged in surreptitiously is to continue it seems to me foolish to make any more rules or to make any provision for a smoking-room.

I hope I shall not see the local press declaring in large head lines that McGill has been forced to grant smoking-room facilities for the young women at the R.V.C.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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April 25, 1927.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I ought to have thanked you sooner  
for your letter of the 20th inst. concerning Smoking.

The matter was thoroughly discussed at  
the House Meeting on Wednesday, the 20th, and also your  
letter has been written into the minutes of the Meeting.

Subsequently, the House President and other  
members of the House Committee and also the House President  
elect for 1927-28, came for a further discussion with the  
members of the Staff, and expressed themselves as fully  
conscious of their responsibility and as desirous of carrying  
through the new arrangement with due regard to avoiding  
the possible unfavourable consequences.

I propose to see every first and second  
year student and endeavour to ascertain what effect, if any,  
this solution of the problem of smoking in the College is  
likely to have in the minds of their parents.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurlbath*

Warden.

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DO NOT GET CLEAR SHE IS BEING ASKED BY THE WARDEN TO LEAVE  
ROYAL VICTORIA AND TAKE HER MEALS AT SOME HOME IN THE CITY  
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OF THE HIGHEST TYPE BOTH CULTURE AND SOCIAL I AM ENTIRELY AVERSE  
TO HER HAVING TO TAKE QUARTERS OUTSIDE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MAY I ASK THAT YOU WILL KINDLY LOOK INTO THIS VERY EMBARRASSING

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SITUATION FOR ME AND FIND OUT IF THIS MATTER MAY BE ADJUSTED IN THE  
LIGHT OF JUSTICE AND IMPARTIALLY RESPECTFULLY YOURS

MRS R A WALKER THIRTEEN THIRTY SEVEN LINCOLN AVE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Office of the Secretary  
to the Governor General

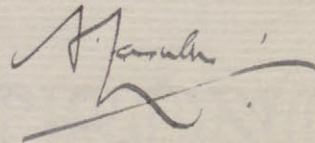
October 6th 1932

To Col. B. She is in the Hotel and now there  
never was in the RVC.

Dear Bovey,

I enclose a remarkable telegram from a  
Cincinnati lady, with a copy of the reply I have sent  
thereto. Perhaps you would kindly deal with it as you  
think fit?

Yours sincerely,



Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL.



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MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES

October 14th, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I had an interview with Miss Walker yesterday, and found her very polite and deferent, but in great distress. She explained her case to me, and I feel that you should be informed that there is a reason which justifies her certitude that she would be accepted in the Royal Victoria College: it is that after her application had been accepted she received from the Registrar's Office a letter stating that she could have a room in the Hostel, and her meals at the College. Very likely the Registrar's Office did not realize that she was a negress, although I had informed Dean Eve of the fact. Miss Walker was refused her meals at the College. She still has her room at the Hostel, but Mrs. Vaughan told her that the Hostel would probably soon be closed, and all the students, except herself, accommodated in the College.

I told her that Miss Sharples and I would do our best to find her a decent room and a decent boarding house, and I did my best to calm and reassure her. I do not think that anything else can be done, but thought that you should be informed of these facts.

Yours faithfully,

R. du Pont

Royal Victoria College,  
October 7th, 1932.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Mrs. McMurray has just read me a telegram showing, what I rather expected, that an appeal had been made from my judgment in the case of Miss Walker, a coloured student now living in the Hostel. I had hoped that you might be spared the trouble of dealing with this case, but from the tone of the correspondence, and also of this student in my interview with her, I am not at all surprised that the appeal has been made.

I am sending to you a file of papers touching this case, and am glad to add anything that I can to clarify the situation.

In explanation I may say that I have always taken it for granted that great difficulties would be created if a coloured student were admitted to residence here. Looking back over the experience of many years when I was associated with Miss Hurlbatt, and also since I have been here as Warden, I recall that in cases when we had applications from the West Indies, searching enquiries were always made and it was intimated that students showing signs of an admixture of colour were not admitted. Having taken this stand with regard to West Indian students, who have naturally some claim upon us, it seemed to me that one would be even more rigid in the case of American applicants who were obviously negroid.

I had an application two years ago from a girl in Ontario about whom I had naturally no suspicion; I was very thankful when I received a private communication from a responsible person who knew her telling me that the girl was a negro. I thereupon negatived her application, and from that time forward I have insisted upon having a photograph of every applicant for residence.

The girl in question, Miss Margaret Walker, is, judging by her appearance, a half-caste, or at all events a person of mixed blood. She is not unattractive, and when I first saw her I felt extremely sorry for her, and regretted deeply that I felt obliged to reject her application. I tried to avoid any offensive expression in my talk with her and hoped that her own discretion would lead her to accept the fact that Graduate students are not as a rule admitted to residence. At the same time, I felt that I had

no objection to her guessing my underlying motive, as I wished to have the principle recognized, that coloured students are not eligible for residence here.

I talked over the matter with the French Department and took a good deal of trouble, in consultation with them, to find addresses of suitable French houses where she could live. With each conversation the girl became more aggressive and impertinent and the accompanying papers show that in this attitude she has been encouraged by her parents. I took the opportunity at Corporation the other day of consulting Miss Philp as to the policy of Macdonald College on this question; she assured me that they would not in any circumstances admit a coloured student to residence, and that, like myself, she made very careful enquiries into the history of all applicants from the West Indies.

I may add to this rather long explanation that M. du Roure spoke to me a year ago last Summer about his perplexity with regard to coloured students. It seems that he had felt uneasy about this very student and had sent a request for her photograph, before admitting her; she evaded this request and when she and one or two others appeared he felt unable to refuse them.

I have, of course, nothing to do with the question of admitting students to course of study, but when it comes to a request for residence, I feel quite sure that if coloured students were admitted, we should have remonstrances from the parents of other students.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Susan E. Vaughan,

Warden.

October 19th, 1932.

Mrs. R. A. Walker,  
1337 Lincoln Avenue,  
CINCINNATI, Ohio.

Dear Madam:-

Your telegram addressed to His Excellency the Governor General was duly forwarded to me by him for investigation and reply. I have now gone into the matter very thoroughly and while I regret the inconvenience you have been caused, I must say at once that we shall make no change in the decision made by the Warden of the College, and notified to you.

There was never any question of your daughter having a room in the Royal Victoria College for this term, and this point was clearly covered by the Warden's letter of August 19th. The fact that she, with a great many others, happened to have a room in the College during the French Summer School gives her no claim. The students of that School are not undergraduates and are only enabled to use the College by reason of the fact that it would otherwise be empty during the summer months.

This University has complete discretion as to the students whom it admits, or does not admit, to its courses and its residences. We endeavour to exercise this discretion for the benefit of the greatest number, and also for the benefit of the individual students. We are not, however, obliged to give any reason for refusing to admit a student and this is, in the end, for the benefit of those refused. It is necessary for us to refuse hundreds of applicants every year, so that your daughter is only one among a very large number.

I agree with the Warden that it is impossible for us to admit your daughter to the Royal Victoria College. This must not be taken to indicate that we are in any way dissatisfied with her scholarship or with herself personally, and so long as she is in every way qualified to do so, we are quite satisfied to have her remain a student in the Graduate School.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 19th, 1932.

Captain A. F. Lascelles, M.V.O., M.C.,  
Government House,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

My dear Lascelles:-

The Principal thinks that you might be interested to see the final disposition of the case of Mrs. R. A. Walker. The trouble is that Miss Walker is a coloured young lady who found her way into the Royal Victoria College during the summer months and got a mistaken idea that she had a right to continue there. Quite apart from the question of colour, we do not take graduate students in the College.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.



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Royal Victoria College,  
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In dealing with it without consultation (I may have made a mistake, and I hope that you will not consider my attitude as an arbitrary one.) In explanation I may say that I have always taken it for granted that great difficulties would be created if a coloured student were admitted to residence here. Looking back over the experience of many years when I was associated with Miss Hurlbatt, and also since I have been here as Warden, I recall that in cases when we had applications from the West Indies, searching enquiries were always made and it was intimated that students showing signs of an admixture of colour were not admitted. Having taken this stand with regard to West Indian students, who have naturally some claim upon us, it seemed to me that one would be even more rigid in the case of American applicants who were obviously negroid.

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I hope that you agree with me and I apologize for troubling you with so long an explanation.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan E. Vaughan*

Warden



October 22, 1932.

Mrs. Walter Vaughan,  
Warden of The Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mrs. Vaughan,

I return, herewith, your files about Miss Margaret Walker. I have written to Captain Lascelles and explained the situation. Do not worry any more about it.

Ever yours faithfully,

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April  
Tenth  
1922.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

With reference to our conversation regarding the supervision of the new hostelry which the University proposes to open at 724 University Street, I have now the honour to ask you to undertake this additional responsibility.

Although the hostel is provided primarily for the accommodation of students of the Physical Education Department and although receipts and expenditures will be credited against that Department, I feel it would be best for all concerned if you would undertake the administration. I understand that the Secretary of the Department of Physical Education will allot the rooms in the hostel to applicants for admission to that school upon the application being accepted, but once the students are in residence you will assume full management of the institution.

Will you, therefore, in consultation with Mr. Classco and Dr. Lamb give what help you can to get the hostelry in readiness for next session.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

March 24, 1922

ESTIMATED STATEMENT FOR HOSTEL AT 724 UNIVERSITY  
STREET FOR THE SESSION 1922-1923.

DISBURSEMENTS

Rental	\$2400.	
Less taxes	<u>600.</u>	\$1800.
Furniture, etc. 15% of \$3000.		450.
Heating, 40 tons @ \$17.00		680.
Light, \$10.00 per month		120.
Laundry		260.
Housekeeper		300.
Cleaning & Miscellaneous		<u>350.</u>
		\$3960.

RECEIPTS

18 tenants at R.V.C. rates \$200. per session	\$3600.
Summer School, July, 18, tenants @ \$20.00	360.
Other revenue in summer months	—
	\$3960.

The above figures do not include any recompense to the present tenant for permanent repairs that have been made to the Hostel.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A. S. LAMB, B. P. E., M. D., DIRECTOR

March 24, 1922

Miss E. Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College.  
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:

With reference to our very brief conversation of yesterday I find on looking at my time table this morning that practically every available hour is filled up for the remainder of this week and that it would not be possible to arrange for a conference before Monday at the earliest. In view of this I thought it wise to write this letter so that you might have an opportunity of considering the following suggestions before we meet.

You will doubtless recall that at the last meeting of the Committee of the School it was felt that the Department should assume any loss in the operation of the Hostel even though there were students of other departments or faculties in residence. Also in view of the fact that the expenses incurred were to be borne by the Department it was thought wise that the present system of administration be continued.

I am pleased to be able to state definitely that the University property at 724 University Street will be available as a Hostel for the coming Session. Considerable thought has been given to the best method of administering the Hostel and I beg to make known to you my feelings in this connection.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A. S. LAMB, B. P. E., M. D., DIRECTOR

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1. The total running expenses of the Hostel to be borne by the Department of Physical Education.
2. The Secretary of the Department of Physical to allot the rooms in the Hostel to applicants for admission to the School upon their applications being accepted.
3. Realizing that you could conduct the Hostel much more satisfactorily than any one else in the University I feel very strongly that if you could see your way clear to assume complete control in the management of the residence that it would be in the best interests of the School of Physical Education.
4. If you thought well of this plan I would suggest that you assume complete responsibility once the students are in residence, that you requisition direct to the Bursar's office for all necessities and that all arrangements for the students while in residence be entirely in your hands.
5. Such a plan would entail the submitting of a budget for the operation of the house to the Committee of the School and to the Finance Committee for approval. In addition it possibly would be wise to have submitted to the Committee of the School a statement of policy for their consideration and approval.

I am attaching a copy of some figures I prepared when recommending the use of this house by the Department of Physical Education which I feel would act as guide in the preparation of any statement you desire to make.

I would suggest, if convenient to you, that we meet on Monday the 27th, at 11.30 A.M. at your office to discuss this matter further.

Yours very sincerely,



ASL:C

October 8, 1924.

Miss G. Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I should like to thank you very much for the  
co-operation of yourself and your staff, which went so far  
towards making the success of the Founder's Day Celebration.

Yours faithfully,

Princi\_al.

September 24th, 1924.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I am delighted to learn that you have returned to the College and I shall be very glad to see you almost any morning when it is convenient for you to call.

I am sorry that no message regarding your absence was received from your Secretary or from Mlle. Touren and it was only a few weeks ago that I made bold to ask Dr. Martin if he had any information regarding your health. I was very considerably worried at one time and am, consequently, more than pleased that you feel so much benefited by your rest.

Yours faithfully,

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Sept. 23, 1924.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have just returned to the College and hope to come and call on you as soon as possible at some time convenient to you. I think you had a message from my secretary, also from Mile. Touren in May explaining my absence, and I think Dr. Martin may have given you some news of me.

I ought to offer you my apologies for failing to remain in College to the end of the Session. It was a matter of very sincere regret to me.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurlbatt*

Warden.



Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

March 24, 1924.

Colonel W. Bovey,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

I return herewith the galley and manuscript of the report.

There is only one error that requires adjustment, paragraph 2. I state the Founder's intention dated back to 1884. This I have taken from previous printed matter in use by the University, see University Calendar 1908-9, page 340, "The institution of the Royal Victoria College, in September 1899, was a direct continuation of the work begun in 1883, during the Principalship of the late Sir William Dawson, when Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal placed a sum at the disposal of the University of McGill, for the endowment of a College and classes for women. .... The classes were organized in 1884."

I notice that in the Principal's report, page 22, he gives 1886 as the beginning of the history of the Royal Victoria College. In my manuscript under "Students", paragraph 1, I state 13 Undergraduates and 38 Partials were registered 1885-6. The list of women students registered in the University has been lying here for many years and it gives the figures for 1885-6 and for every year onward; there cannot, therefore, be a mistake about the classes beginning 1885-6 (The numbers given for '86-87 differ from 1885-6 so it cannot be a matter of a clerical error).

No doubt the Principal based his 1886 on the date of a donation. From the other evidence I feel convinced that women were registered 1885-6. I do not like to leave my statement 1884 as differing from the Principal's unless he is satisfied to leave it as I have mentioned the Founder's intention, and not the Founder's act.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hullbatt*

Warden.



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FOR JANUARY IF GRANTED ACCEPT GLADLY WILL WIRE IMMEDIATELY

GAR SIDE.

October 23rd, 1924.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

Let me thank you for your  
letter of yesterday.

I have written to Mrs. Vaughan  
and I hope she will come to us. If not, I shall  
wire Mrs. Garside.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

November 5, 1924.

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have not written to Mrs. Garside but I sent her a night letter last week to say that everyone was ready to give her a warm welcome here and that I looked forward to being here to receive her.

I have a note to say that she will arrive on the evening of the 12th.

I am, therefore, hoping to take a passage for Cherbourg for the 15th. If necessary I can easily change it to the 19th.

I am at your service any morning you may wish to consider matters relating to the College Staff for 1925-26 or any other subject.

I enclose a copy of the report sent to Mr. Glasco at his request.

Yours sincerely,

*Esther Hurbutt*

Warden.

The Principal.

Nov. 13, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Garside,

In connection with the French Summer School in which I am sure you will be interested, I have had a talk with M. Du Roure lately and asked him to consider the following points:-

- a) Some further ways of interesting present students, graduates and teachers in Canada. In 1924 2/3 attending came from the U.S.A. 1/3 from Canada. I believe that the advertisements sent out are already quite numerous, but would be more effective if sent in a closed envelope with a covering letter inviting a reply etc.
- b) Mlle. Framery, Resident Lecturer, R.V.C., should have another member of the F.S.S. Staff in residence in the College building; preferably Miss Reque is she is here again in 1925; or someone else of Mlle. Framery's choice.
- c) The Housekeeper should be given due notice at the beginning of June of the dates of the School and the date of first and last meals to be served; as she can engage her chef and staff accordingly.
- d) A register book for names of those going to be out after 10 p.m. should be placed in the Entrance Hall before evening dinner, by the Secretary or someone whose duty it will be, so that students can sign and cross out their names on returning; otherwise the night porter does not know whom to expect in late.

Yours sincerely,

November 7, 1924.

A.P.S.Glassco, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr.Glassco,

I am glad to have your letter and views about 708 University Street. I sincerely trust that the University may allow this house to be available for the R.V.C. I am quite sure that we can fill it and probably will still have an overflow as this year. I would, therefore, suggest that it would be unwise in connection with it to mention that it would be available for other women students of the University, as I cannot see any probability of its being the case, and it would be a mistake to raise false hopes.

I hope to leave some notes attached to this correspondence with you concerning 708 University St. which may be of use to Mrs.Garside and your office (Mr.Lawrence and the Purchasing Dept. ) when the time arrives for making arrangements for preparing the house, furnishing, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

Nov. 4, 1924.

A.P.S. Glasco, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Glasco,      REPORT ON 708 UNIVERSITY STREET.

I have ascertained that there would not be R.V.C. students to occupy the house after Christmas. Those whom we could not accommodate here have all made their arrangements for the Session with one or two exceptions who might fill in our rooms here should present residents fail in their examinations in January and be required to withdraw.

I have consulted Miss Shaw and others and find the same state of things. There would, in addition, be the difficulty of finding anyone to take charge of the house in the middle of the year. You may remember the difficulty we had last year in finding anyone to take Miss Smellie's place in the Hostel.

I should, however, be glad if the University would let the house be used by the R.V.C. for additional students' rooms (last applicants) for the Session 1925-26. It would accommodate 11 or 13 students (15 possibly but unlikely) and it would be necessary to have someone in charge. I would suggest for this purpose the appointment of an M.A. Assistant i.e. a graduate working for a post-graduate degree over a period of two years, to be given board and residence in return for services in superintending the house. It might be preferable, if possible to find some member of the teaching staff, but experience shows that this is very difficult to obtain, and a post-graduate resident tutorship could be offered as an encouragement to some suitable graduate and be a means of encouragement to some department of studies. I should feel satisfied in recommending such an arrangement as the students would be members of the College and come under the control of the Warden and Staff of the College.

In the event of all the rooms not being taken by the R.V.C., a most unlikely contingency, I would recommend that Miss Shaw be offered the vacancies for students in the School for Graduate Nurses. Such students would be older and more responsible and should not add to the cares of a young M.A. tutor, and should contribute some element of helpfulness in case of emergency illness, always one of the important considerations in a students' residence.

A.P.S.Glassco, Esq.  
McGill.

Nov. 4, 1924.

I append notes concerning the House:-

The Basement is large with a bathroom. It is not attractive and is in need of thorough repairs, but is quite large enough to accommodate a man and his wife who would be in charge of cleaning and the care of the premises.

Entrance Floor- Hallway and stairs in fair condition. The Front room would need re-papering etc. and partition renewing. (Might serve as a living room-the question would arise whether we could dispense with this.)

Back room Might be tutor's room or divided into 2 for students.

Back-2 small communicating rooms. For 2 students or as sitting room and bedroom for the tutor. N.B. If there were no living room there ought to be at least a separate sitting room for the tutor apart from the bedroom to which visitors in emergency could be shown.

First Floor. 1 small room

1 large front room could easily be divided into 2 student's rooms.

1 large back room -- do --

Fair bathroom-lavatory-W.C. all needing repair.

Second Floor 2 small rooms of good size.

2 fairly large rooms, difficult to divide. In exceptional circumstances it might be possible to find 2 students to share a room, but this is strongly objected to. We should probably have to use them as single rooms.

A good large Bathroom and W.C. to which a fixed wash basin should be added.

I should recommend that all walls of rooms and stairways should be stripped. The house has been used as a boarding house and the small rooms have recently been repapered in an amateur fashion; the old papers were probably not stripped. The risks of leaving any room unstripped might be very unpleasant.

There are no hardwood floors and floors are badly in mostly in need of repairs, painting and varnishing and some might require linoleum covering.

In comparison with the Hostel, 724 University St., the repairs would be more costly with regard to the floors and walls but less costly as to dividing rooms.

I gathered from you that the University would require rent of \$100. a month; the revenue from 11, 13 or 15 students would be \$2200., \$2600. or \$3000. and revenue by letting to the French Summer School at the rates charged by the College and Hostel \$275. or \$325..



A.P.S. Glassco Esq.  
McGill.

Nov. 4, 1924.

If the house is to be available for the R.V.C. furniture and equipment should be ordered before the end of the Session and the house put in order during July and August. This would enable the University to let it from now to the end of July. If the University failed to let it for the whole of the period it might be put in order and furnished in readiness for the French Summer School.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

April 22nd, 1925.

Dear Mrs. Garside:

I have your letter of yesterday in which you intimate that you have made arrangements to leave the Royal Victoria College at the end of next month.

This will be quite agreeable to us but we must try to have all our arrangements for next term completed before you go. I shall take up with Dr. Macmillan once more the matter of Miss Murray's appointment. I quite agree with you that as far as Miss Hurlbatt's Assistant is concerned we must find some one satisfactory to her, but as the person selected must perform some teaching duties it will be equally necessary that she shall be satisfactory to the Head of the Department to which she is attached.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Mrs. C.E.Garside,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

April 21, 1925.

The Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

From my conversations with Miss Hurlbatt before she left Montreal last November I gathered that the University would like me to carry on her work here, as far as possible, until the end of the Session 1925. I feel that I ought now to let you know that I am arranging to leave R.V.C. at the end of May and am sailing for England on the 30th of that month. Practically all the students will have left the College by that time, though a few Fourth Years will be carrying on their teaching practice for the first few days of June.

Miss Lichtenstein will be in the College and she has promised that, though she has no definite residential responsibilities, she will look after those students for the short time that they will be here after I leave.

I am trying, as far as possible, to leave everything in order and ready for Miss Hurlbatt's return at the end of August (I hope to see Miss Hurlbatt in London in June). Miss Woodland will be in College except during her holiday in July, when the French Summer School is held in the building, and she will carry on as she did last year while the Warden was away.

I regret to say that I cannot assure you that there are at present any definite arrangements for the Staff here next year. In February I wrote to the Head of the English Department telling him that Miss Hurlbatt would be glad if he could find a place in the Department for Miss Phyllis Murray whom she would like to have on the Resident Staff next year; I also enclosed a copy of Miss Hurlbatt's recommendation of Miss Murray. Though I understand from Miss Edwards and Miss Jean Gurd that Prof. Macmillan has offered them positions on the staff next year, I have not heard that he has been able to find a place for Miss Murray.

I believe that Miss Hurlbatt has been asked

The Principal,  
McGill University.

April 21, 1925.

by Professor du Roure herself to find a successor to Mlle. Framery.

May I venture to make one or two suggestions in connection with this position which arise from administrative experience elsewhere?

1. In view of the fact that, in accordance with the Founder's aims and with its Charter, the Collegiate character of this institution should be recognised, it seems highly desirable that the principle should be established of the Warden's right to make her own recommendations for appointments. (It is, of course, understood that no appointment could be made which might not be agreeable to any Department in the University in which the resident member might have to work.)

2. It is highly desirable that one member of the Staff should be sufficiently qualified academically and by social experience to be named Vice-Warden and that she should have the prestige which would result from such a recognition of her status.

3. That until a lady qualified to act as Vice-Warden be found, one of the Assistants should be named by the Warden as her Assistant.

I should like to express my appreciation of the support which I have received from the Staff and students during my, to me, very pleasant connection with McGill University, and to thank you for the help you have yourself given to me.

Yours very truly,

*Charlotte E. Cassid.*

Acting-Warden.

May 5, 1925.

Miss Eyllis Murray,  
4 Moncton Avenue,  
Quebec.

Dear Miss Murray:-

I am very glad that we have been able to arrange for you to come back to McGill next year. I am quite sure that you will be a great help to us and in especial to Miss Hurlbatt.

There are two or three things about which I would like to talk to you before you take on your new duties and I would be glad if you would come and see me as soon as you arrive in Montreal. You will, of course, hear directly from Mr. Glascoo regarding your application.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

May 5, 1925.

Mrs C.G. Garside,  
Acting Warden,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Mrs. Garside:-

I thank you for your letter enclosing  
copy of letter written to Miss Phyllis Murray. I quite  
approve of what you have done.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Mrs Thomas Garside.

c/o J. K. Norton. 163 Garfield St Winnipeg.

McGill wishes Miss Sturboth to take extended  
vacation until September first next. Will you  
assume her duties for that period. Salary  
\$180 per month ~~and~~ <sup>with free</sup> board and accommodation  
in Royal Victoria College. ~~He would~~  
like you to report ~~soon as possible~~ If you ~~can~~  
~~come~~, accept, <sup>would like</sup> you to report ~~soon~~ <sup>as soon as possible</sup>.

A. W. Wright



Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

Mr. Thomas Garride

90 J. K. Morton

163 Garfield St.

Winnipeg.

nee Hardy.

Modern Language Tripos. Newnham Coll. Cambridge  
Teaching experience England & Harvard Coll Toronto

Head Mistress Trafalgar Institute 1913-15.

Married 1915: S. W. T. Garride Schute  
Market Drayton Shropshire.

Continued in touch with Educational work  
Examined & inspected Secondary Schools under  
Board of Education. Examinations up to &  
above in 1930. MS.

Member of the Education Com<sup>tee</sup> Shropshire County Co.

Mr. Garride died early 1974. She has no children.

Mr. Garride is married to the sister Mr. Morton

P.T.O.

in Winnipeg & quite happy to take up  
work again

She was advised by her Newham

College friends to apply for the

Principalship of St. Hugh's College Oxford

last April, but felt unable to do so

so soon after her bereavement.

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Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have been thinking of what you kindly said on my return in September.

After a month's return to my work & on the advice of D. Martin I venture to ask whether the University would spare me - on leave of absence for the remainder of this session.

It is possible to find a substitute I think it might be less inconvenient to the University if I were absent after setting things going for 1974-5, returning in good time - what ever date you would suggest, & arrange for the session 1975-6. than if I should ask for leave after the summer vacation 1974.

I venture to say that if Mr. Vaughan  
were able to be in the College it would  
be a piece of good fortune far  
outweighing any inconvenience  
the Ministry might suffer  
should arise from my absence.

I fear however that the matter  
may be a very painful one to her  
& that she may be unable to  
yield to what would be the wish  
of all concerned.

I enclose a memo. which may be  
of service to you if other possibilities  
have to be considered.

I am sending this request very reluctantly  
as I am supremely happy in my work  
and know myself to be very fortunate.

I have no doubt that if you find  
it more convenient I shall very

gladly continue for this session  
hoping to be of service to the  
University in every possible way.

With thanks for your great  
consideration and kindness

Yours faithfully  
Ethel Kurlbatt



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October 29 1924

Mrs Thomas Garside

C/o J. K. Morton 163 Garfield St.  
Winnipeg

Would prefer you should be here  
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fourteenth

A. W. Currie

W. J. CAMP, Assistant Manager, Montreal, Que.  
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at 163, Garfield Street,  
Winnipeg.  
Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Thank you for your  
telegram. I feel sure  
that I shall enjoy the  
work at the Royal  
Victoria College, and  
only hope that I shall  
be able to carry out  
the duties as you and



Miss Hurlbath would wish  
I have to make a visit to  
my brother in Saskatchewan,  
whom I have not seen  
for fifteen years; but I  
will arrange to be in  
Montreal on the 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Yours truly,

C. G. Garrick.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Dear Mr. Arthur Currie,

Thank you very much indeed for your most generous response to my request. At the present time I am feeling very conscious of the things not attempted that night have been done!

May I again say how

May 20th 1922

Very sincerely I hope that  
the next few weeks will  
see you restored to health,  
with renewed thanks  
for your kindness.

Yours truly,

Charlotte E. Currier.

*Copy for the Principal  
With Mrs. Garside's Compliments*

May 21, 1925.

A.P.S. Glassco, Esq.,  
Secretary & Bursar,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Glassco,

In confirmation of our conversation yesterday respecting the use of 814 University Street as an annex providing extra accommodation for the resident students of the Royal Victoria College, I beg to say that while pointing out that No. 814 does not in my opinion provide the right kind of accommodation, I feel very strongly that an annex of some kind is highly desirable. We already have had applications for as many vacancies as we are likely to have next year, and very possibly students who would turn their opportunities to good account are waiting until the Matriculation results are out to make their application.

My reasons for thinking No. 814, which is, I can see, in itself a good house, unsuitable for our purpose are

- 1) Its distance from R.V.C. where the students would take all meals and attend lectures in every kind of weather - it would take at least seven (7) minutes to walk down and, of course, longer to return.
- 2) Its proximity to several of the Fraternity Houses in University Street.

These disadvantages do not apply to No. 708 which would be near enough to R.V.C. to be properly within its sphere of influence.

In our conversation I think I remarked that it seemed highly desirable that new students with the best qualifications, both personal and in the matter of scholarship, should be given preference in admission to the College. At present those who apply are taken in order and we are very liable to lose really hard workers and good students while admitting those who do not know how to take advantage of their opportunities. I quite see the difficulties in the way of any alteration in the present method and realise that we might find ourselves, under any other scheme, with empty rooms on our hands because students would feel the necessity

A.P.S. Glasco, sq.,  
McGill.

May 21, 1925.

of making early arrangements as to their place of higher education and make other arrangements. Possibly the raising of the standard for admission to the University may have the desired effect. This matter does seem worthy of consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Acting-Warden.

address Bank of Montreal, Waterloo Place

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London W.  
Lord Warden Hotel,  
Dover.

Friday June 12, 1925.

TELEGRAMS, "WARDEN, DOVER."

TELEPHONE, DOVER 413.

(PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE.)

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose M<sup>lle</sup> Clévenot's curriculum  
vitae, hoping that if this is opened  
in your absence the papers may be  
passed on to M. Du Roure.

I spent two days in Paris inter-  
-viewing, and following up the  
information concerning possible  
candidates - M<sup>me</sup> Pouch kindly  
helping me. I am now

writing up a report on my way to Oxford  
I regret that I failed to make a note  
of the Sorbonne Professors whose names  
sh<sup>d</sup> be given in support of M<sup>lle</sup> Bessiot.  
I do not like to trust to memory as  
I have heard names innumerable  
in numerous connections, but I  
have written for them & will send  
to M. DuRoi as it may mean  
something to him.

I have told M. DuRoi that  
I cannot guarantee that the recent  
epidemic in his Department will  
not touch M<sup>lle</sup> Bessiot if you  
appoint her, but I know of no  
entanglements which stand in that way.

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Lord Warden Hotel,  
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TELEGRAMS, "WARDEN, DOVER."

TELEPHONE, DOVER 413.

(PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE.)

From Oxford I hope to go direct to Bath  
to complete the cure of a very obstinate  
knee. & to have good advice ahead  
received as to protection against  
this rheumatic trouble, confirmed.

I see that the C.P.N. has sailed  
August 25<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> & I have ahead  
written Brugga a panaspin one  
or the other.

Pharmacia Oxford is greatly  
increased on hearing that an



old friend Miss Faithfull is to  
receive it <sup>the M A</sup> at the same time.  
She has lately returned from  
a Major Key lecturing tour  
in Canada.

I sincerely hope that by the time  
this reaches Montreal you may  
have recovered sufficiently  
to sail & that Lady Currie  
& your children will not  
resent my pursuing your  
business. With best wishes  
Yours sincerely  
Ethel Hulbatt.

Rome. 31. 3. 1925

(address Bank of Montreal  
6. Place Vendôme Paris.)

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am only too glad to do what I can towards  
finding a good Candidate for the vacant  
appointment. Many thanks for giving me  
the opportunity.

I have written at once to M<sup>me</sup> Pouché,  
24 rue Pierre Curie  
asking her again to help us as on several  
former occasions: she found us at W<sup>est</sup>-Tower.

I have sent inquiries also in other  
possibly useful directions.

I hope to be in Paris in May & shall

2. do my best to interview any good candidates  
& will write a report to your Professor Dutens,  
Meanwhile I am writing now to the latter to  
tell him what I have done & asking him  
if he cares to refer anyone to me - or  
M<sup>rs</sup>. Pouch. I assume he may be writing  
to Paris.

I am giving a general indication of the  
appointment & duties & our requirements:

- Sorbonne training, undoubted ability  
as an effective teacher; Soundness of  
Character & the qualities that should  
make the Resident Lecturer a force  
in the Department & in the College  
& an acceptable & dignified representation

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of both in the French & French Canadian  
Society of Montreal.

I have merely said that Remuneration  
will be adequate. I shall try to  
ascertain the salary which the Society  
of a first rate Candidate & let you know.  
I have asked Professor DuRoi  
to consult you & let me know of  
a minimum & maximum plus  
retiduum - that may be mentioned.

After reporting in May I shall hope  
to hear the next steps you wish  
should be taken.

Thank you for your very kind letter,  
I am wonderfully refreshed & have  
enjoyed Florence & Rome immensely.

Just now I am a prisoner - in a  
nursing home for convalescence - with a  
rheumatic knee - probably a blessing  
in disguise, as I have time & opportunity  
now to deal with it thoroughly & to be  
protected against that foe of the  
Middle aged in the future.

I hope to be in England early in June &  
to see you: probably the appointment can be  
left until then. I shall be delighted to be  
back in Montreal. With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely  
Ethel Hurstbath

May 28th, 1925.

Mrs. C. E. Garside,  
Acting Warden,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

My dear Mrs. Garside:-

Before you leave Montreal I would like you to accept from McGill University our sincere acknowledgement of the eminently satisfactory services you have given us as Acting Warden of the Royal Victoria College in the absence of the Warden, Miss Hurlbatt.

We consider that we were especially fortunate in that you were available at the time Miss Hurlbatt left. I am glad to know and to say that in all matters of administration you gave us the most efficient and capable co-operation, while your relations with the student-body were such as to win their affection and esteem and the warm approval of the University authorities.

Wishing you all possible good fortune, and with the most pleasant recollections of our association, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

June 22nd, 1925.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
C/o. Bank of Montreal,  
Waterloo Place,  
London, England.

My dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of June 12th, with enclosures as stated. These I have passed on to Professor du Roure for his examination.

May I first congratulate you on the well deserved honour conferred upon you by Oxford. All your friends at McGill and throughout Montreal rejoice that this distinction has come to you.

I thank you for your good wishes and am happy to say that I have quite recovered from the operation. I consider myself more deserving of congratulation than of sympathy.

We are leaving next Friday by the Montcalm for the Old Country and should arrive in London on the evening of July 3rd. I hope that you will let me know where you are and that I may see something of you and also that you can give me good news regarding your troublesome knee.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

December 8, 1925.

Colonel W. Bovey,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I consulted you lately concerning the use of the College Assembly Hall for the Intercollegiate Basketball meeting with Toronto and Queen's due to be held here next February.

Before authorizing the Students' Athletic Association to proceed with arrangements I ought to put on record the relevant facts.

It will involve the use of the Hall for three days and the Hall should be available for our students to practice for three weeks, if possible. In this respect it may be a matter of general inconvenience to the University, as in the case of use for lectures during that period, some expense and trouble is involved in removing Basket fixtures and re-seating the room, and some inconvenience in altering the dates of practices.

Our Hall is not a suitable place for a match; it does not provide a good size ground, it is liable to be damaged, and its use for sports is generally inconvenient here, but there is no alternative less objectionable. Dr. Lamb and Miss Cartwright have been to trouble in ascertaining possible alternatives and I am satisfied that we had better allow the use of the Hall, as in 1923.

As you know, it is necessary to make gate money to meet the expenses of the travelling teams and that can be done in our Hall, but not, e.g. in the Montreal High School.

I wish to suggest the week February 15th to 20th for the matches (the Conservatorium Concert and Rehearsals will be held the week of February 22nd to 27th), and the clearing of the Hall not later than February 1st.

In 1923 the students paid for the fixing of the Baskets and painting of the floor, etc. - about \$68.; the College met the expenses of removal of chairs, etc.



Colonel W. Bovey,  
McGill.

Dec. 8, 1925.

As this matter has already been the subject of some conference with you, may I ask for a word by telephone at your earliest convenience so that the students may be authorized to communicate with Toronto and Queen's.

Yours sincerely,

*Emil Kurlbatt*

Warden.

R.V.C.Hall.

Friday, Jan. 15 Hall seated for exams.

Monday " 18)

Tuesday " 19) Examinations

Wednesday" 20)

Thursday, Jan. 21 Hall Floor to be marked out for Basketball matches.

Jan. 22 or 23 Hall to be re-seated as soon as paint is dry enough.

By Friday, Jan. 29th P.M. Hall to be ready for basketball-baskets, fixed, etc.

Mon. Feb. 1st to Sat. Feb. 20th- Hall free for Basketball.

( Sat. Feb. 6th- The hall had been promised, before the Basketball dates were arranged, for the <sup>Intercollegiate</sup> Debate. It will, therefore, have to be cleaned and re-seated on Sat. afternoon though it cannot be in very good condition.)

(Mon. Feb. 8th- a.m. Hall to be cleared and baskets re-fixed)

(Sat. Feb. 20th p.m. after the B.B. Match is over, <sup>6 p.m.</sup> <sup>at</sup> 8 p.m. the Choral Society will hold a practice)

Monday, Feb. 22nd Hall to be washed, etc. and re-seated for concert of Choral Society at night.

Feb. 23rd or 24th R.V.C. Residents' Dance.

Feb. 25th- Thurs.- Sigma Xi Society- Dr. Eve- 8 p.m.

Tues. March 2nd- Rehearsal for Conservatorium Orchestral Concert 8 p.m.

Wed. " 3rd " " " " " "

Thurs. March 4 Orchestral Concert

**N.B.** It will be safer to telephone about any reservations for the Hall before announcing them, in case of accident.

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Sunday 14.3.1926.

Dear Sir Arthur,

This promises to be a fairly quiet week with busier ones to follow; I

think of going away for a few days -  
to the Hornetap Club Magog.

There are several trains each day  
& the journey takes only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours,  
So I can easily keep in touch with the

College by telephone & return at a  
moment's notice if it should seem  
best to do so.

Miss Lickenstein kindly undertakes

Let matters of importance be referred  
to me in my absence & the younger  
members of the staff are well able to  
carry on in matters of routine.

I am sometimes - often - tempted  
to pay you a call, but there has  
been nothing of pressing importance  
to justify an additional invasion  
of your time & attention.

I hope I may come in to see you  
a little later, when you are at liberty.  
Meanwhile if all is well here

tomorrow I should like to go away on  
Tuesday at midday for not more than  
a week.

I sincerely hope you have nothing  
but good news of your son, we were  
so sorry to hear reports of his illness  
with kindest regards

Yours sincerely  
Ethel Hurbutt

Copy to Mr. Glassco.

May 27th, 1926.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

With reference to your letter of the 26th of May I approve of the recommendations therein set forth. You are, therefore, at liberty to offer Miss MacLean and Miss Margaret MacLaren the appointments suggested.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

14. 6. 1926.



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MONTREAL

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I am thinking of leaving on Thursday  
Evening for Maine where I expect to spend  
most of the summer holiday. My address  
will always be supplied to the Registrar's  
office as well as to the College & shall be  
within reach if needed for business.

I hope to be back towards the end of  
August in time for a conference of  
the Canadian Federation of University Women.



Royal Victoria College for Women

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

1882

In case I may not see you again may I  
take this opportunity of giving my  
good wishes for the Salmon fishing  
to the holidays & my kindest wishes  
to Lady Currie & your daughter & son.

Believe me, dear Sir Arthur Currie.

Yours sincerely

Walter Kurlbatt.



LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

LOCAL

MONTREAL

GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,  
LIBRARIAN

April 12, 1926.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 10th enclosing a list of books missing from the Royal Victoria College Library to be charged, as usual, against the students' caution money.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the way in which your staff has carried on the work of running the College Library for these six years without a library assistant? I feel, however, that you would be justified now in applying to the University for a library assistant for the day time and student assistants for the evening. The Faculty of Law, which has an enrolment of 72 students, has for many years made such provision. This is a question, however, which may be conditioned by the College foundation and depends, of course, in the first place, upon your own feeling in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

*G. R. Lomer.*

University Librarian.

X  
Montreal  
Carried on  
by Mrs  
Secretary

March 11th 1924.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, M.A.,  
Warden of the Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

I am enclosing you herewith a  
questionnaire received apparently from the American  
Association of University Women.

It appears to me that there are  
several questions regarding which your views would be  
very much more important than mine, and that you might  
be interested in framing the replies.

As a matter of interest and quite  
unofficially, I should like to see the replies before  
you send them.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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December 21, 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I think I ought perhaps to let you know that I am taking steps to find someone to replace Miss Smellie at the Hostel and hope to report to you on the re-opening of the Session.

Miss Smellie undertook to report to you immediately upon receiving her appointment in the Victorian Order of Nurses. She is fortunately able to stay with us until about January 14th and I have been in communication with Miss Shaw, Miss Cartwright and Dr. Lamb to find a successor to take charge of the Hostel. I have some hope that Miss Smellie's successor in the School for Graduate Nurses may possibly prove to be a suitable person for the position, but at present I have nothing very definite to report.

Yours sincerely,

*Esther Kurlbatt*

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

February 1, 1924.

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

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

I enclose two letters concerning Miss Elder, one from Principal Felter of the Girls' High School, Brooklyn, N.Y., and one from President Mackenzie of Dalhousie University.

I have shown these letters to Dr. Lamb, Miss Cartwright and Prof. J.C. Simpson of the Medical Faculty who is also a member of the Executive Committee of the S. of P.E. They all concur in recommending that Miss Elder be officially informed that my action is confirmed whereby she takes charge of the Hostel for Students of the S. of P.E. in return receiving free board and residence, the arrangement to continue throughout this Session (May 31st) as long as it is working to the mutual satisfaction of the University and of Miss Elder.

In view of President Mackenzie's report it would seem desirable to include the last clause.

Miss Smellie received an official letter of appointment from Mr. Glassco (Sept. 12, 1922).

Yours sincerely,

*Esther Hurlbatt*

Warden.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. January 17, 1924

Miss Ethel Hurlburt  
Warden, Royal Victoria College for Women  
McGill University, Montreal, Can.

Dear Miss Hurlburt:

I have your letter of January 15th  
concerning Miss Maureen Elder.

Miss Elder is a graduate of this  
school and of Adelphi College, who after  
her graduation, substituted for several  
years and did most successful work.

In my judgment Miss Elder is well  
suited to have charge of the young women  
students. Her own college experience  
added to her teaching experience and her  
knowledge of the world, will stand her in  
good stead. I have not seen her for  
quite a number of years, but I have no  
reason to believe that there has been any  
change in the studious and upright character  
which I know she possessed. She was always  
a sober serious minded young woman thoroughly  
devoted to her tasks.

Respectfully yours,

*Wm. L. Felter*  
Principal.

Secretary to the Principal,  
Wilfrid Bovey.

March 20th 1924.

Miss Cora Helen Coolidge, President,  
Pennsylvania College for Women,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam,

I send you herewith copy of  
questionnaire.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

The American Association of University Women has requested that statistics be presented at the annual convention to be held in Washington on April 21-25, 1924, on the subject, "THE SHARE OF THE FACULTY AS A BODY AND AS INDIVIDUALS IN COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION."

We realize that a steady stream of questionnaires is being sent to the colleges and universities for information at the present time. It is, therefore, with hesitancy that we make further demands upon you, but the Program Committee feels that a real contribution to college administration may be made by bringing together information on the progress which many colleges have made and are making along this line. We respectfully ask you to cooperate by filling out the following blank. Wherever it is possible for you to add any information not called for on the blank we shall appreciate it very much.

After the results of this study have been presented at the convention in Washington, they will be published in some way to make them available to all who are interested.

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1. Does the faculty have any part in the appointment of the Board of Trustees? No, the "Board of Governors" is self appointed except for 3 members appointed by graduates.
  2. May the faculty members serve on the Board of Trustees? No, except the Principal.
  3. Does the Dean of the College sit with the Board of Trustees? No.
  4. Do the members of the faculty have some definite means of communication with the Board of Trustees or Regents? No, but the Principal may put forward representations received from the faculty.

If so, is it

- a. Through the president of the institution only?  
Through the president only.
  - b. Through a faculty member of the Board,
  - c. Through the Secretary of the Board?
  - d. Through any other means?
5. Do members of the faculty have any voice in the selection of the president of the college or university? No.
  6. If so, in what manner?
  7. Do members of the faculty have any voice in the appointment of new faculty members. Not formally. The Principal presumably consults the dean of the faculty concerned.
  8. If so, how and to what extent? The Dean of the Faculty or the Head of the Department would be consulted as a courtesy.
  9. If so, since about what year has this been in vogue?
  10. Are members of the faculty on administration committees as,  
finance - No. Athletics - yes. Library - yes. Scholarships -yes  
publicity-None faculty - yes. Records & etc.  
reports- none.

If so, is the appointment to these committees made by

- a. The president? )
- b. General faculty election? ) Various methods, according to committee
- c. Some other method? )

11. Do members of faculty have any voice in such matters as salaries, tenure, promotion, dismissal, etc.?
- By resolutions in faculty meeting? No.
  - By petition? No.
  - By recommendation? Not formally but as a matter of course recommendations are made by Deans and Heads of Departments.
  - By standing committees?
  - By veto of action of the president? No
12. Is there a cabinet or council of the faculty? The "Faculty" in Arts Applied Science, Law, Medicine, Agriculture consists of all Professors and Associate Professors but not of junior grades of instructors on the staff of that faculty.
- If so, about when was this practice started?
  - Appointed by the President?
  - General faculty election?
  - List some of the important duties of this body.
    - Consideration of courses of study which are recommended to "Corporation" the supreme academic body of the University.
    - Consideration of time tables and allotment of hours of instruction.
13. What do you think of the system which is found in some of the European countries of having the faculty elect their president from their own number? The duties of the president in such universities are very different from those in, e.g. McGill.
14. Has greater participation by the faculty in the administration of the college tended to increase or decrease friction? There has been no change in the Constitution and therefore, there is no cause for comparison at McGill.
15. If you expect to see greater participation of the faculty in the administration of the colleges and universities during the next decade, along what lines do you predict that it will come?
- "Greater participation" may come in the following i.e. a wider participation in experience now confined to deans and heads of departments.
- e.g. At the University College, London, I believe the Dean is in office for a short term of years - professors in order of seniority, holding office in rotation.
- e.g. In the University of Wisconsin I understand that each department elects its own chairman, i.e. no one is appointed head of a department.
- In both the above cases the institution is very large and the members of the faculties and of departments very numerous.

We should be very glad to have you add any methods which are operating in your institution. Wherever possible we should also like to have you give dates when certain practices were started. This will give us some opportunity to measure the rapidity of growth of the movement of allowing greater participation of the faculty in the administration of the colleges.

Mail this questionnaire not later than March 24 to

Cora Helen Coolidge, President  
 Pennsylvania College for Women  
 Pittsburgh, Pa.



Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

March 12, 1924.

Colonel Wilfred Bovey,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

Many thanks for giving me an opportunity of seeing the questionnaire received from the American Association of University Women. Since you ask me to do so I have filled in what seemed to me to be suitable answers, but I have made my notes in faint pencil only, as it seems to me this form ought to be sent in from the Principal or Registrar. I think, therefore, you will care to give the matter further consideration, and if my notes are of any use I shall be glad.

There is a good deal that might be said under 13, 14, and 15 as to the ultimate form desirable for University, but present conditions in the case of McGill and other Canadian and American Universities have to be considered. State Universities, e.g. France and Germany, and the old Universities of Oxford and Cambridge have a settled financial position and the management of the Universities can more naturally fall into the hands of Faculty and Graduate ~~government~~ *legislation*.

*Government*

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbath*

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*I should expect to see greater participation, increase the understanding of administrative problems and make for harmony. I should expect to see the members and colleges desire the members of the Faculty to have the widest possible opportunity for understanding and experience, in order that the Professor may be a wise and understanding member of his University, and that the supply of persons fitted for administrative responsibilities be increased.*

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publicity	none	faculty	yes	records & reports	none	etc.	

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- } Various methods, according to committee  
} Some by cooperation

No 15. "Greater participation" may come in the following form - i.e. a wider participation in ~~of~~ ~~superior~~ ~~now~~ ~~confined~~ ~~to~~ ~~Deans~~ & Heads of Departments.

Eg. At King's Collg London I believe the Dean is in office for a short term of years - Professors - in order of Seniority holding office in rotation -

Eg. In the Univ of Wisconsin I understand that each Department elects its own Chairman (i.e. no one is appointed Head of a Department.)

In both the above cases the institution is very large & the members of Faculties of Departments very numerous.



October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1924.

My dear Mrs. Vaughan,

You will be sorry  
to learn that Miss  
Sturlbatt's health has  
lately been of such an  
indifferent character  
that we think she should  
take an extended holiday  
say, until Sept. 1st. next.

I would like to relieve  
her at once but of course  
she must remain  
until we can find some  
one to take over her duties  
while she is away.

I know of no one  
who would be as  
acceptable to the Board  
of Governors and all  
well-wishers of the  
University as yourself.  
Is it possible  
that your inclination

and engagements will permit  
you to render McGill this very great  
service. I would not like to add  
anything to influence you unduly  
knowing full well that your loyalty  
and affection for the University and your  
own good sense will lead you to a  
wise conclusion. I am dear Mrs Vaughan

Yours faithfully

P.S. The matter of ~~the~~ <sup>renewal</sup> generation by you will not present any difficulty.

Dear Miss Starbatt.

Let me thank you for your  
letter of 10-days date. I have written to  
Mrs. Vaughan. I hope she will  
come here. If not I shall write her  
far side <sup>with all good wishes</sup>  
Ever, Yours faithfully



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October 25, 1924.

My dear Sir Arthur,

After twenty-four hours, much of which I have spent in very careful consideration of the subject of your letter, I feel that I must return a negative answer to the very flattering offer contained in it. I am deeply touched by the confidence in my powers shown by yourself and the Board of Governors, and I am equally concerned about Miss Haultall's health and the good of the College, but I do not feel that I have now the energy or the courage to assume the responsibilities involved in this task. During the nineteen years that I was attached to the University my main interest was always in teaching. For the administrative and social duties of the position I had only a secondary enthusiasm and, as I believe, doubtful ability.

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Moreover, I have undertaken a very considerable programme of work for the Federation of University-women, which, if not binding, could not be altered without some inconvenience. If I seem to shrink from a duty laid upon me by my alma mater, I beg you to believe that I am not actuated solely by regard for my own peace and comfort, though I will not deny that that element enters into my decision. I am convinced that there must be some better way of relieving a situation which I recognize as a grave one. My personal regard for Miss Hulbatt, and my sympathy for her in this supposed retirement from a long term of devoted service make me regret keenly that I do not feel able to assume her responsibilities. Hoping that you will soon find the ideal person whom the position requires, I am,  
Dear Sir Arthur, Sincerely yours  
Susan E. Vaughan.

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October 15, 1924.

Colonel W. Bovey,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

I must confess to having advised Miss Mabel Corner, President of the Alumnae Society, to call on you to ask if there is any possibility of the University helping her Society to one of the distinguished visiting lecturers, the Society to sell tickets and by this means raise the funds needed this year for their contributions to International Federation Scholarships, etc.

I am not sure whether you know much of the Alumnae Society, but it has been extremely active since its foundation, having regular monthly meetings in the College Common Room, as many as 70 and even 90 graduates attending. <sup>of recent years</sup> They carried on very valuable work during the War especially in connection with Libraries in all the Hospitals for Soldiers in the Montreal district; they continued to carry on the library in the Hospital at St. Anne de Bellevue and at the Red Cross Hospital, McTavish Street and St. Agathe. An outgrowth of their work has been the establishment of a Library for general patients at the Royal Victoria Hospital; this is still carried on by energetic graduates, but it is not any longer financed by the Society, the Hospital undertaking all the expense.

The Society contributes to the maintenance of the National Federation of University Women in Canada and to a Post Graduate Scholarship (Overseas) for a Canadian woman awarded by the Federation.

For several years they have raised their funds by means of Diminutive Dramas given in the Hall here. They feel that these have been a little outworn and that a change for one year might not only give a little rest to the members, but enable them to begin their performances again another year with new zest.

I hope at least you will be able to see Miss Corner.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Hurbutt*

Warden.

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November 22, 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I shall be grateful if you can offer me a time at which I can come to see you on Friday or, failing that, on Saturday, for advice on behalf of the Students who wish to form a McGill Women Students' Society, and also to give you, to discuss then or later, notes on the need of extending College accommodation and also some notes concerning the needs of women students in other faculties and departments, as promised.

Yours faithfully,

*Stuart Kurlbatt*

Warden.

October 25th, 1923.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

The Principal has asked me to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter of October 24th with reference to Greek letter societies for women at McGill.

He will be glad to receive the report referred to when it is completed.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

October 25th, 1923.

Mrs. J. Howard Gillen,  
2446 E. 74th Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:-

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, I have to advise you that the situation at McGill is somewhat different to that in many other universities.

Fraternities, as such, are not officially recognized by the University and there is no intention of changing this policy. If any recognition were given it is unlikely that the University would favour the introduction of Greek letter Societies among the women students, in view of the fact that their numbers at this College are small and that there are already a considerable number of organizations.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

2446 E. 74th Place  
Chicago, Ill.,  
Oct. 17 1923.

Dear Sir:

I am sending out the enclosed blank to all the Colleges and Universities in Canada that admit women students as we are anxious to secure the faculty attitude towards the National Greek letter organizations of Senior Pan-Hellenic.

Will you please help us by filling out the blank and returning it to me at the above address as soon as possible?

If you think there is an opening on your campus for one of the oldest of the Women's fraternities will you please give the name and address of one or more girls who would be interested in organizing a group.

If you do not favor Greek letter societies please let us know.

Yours truly,

*Elizabeth B. Gillen*

Mrs. J. Howard Gillen  
Extension Worker  
Alpha Chi Omega

Dear Miss

Shurlbach,

I would be glad to have

your opinion.

27/10/23

*W. J. Shurlbach*

Location

College or University

Denominational

Coed or Women

Faculty attitude towards  
greek letter organizations

Greeks on campus

Possibility of new Greeks in field

Possible workers in  
field \_\_\_\_\_

Name

address

scholarship

campus activity

social standing

church

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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October 24, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In reply to your enquiry regarding Mrs. Gillen's letter, the following comments may be of use to you.

(1) As far as I am aware there are no Greek letter societies for women in connection with McGill, and there has never been any disposition on the part of women students here for the American custom of fraternity organisations. I think the whole feeling would be quite against American affiliations in any form.

(2) Fraternities in McGill are not officially recognised by the University and operate as private organisations. Presumably the same would be the case with women's fraternities if such existed. It would seem to be a sound University policy (adhered to by corporation e.g. when the Menorah Society applied for recognition) not to recognise officially within the University any society controlled from outside Canada or outside the University.

(3) Our numbers are small and do not offer a field for introducing new organisations among women students. Most students would feel, I think, that there are rather too many than too few organisations in the University to be supported.

(4) Fraternities offer attractions in Universities or Colleges of very large numbers of women in the United States who seem to value some organisation that cuts across these universities and colleges, and also where they obtain from the fraternity definite material advantages, as in fraternity residences or clubs.

*here* (5) This opportunity should not be lost of stating what seems to be the existing need of women students in McGill, which would not be met but actually hindered by the establishment of fraternities, viz. some central union house, a meeting ground for the use of all women students, R.V.C., Law, Medicine, Music, Dentistry, School for Social Service, School for Nurses, School of Physical Education, but it should be added that before the need of a union, comes the need for each

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Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill.

Department to be sufficiently housed in respect to the needs of its women students. There are three departments which do not provide what may be called the essential accommodation for their students (Social Service, Graduate Nurses, and in part the School of Physical Education), cloak-rooms, rest-rooms and reading-rooms of their own.

I am now preparing a record of all women registered in the various faculties and departments with notes as to what appears to be their needs, including accommodation, general and residential. I shall be very glad to forward this to you when it is ready.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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November 23, 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I am sending you, by arrangement with the R.V.C. Undergraduate Society President, a copy of the draft constitution of the proposed McGill Women Students' Society, as it has now come from the R.V.C. Undergraduate Society, in order that you may have an opportunity of judging whether in your opinion there is anything in it which is beyond the Students' power to ordain, in view of the technically separate character of the College under its charter, and whether it represents in your opinion the best policy for the students to adopt.

If there is in your opinion no objection to it, the natural course will be for them to submit it to the Registrar for the approval of Corporation, to be judged like any other Students' Society seeking Calendar status.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbatt*

Warden.

December 3rd, 1923.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I am returning you herewith  
proposed Constitution for the Women Students'  
Society.

I have no objection to the  
adoption of this as revised. I have especial  
reference to the changes made in Article 6,  
Para 1, and in Article 5, Para 3B.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College.

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October 9, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to my remarks last night, the possibility referred to was of arranging a House Dance in our Hall on Friday night if you felt able to offer this as one of the possibilities for the distinguished visitor to see McGill student life.

We could arrange this at very short notice even if we only heard on Friday morning because that happens to be Sports Day and a University holiday, leaving everyone free to help.

My idea was to prepare something really typical of what happens from time to time here but without giving any publicity. We would see that for such a rare occasion representatives of students of all years and representatives of all women in the various departments of the University were not overlooked. Only McGill men would be invited and, of course, anyone whom you wished to be included. We should, of course, hope that you and Lady Currie would bring your daughter and that we should invite Mr. & Mrs. Glasco and Col. and Mrs. Bovey to join us.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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October 10th, 1923.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

The principal has asked me  
to acknowledge your letter of October 9th and to  
say that he is quite in accord with your proposal  
to invite one French lady to dinner every night  
to take charge of the French Table.

I am passing your letter on to  
Mr. Glassco.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

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January 16, 1924.

Colonel Bovey,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

At the re-opening of the University Mr. Glassco asked me to prepare a report of the College for the Annual Report of the Governors, and suggested that I should confer with you on the subject. I am wondering what is the latest date by which it must be finished and in your hands.

I have thought it best to try and get it into some preliminary shape. I am now doing this as speedily as possible and shall be very grateful for an opportunity of going over it with you for suggestions, amendments, etc. As this is the first time that an R.V.C. Report will appear in the Annual Report I have thought it might be appropriate to include very briefly some information concerning the whole period of the existence of the College, e.g. I am preparing a brief classification of after careers of the body of women graduates up to date.

Unfortunately last week every available spare moment was taken up in searching for a tutor for the Hostel or I should have written to you with these enquiries sooner.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurlbatt*

Warden.

R. V. C.

January  
Seventeenth  
1924.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:

I have your letter of January 14th and wish to thank you for all the trouble you have taken in trying to find a suitable successor to Miss Smellie.

I hereby approve of the temporary arrangements that have been made with Miss Elder, and know that you will keep me informed as to how she gets along.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden,  
Royal Victoria College.



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Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I have accepted the invitation of the  
Conference of the New England Division of the  
American Association of University Women  
to attend their meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
as the guest of the University of Vermont.

I therefore expect to be in Burlington  
on Thursday & Friday.

I also expect to be away - with  
Mr. Papineau at Montebello on the  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, & possibly for other short  
absences before leaving Colby at the end  
of June for about 8 weeks.

Means which I am available at any time  
for business & shall be quite happy to see.

Miss Lichtenstein & M<sup>rs</sup> Town  
are both in residence, with the few  
students remaining until towards  
the end of June: completing School  
practice for the Academy Diploma  
or completing the course in music.

We are asking Mr Glassco to let our  
repairs (including the redecoration  
of the Hall) be proceeded with  
as soon as possible.

The Collyer will be in readiness for the  
French Summer School for 2<sup>nd</sup>  
with M<sup>lle</sup> Tancu in charge, after  
which it will be prepared in readiness  
for students who began to arrive  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> (for school practice)

We expect to have the annual  
meeting of the Committee of the  
Canadian Federation of University  
Women in this Collyer in the last  
week of August

Yours sincerely  
Ethel Charlboth

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May 2, 1922.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

You will remember that the revision of the first year curriculum and of the time-table has been the occasion for questioning the continuation of separate classes for women in English Literature (a compulsory subject), in History (now to be an optional subject) and in the scientific subjects, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, all to be optional, superseding compulsory Physics.

I have not heard of any suggestion for change in the other subjects, i.e., Latin, French, German (Spanish?).

Professor MacMillan and Professor Basil Williams have now both approached me with inquiries, and the matter should be considered without delay, if possible before the next meeting of Faculty (May 5th).

If I understand aright, Professor MacMillan presents the following three alternatives:-

- (1) Joint lectures for women with men in Arts, commerce, pre-Medicine, in round figures about 250 men and 85 women.
- (2) Separate classes at the same hour, and different instructors.
- (3) Separate classes at different hours, and the same lecturers interchangeably with the men.

These may be the alternatives in History, the class in which would be smaller (optional subject in Arts but not required for Commerce or pre-Medical).

The policy of having all first year classes in any one subject at the same hour seems hardly possible of realisation, and in any case there should be no time-table disadvantage in having different hours, interchangeably arranged for compulsory subjects (e.g., men, English at 12, Mathematics at 9; women, English at 9, Mathematics, 12).

The Principal,  
McGill University.

May 2, 1922.

The question involved is the interpretation of the undertaking of the University to maintain separate classes. One aspect of the question that appeals to me especially is the loss to the student in access to the teacher involved in very large classes, and the advantage to the student in this respect in the maintenance of classes in the College, and more especially the advantage in atmosphere in the College created by contact with all ranks of Professors and lecturers and not with junior assistants, only, for tutorial classes.

On the other hand there are of course the advantages of economy of teaching force, and the disadvantage to College students if only less well qualified members of departments were to teach the separate classes for women in the College.

With regard to the second year, I have not heard of any request for change from separate classes - Latin, French (? German).

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dean Laing and to Professor MacMillan and Professor Williams.

I shall be available at any time you may wish to see me.

Yours faithfully,

*Stuart Whitbatt.*

Warden.

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December 11, 1922.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I had an enquiry on Saturday from Mr. Warwick Chipman asking for the use of the College Hall on Friday the 15th for a meeting of the League of Nations at which it is expected that Monsieur Albert Thomas will speak. I thought it right to say 'Yes' to this request.

The Alliance Française holds its meeting in our Hall on Saturday and the speaker will be M. Morize, now of Harvard University, who during the war visited Montreal several times as a speaker in the interests of France before the Men's Canadian Club, the Women's Canadian Club and the Alliance Française.

We have lent our Hall on Thursday to the McGill Glee Club, a promise of long standing.

Please do not trouble to acknowledge this note.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart Hurlbatt*

Warden.

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January 10, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I lately wrote to Mr. Glasco on the subject of the use of our Hall for Basket Ball (see enclosed copy) and in a subsequent conversation with him spoke as I had done to you recently on problems facing us here.

He advised me to send him something in writing so that it might be available with the other letter for the Finance Committee-this I have done, as enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart Hurlbath*

Warden.

Enclosures:-

Copies of 2 letters to Mr. Glasco  
Copy of "Women and McGill" *(not more copies here.)*  
Extract from McGill Daily.  
Table of Women Registered 1922-23.

December 22, 1922.

A.P.S. Classco Esq.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Classco,

I understand that Miss Cartwright has been in conference with Dr. Lamb concerning accommodation for the Basketball practice and matches of the R.V.C. Athletic Society for the months of January and February and for the Inter-Collegiate matches with Toronto and Queen's to be held here towards the end of February. You are familiar with all the difficulties of accommodation but the situation is more acute than usual.

The requirements are a floor for team practices and league matches (M.A.A.A. girls, Y.W.C.A., and Macdonald) which all lead up to the Inter-Collegiate Matches and space to provide for onlookers, in the latter case to afford revenue with which to meet expenses; tickets to be sold to students and their friends, to girls' schools and others interested in the games. When we entered the league in 1920 it was not unreasonably hoped that by the third meeting there would be a McGill Gymnasium available.

Molson's Hall will not meet these needs. It provides no space for onlookers and is not available at suitable times. It was reserved for us on Wednesday afternoons as in the last two years but owing to the new arrangements of the Arts time-table it is found impossible to make use of it that afternoon, and, so far, inter-Class matches have been held on Saturday afternoons, the only other time available. I understand the Montreal High School Gymnasium, rented by McGill, is fully in use excepting at hours unsuitable for us.

I have been asked whether, under the circumstances, the R.V.C. Hall could be used for Basket-Ball practices and matches about three times a week throughout January and February, as far as I can judge, afternoons for practices, afternoons or evenings for matches.

I have always held that the Hall is most unsuitable for purposes of athletics for reasons expressed to you on former occasions. Since the re-decoration the risks in cost for damage are greater. I have consulted Mr. Lawrence and he thinks the risks in damage are quite considerable. Also with the renewal of activities in the College and University the Hall is again in very frequent use, so that the continual removing of chairs etc. would involve much wear and tear.



A.P.S.Glassco Esq.,  
McGill University.

On the other hand, I am quite at a loss to know how to advise for the provision of a most necessary college activity. Basket-Ball is one of the most suitable sports for Girls, beneficial to the players, useful in rallying large numbers of students in a common interest so valuable in College life.

The Department of Physical Education has all my sympathy in its many difficulties of accommodation.

I do not consider that gymnasium classes would have the same claim for consideration. They can be conducted in a smaller space, inadequate and unsuitable though the gymnasium is in many ways. Gymnasium classes continue all the session, they are held at all hours and they are accompanied by music. The Basket-Ball, on the other hand, would be held during January and February only and at times when all students would be available to support them.

Will you very kindly give your consideration to this question which is perplexing me and let me know whether you think we should incur all the risk and expense of the use of the hall or whether any other suggestion occurs to you.

I am leaving College for Christmas, but expect to be back again January 2nd.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

January 10, 1923.

A.P.S. Glasco Esq.,  
Bursar, McGill University.  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Glasco,

Following my letter to you concerning the need of a place in which the R.V.C. Athletic Association can play Basket-Ball, I spoke to you of problems concerning the needs of Women Students of the University which would be met if it were possible to build on College property (corner of Sherbrooke and University) from any accumulated College funds that may possibly exist, a gymnasium with the necessary offices and dressing rooms and also rest and common rooms which would provide a sort of "Union" quarters for all the women students of the University so far not associated with the R.V.C. but who by that means might be brought into contact with it.

From time to time, since 1917 when women first appeared in other Faculties, I have referred to the growing need there will be to face this situation, for example in the little pamphlet "Women and "McGill" published at the time of the Centennial Endowment Campaign, and I have recently again brought the matter to the attention of the Principal.

So much is it felt that some union of all the women students at McGill is desirable that the R.V.C. Undergraduate Society has taken the initiative by seeking the views of women students in other Faculties and Departments and in proposing for consideration a constitution of a possible representative council (see enclosed cutting from McGill Daily). This, if adopted, would be a step to a development in Student organisation, the adaptation of various societies which are now R.V.C. Societies, to include the wider constituency. Undoubtedly the women students in other Faculties and Departments have less use for ordinary Undergraduate activities than the large homogeneous body of Arts Students (e.g. many in Medicine and Law are Graduates; many in the Departments of Social Service and Nursing would be of maturer age), but I am sure I interpret rightly the feeling of the R.V.C. Students that it is no longer enough to organise their activities without a recognition of

A.P.S.Glasco Esq.,  
McGill University.

the existence of other bodies of Students.

All this suggests a possible tendency for the name of the R.V.C. to disappear gradually in such a wider adjustment of student organisations. There may be obvious difficulties in retaining the name unless some privileges associated with it are extended.

At the same time the resources of our present building and of our annual revenue appear to be fully assigned and we are in need of certain developements for our own student constituency.

I venture to think that it would be a very desirable University policy to affirm the value of the Royal Victoria College endowment, as a contribution to Women's Education in the University, to extend its services by means of gymnasium and "Union" facilities in buildings that should bear the College name and which should bring all women students of the University in some respects within the scope of its benefits.

I think that my two letters will show that the matters involved are urgently deserving of consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

Enclosures:-

1. Women & McGill
2. Extract from McGill Daily.
3. Table of Women Students now registered in the University.

# McGill

RY 9, 1923

9.1.1923

## TO VOTE ON SOCIETY FOR ALL CO-EDS

All R.V.C. Students Will  
Vote on Wednesday

### McGILL WOMEN

Are All Women Students of  
McGill to Be United?

Voting will take place on Wednesday, January 10, at R.V.C. from 9 to 5 o'clock on the question of the formation of a society for women students at McGill. All the R.V.C. students are urgently requested to register their vote as it is most important that the decision arrived at should be representative of the general feeling of the women students in Arts.

At the last meeting of the Undergraduate Society, in December, suggestions for the proposed constitution of the society were made and if the decision arrived at is in favour of the formation of such a society, the following suggestions will be sent up to the Representative Committee from the R.V.C. Undergraduates:

I.—Membership: All women students of the University who pay the universal fee and that all women students in each school, department and faculty represented on the Council shall pay this fee.

II.—Object: To promote the general interests of women students.

III.—Officers: President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and a Treasurer. One secretary shall attend to correspondence and the other to the recording of minutes and notices.

IV.—Executive Council: (1) The administration of all the business of the society shall be invested in the Executive Council; (2) It shall be composed of (a) the President and Vice-Presidents of the Society; (b) the Presidents of the following: Athletic Society, Delta Sigma Society, Students' Christian Society, Société Française; (c) the woman editor of the McGill Daily; (d) a representative from each of the faculties and departments: Arts, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Graduates' School, School of Social Science, Music, School of Physical Education, School of Graduate Nurses. Each representative shall be a full course student in her faculty or department.

3.—The Executive Council shall be the only recognizable medium between the women students and the University authorities and the general public.

4.—It shall control all funds contributed by the general body of students to any undergraduate enterprise.

5.—All articles written for the "Daily" by women students shall pass through the hands of the woman editor.

6.—It shall act as a court before which any student may be called to account for a misdemeanor.

7.—(a) The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the student body; (b) The Executive Council shall appoint the two secretaries and the treasurer from outside the Executive; (c) The President shall be elected from the representatives of the various faculties and departments.

WOMEN STUDENTS REGISTERED 1922-23

Undergraduates working for First Degrees

R.V.C.(Arts)	211	plus	56 Partials
Law	5		
Medicine	15		
Music	<u>4</u>		

235 Total for First Degrees.

Graduate Faculty 17

252 - Total for Degrees

For Diplomas

Music	17	plus	72 Senior Partials
Pharmacy	2		
Social Science	8	"	2 Partials
Graduate Nurses	12	"	40 "
School of Physical Education	<u>42</u>		

81 Total for Diplomas.

November 20th, 1923.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

The Principal has asked me to acknowledge your letter of November 15th and to say that he warmly approves of your attendance at the annual meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women, to be held in Chicago, February 24th to 28th inclusive.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

November 15, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I should greatly like to attend the Conference of Deans of Women referred to in the enclosed letter, if you approve and nothing arises here toward the end of February to make my absence for a few days inadvisable. I would ascertain from the programme which seem the most useful days to be present.

The Association has renewed the invitation annually since its inception, but some obstacle has always been in the way of my leaving College. I have always wished to visit Chicago for a first hand impression of a Middle-West University and the way it meets the needs of its women students, although I am fairly familiar with conditions and methods. This offers a good opportunity of meeting the American Women Deans as Chicago is not so very far distant.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurbutt*

*approved.*

Warden.

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November 9, 1923.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Miss Hurlbatt:

The annual meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women is to be held in Chicago, February 24 to 28th inclusive. The Blackstone Hotel will be the headquarters. We hope that as many as possible of the Canadian Deans will be present, for we feel that your contribution to our organization is by no means small.

Our tentative program will be ready for publication soon. It promises to be of unusual interest and one that will be of value to us all.

The city will be crowded at that time because the Superintendence Division of the N.E.A. meets there then. I will enclose a folder that gives possible hotels in case all the rooms at the Blackstone should be taken at this time.

Let me assure you that a most hearty welcome is awaiting you if you can arrange to be with us in February.

Sincerely yours,

*Florence K. Root*

FKR:C



8th March, 1921.

Miss Doris S. Barnes,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Madam,

I now find that I will be unable to attend the gymnastic demonstration on Saturday evening, and shall be obliged if you will have the enclosed tickets changed for two for Friday night's demonstration.

Yours faithfully,

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3rd March, 1921.

Miss Doris S. Barnes,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for the tickets for the  
Gymnastic Demonstration to be held on Saturday  
evening. Enclosed is two dollars in payment.

Ever yours faithfully,

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Royal Victoria College  
Montreal  
March 2, 1921

Sir Arthur Currie  
Principal McGill University  
Montreal

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find tickets  
for the Gymnastic Demonstration  
to be given by the R. V. C. A. A., for  
Saturday evening, the 19<sup>th</sup> instant

Sincerely  
Doris S. Barnes.

Saturday  
19<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Sir Arthur -

The Athletic Association of the Royal Victoria College has decided to hold a gymnastic demonstration on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, in aid of the University Settlement. Though we are aware of the many demands made on your time, we hope that Lady Curie and you will be able to be present on one or other of these evenings. If you

would let me know for which night you  
would prefer to have tickets. I shall  
be only too pleased to forward them

Very sincerely yours

Davis S. Barnes

Convener of  
Business Committee.

Royal Victoria College

February twenty-third.

2nd March, 1921.

Miss Doris S. Barnes,  
Convener of Business Committee,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, Lady Currie and myself will be pleased to attend the gymnastic demonstration to be given by the Athletic Association of the Royal Victoria College on Saturday evening, the 19th instant.

Ever yours faithfully,

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3rd March, 1921.

Miss Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College for Women,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

I have your letter of the 25th February  
re scholarships for women and will give this matter  
immediate consideration.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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February 23, 1921.

Miss Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

I thank you for your kindness in letting me know of the arrangement which has existed for years between McGill and the Alliance Francaise. I am glad such an arrangement does exist, and I hope that much benefit to both bodies results this.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

February 21, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

You may like to know of the arrangement that has existed for years between McGill and the Alliance Française. McGill offers the use of the Royal Victoria College hall for two conferences each session. In return the Alliance sends to members of the French department, the Cercle Français, and the Société Française, invitations to all its conferences, whether held at the College or at the Ritz-Carlton.

The enclosed notice and cards will show you something of the operations of the Alliance.

Yours faithfully,

*Stuel Thurlbatt*

Warden.

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January  
Sixth  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I have your letter of the 4th instant and read with interest that the McGill Alumnae Society hope to raise funds for the benefit of the University Settlement and also to enable them to make a contribution to the Postgraduate Scholarship offered by the Federation of University Women in Canada.

I wish the Society all possible success.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

January 4, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

For several years the Alumnae Society have had the use of the College Assembly Hall for four nights for a series of lectures given by distinguished visitors, the proceeds being devoted to purposes of war relief, and especially to the libraries organised by the Alumnae in the military hospitals of Montreal.

This session the Alumnae do not propose to continue these lectures, but have asked for the hall for one night only, for the purpose of a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the University Settlement, and also for funds to contribute to a postgraduate scholarship of \$1000, offered by the Federation of University Women in Canada to a woman graduate of a Canadian university for use overseas. The offer of this scholarship is the first act of the Federation, which was inaugurated last August.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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November  
Twenty-ninth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I thank you for your letter  
of the 26th of November with reference to the  
Assembly Hall of the R.V.C. being used in con-  
nection with the course of lectures to Bankers.

Mr. Glassco will make the  
arrangements with you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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150  
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Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

November 26., 1920.

*Principal's file*

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

Your letter of the 25th, concerning lectures for bankers, has just reached me.

I hasten to assure you that I think the Assembly Hall should undoubtedly be available for this purpose. Already it has been in regular use two afternoons a week by large audiences attending Dr. Colby's lectures, the latter also being recognized as undergraduate courses.

If it were possible for the lectures to be held from 5.15 to 6.15, the College would be spared the one inconvenience involved. It is desirable to have the corridors clear if possible, and some sense of quiet and privacy for those in residence, by 6.30 p.m., when we assemble for dinner. It is probably impossible for those attending the course to reach the College by an earlier hour, and I think therefore that no difficulty should be put in the way of a 5.30 lecture.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart Hurlbatt*

Warden.

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25th November, 1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,-

At the request of two of the larger banks in Montreal, the University has agreed to put on an Extension Course for Bankers. There is every indication now that these lectures will be very largely attended. In fact we expect registrations in excess of four hundred and possibly five hundred. It has been decided that this course shall comprise fifteen lectures on Economics, Corporation, Finance, Law and Insurance. One lecture each week will be delivered on Friday afternoon from 5.30 to 6.30 P. M.

In view of the magnificent support accorded by the banks to McGill in the Campaign just closed, the University is particularly anxious to render some service to these institutions. It is important, therefore, that the instruction we give to their men should be the very best, and it is important also that it should be given under the best possible conditions.

Mr. Glassco, in speaking to me of this matter, stated that the only University hall that would accommodate four or five hundred persons was in your building. In view of the heavy demands, however, which have been made upon the Royal Victoria College this year, Mr. Glassco was a little diffident about suggesting further impositions. The matter, however, appears of importance to me, and I should like very much to have your acquiescence in the holding of these lectures in your building. You will, of course, understand that the College will be put to no trouble or expense in the matter of preparing the hall each week as Mr. Glassco ~~is~~ will ~~be~~ arranged for this work being done.

With kind regards, I am,  
Yours sincerely,

*awc*

Principal.

Royal Victoria College

15 Mars, 1920



Cher Monsieur,

La Société française vous prie de bien vouloir leur faire l'honneur d'assister - ainsi que M<sup>me</sup> Adams - à la petite fête française qui aura lieu lundi le 22 mars, à huit heures et quart au Royal Victoria College.

Les étudiants ont préparé une comédie qu'ils donneront à cette occasion.

Croyez monsieur, à mes  
sentiments très respectueux

Doris Charles

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May  
Sixth  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

The Principal desires me to  
acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 4th  
regarding Scholarships.

Yours sincerely,

Principal's Secretary.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

May 4, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

With reference to my letter of February 25th concerning scholarships, written after conference with Dr. Harkness and Professor Eve, the latter as chairman of the Scholarship Committee has now worked out the details of the revised scheme, and I have just seen ~~the~~ them in the Calendar proof. On his advice I wish to withdraw the request, at least for the present, as it may be found that the new scheme can be made to operate in such a way as not to involve women students in disabilities.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurlobath*

Warden.

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April  
Eighth  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, M.A.,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I wish to acknowledge your  
letter of April 8th, with enclosures as stated.

The application of Miss Mathewson  
with recommendations has been forwarded to Mr.  
Twentyman.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

April 8, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

By an arrangement with the English Board of Education, we have the privilege of recommending suitable women graduates for appointment in French Lycées and Ecoles Normales (see notices enclosed).

The McGill Committee recognised by the Board of Education as responsible for these recommendations consists of the Principal, Dr. Parmelee, the head of the Modern Language Department, the Professor of Education, and myself. The applicant has also to forward a certificate of pure English pronunciation.

The application of Miss D.R. Mathewson has been approved by all members of the Committee.

The form of application as a Repetitrice is added to indicate that Miss Mathewson would accept such an appointment if none offers for an Assistante.

I now submit these to you hoping that you will have the two copies of the application required forwarded direct to Mr. Twentyman. Another copy is sent so that it may be filed in your office.

Yours sincerely,

*Edith Thurlbatt*

Warden.

*Handed to  
Dr. Nicholson  
April 8/21*

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11th March, 1921.

Miss Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College for Women,  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant and Sir Stopford Brunton's letter to you, it is my opinion that considering all things we should agree to let the Apollo Glee Club have the hall on whichever date is most convenient to you. I have come to this conclusion because the 10th Battery was a McGill Battery. The memorial which they propose erecting is a flag staff on the Stadium grounds. Under these conditions were we to refuse the use of the hall, I think we would lay ourselves open to some criticism.

Ever yours faithfully,

P.S. - I am returning Sir Stopford's letter herewith..

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

March 9, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

I should be glad of your advice before answering the enclosed from Sir Stöpford Brunton.

It has not been the custom to lend the College hall for such performances as that mentioned.

Outside of McGill activities the custom has been to lend the hall from time to time for free lectures in the interest of such organisations as the Charity Organisation Society, Women's Directory, Housewives' League, etc.

It is easy to see that numerous organisations would be ready to offer their performances in aid of some McGill object if that were likely to give the privilege of the use of our hall.

It has never been the custom to make rent charge, but I think for the future it may be necessary to charge invariably a minimum fee to cover wear and tear, whenever the College is lent, and entrance money charged.

I think it would be more appropriate if this concert could be held in the McGill Union. Perhaps this may seem ungracious, but if this request claims consideration on the ground of a tribute to McGill men, there may be numerous similar claims on behalf for example of the P.R.C.L.D. (reinforced by overseas companies of McGill C.O.T.C.), the 7th Siege Battery, and so on.

If however you think that a refusal of this request would be neglecting a tribute to McGill men whose memory we all desire should be honoured, you will know that we should prefer to grant the request and risk the consequences.

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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June  
Sixth  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

With reference to your letter of June 6th and the extract from the Quebec Official Gazette, which was enclosed, I wish to say that when I came to McGill last August I found the nomination of some one to take advantage of this Scholarship awaiting my action.

After considerable trouble I nominated Mr. Robertson, who had graduated in Law, and he has, consequently, studied in Paris for the past year. Mr. Robertson relinquishes the Scholarship next September and I have recommended that the benefits from it for one year be transferred to Mr. Singer, who is now studying in Paris and who hopes to obtain his Doctorat Degree next year. Mr. Singer will be the first graduate of McGill to obtain such a degree and I hope that when he returns to Canada he will join our staff.

It will be seen from the above that the disposition of the Scholarship for this year has already been made and that further nominations will not be received until next year.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

June 6, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

I have obtained the enclosed extract from the "Quebec Official Gazette", and have posted it on our notice board for the encouragement of students interested in the study of French.

I learn from the Registrar that he has as yet received no intimation from Quebec as to the appointment of scholars this year, but no doubt we shall hear in due course.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hubbard*

Warden.



NOTICE.

The attention of students interested in the study of the French Language and Literature is called to the following extracts from the Quebec Official Gazette, July 3rd, 1921:-

REGULATIONS:-

1. The Provincial Secretary, with the approval of the Lieut. Gov. in Council, may grant five scholarships of \$1200.00 each to help students and teachers who have graduated in the superior course of educations of the Province of Quebec to defray expenses to follow an additional course of studies in Paris, France.
2. These scholarships will be granted to students and teachers who are especially recommended by the teaching authorities of the institutions in which they have taken their degrees.
3. No scholarships will be granted to a student or teacher past the age of 25 years.
4. No additional course of studies in Paris will extend over a period of more than three years.
5. The Provincial Secretary may grant some of these scholarships to students who intend to take up the study of the Fine Arts (Music excepted).
6. These scholarships shall be subject to renewal each year only upon receipt of a satisfactory report from the professors in charge of the bursaries, and the said report shall be handed to the Provincial Secretary before the first day of September of every school year.

Thus given ~~out~~ at the office of the Provincial Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Act George V. ch.9, sec. 2, on this twenty-ninth day of June, 1920.

(Signed) C.J. Simard.

Ass't. Prov. Sec.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

May 31, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

In connection with the leave of absence granted to Miss Carr, I shall be glad to know whether the enclosed will be a correct answer to give to any inquiries received concerning a possible appointment of a resident Lecturer in English at the Royal Victoria College. Graduates and others have become so accustomed to the existence of such an appointment that I expect many inquiries will be addressed to us, and I should like to arrange for a correct reply to be given in the case of assumption that a new appointment is to be made.

In connection with the teaching to be provided by the English Department in the Royal Victoria College (separate teaching of all subjects of the first year - separate teaching of all compulsory subjects of the second year - i.e., Latin and English Composition) I have no doubt that I shall hear of the arrangement made by the Head of the Department with the University to replace the teaching given by Miss Carr in English 2, Literature of the first year, and English 3, Composition of the second year.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hubbard*

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to your inquiry I am authorised by the University authorities to say that there is no vacancy for the appointment of a resident Lecturer in English in this College.

Yours

or

In reply to your inquiry I am to say that the University does not intend to make any appointment such as that to which you refer.

Yours

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Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

May 31, 1921.

The Principal,  
Mc Gill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

Miss Carr's leave of absence and the termination of Miss Newnham's appointment as a postgraduate Scholar with residence duties will deprive us next session of the help expected of the senior Resident Lecturer and of a junior member of staff, the object of whose appointment, as explained last year, I append to this letter.

This leaves the College with Miss Lichtenstein, who has very heavy duties at the Conservatorium, and Mlle Touren, who has a heavy teaching programme and a special field of activity -- both of whom are invaluable as resident members of the staff.

I do not wish to ask for the appointment of a resident Lecturer in English, nor, under the existing circumstances, of a postgraduate scholar. Nor do I know of any teaching department requiring a woman assistant whom we could consider for a resident appointment.

I would suggest the appointment for next session of Miss May Newnham, with some such title as Resident Tutor, although the assistance given by those holding resident appointments is not confined to residence objects, and should afford some general support to the Warden of the College. I can think of no one available more likely to fit in with the needs of the College just now than Miss Newnham. If this suggestion meets with your approval I would write at once to Professor Walter to inquire whether there is any essential teaching in his Department that he would care to offer to Miss Newnham, otherwise an appointment would have to be considered independently of teaching duties. I think it unlikely that Professor Walter will have any teaching to offer to Miss Newnham, but he may suggest tuition. With regard to remuneration, I think that Miss Newnham could command an appointment worth \$1000 and residence in a good private school or college.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

My recommendation implies a reduction in the resident staff of one person (one room and maintenance) and a corresponding increase in the number of students we can receive (paying \$200 room rent).

I do not know what may be saved to the College by the leave of absence granted to Miss Carr.

Yours sincerely,

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

Object stated June 1920, when recommending appointment of Miss May Newnham:-

To have in residence a member of the staff near in age to students, to have help in students' social life, including coeducational activities, chaperoning evening engagements, sports, snowshoe tramps, hockey matches, debates, etc.... to encourage graduates of the right qualifications to prepare for appointments of responsibility in women's colleges, etc.

.....the passing of war conditions is bringing social activities into greater prominence and is increasing the need of the cooperation of junior members of the staff.

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October  
Twenty-seventh  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

Thank you for your letter  
of October 26th.

I am glad that you are going to  
the Conference in New York and I appreciate  
that much good will result to McGill.

On your return will you please  
let Mr. Glasseo know what your expenses have  
been.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

**Royal Victoria College for Women**

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.**

October 26, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

The invitation of which I spoke to you yesterday is from the "Section Conference of the North Atlantic Section of the American Association of University Women", to meet in New York, Saturday and Sunday, October 29th and 30th.

Among the subjects for discussion are the following:-

Workers' Educational Movement.  
Women in practical Politics to help Women and  
Women's Education in General.  
Classical Education in Politics  
Educational Policy.  
What is the Mission of the American Association of  
University Women.

At the Conference dinner on Saturday night the subject will be, "Some Problems of the coming Conference on Limitation of Armament", and the speakers will include the secretary of the Chinese Delegation to the Conference at Washington.

The American Association of University Women has been very faithful in its efforts to induce me to attend, as a fraternal delegate, its various conferences, and specially organised conferences of Deans of Women Students.

I have regretted deeply that the circumstances under which we have been working here during and since the war have so often made it impossible for me to contemplate leaving the College.

It is a good thing to draw near together with these neighbours.



The Principal,  
McGill University.

October 26, 1921.

Under existing conditions I find I can make adequate arrangements for full attention to the care of the College during the week-end (Miss Lichtenstein, Mlle Touren and Miss Cameron will be here), and I am glad to know that you approve of my going to New York.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

November 25, 1921.

The Principal,  
McGill University.  
Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

At the request of the Alliance Française I have given permission for the use of the College Hall for Thursday, December 1st, when the conférencier will be M. Charles Bertrand, Député de la Seine, Président de la Fédération Interalliés des Anciens Combattants. Subject: "Les Combattants Interalliés et les Temps Nouveaux".

This will be one of the two occasions upon which we lend the Hall to the Alliance Française, in return for which free invitations are sent to all men and women students of the Cercle Français and the Société Française for all conferences of the Alliance.

The second occasion for which we shall probably be asked for the Hall will be for M. Jacques Cavallier, Recteur de l'Université de Toulouse. But that will be later — in the spring.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Kurlbatt*

Warden.

*File*

December  
Twenty-first  
1921.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

With reference to your letter of December 20th and the grant of \$150.00 for the R.V.C. Library, I shall be very glad to make a recommendation in harmony with your wishes.

I do not think that the Finance Committee will meet again until the first week in January.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

January  
Fourth  
1922.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

Would it be asking you too  
much to prepare the answer to the attached  
letter?

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

THE COLLEGE CLUB OF SAINT LOUIS  
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5428 DELMAR BOULEVARD

St. Louis, Mo., January 26, 1922.

Sir A. W. Currie  
Pres. of McGill University  
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Currie:

As chairman of the Education Committee of The College Club of St. Louis, I wish to thank you most heartily for the ~~most~~ splendid reply you sent us in response to our questionnaire. The information you submit is just what we need and will be of untold help to us. We are very grateful to you. It is indeed most encouraging to meet with such whole-hearted cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen Fredway Graham,  
Chairman, Education Committee.  
per W.

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February  
Second  
1922.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I have your letter of  
January 31st regarding the visit of Her  
Excellency to the Royal Victoria College on  
Wednesday, February 15th.

I wrote to Lord Byng asking  
him to address the McGill Canadian Club on  
the same day as Her Excellency visited you,  
but I have not heard from him as yet as to  
whether he is able to fall in with such a  
suggestion.

I am quite sure that Lady  
Currie will be glad to be present.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

January  
Thirty-first  
1922.

Captain Balfour,  
Government House,  
Ottawa.

Dear Captain Balfour:-

Miss Hurlbatt, the Warden of the Royal Victoria College, consulted with me the other day with reference to a Tea which some of the ladies of the University would like to give to Her Excellency, Lady Byng of Vimy, some afternoon.

The McGill Canadian Club have also come to see me and asked if His Excellency would consent to make a short address to them.

If Their Excellencies are willing to fall in with these requests the two functions might be arranged to happen at the same time, or nearly the same time, because the room in which His Excellency would speak to the McGill Canadian Club is the Assembly Hall of the Royal Victoria College.

I do most sincerely hope that His Excellency will consent to speak to the McGill Canadian Club and that he will authorize us to arrange the function to take place on the same day as Her Excellency takes tea with the University women.

Yours faithfully,

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Next meeting Finance Committee

WHEATON COLLEGE  
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 20, 1921

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, Warden,  
Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P. Quebec.

My dear Miss Hurlbatt:

The annual meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women of the United States will be held in Chicago, from Thursday morning, February 23rd through Saturday, February 25th, 1922, with headquarters and meetings at the Blackstone Hotel. As president of the Association, I wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend that meeting as a guest of our Association, if it is possible for you to do so. There will be in attendance from two hundred to two hundred and fifty women deans of universities, colleges, normal schools, and high schools throughout the United States. I am enclosing a copy of the preliminary announcement of the meeting which has just been sent out to members. The final program will not be ready for press until about February first.

I am sending this invitation to ten deans of women in Canadian colleges and universities whose names I have been able to obtain. I understand that you have not yet formed an association in Canada and I have thought that some of the Canadian deans might like to join us in our annual meeting this year. It would give us great pleasure indeed to have some of you or all of you with us, as is possible for you.

With cordial greetings and good wishes to you as a colleague in work for college women, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Mina Kerr*

President of the National  
Association of Deans of Women.



# The National Association of Deans of Women

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December 15, 1921

## TO DEANS AND ADVISERS OF WOMEN:

On February 23, 24 and 25, 1922, the annual meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women will be held in Chicago, in connection with the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association. The Blackstone will be the headquarters of the Association, and reservations should be made there or in some other hotel at the earliest possible date, since the demand for rooms is great.

The tentative program which follows has been arranged with the purpose of making the general sessions present subjects of vital interest to all administrative women and of planning the sectional conferences so as to give opportunity for informal discussion and consideration concerning administrative details and problems.

Thursday, February 23, morning and afternoon.

Joint conference with the National Committee of Bureaus of Occupations and conference on Vocational Activities in Colleges.

Thursday, 8:00 P. M.

Subject: Women in Industry. A number of speakers who have expert knowledge of this subject.

Friday, February 24, 9:00 A. M.

Subject: Construction and Management of Dormitories for Women Students. Addresses by an architect, deans, and special workers in this field.

Friday, 2:30 P. M.

Sectional conferences and round table discussions.

*University Deans of Women.* Subjects: How to Obtain Money for Housing. The Delinquent Student. Recreation.

*College Deans.* Subjects: The Curriculum. Special Opportunities for the Unusual Student. Promotion of Ideals of Scholarship among Average Students.

*Normal School Deans of Women.* Subjects: Methods of Teaching Thrift. Regulation of Extra Curricula Activities.

*High School Deans of Girls.* Subject: Work of deans of girls in 5212 high schools.

Friday, 7:00 P. M.

Dinner at Blackstone Hotel. Subject: Our Relations to Other Women's Organizations. Addresses by leaders of these Organizations.

Saturday, February 25, 9:00 A. M.

Business meeting. Subject: The Stimulation of Graduate Work among University Women. Presented by several speakers.

Saturday, 2:30 P. M.

Sectional conferences.

*University Deans of Women.* Subject: The Standardization of the Position of Dean of Women in State Universities.

*College Deans.* Subjects: Limitation of Student Activities. Practical Administrative Problems of Deans.

*Normal School Deans of Women.* Subjects: Student Standards. Student Leadership.

*High School Deans of Girls.* Subject: Our Unsocial Social Curriculum.

The National Committee of the Bureaus of Occupations will be in session at the Blackstone during this conference and they invite most cordially any members of this Association to the session on Thursday which will be specially planned to present vocational matters of interest to deans.

The Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. will meet in Chicago the week of February 27, and the members of this Association are urged to remain for those meetings. If this is done, hotel reservations should be made to cover the period. By joining the N. E. A. the members of this Association may get the N. E. A. railroad rates in connection with the meeting of the Department of Superintendence and may secure a list of centrally located hotels in the recent N. E. A. Bulletin.

It is important to know in advance the number of members who will be present at the dinner on Friday night at the Blackstone Hotel. The price of this dinner will be three dollars a plate and those expecting to attend should send their names to the secretary before the meeting. Informal sectional luncheons will be held both Friday and Saturday, for which announcements will be made later.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members at this annual meeting of deans of women and that the discussions will be helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mina Kerr, President

Katharine S. Alvord, Secretary

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Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

October 6, 1920.

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

McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

Thank you for your letter of the fifth instant just received, concerning the provision of board in the College for students of the School of Physical Education, in which of course I concur.

My letter of September third to Mr. Glassco was written in the hope that in the month remaining before the opening of the session, something might be done to correct the situation as regards the Royal Victoria College.

I am sorry to say that at least five qualified students have now been lost to the Faculty of Arts. It is of course impossible to say how many of the twenty and more enquiries made regarding residence might have been pursued had we been able to offer a hope of residence accommodation. Six of these enquiries were from those desiring courses in Music. Six Arts students have been placed in boarding-houses or with friends. The practice of the Arts Faculty is to admit no student later than about the third week of the session.

Yours faithfully,

*Edith Hurlbatt*

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL.

September 3, 1920.

A. P. S. Glassco, Esq.,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Glassco,

You ask me to consider the suggestion of boarding in the College students of the School of Physical Education, to be housed in 318 Sherbrooke Street, happily secured for this purpose. It may help you if I put into writing the present situation with regard to residence accommodation which we have more or less discussed by telephone.

It was reported to the University on June 1st that all accommodation in the College had been assigned and that there was a certainty of demand in excess of the supply. We learnt on June 7th the Finance Committee's decision to act upon the suggestion <sup>if possible</sup> (to make) the Learmont House available. This was reported on June 15th to be impossible. Then a further investigation was promised. In July we learnt that we must understand that beyond any doubt it would be impossible to have the house ready for the coming session. The only course open seemed to be to endeavour to find suitable boarding-houses. This we have endeavoured to do with some possibility of success for Arts students, so far without success for students of Music.

Under the circumstances the proposal to board the residents of 318 Sherbrooke Street in the College suggests the following extraordinary situation:- 1. College accommodation (presented by the Founder 1910-11 for residence purposes and used for students until the war and the opening of the University of British Columbia temporarily lessened the number of entries) occupied by the College groundsman. 2. Board provided for students of the newest Department of the University. 3. Students for whom the College was founded and as hitherto operated, refused the protection of residence and board<sup>ed</sup> somewhere else in the city.

It would be difficult for me to repudiate the charge against me of injustice to and neglect of the interests of College students, and it would be difficult to defend the action of the University if such a situation arose. I think it is only to be stated to be avoided and that you /

A. P. S. Glassco, Esq.,

Sept. 3, 1920.

you will rely upon me to bring it thus clearly before the University. The solution would seem to be to hasten the preparation of Learmont House, even at the eleventh hour, or to board students at 318 Sherbrooke Street in their own building. I should be thankful to discover other alternatives if there are such, and as you know I am only too anxious to co-operate in every way for the good of all women students of the University. It is easy to understand your troubles in housing the groundsman. It is easy to appreciate the desire to obtain as much room accommodation as possible in No. 318 for the purpose of rent, and at as low a charge as possible, for rooms, to the students concerned, seeing that the charge for board if at the College would be at the rate of \$300 for 30 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

*Ethel Hurbutt*

Warden.

September  
Eighth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I have your note of the  
7th and will appreciate it very much if you will  
make it convenient to go over the Royal Victoria  
College with me next Tuesday morning. We can  
then discuss any matters which you care to  
bring to my attention.

I am leaving the city tonight  
for a few days, otherwise I would call at the  
College this week.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

August  
Fourth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Chester, N. S.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 30th, with the enclosure as stated. I have read it with profit, and I feel sure that it will be of great value to the Committee when they make their appeal.

I do not think there is any necessity for you to return to Montreal sooner than you anticipated. I sincerely hope that you are enjoying your vacation.

Lady Currie joins me in cordially reciprocating your good wishes.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Cherter N.S.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL

30.7.1970

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I am sorry the out of town on your arrival at McGill & to be absent from your meeting of Convocation on Monday.

I feel the coming Campaign will claim your immediate attention.

I have sent to the Registrar (at Mr. Glasse's) to request a first rough draft of a short appeal dealing with the Royal Victoria College needs & those of women students generally in the University. It is a mere suggestion &



must be improved, but it may serve to give  
you briefly some of the essential facts  
with regard to history, present & future  
possibilities.

I have lately received the accompanying  
appeal form from England & think  
of sending a copy to the Registrar  
who may be glad to have models  
of appeal forms for reference.

We are in touch with Mr. Glanco  
& the Registrar concerning an  
immediate problem of residence  
accommodation for next session  
& I am available to return at any

time should it become desirable  
in this connection.

I am usually away for the annual  
vacation during July & towards  
the end of August, but can easily  
& gladly return earlier.

If for any reason you should wish  
for my presence in Montreal I  
hope you will not hesitate to have  
word sent to me.

Please accept my sincere good wishes  
to you and Lady Currie. I shall be  
glad if I can be of any service to the  
latter on my return.

Believe me  
Yours sincerely  
E. H. Hurstbath.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

May 1, 1920.

The Acting-Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dean Adams,

So far I have not heard of any graduate likely to be at Pittsburg in June, but if you wish an enquiry can be made at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Society on Tuesday. It is possible that some one present might know of a graduate likely to be in that neighbourhood. Unless I hear to the contrary from you I will see that the enquiry is made and the papers and any suggestions forthcoming forwarded to you after Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

*Esther Kurlbatt*

Warden.

April  
Nineteenth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I have just received a request to appoint a delegate to be present at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Pennsylvania College for Women. The proceedings extend over the period from June 6th to June 10th.

I am enclosing the invitation, etc., and shall be glad if you will return the same to me with information with reference to any person we might appoint to represent the University on this occasion.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

March  
Nineteenth  
1920.

Mrs. Gertrude S. Martin,  
Executive Secretary,  
Association of Collegiate Alumnae,  
934 Stewart Ave., Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

I have received your letter of  
March 9th inviting me to nominate a member of the  
Faculty of McGill University to act as councillor  
to represent the interests of this University in  
the Council of your Association.

I have much pleasure in appointing  
to this position Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, M.A., F.C.D.,  
Warden of the Royal Victoria College of McGill  
University, who will, I hope, be able to attend  
the forthcoming meeting of your Association.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

CC-Miss Hurlbatt.

Acting Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

Mar. 17, 1920.

The Acting-Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Adams,

Many thanks for your letter and papers concerning the Council meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. No member of the R.V.C. staff is likely to be at Cleveland April 8-10.

I have been hoping to take some opportunity before the end of the American University session to visit some State University. If it were possible to be absent for a day or two in April I would gladly take the opportunity of going to Cleveland at my own expense as I should find it helpful to meet representatives of women's colleges, especially those associated with co-educational institutions in view of developments ahead of us here. I find, however, that the April meeting of the Faculty of Arts falls on the 8th, and I should not wish to miss attending the meeting. If by any chance it comes to be changed and things here make it possible for me to leave for a few nights, I should be very glad of the opportunity of going to Cleveland. Under the circumstances perhaps it would meet your view if I were nominated and attended, if I found it possible to do so. I have just received the enclosed on the same subject from the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. The Association is very persistent in its courtesy towards us and is evidently

Dr. Adams

Mar. 17, 1920.

sincerely desirous of cultivating interchange of views.

Yours very truly,

*Stuart K. Hulbert*

Warden.

March  
Twelfth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I am enclosing a letter  
from the acting Executive Secretary of the  
Association of College Alumnae.

Will you, or any other  
member of the staff of the Royal Victoria College,  
be in Cleveland at the time of this meeting. If  
so, I shall be glad to arrange to have a formal  
appointment made.

I shall be glad if you will be  
good enough to return the letter with your answer.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Encl.

Acting Principal.



March  
Twelfth  
1920.

Miss Ada Dickson, B.A.  
"The Gazette",  
Montreal.

Dear Miss Dickson:-

On looking over the letter which I received from the Executive Secretary of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, I find that the delegate whom they desire to have sent to represent McGill at the meeting of the Association to be held in Cleveland, on April 8th and 10th, must be a member of the Faculty or the Governing Board of the University represented.

This greatly restricts the number in McGill University from whom the selection can be made. I am, therefore, not forwarding to you the letter, as I said I would when I had the pleasure of meeting you yesterday afternoon.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you again before long,

I remain, dear Miss Dickson,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL.

Mar. 1, 1920.

The Acting Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Adams,

The Senior Play Committee of men and women students of Arts 1920 have applied as in former years for the use of the R.V.C. hall for the presentation of their annual play. The dates asked for are Friday and Saturday, Mar. 12th and 13th, and times necessary for rehearsals. This application has been granted as in accordance with precedent of long standing. The performances have of course been suspended for the last year or two owing to the war.

Yours very truly,

*Esther Knibbatt*

Warden.

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE.  
MONTREAL.

Feb. 3, 1920.

The Acting Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dean Adams,

Many thanks for so kindly  
arranging for the notice of Bryn Mawr  
fellowships to be forwarded to us. We  
have already received similar letter and  
notice direct from Bryn Mawr, and the  
latter has been posted on the official  
notice board.

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin Hulbatt*

Warden.

*Saw Miss. H.  
permanently  
arrange for  
charitable use  
Sir Archibald  
Adams  
(Feb. 4)*

Royal Victoria College for Women  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

February 3, 1920.

The Acting-Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I have already referred in conversation with you to the question that should sometime be considered of the relation of the Royal Victoria College to other women students of the University than those already associated with it and to the general question of a University policy with regard to some aspects of the needs of women students.

I have referred to some extent to their questions in a recent report on accommodation.

It may be best to put the questions more fully before you without further delay, although you may consider that until matters concerning McGill and Lord Strathcona's trustees with regard to the Royal Victoria College are further advanced it may be best to defer any general consideration of the subject.

As the questions to which I have referred become more evident every year, there can be no harm in an attempt to state them. It may possibly be helpful to do so if only to suggest a reason for guarding against too narrow a definition of the functions or objects of the Royal Victoria College in any bill or charter.

The question that faces all co-educational Universities, i.e. the special provision for residence and social facilities for women students, has been met in part only at McGill. It is met in many Universities by the provision of a "Union" or social centre, and by one or several Residential Halls under one scheme or standard of management, discipline etc.

So long as women at McGill were in the Faculty of Arts only, the matter of their residence and social facilities was adequately met in association with a special provision for their instruction in separate (i.e. College) classes in the First and in part in the Second Year. Every woman student in the Faculty of Arts is a student of the Royal Victoria College, registers there and comes under its rules, etc.

Dr. Adams

Feb. 3, 1920.

New Departments have arisen and other Faculties have admitted women. These new departures have not raised the question of separate instruction, which has been fully conceded in Departments and Faculties concerned: but the latter have not concerned themselves with residential and social considerations as affecting the women students admitted to instruction.

The questions that arise are: (1) Should the University provide these residential and social facilities for all women students (or at least for those of undergraduate standing) and would the respective Faculties and Departments desire this for their students.

(2) Should these facilities be provided so as to make one centre for women students or several centres, e.g. Conservatorium, Social Service, School of Physical Education, and if one centre should be desired should this be by the extension of operation of the Royal Victoria College or by some other means.

A full consideration of this subject would have to take account of women students in Law, Medicine, Social Service, Physical Education, and possibly the Graduate School, (Medicine to include Dentistry and Pharmacy), and Music (in the last residence already provided for undergraduate students in the Royal Victoria College as Music was in the first instance made a subject for instruction at the Royal Victoria College.)

If it should be desired to make one centre and that centre to be the Royal Victoria College, additional residence accommodation and considerable internal adjustments would be necessary, leaving instructional facilities for the Faculty of Arts as hitherto and safeguarding them from disadvantages, due to development of use of the building for other purposes. The building is not constructed to provide for such general use. A gradual solution of the problem step by step as occasion arose might be considered the best course of action to adopt. It would then remain to be seen what Faculties or Departments pressed any claim upon attention.

Aid for one such Department, the School of Physical Education (which needs a centre of instruction of its own like other Departments) has already been pressed on the attention of the College - chiefly for instructional purposes. The possibility of this being pressed again makes it desirable to state the more general case concerning the needs of women students in the University and to draw attention to the inability of the existing College building and resources to provide for all needs.

Yours very truly,

*Edwin Kurlbatt*

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

19. 1. 1920.

Dear Dr. Adams,

The Resident Students ask to be allowed  
to give a Home Dance in the College Hall on  
Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>

It has been usual for the past  
20 years to allow this privilege, the  
expenses of the Dance being met by  
the Students.

As we find nothing that conflicts  
with the date proposed I have consented  
to their request.

Failing any communication from  
you to the contrary I feel sure I shall

be right in assuming that  
no exception will be taken to  
me maintaining this old custom

Yours faithfully  
Mabel Thurlbatt

January  
Twenty-fourth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt,  
Warden Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

On my return from Toronto yesterday I received your letter of January 19th, enclosing a statement with reference to the changes which have been made in the Royal Victoria College Physical Education classes, owing to the temporary absence of Miss Cartwright.

I understand that Dr. Lamb has endorsed these changes and that they are, therefore, now in force. I desire to thank you for informing me with reference to the nature and extent of the changes in question.

I remain,

yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.



Royal Victoria College for Women

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MONTREAL.

Jan. 19, 1920.

The Acting-Principal,  
McGill University.

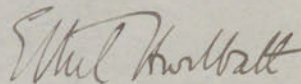
Dear Dr. Adams,

Many thanks for kindly letting me know that we may now look to Dr. Lamb for help.

I enclose a statement of the arrangements suggested by Miss Cartwright, Dr. Harvey and myself, and which Dr. Lamb now endorses.

We hope that they will have your approval so that we may announce them at once.

Yours faithfully,



Warden.

Royal Victoria College Physical Education classes and Athletics during the temporary absence of Miss Cartwright to be carried on by Miss Wood, January 1920.

All students to attend one gymnastic class a week, and in place of the second period of instruction to substitute skating on the R.V.C. rink. Students unable to skate and unwilling to learn, to substitute walks on the mountain. These exercises to be reported and entered on the attendance list at the time of the gymnastic class.

Students requiring special care to be re-examined (as usual) by Dr. Harvey and any special remedial treatment needed to be provided.

Miss Wood to give a general supervision to sports which are arranged in charge of sports managers and special Honorary Coaches. (Basket ball Miss McCallum, Ice Hockey Mr. R. Kennedy, Fancy Skating Miss Meritt).

Miss Wood to give one hour a week theoretical instruction to students preparing for the Academy Diploma and Strathcona Certificate.

Miss Wood to meet the classes at the hours now arranged on Wednesday, 21st and Thursday 22nd, to enroll students on the new basis and give the necessary directions; her class to be as shown on the accompanying time table, Tuesday at 11, 4, and 5, Wednesday at 12, and Thursday at 2, 3, and 5 (or some alternative hours if found necessary).

Miss Wood is willing to undertake this programme in addition to her teaching for the School of Physical Education (see same time table.)

The Chairman of the School of Physical Education has been consulted and will make no objection to the proposed arrangement on the ground of possible interference with Miss Wood's programme for the School.

In brackets = BVC. ug. classes

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McGill University

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

Student's Name.....

Year.....

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9		Gym: Schul		Dancing Schul	Gym Schul	
10	Th. of Movement Schul.		Crit lesson Schul Gymn Schul	Th. of Manag Schul	Class Manag <sup>mt</sup> Schul.	
11	Folk dancing Schul					
12		(Theory of Phys Ed BVC)	(Gym: class BVC)			
2	Practic Teaching Criticism Schul		Remedial Schul	(Gym class BVC)	Practic Teaching Schul	
3				(Gym class BVC)		
4		(Gym: class BVC)				
5	Hygiene	(Gym class BVC)		(Gym class BVC)		

MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
MONTREAL.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
A. S. LAMB, B.P.E., M.D., DIRECTOR

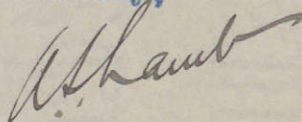
January 17th 1920.

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
Acting Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

Since receiving your letter of the 15th inst., a conference has been held with Miss Hurlbatt and a satisfactory arrangement arrived at for carrying on Miss Cartwright's work during her absence.

Yours sincerely,



Director,

ASL/RDS

January  
Fifteenth  
1920.

Dr. A. S. Lamb,  
Dept. of Physical Education.

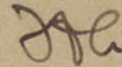
Dear Dr. Lamb:-

I have just heard from Miss Hurlbatt that Miss Cartwright will probably have to undergo an operation for appendicitis, which will necessitate her absence from College for about a period of four weeks.

I have written to Miss Hurlbatt requesting that she arrange with you for the proper conduct of Miss Cartwright's work during the time when she must be away from College.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Acting Principal.

January  
Fifteenth  
1920.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, M.A.,  
Warden, Royal Victoria College,  
McGill University.

Dear Miss Hurlbatt:-

I have just received your letter  
of January 13th with reference to Miss Cartwright.

I am extremely sorry to hear of Miss  
Cartwright's illness, and I hope that the operation  
which she is obliged to undergo will be carried out  
successfully, and she may be able to resume her duties  
again before long.

I have to request that you will arrange  
with Dr. Lamb for the suitable carrying out of Miss  
Cartwright's work during the time of her necessary  
absence.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Acting Principal.

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

13. 1. 1970.

Dear Dr. Adams,

Miss Cartwright is advised that she should not postpone an operation for appendicitis which is considered necessary in view of successive attacks of illness now diagnosed.

This should involve an absence of at least four weeks.

I am consulting with Miss Cartwright suitable arrangements for carrying on her College work.

As soon as Miss Cartwright has

definitely made his arrangements to  
go into Hospital; I will let you  
hear & will also keep you informed  
of suggested arrangements for carrying  
on his College work in his absence.

Yours sincerely  
Walter Kurlbatt



17th September, 1917.

STATEMENT of amounts received from the late Lord Strathcona and from his executors, and applied to the maintenance of the Royal Victoria College, December 1912 to date.

<u>Date Rec'd.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Credited to Royal Victoria College.</u>	<u>Credited to Chair of Zoology.</u>
December 1912	\$45,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$3,000.00
January 1914	\$45,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$3,000.00
October 1914	\$45,000.00	( \$19,272.00	
December 1914		( \$22,728.00	\$3,000.00
December 1915	\$45,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$3,000.00
July 1916	\$12,743.58	\$9,743.58	\$3,000.00
March 1917	\$21,941.52	\$21,941.52	-----
August 1917	\$22,384.09	\$19,384.09	\$3,000.00

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

13.11.1919.

Dear D. Adams,

We think it extremely kind of you  
to have taken so much trouble to obtain  
a signature of His Royal Highness the  
Prince of Wales for the Winter's book of the  
College.

We could well understand that the  
opportunity did not present itself on  
October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please accept our sincere thanks  
for your thought for the College.

I shall be grateful if, at your  
leisure, you can spare me an opportunity

for an informal talk about some  
College questions with which I should  
like to feel that just you in touch.  
I do not mean that there is any  
immediate question upon which  
I should seek your decision - so far  
that is not the case

Yours sincerely

Wm. K. Hulbath

Royal Victoria College for Women

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

Dec. 8, 1919.

The Acting-Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams,

In accordance with long practice the Alliance Francaise is allowed to hold two meetings during the session in the Royal Victoria College hall. In return for this privilege all meetings of the Alliance here and elsewhere (usually in the Ritz-Carlton) are open to the staff and students in the Department of Modern Languages. An application has been received for the use of the hall on Friday, Dec. 19th, for a lecture to be delivered by the Conferencier of the Alliance, Professor Feuilliat of the University of Rennes. An immediate answer was desired, and permission was given.

An application has been received from Mrs. W. R. Miller on behalf of the Red Cross Society to be allowed to hold their annual meeting in our hall at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 19th. They are unable to obtain the hall of the Ritz-Carlton. We shall be glad to meet their request. The use of the hall at the time suggested will create no inconvenience.

It has been the custom from time to time to grant the hall to such Societies occasionally, for example, early in the session the hall was lent to the New Federation of Social Workers. It is usual

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to refer applications for the use of the hall from outside bodies for the formal approval of the University, and Mrs. Miller is anxious to have an answer by twelve noon to-day. In the absence of any communication from you I shall venture to suppose that the request has your approval.

Yours very truly,

*Stuart Kurlbatt*

Warden.

Royal Victoria College for Women

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL.

September 5, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

With reference to my letter of June 16th concerning the offer of M.A. resident appointments to Miss Joan Foster of St. John N.B., B.A. 1923, and Miss Christian Edwards of St. John N.B., B.A., Vassar College, U.S.A., 1923, I am glad to report that both of them are very glad to accept.

With my letter of June 16th I submitted copies of my proposed letters to them for your approval; these letters were in accordance with what you had authorised me to offer.

I expect both Miss Foster and Miss Edwards to come into residence before the dates of Registration to be at hand to help in receiving students and to make early arrangements about their M.A. work.

The terms offered to Miss Foster and Miss Edwards are free board and lodging (1 room each) to replace Miss Pickel who, as a member of the teaching staff, received board and residence (2 rooms). I hope this experiment may be of service to the Graduate School. I am happy to say that we have had several applications from Graduate students whom we hope to associate in some way with College life, although all our residence accommodation is assigned and we cannot offer them study-bedrooms.

Yours faithfully,

*Stuart Kurlbatt*

Warden.

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June 16, 1923.

Miss Joan Foster,  
36 Coburg St.,  
ST. JOHN N.B.

My dear Joan,

After consultation with the Principal, I am writing to ask you whether you would consider returning to McGill to take an M.A. degree and at the same time coming into residence to assist the Staff here.

Miss Pickel is leaving to pursue her work for a higher degree elsewhere and we have no one on the teaching staff this year to take her place.

We are therefore proposing to have two M.A. students in residence, to encourage students to proceed with post-graduate studies and to obtain the kind of help in the College that junior assistants are able to give.

The terms would be that you would receive one room and free board and lodging in return for general duties-not of an arduous nature, but very important to us. You would be expected to take a table at dinner, to be in the office certain hours in alternation with other members of the staff to be consulted by students about engagements, to take your turn in receiving reports from students after late engagements at night, and to take a share in chaperoning student parties, snow-shoe tramps or skating parties, etc. joint debates - and various enterprises. Generally, to concern yourself with the interests of College students.

I should say that I have conferred with Professor Basil Williams and he would be glad to have you as a graduate student if you wished to do further work in History. He would be glad to see you accept the offer we make but asks me to say that he considers that a year of hard concentrated study is required for the M.A. Examination and Thesis, and he cannot estimate how far duties in residence might hinder you. He allows me to add, however, that his Department would make no objection to your extending your work for the M.A. beyond one year if necessary. My opinion is that with definite concentration

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upon your M.A. and a share in residence duties you should not be hindered in completing all your examinations, and in making good progress with your thesis, which you might possibly have to complete later. This was the case with Miss Pickel you will remember.

Yours very sincerely,

Warden.



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June 16, 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

You were good enough to say that I might try to arrange for two (2) M.A. Students to be in residence next Session, each occupying one room and receiving free board and lodging in return for some general services in assistance to the Resident Staff.

I did not succeed in seeing Professor MacMillan until last Tuesday, and found that the only M.A. Student of English available would be Miss Christian Edwards of Vassar College and of St. John N.B. of whom I spoke to you.

I understand that you had expressed yourself to Prof. MacMillan to the same effect as to me and I therefore proposed to Prof. MacMillan that I should communicate with Miss Edwards and understood him to agree cordially to an arrangement by which she could be in residence.

I have also ascertained from Prof. Basil Williams that he would be glad to see Miss J. Foster as a graduated student in his Department if she wished to return and accept residence and accompanying duties.

I have therefore prepared the enclosed which I will forward to Miss Edwards and Miss Foster on Monday unless I receive a message from you by Mrs. Chesley to the contrary.

Should either of these possible graduate students fail us I might have an alternative suggestion to make - e.g. we might consider Miss Reque (French Dept.) but I think this might well be left until my return in September.

I am hoping to leave the College on the 20th or as soon after as possible.

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Sir Arthur Currie.  
McGill University.

With kindest regards and every good wish  
for the Summer, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

*Esther Howlath*

Warden.