

1st June, 1917.

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Gentlemen:-

Sir William Peterson, who is confined to his house through sickness, has asked me to acknowledge your courteous letter to him of the 31st May, and to deal with the matter therein referred to.

Although our session closed on the 11th May and our students were then dispersed, I have made enquiries through the officers of our students' organizations, and I am in a position to assure you that no secret meeting has been held by any of our students, and that the most scurrilous and shameful communication which you received did not emanate from any source connected with this University. This is corroborated by the evidence of the document itself, which purports to be written from the "Students Union", an appellation which is never used by a student of this University to designate the "McGill Union".

On the same day on which you received this communication, a postcard (mailed on the 28th May) was received at the McGill Union, of which the following is a copy :

"Laval University, May 29th.

"To the Students of McGill University,

We the students of Laval University are going to visit your grounds on Tuesday Evg. for the purpose of making a demonstration against Conscription. Will you be with us or against us? We shall be there anyway.

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Secy. of Spcl.Meeting."

Apart from the fact that the postcard was discredited by its anonymity, the officers of our Students' Council were of the opinion that it could not have come from the gentlemen of Laval, and that it was, therefore, a hoax.

Taking the two communications together, it is apparent that some miscreant, connected neither with Laval nor with McGill, has written them with the crazy idea of bringing the students of these institutions into conflict; and if we could discover who that person is, McGill would do all in its power to have him severely punished.

The postcard is in my possession, and a comparison with the communication received by you might not only be interesting but might give a clue to the perpetrator. If you will kindly send me the original of the communication you received I shall be glad to make the comparison, and, if any clue presents itself, to follow it up vigorously. If any other course suggests itself to you, I shall be most happy to confer and to cooperate with you. There may be further attempts to disturb the mutual respect and friendly relations which obtain, and which, we hope, will always obtain, between the two universities, and every precaution

should be taken to prevent so odious a calamity.

I am, gentlemen,

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary.

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Mc Gill University,

Students Union,

May 28th 1917.

To the Students of Laval University,

This is to inform you that at a special meeting of Mc Gill Students, the few that have not enlisted for Overseas Service, it was decided to send a communication to the cowardly and disloyal students of Laval University and notify them that their traitorous demonstrations against recruiting are viewed with the utmost contempt by the Students of Mc Gill University.

To compare Laval with Mc Gill is to compare miserable disloyal traitors with patriotic and courageous men.

The whole of Canada regard you and history will record you as a race of dirty and ignorant cowards.

Mc Gill University Students are not as numerous as before the war on account of so many young men having gone to fight for the defence of Belgium and France, but a mere handful of us are left. Still we are sufficient to say to the cowardly and disloyal swine of Laval: come and meet us in an encounter of any description and we will make the peas rattle in your dirty bodies. A date has been suggested and we

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will say Tuesday night we will be ready for you if you care to come at about 8 o'clock in and around the grounds. If you do not, we are prepared to go down to Laval Building and force you to fight just the same as you will be forced to enlist by the passing of Conscription.

We will dig you out like rats. We hate your dirty race. This is the unanimous opinion and this action has been sanctioned secretly but it is nevertheless sincere.

God save the King.

Damn all the French Canadians.

You would all starve only for English money and English brains.

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Secy of Secret Meeting.

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