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### Letter from Miss McGarity

Toronto, July 13, 1920.

To the Editor,  
Dear Sir:  
Allow me a space in your valuable paper for a few remarks regarding last week's letter. I do not purpose to play at mud-slinging, for being a "Meat woman" I must needs give way to the stronger sex. The old saying is, "If the cap fits, wear it." Evidently the cap did fit in as far as some of us were concerned. Anyone who knew anything of my work in S. S. No. 4, Markham, would know that the statements in Mr. Wilson's letter are false. He, with some more, had a splendid chance to meet me, along with the other ratepayers to air their grievances, but I may say that they refused to have any communication with me personally. It looks now as if the reason was because I could deny these charges. Mr. Wilson speaks of the first letter containing slanderous remarks. Seems to me he misunderstands the meaning of the word. If plain facts which can be proven are "slanderous" he had better look into his own letter and be prepared to do as much.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the people of S. S. No. 4 Markham for the many kindnesses and considerations which they showed me during my three years' stay among them. Without hesitation I can say that with the exception of a very few, it is one of the best rural communities a teacher could wish to teach in. I would ask the ratepayers who tried so earnestly to have my services retained to take no more notice of such articles, for some things are beneath even our contempt.  
Thanking you for your space,  
Yours sincerely  
ELEANOR S. MCGARITY.

S. S. No. 4, Markham

The following letter was handed in previous to two former letters from the above section, but was held over owing to lack of space:

TO THE LIBERAL.  
Dear Sir—Will you kindly grant me a little space in your valuable paper, as I have been asked by a number of parents to acknowledge in some way publicly the appreciation of Miss E. G. McGarity's services, which I will endeavor to do with pleasure.  
Now Miss McGarity has taught in our school for the past three years and, needless to say, she has won the affection of her pupils by her kindness and forethought. Notwithstanding the large attendance, she was always able to maintain excellent order without corporal punishment, and as our esteemed Inspector, Mr. Jordan, has intimated in making his visits, her school seemed like one big family, and he never knew her to have to correct a pupil in his presence.

Miss McGarity has wrought wonderful improvements in our school during those three years in various ways. Space will not allow me to enumerate such, but just let me say that in sickness or accident among her pupils she showed the Christian spirit of ministering unto them in a marked degree, and furthermore she has been an excellent citizen. During the great war she gave liberally of her means and did much knitting for the soldier boys; indeed this work was near to her heart, as her older brother was killed at the front and one younger was wounded.

Socially, Miss McGarity takes no second place. At Christmas time she always displayed the Christmas spirit of giving, and on all festival occasions she went hand in hand with her school in giving them an enjoyable and profitable time. In fact she maintained this was part of their education and the programs prepared were always of a high order.

Miss McGarity's teaching ability speaks for itself, as last year the four pupils sent up for entrance did her great credit, one taking the scholarship. In fact, the Principal of your High School, Mr. Haynes, made mention of the excellent work of the pupils from our school. Miss McGarity's work is equally good from beginners up, and has been verified by our Inspector, Mr. Jordan, from time to time. In conclusion, I regret very much, as do the majority of the ratepayers the removal of Miss McGarity from our school, but we feel assured that our loss will be some other school's gain.  
GEO. A. MCCAGUE,  
One of the Trustees.

Just a few words regarding the grants. The Government, through the Minister of Education, are encouraging the School Boards to take advantage of the special grant set aside by them. Our Inspector, at a ratepayers' meeting, clearly stated that if the Trustees engaged Miss McGarity in June and let him know in time to notify the Minister of Education he would see that they would receive the grant on a \$1200 salary—\$397—leaving the Section \$803 to pay. Just let me state that the

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grant received last year was 20% on \$750. Now our Section is advertising for an experienced teacher and offering \$1000.

The grant they will receive will be on \$800, the salary paid last year, amounting to \$203, leaving a balance for the Section to pay of \$797—a saving of \$6—and just let me say we are now advertising a second time.  
Hoping I have made this clear, and thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space.  
G. A. M.

DEAR EDITOR:  
Hoping you can find space in your valuable paper for this small letter to bring to the notice of the ratepayers and public what a task we had to discharge our teacher that has fought a good fight and lost the faith of 30 heads of families. There are 3900 acres in our section in which there was a canvas made and we found only nine heads of families in favor of the Board to retain the services of Miss McGarity.  
As to the figures that were given in the letter issued last week by one ratepayer, with the help of a learned friend, it does not take any more than a school boy of a junior class to find out how they stand. I therefore think it not worth while to explain. Mr. Beatty and myself hired Miss McGarity a year ago for \$800 and she wanted us to give her at the rate of \$1200 for the month of June of this year, and play a game of fraud with the Government, so we could get this grant for the coming year. She explained that owing to the high cost of living she could not live on less than \$1200 and pay \$18 for a pair of boots.  
She was only our servant, with a little more a, b, c, and 1, 2, 3s than the mothers of those children whom she taught, and the mothers have to wear boots costing from \$1.25 to \$6, and sometimes pick up a pair that were discarded years ago.

I do not take last week's issue as an insult but the writer, I think, has a poor education, the same as myself. As to blowing her own horn, as she has for the past three years, it is quite overlooked. The old Ford honk! honk! is past and the electric horn is more popular.

It was stated by the other Trustee that Mr. Beatty and myself would have to shoulder the responsibility for discharging Miss McGarity. This burden, however, is very light, and we will gladly do this and resume all the burden instead of unloading it on the shoulders of our loving and law abiding ratepayers.

I herewith take the liberty of thanking the majority of ratepayers for the credit they have given me for the action Mr. Beatty and myself took to deal with the matter. I feel proud to think I have more friends than ever and do not expect I will have to put out my shingle "This property for sale."  
G. W. BAKER.  
[Held over last week.]

S. S. No. 3, Vaughan

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