

Matriculation Board

Notes on Agenda

2. (1) The two syllabi in French, "Direct" and "Indirect" have been replaced by one syllabus including an optional, but recommended, reproduction of a story read in French.
- (2) It is suggested that item 6 at the top of Page 31 of the General Announcement should be modified to read

Marks

200

Either

Latin or French or German (if not already taken)

or

Any two of the following papers not already taken:

- (a) Intermediate Algebra
- (b) Intermediate Geometry and Trigonometry
- (c) Botany
- (d) Chemistry
- (e) Physics
- (f) Music or Drawing (Music and Drawing may not both be counted).

This new wording (1) simplifies and clarifies the section, (2) widens the choice slightly since it permits a student to qualify by taking two such papers as Intermediate Algebra and Drawing under (6) which the previous section did not do.

3. The Department of Physics recommends a new syllabus including Elementary Electricity and Magnetism. This is almost exactly the same as the new High School course in Physics.
4. Since joint papers with the High School examinations were abolished last year we can now modify our requirements in any way the Board considers desirable.
5. A student who obtained Matriculation standing in the Quebec High School Leaving Examinations could, in the past, obtain a McGill Matriculation Certificate on payment of \$5.00. Is this desirable now that the examinations are entirely separate?
6. Our regulations state that "a candidate who makes an exceptionally high aggregate, but fails in one paper only, may be admitted". Does such a student get a Matriculation Certificate? It is suggested that the regulation be modified to read "A student who fails in one paper only will be granted matriculation standing if the average mark in the required papers is not less than 70% (or 75%)".
7. "Extra English" is a new High School course. I have been asked if the Board will recognize this as a Matriculation subject. The "Extra English" syllabus may be seen in the Registrar's Office.
8. Should we accept certificates from approved Ontario Private Schools? These are accepted by the Ontario Matriculation Board for Ontario Universities.
9. At present the Senior Matriculation Algebra syllabus is identical with that of Intermediate Algebra in Junior Matriculation, and teachers wish to know if a student who has obtained 50% in the latter may count it towards his Senior certificate, or whether he has to repeat work already done.
11. The entrance requirements of the Faculty of Engineering do not demand a Modern Language and so differ from those of the B.Sc. Senior Matriculation and students are admitted who have not matriculated. Can this contradiction in terms be avoided?