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McGILL UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Arts

Entrance Scholarships

At a meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on Thursday, 3rd Feby., the question was discussed as to whether Entrance Scholarships should be awarded by special examinations held in mid-September, according to an ancient practice, or whether they should continue to be awarded by the results of the June examinations held under the auspices of the Schools Leaving Certificates.

The following scheme is submitted to the Dean and Faculty of Arts for their consideration:-

1. The five Entrance Macdonald Scholarships, value \$150 each, the three University Entrance Scholarships of \$100 each, and two of \$75 each, shall be awarded by the results of a mid-September examination. Subject to the approval of the authorities of the Royal Victoria College, the same scheme shall hold for the two Royal Victoria College Entrance Scholarships, one of \$200 dollars and one of \$100. All the above are for one year.

2. Intending candidates shall submit their names to the Registrar on or before September 1st each year.

3. In awarding scholarships the results of the June examinations School Leaving Certificates shall be taken into consideration by the Scholarship Examining Board.

4. All the results of the examination shall be submitted by the Scholarship Examining Board to the Dean for his approval, one week before the session opens.

5. The examination shall consist of two three-hour papers on each of three consecutive days. The papers shall be on these subjects, namely:-

English

Latin

French

History

Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry)

and one other optional paper, namely:-

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Greek, or German.

6. The examination shall be of a different character from that of the School Leaving Certificate, with no set subjects, but with unseen translation, problems and such other questions as will test the real ability of the students, rather than a mere memory test too dependent on previous instruction.

This revised scheme is likely to secure better scholars and to be an incentive to a type of work beyond that of the average matriculation work.

7. The present restrictions as to whether the students do or do not live on the island of Montreal (see Calendar p. 82) should be removed if the Trust Deeds permit.

(Sgd.)

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Chairman,  
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