

To the Principal:

MEMORANDUM ON BAR PROPOSAL TO ADD A FOURTH YEAR TO
THE CURRICULUM OF LEGAL STUDIES.

The Quebec Bar Council has decided to recommend to the Quebec Legislature a bill providing

a) that all candidates for admission to the Bar must have a bachelor's degree from a Canadian or English university or a diploma of graduation from the Royal Military College;

b) that the period of indenture required of the student qualifying for practice by attendance at a university and concurrent office-work shall be four years instead of the present three;

c) that the period of indenture required of the student qualifying by office-attendance only shall be five years instead of the present four.

The intention appears to be to have the amendment come into effect in the autumn of 1932.

As the law now stands, the length and content of the university course approved for purposes of qualification for practice are determined by regulations which the Bar enacts in its discretion. The proposed amendment would leave it possible as yet for a student to qualify for the final Bar examination by taking a three-year law course at McGill, obtaining his degree there,