

Chair of Government and Political Science

The University has been presented with endowment for a Chair of Government and Political Science by a Dominion Senator, who lost his only son at the taking of Vimy Ridge. It is the wish of the donor, as well as of the University, that stress be laid through this Chair on the duties of citizenship by means of a thorough training in the theory of government in general, but especially of British and Canadian and local problems of government. The war has shown us that we can not lay enough stress in our universities and schools, upon giving to students that knowledge of our own political ideals and of those of other nations, as would enable them to appreciate the conditions under which they live, and to understand the conditions and tendencies of other countries. Anything that will tend to purify political life and to make the better element of the population take a part in the politics and government of their own country, will be for our greatest good. It is particularly along these lines that the occupant of this Chair is supposed to excel; accordingly he ought to have some ability in appealing to the public on the platform and otherwise.

It is further intended that the Professor should give public lectures to the intelligent citizens and be an authoritative writer and speaker on local public matters which involve good government and good citizenship. It might be a very good thing if every student in the University had to take at least one year of such work.

The preferable kind of man for this post would naturally be one who has had British training, or at least is in thorough sympathy with our ideals and processes of development, and again a man who has had experience in teaching. The salary to be paid would depend upon the qualifications and experience of the person appointed.