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Commerce*

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McGILL UNIVERSITY : COMMERCE STUDENTS

Considering the drafting of an advanced Course in the ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY of CANADA has led me to the conclusion that what is most wanted is somewhere in the general syllabus to cover the ground of the

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA

This study falls into two unequal parts.

A. THE FACTORS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

which is a very necessary introduction and mainly geographic in treatment. In time, it might be assumed that the Schools would do this work but this is at present a very unsafe assumption and all the more so since Geography is not a subject in the Matriculation examination, which I think it ought to be.

B. THE PROGRESS AND PRESENT POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under subheads

1. Natural Resources,
2. Manufactures,
3. Banking and Finance,
4. Transportation, Foreign Trade, Tariff,
5. Government and Taxation.

Of the above A with its important groundwork is not done, nor is B.1, B.2 is taken under IV. Year Commerce Course (Economics Course 8) B.3 might be taken, and possibly is, under IV. Commerce Course 4. (Economics Course 3) B.4 is covered theoretically by IV. Year Com. Course 9 (Economics Course 6) and in relation to Canada by IV. Year Com. Course (Economics Course 8 & 9. B.5 is specifically done in IV. Year Commerce Course 9 (Economics Course 5.).

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Announcement,
Pages. 18, 17 & 11

It will thus be seen that all that is necessary to cover the ground completely is to arrange for A and B.1. I suggest that they be taken under the title of the Economic Geography of Canada in place of Course 12. Technology for the Third Year. (Commerce Announcement Pg. 10) The syllabus of this course is given on the next page.

I think that as much as is necessary of what Prof. Sugars had in mind under Technology might be included under B.2., and possibly also room is available there for Marketing Problems, unless it is desired to treat these very elaborately on some 'case' system.