

Faculty of Law,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, 12th October, 1922

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Principal,

At the meeting of this Faculty on the 10th October, the following resolution was unanimously passed on the motion of Mr. Justice Martin, seconded by myself:-

"That the attention of the Governors be called to the fact that results from the establishment of a Common Law course at McGill have not proved satisfactory in point of view of attendance, and having regard to the expense of teaching such course as compared with the revenue derived therefrom, the question of continuing such course after present students have graduated should be considered and determined."

It may assist the Governors in considering the policy to be adopted if I bring the following facts to their notice.

The teaching of Common Law at McGill began in 1918. No special staff was available for the purpose, Dean Lee himself giving such instruction as was possible. Naturally very little could be done under such conditions. Two students took the examinations in 1919, one of whom failed.

In 1919 I was myself added to the staff and an extension of the teaching became possible, though we were still unable to meet the requirements of a complete common law curriculum. In 1920 three students took the examinations for the second year, and nine for the first. (Two of the second year students must have been admitted on advanced standing, but I can find no record of this.)

In 1920 Professor Mackay joined us, and it now became possible to organise a complete curriculum. The arrangements for the session of 1920-21 were necessarily provisional, since Professor Mackay was not appointed until after the session had begun. In 1921 nineteen students took the sessional examination. Of these six passed in the third year, four second, and eight first. (Several of the third