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THE SHORT COURSES IN MINING and allied subjects offered by the University of British Columbia are not intended primarily for those who have had a technical training, but are designed to suit, and are given for the special benefit of those who have had practical experience in Mining and Prospecting, and of those who are connected with the business of Mining in any way. They may thereby obtain some practical technical knowledge helpful to them in their practical work or business. These courses are necessarily short and elementary in nature, as they are designed for those who have not the time nor qualifications necessary to take up full University Mining courses. As far as they go, however, they are complete courses, and adapted to fulfil their special purpose. For this reason no advanced series of Short Courses are given, and they are not in any way a substitute for the regular University Mining Course.

Anyone who takes the short courses will have the opportunity to acquire correct fundamental ideas in regard to the subjects taught and a practical working knowledge of many of the common minerals, ores and rocks of British Columbia, with a general knowledge of how ores are usually found, mined, smelted, and their values determined, with particular reference to the Province of British Columbia.

For the year 1918 these courses will be given for eight weeks only, as, on account of war conditions, the University has not been provided with equipment, teaching staff and building space sufficient to undertake more. When facilities are available, it is expected that the courses will be enlarged and lengthened.

For the present, instruction and practical work will be given at the University, Tenth Avenue and Laurel Street, Vancouver, B. C. Courses will be held in the day-time only, and require about 25 hours per week for those who attend all the courses.

A timetable is appended, subject to possible minor changes, in which, as far as possible, either the morning or afternoon of each day is left vacant, so that students may have time to attend to their personal affairs if necessary.

Short Mining Courses were inaugurated in January, 1917, and lasted six weeks, with 27 students in attendance. The attendance was well maintained throughout. Prospectors, Miners, Brokers, Business men, Newspapermen and others took the courses. Resolutions were passed stating their appreciation of the benefits derived and requesting further enlargement and extension of the work. As far as possible this request has been carried out this year, and it is expected that the course will be extended to twelve weeks later, and possibly be given in other centres than Vancouver.