

## MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Memorandum on the Department of History.

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My views on the questions of general interest brought before the Principal's Special Committee for the Faculty of Arts have been sufficiently stated at meetings of that body. Again, there is no need for me to offer figures relating to the recent history of my department, the main facts which they would illustrate being, I think, well known to all concerned. Nor is it necessary for me to explain why History should be studied. Securus judicat: and the ubiquitous and fruitful development of historical study in the past century, accompanied as it has been by the application of the historical method to every branch of learning, is ample testimony to the vital importance of the subject.

Lest, however, the legitimate claims of the Department on the consideration and generosity of the University should go by default, I wish to mention two or three of its most notable needs. It is of course impossible to isolate its needs as a unit in the Faculty of Arts from its needs as a unit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies; and what I say here should be read in conjunction with my recent report to the Committee of the latter. In what follows, ~~more~~ however, I shall be thinking mainly of the Department's work with undergraduates.

1. Staff. Certain changes in regulations having recently taken full effect, the number of <sup>undergraduates</sup> ~~students~~ studying History may be