

*Specially, note Dean Mackay's illuminating remarks in his 1929 Special Report
all professors in History are specialists in the same Branch (European) - no specialist in Canadian History.*

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GRADUATE WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The needs of the Department are few and great. Before stating them I should like to emphasise the fact that the needs of the Department as a unit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies cannot - and should not - be isolated from its needs as a unit in the Faculty of Arts. The primary condition of an improvement in our graduate work is an improvement in the quality of our undergraduates. The Department ought not to be under the jurisdiction of two Faculties. The M.A. degree should be controlled entirely by the Faculty of Arts. Work for the Ph.D. should be co-ordinated and regulated by a committee containing representatives of the Faculties of Arts, Science, and Medicine. I wish to make it clear, however, that I should like to see the Ph.D. abolished. Its existence in Canada is due to imitative admiration of the United States. Its existence there is due to a characteristic failure to comprehend the German system of higher education.

I assume, however, that for the present our existing arrangements for graduate work are to remain substantially unaltered. In that case, the Department has three urgent needs which may be brought to the notice of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

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