

Wurtele Bequest.

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MEMO ON PLAN FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL
STUDIES

The Law Faculty has now unanimously approved the proposal that the Wurtele Bequest, if it is secured for the Law Faculty, be appropriated as a publishing fund. The general plan of the Faculty is to set to work on a series of treatises on the Civil Law of this province. There is no such general treatise in English, with the consequence that lawyers in other parts of Canada and in the United States have no means, unless they possess a good knowledge of French, of acquainting themselves with the law and jurisprudence of Quebec. The study of comparative law is receiving increasing attention, and it is a study of great value not only in the solution of problems arising in the conflict of laws but for the thorough understanding of fundamental legal principles. It is thought, therefore, that anything which would render the legal system of this province, which is unique on this continent, more available for comparative study, would be a worthy contribution by this Faculty to the advancement of legal learning.

There are other reasons in favour of this publication. These treatises must bring different points of view to bear upon problems discussed in the one general treatise, viz., that of Mr. Justice Mignault, which is of course written in