

McGill University,
Faculty of Law,
Montreal, April 30th, 1925.

The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Principal,

We have carefully considered the situation created by the amendment to the Bar Act passed at the last session of the Legislature to which permits a student holding a recognized degree in law to be admitted to the Bar after one year of subsequent clerkship. In this connection we have also examined the majority and minority reports submitted by the special committee early in 1924, the report prepared by Professors MacDougall and Mackay, approved by the Faculty and accepted by Corporation as the basis of the re-organization of this Faculty, the resolution of the Faculty of 15th October, 1924, condemning the existing system of concurrent University and office attendance and asking that the law be amended so as to permit of a full time law course, followed by one year of practical office work, and, finally, the comments on the lecture system contained in your report for 1923 - 24.

Leaving aside for the moment any question of instructional method, we feel that the University is definitely committed to the policy of offering the best possible legal education based mainly on the study of the Roman and Civil systems and of devoting all its available resources to this purpose. The Faculty is also on record as being of opinion that three years should be devoted exclusively to the systematic study of law at the University. Your committee thoroughly approves these decisions and recommends that: