

Language Professors, very often, a special training in languages. They ask libraries to provide books which interest only Commerce students. The three other Canadian Universities, which have large Commerce Departments, recognise this. One of them charges Commerce students one-sixth more than the ordinary fees, and the other two charge about fifty per cent more.

To return to the matter of the expense of teaching Science: The laboratory fees in Dalhousie are lower than they should be, in some Departments. It was the Head of the Chemistry Department who first called my attention to this. He said, jokingly, that the Chemistry Department was "getting away with murder"; that the fee in all the classes was much too small, and again, that if \$10.00 were the right fee for the Elementary class, then \$20.00 should be charged for some other classes, and one class should be charged \$30.00. A study of other University Calendars shows that in most Universities, laboratory fees are higher in Chemistry than in any other Science, and that Physics comes next; whereas the laboratory fee in Biology and Geology is lower. Special classes in Zoology that use up a good many animals are, for the most part, marked off from other Biological classes.

I think the Governors will be interested to know that 26% of the entire cost of the Arts and Science Faculty (including pre-professional students of all kinds, Commerce students, Engineering students, students taking the three other Sciences of Botany, Zoology, Geology, as well as all the other subjects taught, - 6 languages, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Philosophy, etc.,) that 26% of the entire cost arises from the cost of teaching Physics and Chemistry. Indeed, if the overhead on the Science Building is included, the cost is about one-third.

Hence, I say that if the principle of charging the student a larger proportion of his cost is applied in the Arts Faculty, then the fees for Commerce students should be raised, and considerably higher laboratory fees should be charged for all classes in Chemistry, and all classes in Physics, with perhaps special fees in Chemistry where senior students and graduate students use very expensive materials. The fee in Zoology, also, should be raised a little.

I should add here that I have carefully discussed all of this with the Heads of Departments concerned, and also asked their views about the result of increased fees. Professor MacDonald thought that an increase of \$20.00 to \$25.00 would make no difference to attendance in Commerce, and that it was very fair. Professor Nickerson would welcome a decrease in the number of his students taking Chemistry because facilities are already overtaxed, and, as you have heard, he thinks the increased fee is only fair. Professor Bronson also, and Professor Bell, think that the increased fee in Physics and in Zoology is sound.

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