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During several years of patent practice in this city, I have found that Canadian engineers are almost entirely unfamiliar with patent matters, while engineers trained abroad, particularly in Germany, Sweden and Switzerland, have a fairly good grasp of the fundamentals of the subject.

In order to bring Canadian engineers to a par with foreign engineers in this respect and to provide Canadian engineers with an understanding of patents, which at one time or another is needed by every engineer, I would suggest the introduction of a course of lectures on Patents at McGill University. Such a course would be intended for engineering students, but should also be open to students in economics and others who may be interested. This course would teach engineers and others to know

When they have made a patentable invention,

To judge whether the invention is adequately protected by patent application papers prepared by a solicitor.

To estimate the scope and value of patents,

To understand intelligently a patent situation as it confronts the engineer or executive,

To estimate and supervise inventions of employees, and

To understand patent infringement.

Although it may appear that an engineer might leave such matters in the hands of a patent attorney,