

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC LANGUAGES

The non-recognition of German by the educational authorities naturally cuts down the number of possible honours students in 3rd. year to a minimum, for an honours graduate in German cannot, as such, hope to obtain employment in this province and, in any case, can for the purposes of the Teachers Certificate take German only as an extra.

As all Pass students have in their 3rd. and 4th. years to take a science subject from which honours students are exempted and as for various good reasons Genetics and Geology 1, which in the Time Table conflict with German, are chosen by the students, Pass students are practically precluded from taking German in their 3rd. and 4th. years.

The obvious result of the above is that our German graduate school is practically non-existent, a matter much to be regretted as the staff is highly qualified to do graduate work in both literature and philology.

Surely pressure ought to be exerted on our schools to have German reinstated, so that we may be relieved of work which is not university work, but school work. At present the pupils realize the necessity of school German more clearly than the scholastic authorities do. Last year no fewer than thirty High School pupils asked for German to be taught during their school years, but the request was refused for various reasons. A resolution adopted by our Faculty that