

West Indies, who are anxious to know whether McGill can give them an education in English Law ~~provided~~ equivalent to that provided by other universities. At present it is very difficult to give them a satisfactory reply, and some of them are being lost to us in consequence. I fear that the opportunity presented by the present year may be very difficult to recapture at a later time.

There need be no fear that this new development will in any way compete with or diminish the importance of the civil law teaching which it is the primary function of our Faculty to supply to those students who are training professionally for the Quebec Bar. On the contrary, I believe that the presence of a strong common law school will be the greatest stimulus to these students and will give the keener men among them the opportunity of acquiring a much wider and deeper knowledge of legal principles than they could otherwise obtain. Similarly I am convinced that the opportunity here presented of studying the civil law system at close quarters should prove one of the chief attractions which we can offer to men from other jurisdictions.

I may sum up this letter in a word by saying that there is no use in doing things by halves. Unless we are prepared to offer to all comers a really first class education in English Law, it would be much better, in my opinion, not to have embarked upon this venture at all.

Very sincerely yours

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PS.-I am sending a copy of this letter to the Principal.