

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING HIGHER DEGREES

IN THE CASE OF MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE OF THE
CIVIL SERVICE OF CANADA

With reference to the requests summarised in the letter of January 12, 1933, from the Chairman of the Committee on Advanced Education, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research felt that a liberal interpretation of the existing regulations for the Ph.D. partially covered these requests. In particular, on page 29 of the Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, it states clearly that candidates "must follow a course of at least three years' resident study at a University or other institution of higher learning or research. Of these three years, at least one year for graduates of McGill and two years for candidates who are not graduates of McGill, must be spent at this University, including preferably the final year. The other years may be spent at institutions approved by the Faculty. Special exceptions regarding resident study may be made with the consent of the proper Divisional Committee and the Faculty. The evaluation of work done in other institutions for the degree is decided by the proper committee of the Division of the Faculty, and this committee may require the student to attend before them to report on his work and may require him to pass a special examination on his work".

This leaves it open for the Faculty to deal with these special cases as they arise, and in view of the familiarity we now have with your needs, you may depend upon the most favourable consideration possible. The Faculty, in full session, decided that it preferred to reserve its judgment, case by case, at present.

With regard to the M.Sc. and M. Eng. (which may be the first year of the Ph.D. course), the following new concessions were approved.

(1) Candidates for the degrees of M.Sc. or M. Eng. who are graduates of McGill University and have had two or more years' experience in a Government Department, performing as their main duty, work of the same type as that proposed for research, may, on recommendation of a Department and with the approval of the Faculty in full session, have their residence requirements reduced to one-half session only. It is understood that these candidates must take the usual final examinations in all subjects required.

With reference to graduates from Universities other than McGill, it was felt by the Faculty that no further concession could be made. Under present conditions, it is possible to obtain the degree of M.Sc. or M.Eng. with one full session of residence, or two full half-sessions of residence.