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the state bar authorities. At the same time the differences between Canadian and American law in many important matters are so far-reaching that we cannot reasonably expect to attract any large number of American students. With regard to the West Indies we made inquiries in 1920 as to their possible attitude, but there does not seem to be much likelihood of the authorities there departing from their present practice of sending students to be called to the bar in England. On the whole, therefore, it would appear that we are not likely in the immediate future to attract very many students of the ordinary professional type.

Without committing myself to every detail, I should like to express my general agreement with the constructive proposals outlined in Professor Mackay's letter to yourself. I do not agree with him in thinking that we are at present unable to offer a good professional course, and in this our students would confirm my view. At the same time I think that we should frame the LL.B. course chiefly with an eye to those who aim at entering the public service and other activities, which we can do without failing to meet the needs of the purely professional student. The curricula of the law schools in France are all framed upon these lines and they attract many students of the type whom Professor Mackay has in view. We must avoid making a course which is a mixture of Arts and Law: that was the essential defect of the LL.B. curriculum of 1918. Our scheme should contemplate at least three years given wholly to the study of law, but with the weight laid upon the cultural rather than on the technical side of legal study. That is to say, the new course should emphasize such subjects as constitutional and international law, diplomacy, legislation, etc., and give less time to procedure, real property law, and other purely technical matters.

I am sorry to have written at such length, but it saves time in the end to deal with the whole question in one letter. I would add that I do not wish any personal rights or interest of my own to stand in the way of any proposed reconstruction, and I desire to hold myself entirely at the disposal of the University.

Sincerely yours,

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