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The Hon. Mr Justice Greenshields
53 Simpson Street, Montreal

My dear Judge:

I am writing to you to suggest that you should call a Faculty meeting at the earliest opportunity in order to discuss the question, which has now become urgent, of making adequate provision for the Common Law side of our teaching during the coming session.

The situation at present is somewhat critical. In 1918 the Governors decided to extend the usefulness of the McGill Law Faculty by providing a course of study for students from the various common law jurisdictions, and in 1919 further effect was given to this decision by the appointment of myself to my present chair. Last session the Governors sanctioned the establishment of a second "full-time" professorship, and negotiations were opened with Professor I.S. Mackay of Saskatchewan, but circumstances arose which prevented any appointment being made before Dean Lee left for England.

I have called the situation critical, because it really amounts to this--that we have proclaimed to all the world our readiness to give an education in English Law before we are properly equipped for doing so. Obviously no one man can profess to cover so wide a field while maintaining the standards which a great university should require, and I am afraid that the world will not believe in our claims until they see that more adequate provision is made to meet them.

In the mean time inquiries are continually coming in from prospective students in all parts of this continent and in the