

MEMORANDUM

IN REGARD TO THE SIX YEARS MEDICAL COURSE.

The following statement has been adopted by the Faculty of Medicine and the Council of Laval University :

Laval University, Quebec, April 1917.

McGill and Toronto Universities have agreed and made known that after 1918 their medical courses shall be given in six years.

This decision seems to have been settled upon after a mutual understanding, and after notice to other Universities to which the move might be of interest.

Without a doubt, such a transformation of the medical curriculum requires a mature discussion following a complete study of the subject ; and it cannot be overlooked that not only teaching bodies but also licensing bodies throughout the Dominion, v.g. the Provincial medical boards and the Canadian Medical Council, very likely had an opinion to express on the matter. These Boards, according to the report of the third conference of Canadian Universities were notified of the change after it had become an accomplished fact.

Queen's University of Kingston has already protested and set down, in the memorandum published in December 1916, that this decision is of a high importance and should not have been arrived at in a hurry. Queen's