



Acting Chief Justice's Chambers

May 25th, 1927.

PERSONAL.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE,
PRINCIPAL,
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C I T Y.

My dear Sir Arthur Currie,-

I hope to attend the meeting of the Faculty of Law called for 4.45 p.m. today to re-consider First Year failures, but as I am tied up here with an election recount and cannot say when I shall be free, I am taking the liberty of expressing my views to you in this way.

There would appear to be something wrong either with our course or the mathematical system of marking. I am afraid we expect too much from boys who have had only six months' instruction in law. I have been studying law for forty-five years and do not pretend to have exhausted the subject.

Ten normal boys plucked out of a class of twenty-four is a very high percentage of failures, particularly when we consider that students matriculating in law are either B.A. graduates or have had two years in Arts.

I have no personal knowledge of their capacity to absorb instruction, but the supply of English law students is not sufficient to meet normal demands, and if we continue to discourage aspirants, I fear that in a short time none will apply.

I am in favour of suspending our arbitrary