

anywhere else, so why adopt Toronto's system. I cannot see the sense in advocating that a student be admitted to an honour course in his first year at McGill in Classics when Greek is only begun at the University. Furthermore, the Mathematics Department have made special arrangements in order that students of exceptional ability may advance rapidly. I suggest that the policy put into effect by the present Mathematical Department be allowed to prove itself worthy and that the constant nagging by the Physics Department should cease. It is strange but this nagging has only begun since the Physics Department has not had its way in the re-construction of the Mathematics Department on the death of Dr. Harkness. It seems to me that the Physics Department should attend to its own knitting. The only objection advanced by any one at McGill to an honour course has come from the Physics Department who objected to the Mathematics Department setting up an honour course. Furthermore, there have been signs indicating a willingness on the part of certain members of the Physics Department to introduce discord into the Mathematics Department. This sort of thing must cease.

Slattery's course at Toronto: Apparently some members of the Physics Department attach great importance to these courses. Professor Gillson informs me that they are very rule of thumb and rely more on the student's memory of a formula than a sound knowledge of the principles involved. Slattery, I believe, is a Physicist and not a Mathematician.