

Faculty of Law

The University of British Columbia has now announced the establishment of a Faculty of Law. Registration for enrollment in this Faculty began on September 17th. Lectures will commence on September 24th. The University offers:

1st—A course leading to a combined degree of B.A. and LL.B., which consists of three years' work in Arts and Science, to be followed by three years' in specialized Law studies.

2nd—For students not electing to take this combined course, a five-year course of study consisting of two years' general study in the Faculty of Arts and Science to be followed by three years' specialized study in Law leading to the degree of LL.B.

3rd—Refresher courses will be offered to lawyers who have been absent from practice during the war years and wish to brush up.

4th—The facilities of the Law Faculty will be extended to Law students and articled clerks whose Articles are as of a date prior to July 10th, 1945.

The Law Society will discontinue any further lectures to students heretofore or hereafter enrolled.

Provision is being made in this arrangement to protect the interests of students and articled clerks enrolled prior to July 10th, 1945, not only in the way of providing lectures and examinations but also in the way of making a special financial arrangement with the University.

The full-time staff of the Faculty will consist of Mr. George F. Curtis, formerly Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, as Dean of the Faculty, and Professor Frederick Reid, formerly of the Manitoba Law School. Mr. Alfred Watts of the British Columbia Bar has been appointed secretary of the Faculty on a part-time basis.

The full-time staff will be assisted by members of the Judiciary and members of the Bar in active practice, who have offered their services as lecturers on a voluntary basis.

The establishment of the Faculty and the arrangements for the courses have been the product of the active labours of a joint committee representing the Law Society and the University.

The Law Society is believed to have under favorable consideration the proposal to admit to practice students who shall have received the LL.B. degree and who have one year's work in an office to their credit, which year's work need not be continuous.

The Law Faculty and the University of British Columbia will thus be put on an equal footing with the leading Law Schools of the Dominion.

The curriculum of the new Faculty will follow the standard Curriculum laid down by the Canadian Bar Association and in general use in the Law schools throughout Canada.

The Law Society is understood to be taking under special consideration certain amendments to the Legal Professions Act which will empower the Benchers to call and admit in special circumstances students who have secured senior matriculation, have served one year in their principal's office, and have attended a three-year course at the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia or at any other University or Law School approved by the Benchers, and have thereafter passed examinations to be approved by the Benchers, but who may not have the degree of Bachelor of Laws or its equivalent.