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REPORT (ABRIDGED).

Pursuant to section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1924 :—

The number of students attending classes in 1924 was greater than in any previous year. For the purpose of comparison the following table gives particulars of attendances during the last three years :—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
1924—Matriculated .. .. .	509	248	757
Non-matriculated .. .. .	29	21	50
	538	269	807
1923—Matriculated .. .. .	476	206	682
Non-matriculated .. .. .	29	56	85
	505	262	767
1922—Matriculated .. .. .	460	192	652
Non-matriculated .. .. .	32	44	76
	492	236	728

The numbers of exempted students continue to show an increase, as shown below :—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
1924 .. .. .	140	42	182
1923 .. .. .	129	34	163
1922 .. .. .	85	23	108

Two Junior University scholars, three University National scholars, and eighty-four University bursars began their studies at this University College (1923 figures, 3, 3, 68).

*Work of the College.*—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of Victoria University College was celebrated by suitable functions. Past students from all over the Dominion met again; and a memorial tablet and window to those who fell, and memorial brasses to those who served, in the Great War were unveiled by the Right Hon. Sir Robert Stout, C.J., in the College library.

A scheme is being prepared for the partial introduction of day teaching in 1926, by which all lectures in the Sciences department will be given before 6 o'clock in the evening. It is to be regretted that a similar change cannot be made in the Arts side; but it is recognized that this would involve a considerable increase in staff, since lectures delivered in the daytime would require to be duplicated for students who can attend only in the evenings. Many of the classes are so large that it is probable that division will be necessary in the near future, when the question of increased staff will have to be faced.

A noteworthy change in the University course is the introduction of psychology as a subject for the B.Sc. degree. For many years a laboratory for experimental psychology has been established in this College, and its recognition as a science marks a notable advance.