

A number of schemes were studied from time to time until it became apparent that we could expect no assistance from the Government and must ~~dra~~ redraft the plans for building a gymnasium irrespective of the drill hall. So pressing were the demands for the gymnasium that on the completion of the Centennial Campaign the Gymnasium Building Committee was able to make such a good case to the General Building Committee that an amount of money was earmarked for the buildings, and the study of the problem was again commenced a year ago. It was at first hoped that the actual building operations might be commenced in the Spring of 1921, but, owing to the abnormal cost of building, it was decided finally to delay the construction until 1922.

Further studies revealed certain new features which were closely related to and had a distinct bearing on the already difficult problem. These I will briefly refer to:-

- 1st. The demand from the authorities of the Royal Victoria College for the erection of a Gymnasium.
- 2nd. The wisdom of erecting a gymnasium at Macdonald Park without an immediate prospect of continuing the development.
- 3rd. The establishment, growth and requirements of the Department of Physical Education.

In regard to the first, the authorities of the Royal Victoria College had advanced from time to time decided views looking to the erection of a proper gymnasium, and, if possible, a swimming bath attached to or in close proximity to the R.V.C.

In regard to the second, during the Campaign, many subscribers had evinced a keen sympathy with the idea of erecting, as soon as possible, Dormitories, which, by the way, had the hearty approval of the Board of Governors. Other matters, however, seemed of even more paramount importance. The salaries of the Professors and teaching staff had to be placed on a reasonable basis, enlarged appropriations had to be made to the various Faculties and Departments so that they might effectively carry on their work and great pressure was received for the extension of almost every building, for sufficient appropriations to house and teach the largely increased number of students registered. These were matters which must receive the immediate attention of the Governors, even should it delay an almost equally important development of dormitory accommodation for the students. It therefore became quite apparent that it might be many years before the development of Macdonald Park, costing as I have already intimated some \$5,000,000 could be carried out, especially in regard to the erection of dormitories.

The erection of the Dormitories to house say 250 students was estimated by the architects, would cost at least \$600,000 (1500 students would cost at least \$ 3,750,000 (without endowment). To begin such construction in smaller units would be a most expensive manner of building, taking into consideration the heating, lighting and other facilities which would be required, and which would most economically be developed as a whole. If the dormitories were not erected for many years it seemed to do away with one of the chief