

if placed in Victoria, which it might otherwise have been advisable to outline. The purpose of the Commission being to pass impàrtially upon the different locations seeking recognition, without reference to private endowment, Victoria has confined the statement of its claims to those factors only which it conceives the Commissioners will wish to consider.

The trend of the location of Universities within the British Colonies, we have pleasure in noticing, has been consistently to locate them in the respective capitals.

In Australia:—Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, seats of modern universities, are the capitals of their respective provinces. In Canada we find the University of Toronto in the capital of Ontario, Laval in Quebec, Dalhousie in Halifax, Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, and the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Clearly the city which is looked upon as the heart and centre of a province's higher political life is considered by all the above as the natural heart and centre of a province's higher educational life, from which the civilizing and refining influences of a seat of higher learning will radiate more freely and more fully into all parts of a province than from any other.

Since the University is to be a Provincial one, its administration will be directed from the Department of Education; it will, therefore, facilitate the administration of the University if it is placed near the Capital.