

V.THE CONSIDERATION OF EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

It is quite natural that, with the progress of the University, every Department feels the need of expansion either as regards staff or equipment. It is also recognized that we cannot expect to have a maximum of efficiency in all departments as compared with the best in other universities. It is, therefore, imperative - having regard to our limited resources for academic needs - to concentrate any programme of expansion on such departments only as are of outstanding importance, leaving other departments in statu quo for the present, or even cutting down, if necessary, the activities of the departments which are of less importance and offer less hope of immediate advancement.

In this connection, reference is made merely to certain departments which it would appear both wise and necessary to strengthen. In our opinion, advanced work in these branches of study is absolutely essential to the well-being of the University, and in so far as the Science branches are concerned, to the development of the country in general. We believe that it is necessary that one Canadian University at least should undertake to organize advanced work in these subjects unless Canada is to remain indefinitely dependent upon universities outside the country.

The first step to be taken would seem to be the