

In the first place the advantage of having the research laboratories in close touch with the administrative offices is apparent. The live ideas upon which research is based as a rule emanate from the administrative officers who are handling the current business. It is difficult to maintain a personal touch when the organizations are separated and it is hard to keep an organization intact when it is separated from the administrative control.

In the second place the building in which the Laboratories are housed has gotten into such a poor state of repair that it is positively unsafe to continue there any longer. The development of the laboratories is hampered through lack of proper quarters. There is a suitable building available in Ottawa.

Thirdly, the work of the Laboratories has now reached a point where the benefits to be derived from consultation with the staff of McGill University and the University Library are outweighed by the advantages that would accrue from more ready contact with the administrative officers in Ottawa.

Fourthly, we are not aware that many of the students of the University are profiting to any great degree by the fact that the Laboratories are located adjacent to the University.

Fifthly, The Cabinet Ministers, Senators, Members of Parliament and the officials of Government Departments are vitally interested in Research and will welcome an opportunity of personal contact with those engaged in this very important work.

This matter was carefully considered by my predecessor who approved the Departmental view. However, I am quite prepared to hear any representations that Sir Arthur Currie or anyone representing the University may care to advance.

Yours faithfully,

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