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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### THE FACULTY OF LAW.

**R**UMOR speak truly, and is the Faculty of Law, owing to the munificence of our worthy benefactors and the provisions of a far-seeing Faculty, about to find a new home among the new buildings that cluster, a rapidly enlarging group, at the foot of old Mount Royal, or is this rumor also to be numbered among the empty vaporings of idle report? If there be truth at the bottom of it, then indeed is the Faculty of Law to be heartily congratulated, and the tremendous impetus which has but lately been given to that most important section of the University is again to be heightened by this further benefaction.

The question of site, however (always supposing the aforesaid rumor to be well founded), is one that will require the most careful consideration of those to whom the choice of position is entrusted, and a transfer of the place of lectures from the lower to the higher level will perhaps be strenuously opposed by a section representing certain of those men to whom a longer climb than they have been accustomed to in the past will present a serious objection.

From our point of view, we must say that, taking

everything into consideration, a building situated among the other fine edifices that decorate the University grounds and surround the good old Campus on which so many a sturdy battle for McGill's honor has been fought out, and built in a manner in keeping with the style of architecture there prevailing, will afford advantages that cannot be heedlessly overlooked by the gentlemen with whom the decision rests. A consolidation of university interests is greatly to be desired; a more personal contact of faculty with faculty and student with student is to be looked forward to, and to this consolidation the centralizing of the buildings and therefore of the teaching force of the University must naturally tend. But again, on the other hand, the question of ground area is also a serious consideration, as the recent erections have reduced very largely the space available for such purposes, and any attempt at encroachment on the only too small section of the University grounds set aside for athletic purposes would be vigorously resented by those interested in such pursuits.

Rumor also goes on to state that such a building, if erected, would provide not only lecture rooms, but also space for a law library, with other rooms for reading, recreation, and general purposes. Shades of all the chief justices and Mr. Frazer (of free library fame)! Can these things really be, or does fickle Dame Rumor again sport with our lively imaginations?

Again accept our congratulations on your — even if it be only rumored, good fortune, Faculty of Law. Far be it from the FORTNIGHTLY to ever raise questions as to the inner workings of this faculty or that; far be it from us to meddle with or venture into the dangerous province of University politics! We choose rather to remain on the cold, yet interested outside of the border line, and, while mildly criticizing, welcome all change for the better, every innovation that carries in its train benefits of a solid and lasting character.

The Faculty of Law has had many things in the past to contend with, many things to drag it back which those unacquainted with its labors are, and perhaps unfortunately must remain, in ignorance of, and now that the Faculty is in such a strong position both as regards its teaching staff and also in the quality of the students that attend its courses, any further impetus that may be given it in the manner above indicated will be welcomed not only by present Students but also by graduates and the members of the Montreal Bar in general, as the beginning of another new era in its so far chequered but eminently successful career.