

Council and any body in charge of any branch of public education in the said Province, may, notwithstanding anything in the education laws of the Province, enter into such an agreement with the Royal Institution and may transfer or pay over to the Royal Institution such equipment or moneys in consideration thereof as may from time to time be agreed upon. Provided that no agreement made in pursuance of this section shall be valid until it has been assented to by the Council of Public Instruction.

Perhaps I cannot better indicate the nature of the discussion which took place concerning this legislation than by the following extracts from statements made in the public press.

The first is the report of three interviews with educationalists not resident in British Columbia.

*President Loudon's Opinion.*

"President Loudon, of Toronto University, when shown the despatch received from Victoria, B.C., stating that the second reading had been given to the Bill, establishing a University College under the direct control of the McGill University, said:

The particulars of the bill are news to me. If that bill goes through, it simply means that the College will be a feeder for McGill University and I think it quite unfair that one university should receive such an advantage over other eastern universities. I notice that Sir William Macdonald is giving his support and McGill is sending out a number of professors. They can do this, being a privately endowed institution, while the University of Toronto, which is a provincial institution cannot spend money outside the province although we can hold examinations and affiliate western colleges and collect fees. Columbian College at New Westminster is now affiliated with Toronto University indirectly through Victoria College. We have a large number of very prominent graduates in British Columbia and they will doubtless do everything possible to prevent McGill gaining such undue advantage."

*Chancellor Burwash's Opinion.*

"Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, upon reading the despatch said he considered such a bill a serious injustice to the Methodist Church. Some years ago they applied to the Province for a charter, granting to Columbian College at New Westminster university standing with courses in Arts and Theology. The charter