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Building on Friday evening, October 14th. The Governors also gave a dinner at the St. James's Club on Thursday, the 13th, to those who had received honorary degrees and to those who were representatives of other universities. The expenses of this dinner were borne by the Governors individually, and it was thus a private affair, but I can assure you that no orgies of drinking were indulged in. Certainly no liquor was available or offered at either the Convocation or the Reception in the Medical Building.

The other functions, such as the dinners you refer to, were held by the different Classes of graduates and I doubt whether any of the governing body of McGill were present at any of these functions. They were not University functions, they were graduate functions, and certainly the University could not be held responsible for anything, good, bad or indifferent, which went on there. They were attended by men who had already graduated and were not under the control of the Governors in any way - men, who, if they misbehaved, were old enough to know better.

You make particular reference to a dinner which was held at the Windsor Hotel, on Thursday, October 13th, the same evening as the Governors' dinner at the St. James's Club. While I heard rumors, I have no official knowledge of what went on there and I have not made any enquiries because I did not consider it any of my business in my capacity as Principal of the University. If a similar function had taken place amongst the McGill graduates in Vancouver, you might just as well hold the Governors of the University responsible for what occurred during a Reunion celebration in Montreal.