Montreal, April 1st, 1932.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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Dear Sir Arthur:

Yesterday your letter of the 19th, relative
to the architect for the proposed gymnasium, was placed before
the Provisional Committee of the Graduates' Society. The
Committee, after a lengthy discussion, remained still of the
opinion that it would be of the greatest benefit to the gymnasium
project if the design of the building were a matter of competition
thrown open to McGill Graduate architects.   I want to emphasize
that this feeling is not caused by the fact that any one architect
is closely connected with the University. It is essentially a
feeling - and a very strong feeling - that such a procedure would
free the Graduates' Society from any criticism of partiality and
ensure that we get the best plans for a gymnasium that our ar-
chitects can give us. We must recognize the fact that at the
present time there is very little work in the architects' offices,
and, consequently, it is an opportune time for any who may be so
inclined to criticize us if a slip is made. I am sure we all feel
that it is extremely important in proceeding with the collection of
the fund for the project, that our first step should not be
subjected to the slightest adverse criticism.   This was the feel-
ing which actuated a frank discussion of your letter.

With regard to Professor Nobbs, it was quite
understood from your letter that the Governors felt that there was
an obligation to him with respect to University buildings. It was
developed, however, in our conversation that the proposed building
is not strictly speaking one that would be put up by the Governors
but would be built by the graduates, and because of that fact the
Governors might be relieved of what they consider an obligation on
their part. It was also developed in conversation that subsequent