

Although an effort had been made to fill the place, the Governors had to report no success in selecting a Deanship for the Faculty of Law. The choice will not be made until the return of Principal Peterson, who is about to take his annual trip to Europe.

The hope of the Governors that they would have a definite announcement regarding their plans for a combined armory and gymnasium was not realized. The expected word had not yet arrived from the Department of Militia. With the \$100,000 donated by J. K. L. Ross, the Board is in a position to go ahead with a thoroughly modern gymnasium in any event, however.

#### INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION.

Dr. Herbert Stanley Birkett is one of the most eminent physicians in Canada, with an international reputation as a specialist in diseases and troubles of the throat and nose. The son of the late William Birkett, merchant, of Hamilton, Ont., he was born there on July 17th, 1864. He received his education at Forest House School, Chester, England, and at McGill University, where he graduated in medicine in 1886, carrying off the Holmes Gold Medal in that year. In 1886 and 1887 he was senior house surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital, and from 1886 to 1889 he was assistant physician at the Montreal Dispensary. Devoting himself more and more to his special subject, he was appointed laryngologist to the Montreal Dispensary in 1889, and acted in that capacity until 1891. From 1891 to 1899 he was laryngologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

In the years 1889 and 1890, Dr. Birkett was Junior Demonstrator of Anatomy at McGill University. He was promoted to be Demonstrator of Anatomy in 1890, and held that post until 1896. In 1895 he was appointed Professor of Laryngology and Ontology at McGill, and in 1898 he was appointed specialist in the same subjects at the Royal Victoria Hospital. These posts Dr. Birkett has held ever since.

#### MANY HONORS CONFERRED.

Dr. Birkett is connected with all the chief medical bodies in the Dominion, the United States and Great Britain. For some years he was general secretary of the Dominion Medical Association, and also of the Montreal Medical-Chirurgical Society. In 1898 he was elected Vice-President of the American Laryngologi-