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## *The Loss of the Upper Campus.*

A brief account of what might be called the fight to save the campus will be of interest to the old students. Many of them find it impossible to understand how their representatives allowed this fine practice ground to be sacrificed. They point out indignantly that the students had spent over \$1,500 of their own funds in grading and levelling it and that this expenditure gave them at least a moral right to the field. Their state of wonder is made greater by the fact that it is very hard to find anyone now who frankly admits that he advocated taking the upper campus for a building site. Those who worked so strenuously for that end in the hot weather of July seem to have migrated before the chill days of October. One graduate remarked to us that the site must have been forced (against their protests) on those who finally accepted it. Our readers can judge from this brief account how near this comes to the facts.

Before the students left in April, the Board of Governors of the School of Mining had applied to the Board of Trustees of Queen's University for a site or sites on the upper campus. This request was granted by the trustees at their annual meeting during Convocation week and the details were left to the Finance Committee to arrange with the Board of Governors. This committee, consisting of the Principal, Registrar and local members of the trustee board agreed with the governors of the School of Mining on the two sites now marked by holes in the upper campus.

But as these plans became known, a feeling grew that it would be an undesirable thing to lose the campus for athletic purposes. Most of the older students and graduates in the city who were interested in athletics were invited towards the end of June to meet the Finance Committee. Our readers will please note that the fate of the upper campus was considered to be settled and that the only thing for the meeting to discuss was whether certain fields should be purchased as an equivalent. Among those present at this first meeting were: Professor Dyde, Messrs. J. M. Farrell, J. F. Macdonald, J. L. Nichol, J. A. Shaver, Hugh Macdonnell and the Secretary of the Athletic Committee. Professor Matheson had been invited to attend but had gone to Chicago. However, he had written a letter that expressed exactly the feeling of all those whom we may term the representatives of athletics and of the students' interests. In it he stated that, in his opinion, the sacrifice of the upper campus was not at present necessary. The whole question should be left over till the fall and the students be given an opportunity to express their views. If, however,