

You will therefore realize that the problem has been most carefully studied, that the decisions were not hurriedly arrived at; further that it has been studied in relation not to one feature only but to the many with which it is related, and also that it is along the line of movement which has put McGill in the forefront of Canadian Universities in physical education, seeking to avoid the baffling situation which has developed in connection with the athletics of hundreds of the Universities and Colleges in the United States and which is causing very grave apprehension as to the outcome. In order that you may be well seized with the information which led to the decision I am glad to lay this information before you, and will be glad to further elaborate any details or answer any questions which may arise in your consideration.

The chief considerations from the students standpoint seem to be twofold:-

1. to provide adequate facilities for team and track dressing rooms at the Stadium
2. To co-relate the athletic equipment and dormitories as the centre of student life at Macdonald Park. Both excellent, but the first can be and in some ways be better provided for by erecting suitable dressing rooms in closer proximity to the track and stadium. The centre of student life to-day is undisputably at the campus- will remain there for many years and possibly for all time. The students look on the gymnasium largely from the standpoint of developing crack athletics and training championship teams.

The gymnasium Committee looks on the gymnasium as a most important and integral part of the University, to be erected mainly for the benefit of all, but especially for the needy students, and for the development of a Department of Physical Education of real scientific value correlated to all the other faculties. The erection on the Campus will not only permit of better access and supervision, but will also provide dressing room accommodation for the students using the campus for outdoor activities (and of which there is an equal if not larger number than using the McDonald Park) who will be deprived of their present accommodation in Nelson Hall when the Arts Bldg is reconstructed.

Dr. Lamb then read his statement of the operation of the Department and School of Physical Education giving the reasons that led him to the decision of recommending the erection of the gymnasium on the Campus.

Miss Hurlbatt spoke suggesting leaving out of the discussion the use of the gym by the students of the R.V.C. as they were already provided for.