

both the City and the University, and Colleges. Considering the whole position I think you will agree with me that the only way out of the difficulty is for the City Council, the Senate Committee and the Ontario Government to come together and enter into such agreements as may be practicable. I confess I do not see how it is practicable for the City to fence off those parties who refuse to enter into agreements with the University. A better way would be to get such legislation, if possible, as will enable the city to make a local special assessment on those parties, and pass a By-law prohibiting the use of any property fronting on the Avenues for other than residence purposes. I am anxious to do everything in my power to preserve the character of the Avenues, and prevent the erection of any thing but first class residences overlooking them; but you must admit there are difficulties in the way, which I think can only be removed by the united action of the City Council and the Senate, with the assistance of the Ontario Government. Now that the lease is declared forfeited, what would be the position should the City cease to light the Avenues and Park and clean the sidewalks?

The University are not in position to close up the Avenues and Park. The doing of this would involve the Senate Committee in a conflict with the Lessees of University lands and with those to whom license has been granted to use the Avenues.

On the whole I am inclined to think that you will find some difficulty in availing yourself of the order made, and that it would have been better to have allowed me to put in a statement of defence, and then the whole case would have been gone into, all the facts would have come out, all of the difficulties would have presented themselves, and it would have been made clear that the practical outcome of the whole matter is not at all clear. Let me know what you think of the situation and the suggestions I have made.

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CXXVI.

Minutes of Committee on Property. Passed February 4th, 1888.

The Committee proceeded to consider what steps should be taken by the City in view of the fact that the Court has declared the lease held by the City of the Queen's Park and Avenues to be forfeited.

After fully discussing the matter, it was ordered that a sub-committee consisting of His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen Hallam, Maughan, Gibbs, Roaf, and the Chairman, (Ald. Irwin), be appointed to confer with the Senate of the University with a view of arriving at a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty.

Ordered, that the City Solicitor be instructed to forthwith prepare a synopsis of the various matters in dispute between the City and the Toronto University in relation to the lease of the Queen's Park and Avenues, showing the exact position and rights of the City at the present time, and that the same be printed, and a copy thereof forwarded to each member of this Committee.