

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

THE MACDONALD PHYSICS BUILDING

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Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,  
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur;

May I be allowed to point out that the erection of the combined gymnasium and dormitory building in the hollow opposite the Union will seriously interfere with the adequate lighting of the main research laboratories on the three lower floors of the Physics Building, which was designed, I believe, on the supposition that no building would intervene between it and Sherbrooke Street.

These laboratories were placed on the lower floors to ensure as much as possible freedom from vibration. They receive illumination from three sides, but owing to the close proximity of the metallurgical and mining wing of the Chemistry Building on the north, and the Forest Products laboratory on the east, they depend very greatly on light coming from the south. If this light is cut off by the proposed building, I am afraid it will be necessary to work a great deal by artificial light, which is *eminently* unsatisfactory. A research laboratory requires illuminating approximating to good factory lighting, and this we