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of the proposed structure this also entailed a delay in making use of Mr. Jack Ross' donation till such time as the Government contribution became available, and as a consequence, the work of our contingent of the C.O.T.C. the athletics and the physical training of the University have all suffered severely from an entire lack of suitable accommodation for four years.

VII. The position as it was in January 1915 is ably set forth in the letter (copy attached) from the late Captain Percy Molson to the Hon. W.T.White, but conditions are now further aggravated by the years which have elapsed.

3. The University is now both willing and able to carry out its part in this arrangement by proceeding with construction. The present cost of building would, however, necessitate One hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.) instead of the sum originally proposed (2 par.5) as the Government's contribution to the hall.

It is unnecessary to enlarge on the services of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. during the war. Your Department is alive to the necessity of giving a place in the Universities to the dearly bought practical experience of the war beside other branches of human knowledge. You will also readily understand what has been sacrificed by the postponement of the Government's contribution both in cost of buildings and lack of facilities for athletics and physical training.

There is, however, another and a very cogent reason for urging acting at a very early date, and that is the state of unemployment now rapidly increasing in this community. A contract of this size would mean much to the building trades at this time.

If you can give us the necessary assurance with regard to the provision of the funds in question, the University is prepared to proceed with construction without delay.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,