

universities are supported by taxes paid by the people; therefore, the knowledge imparted to students is an asset of the people, since their money has provided for its teaching. Canadians stultify themselves if they permit the knowledge for which they pay to be given to students whose bodies are weak and whose health is injured through living in unsanitary boarding-houses. This argument is no idle one. There can be very few persons who have had any connexion with universities who cannot recall one or more instances of healthy young men who have come from the country to university towns, who have worked hard, contracted tuberculosis and died. Lodging houses, conducted entirely according to the ideas of their half-educated mistresses, are certainly not places where students will form invaluable habits of cleanliness and personal sanitation; in properly conducted dormitories maintained by a university, they will be drilled in habits of personal hygiene which will do much to ensure their continued health. "Healthy men and women are a nation's greatest asset." Because of these things it is certain that the health of students can be assured most easily if they live in dormitories and eat at refectories while they are at the university; therefore, it is desirable that dormitories and refectories should form a part of every Canadian university. If other things are equal, it is more healthy to live in the country than in a town; for this reason alone, it is desirable that a Canadian residential university should not be situated in a city.

It may be contended that the situation of a university in a city will permit it to be maintained and administered more easily and more economically than would be the case were it placed in the country. This might be so at first; but the advantage is not a great nor a permanent one. Modern transport is cheap and rapid. By the use of refrigeration and by purchasing large quantities, the delivery of food stuffs and other supplies can be made as cheaply, and probably more quickly, to the university on its own railroad siding in the