

Extract from letter, P. E. Nobbs, Architect 14/1/22 re Dormitories Capacity and Cost.
Estimated at 2500 per student including dining room accommodation.

	Main block behind grand stand	250 students	costing 625,000
1st section	Extension at rear and E. side door	500 "	1250,000
2nd	North west	390 "	975,000
3rd	North east	400 "	1000,000
		1540	3850,000
	Gymnasium block, \$1,000,000		

GENERAL HEATING

It was proposed to extend the system of central heating from the power house to the buildings erected on Macdonald Park. This question was carefully gone into as contrasted with a separate heating system in the gymnasium building. It was found that the cost of the heating system of the gymnasium would amount to about \$40,000 and entail an annual charge for separate administration, reserve boilers, etc. Against this the development of the central heating to Macdonald Park would cost in the neighbourhood of \$50,000 or \$60,000 as it would have to be carried out on a scale to provide for the dormitories when erected, while if building was erected on the Campus next to the Conservatorium of Music the mains for the steam heating and the conduits for the lighting are at present extended as far as the Physics Building and it would only mean 100 ft extension to meet the requirements of the gymnasium and dormitories. The possible extra cost of the building on the campus on account of the foundation and the use of stone instead of brick would probably offset this saving. Of course any other building erected on this site later would have to bear these expenses, so that they are only anticipated.

For these and other reasons it was decided that the policy of erecting the gymnasium on the Macdonald Park and a smaller auxiliary gymnasium on the Campus should be reversed and that the gymnasium proper should be erected in what was now, and probably would at all time remain, the centre of student life on the Campus, and if the development of the dormitories at Macdonald Park necessitated a smaller gymnasium or exercise facilities it could then be erected. This seemed to dispose of most objections with the exception of the track and visiting teams dressing rooms. It was however, considered that these might be better situated in a temporary building until the erection of the dormitories, or in a building specially adapted for their own requirements.

After several meetings and careful consideration of the facts of the case, the Gymnasium Committee came to the unanimous decision to recommend to the General Building Committee that the gymnasium be erected on Sherbrooke St adjacent to the Conservatorium of Music. After fully discussing the matter the General Building Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Gymnasium Committee with the request that it be submitted to a meeting of the Dean of the Faculties. This meeting was called by Sir Arthur Currie to which the Deans and some half dozen other professors were invited, and after discussing the matter they also unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Gymnasium Committee.