

just how far the project had gone and saying that the University was most profoundly interested. As a result of his reply I asked for an opportunity of discussing the matter with him, and the interview took place last Wednesday morning.

I protested vigorously against the erection of the convention hall on the site mentioned on the following grounds:-

1. The site is on neither street-car nor bus routes, but is at the top of a steep hill and well away from hotels and stations so that motor traffic, when the hall was being used, would be very heavy.
2. There are two approaches, one by Pine Avenue and one by McTavish Street. The third possibility of entering from the McGill campus in front of the Medical Building and so into Carleton Road would not be countenanced by the University.
3. The crowding of Pine Avenue by motor traffic especially at night would probably be a serious annoyance to the Royal Victoria Hospital, for that part of Pine Avenue is now marked "Quiet, Hospital Zone" and the heavy traffic might at times impede the ambulance service.
4. McTavish Street is very steep and not wide so that cars climbing to the Hall would do so mostly in second or low gear and hence would be particularly noisy. This route passes the University Library with its reading rooms where quiet is essential, and the Presbyterian College, where many University and Theological students live and where lectures are given.
5. The three nearest north and south streets, Peel, McTavish, and University, are all steep and in the winter are apt to be dangerous to motor traffic if this is congested, and are frequently very slippery for pedestrians, while each has at its Pine Avenue end a difficult corner.
6. The traffic would therefore interfere seriously with the amenities and necessary quiet of a hospital and university neighbourhood, and would with such steep and difficult streets lead to serious congestion and probably to accidents.