

TO THE GRADUATES AND THE FRIENDS OF MCGILL.

Seldom in McGill's history has it been necessary for her to appeal against injustice; the citizens of Montreal have always been more than ready to help their University and to forward her cause; in their hands her interests have always been safeguarded.

Today McGill is threatened with a great danger, and we come before you with an earnest prayer not only to stave it off, but to make injury from this cause forever impossible.

A tramway line on University Street such as has been planned by the Tramways Commission will do McGill great and irreparable harm, set back the cause of science not only in Montreal but all over the world, and brand us not only as a utilitarian, but as an ignorant community.

Property on University Street has been acquired by McGill at great cost, and largely with funds given to the University by yourselves. This property, the only space available for extension of our scientific buildings, as well as for our Faculty of Music, will be rendered useless for our Faculty of Music, will be rendered useless for teaching by the intermittent noise of passing cars, and useless for any delicate scientific research by the vibration, the electric currents and magnetic flux which cannot be disassociated from the operation of tramway routes.

Not only will this be so, but the value of the buildings already erected, the Physics building and the new Electrical Wing of the Engineering Building will be infinitely reduced.

Since the days of Sir Ernest Rutherford, McGill has been known for the accuracy of the scientific work here carried on, and we feel, perhaps not altogether wrongly, that McGill has brought honour to Montreal.

The Western Electric, General Electric, American Telephone and Telegraph and General Motors Companies are spending millions of dollars every year on just such work as is being carried on in the Macdonald Physics and Chemistry Buildings and such as will be carried on in the new Electrical Building. From the purely financial point of view would it not be a short sighted policy to bring this work to an end for the sake of relieving one tramway intersection?