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importance of research work is more recognized by all groups of our social organization. While it is impossible to state the actual value of the standardization and research work now being carried on in the Macdonald Physics Building, it is enough to say that the various governments of the world and in addition many financial corporations have recognized the importance of such work by large and continued money grants.

You are, of course, better aware than we are of the sums, running into many millions, expended each year by such Corporations as the Western Electric, General Electric, General Motors and the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, on the very type of work which is being done in the McGill Physics Building. Much of this work would be permanently hampered and some of it entirely prevented by the proposed new construction.

We are furthermore of the opinion that the preservation of an educational centre, unhampered by noise and disturbance, is of as much importance to the people of Montreal as is their convenience in transportation.

Our protest in this matter has not been made without the fullest possible consideration. We have assured ourselves that the damage done to the University may well be irreparable and even if a remedy can be found the loss caused not only to ourselves, but to engineering and scientific knowledge will be such that it is difficult to see how any advantage offered can compensate it.

We trust that before adopting a course fraught with such serious consequences, you will give us an opportunity to present our objections to the Tramways Company and to the Tramways Commission.

On behalf of the Governors and of the Corporation of McGill University, we are,

Yours faithfully,