

MEMORANDUM RE MUNICIPAL GRANT OF \$10,000.

With regard to the question of precedent, it may be of interest to note that it is a well established custom throughout the British Isles for any city to subscribe freely to the support of any university that may be located therein. It is also a very common practice in the States for universities, not receiving support from the State, to receive large subscriptions from the city it is located in or near. In Canada we have the City of London, Ont., as the main support of the Western University. K

Another point which the Administrative Commission should consider in connection with the annual grant of \$10,000. to the University by the City, is that the University is a large spender in the City of Montreal, and in that way supports the industrial corporations. K

In the first place, the annual expenditure for last year in the University was \$1,300,000. An examination of the books shows that of this amount approximately 97% (or about \$1,260,000.) was spent in Montreal.

Investigation shows also that at least 60% of the students attending McGill come from outside the City. The present registration of the University is, in round numbers, 2,700 and 60% of this is 1,600. If we estimate that the annual expenditure of each student in the city is \$600., we find that the amount of money annually spent by students coming from outside is \$960,000. In addition to this, there is a large proportion of the 40% (or 1,100 students) resident in Montreal, who, were it not for the fact that McGill is located in this city, would leave to attend some other institution. \$220,000. would appear to be a conservative estimate of the annual expenditure of such students.

Adding up, therefore, these three items it is seen that the University, as a whole, spends about \$2,500,000. a year in the City.