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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In reply to your letter of March 31st I beg to report as follows.

On April 2nd I met Professor Burr who told me that he had seen Dr. Herdt who is still far from well and greatly distressed by his inability to take part in the matter of tram-ways on University Street.

It appears that there are three Commissioners, Dr. Herdt, Mr. St. Cyr and Mr. Archibald, that is to say, an engineer, lawyer and architect. These three men have the first and last word as to tramway extensions and are in a position to order the Tramways Company to make new lines as required.

It is stated that such orders have already appeared in the minute-book, open to inspection of the Tramways Commission. If this is true the Tramways Company have no option but to make the extension up University Street as soon as they are able to do so.

If there is some delay in this undertaking, then Dr. Herdt would, we trust, recover sufficiently to take his part in the Tramways Commission and we might get action from that Commission from the point of view of an engineer, rather than from a lawyer and an architect only.

It seems that the question is more imminent than we might judge from Mr. Howard Murray's idea.

A further report on the Tramways question is attached.

Yours very sincerely,

A. S. H.

* Just now Dr. Starkey told me on the phone that unless a protest is made within 15 days (or less) we are doomed.
A. S. H.