

Statutes in our times commonly decree that the public coffers shall remain closed to college corporations whose general acts are exempt from state control, but that regulation, elsewhere, and latterly at least, in our midst, has been given no narrow interpretation. Only the other day, a number of public-spirited responsible citizens forming a corporation offering satisfactory guarantees, secured from the Provincial treasury the sum of \$100,000 for a School of Mines in Kingston, a much less important centre than Ottawa. All familiar with the circumstances connected with that grant, know that by it and a similar one for the opening of special courses in the new Science Hall in Ottawa, the universities of the two cities would be effected in exactly the same way.

The principle being wisely admitted that not one city alone in Ontario, is to benefit by Government support towards educational work in Science, it is incredible that a responsible corporation of Ottawa citizens, would fail to obtain state aid for the maintenance of a School of Science. The Dominion capital offers ideal advantages to the young man who seeks to add to technical qualifications the development of a broad Canadian spirit. Ottawa possesses all the desirable conditions that can be claimed for the other cities in Ontario in which Schools of Science exist, including that of many well-organized University courses, open to all, from which students in technical branches may choose one or more subjects that will supplement their specialty work.

The idea that a Science School is not needed in Ottawa, or that its interests would clash with those of institutions in other parts of the Province, is not tenable. That idea will not even enter the thoughtful unbiassed mind that has noted the continued extension of courses in Applied Science and the growing need of well-trained experts for the development of natural resources and the building up of industries in our fair Dominion. Definite evidence that vastly additional facilities for practical training in Science, are needed in this section, is supplied by the situation of Ottawa in the heart of a region exceptionally fitted for industrial progress, and by the action of a college corporation, not inclined to venturesomeness, undertaking the erection and equipment of a large Science Hall when nothing seemed possible but tuition fees and rather uncertain private benefaction.