

THE GRADUATES' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The 7th Canadian Siege Battery (McGill) and the 13th Canadian Siege Battery (McGill) were both organized in the University, as was the 2nd Canadian Divisional Sanitary Section.

In addition, the University played an active part in the military life of Montreal. It gave preliminary training to many. The buildings and the campus were in constant use for instruction and drilling; for four years no grass grew on the campus. The Graduates' Society, individually and collectively, was a part of these things.

With the assistance of the Society, substantial regimental funds were provided for all the McGill units. The Graduates' Society also collected from past students of the University, \$2,800 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

McGill men served in many ways and in many units other than those which were associated with the University. Their record of war service is a proud one.

In August, 1914, McGill had 284 persons on the staff of the University, 6,000 past students and 2,104 students. In November, 1918, 90 members of the staff, 1,673 past students and 756 students had enlisted. Of them, 320 had died and 873 had been wounded. They had won four hundred and forty British decorations, and, twice, the Victoria Cross.

During the war, McGill men served with the Imperial and Canadian navies and filled many important civilian posts both in Canada and overseas.

Now that the war is over, the Society is taking up where it left off when war began. For success, the Graduates' Society needs the interest and membership of every one who studied at McGill.

The following paragraphs outline the programme of the Society:

PROGRAMME

I. *The Stadium.*—McGill has suffered for lack of students' residences, a gymnasium and playing fields. In 1911, Sir William Macdonald gave a magnificent property of thirty acres for these purposes. Macdonald Park, as it is called, lies at the foot of Mount Royal, just to the north of the new Medical Building.

With the approval of the Graduates' Society, fifteen men united in a Graduates' Stadium Committee. The Committee was formed to build an athletic field, a quarter mile track and a concrete grandstand seating 10,000. These things have been done. The Stadium is completed. During the war it was used for military purposes. Inter-collegiate football will be played there this autumn. The Chairman of the Stadium Committee was Captain Percival Molson, killed in action near Lens. Three other members of the Committee, Guy Drummond, John McCrae and William Stewart died in the war; and all, who were recent graduates, were in uniform.

One of the members of the Committee, a past president of the Graduates' Society and a governor of the University, Commander J. K. L. Ross, has generously undertaken the construction of the gymnasium building, including drill-hall and swimming pool, which is to form the entrance to the Stadium.