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MEMORANDUM RE THE PHYSICAL NEEDS
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

by
The Principal himself.

It is ten years since the Board of Governors of McGill University made its last appeal to the public for funds, and in that appeal they said:

" \$5,000,000 is the minimum amount that McGill must obtain to meet its most urgent necessity. Twice that sum is needed for present requirements, but with less than \$5,000,000 McGill must inevitably fall so far behind and suffer so greatly in its prestige that it may never recover."

That campaign resulted in \$6,400,000 being pledged, of which all but \$200,000 has been collected.

The experience of the last ten years has shewn that the words used in the appeal of ten years ago were amply justified, and there need be little surprise when it is learned that for the last few years there has been an annual deficit of between \$250,000 and \$275,000. Had McGill in 1920 been able to raise the sum of \$10,000,000 which the Governors said was needed for "present requirements", there would have been no deficits now and requirements equally pressing with those of 1920 would have been met.

In setting forth what were McGill's most pressing needs at that time, the Governors listed them in the following order:

Professors' salaries
Additional professorships
Endowment of professorships
Maintenance of buildings and laboratories
New buildings and extensions.