

disposed to hold that they should aim primarily at the advantage of the Provinces in which they are situated. Are we to consider that McGill is ~~to~~ aim primarily at the advantage of the Dominion of Canada - if so, certain questions must be answered.

1st. What is the difference between a University of national character and any other University?

2nd. What is the purpose of a University? Is it to train research workers, investigators and teachers for a particular community, or is it to advance the cause of learning generally?

I hesitate to think that either Oxford or Cambridge would permit themselves to be described as National Universities.

"(2) Such a development should be carefully and deliberately planned with respect to the greatest national needs, both in the immediate and more remote future. "

With reference to this paragraph two questions arise. Is it possible to plan definitely a University's future, or is not this duty best left to future authorities. Could anyone, for example, have made even an approximate estimate of the development of our greatest commercial industries ten years ago, or could they make such an estimate for the next ten years? If not, we cannot foresee the needs of the country and of the youth requiring education and if we cannot foresee these needs then we cannot make definite and unchangeable plans.

"(3) The upbuilding of a great university cannot be achieved forthwith, and that advances and developments can only be made through a series of stages, depending upon the resources available from time to time."

The implication of this paragraph is that McGill is not at present to be considered a great University. With such a suggestion I do not agree, nor I think will