

I have spent considerable time in briefly outlining the inception and conception of the Department of Physical Education so that you might be seized with its importance and the relation that it must necessarily have with the erection and operation of such an important building as the Gymnasium. At least so it appeared to the gymnasium committee, and I am free to admit that it had a profound influence on their decision as to the site.

In a few minutes I am going to ask Dr. Lamb to speak of the operations of the Department, what it has already accomplished, and what are its requirements, so that it may ~~render~~ render a even larger service. McGill has taken the lead in Canada in the organization of such a Department, it being the only Canadian University to have one, although in the States there are nearly two hundred Universities and Colleges having some such Department.

As I have said, the new study involved the consideration of these three new problems, and it was found that each one of these problems could be better solved by a change in the location of the gymnasium to a site somewhere on the Campus. In the first instance it would be much closer to the R.V.C. co-eds, I think that is what you call them; in the second instance the present centre of student life is unquestionably near to the Campus and will probably remain so for many years; in the third instance there was only one opinion that the requirements of the Department of Physical Education could best be served and the operations best carried on in a gymnasium building erected on the Campus. It therefore became quite evident that even if the gymnasium was located on Macdonald Park there would immediately arise a demand for an auxiliary gymnasium on the Campus to provide facilities for carrying on much of the work of the Department of Physical Education,

1. Refer to Dr. Lamb's report to Committee on requirements of D.P.E. Examination records and noon day free consultations (about 600 in last 3 months) many of whom might not go as far as Macdonald Park)
 2. The alternating of practical work of School of Physical Education on gym floor with the lectures required to be taken in the Arts Chemistry, Medical and Physics bldg)
- the Royal Victoria College students and the requirements of the athletic activities of the Campus in which almost an equal number of students participate as at the Stadium, so that these activities might be further extended and developed. This led to a discussion as to which building would be the most important, and also to the fact that it would greatly increase the cost to administer two buildings and make a most inconvenient division between the activities of each and require a duplication of all records. This led to a reconsideration of the reasons of erecting the gymnasium on Macdonald Park. In the first place it was hoped that the gymnasium would include the track and visiting teams dressing rooms. Owing to the difficult nature of the location to which I have already referred, it had been pretty well decided to erect the gymnasium on Pine Avenue. This would place these Dressing rooms too far away from the Stadium. For the sake of economy it had been hoped to possibly use portions of the same dressing rooms for these activities as for the gymnasium. Study revealed that they were not easily interchangeable. The system adopted for the gymnasium would be that known as the "Tote Box" or "Kansas City" system, while for such outdoor activities as football they require the old style of lockers