

shall be able to come to some amicable arrangement. The University received no benefit from the City of Toronto, and its very valuable property was a gift to the rich City. I want you to bear that in mind, and when you are thoroughly imbued with this I hope you will be able to show that we are acting justly towards the City of Toronto. We are all citizens of Toronto, but at the same time we have to discharge our duty to the interests we represent.

Mayor Clarke—Are we to understand that the University will not consent to a renewal of the Lease on the terms existing before it was cancelled.

Mr. Hoskin—Yes.

The Mayor—Well, what proposition have you to make to us that we can carry to the Council so that the people may again be placed in possession of the Park and the Avenues?

Mr. Hoskin—It is not desirable that we should show what action we propose to take, because we do not know whether you are willing to enter into an arrangement with us. Then whatever we do has to meet with the approval of the Government, as all we do has to get their consent. The matter has hitherto been left in our hands. They have been advised of the steps we are taking and they have not thought fit to give us any advice or suggestion, and we infer from that that they have no objection to our action. I am of opinion that if we went to the Government they would say, carry out your trust and after you have come to some agreement come to us. I think they will be ready to endorse our actions. The County members would have a leaning towards the University. They would see means whereby the assets of the University can be made available for the furtherance of the University's work, and it is not the selfish thing to say that our action is to the advantage of the country at large. Are you prepared with a scheme that involves dollars and cents?

The Mayor—We are not authorized to make any definite arrangement, and, of course, we cannot come to any decision until some proposition is submitted to the Council.

Mr. Hoskin—Well, I may tell you now, as it has to come sometime or other, our suggestions are these: There are three avenues, two leading ones and a shorter one, and I propose to divide the scheme into two branches. It has been so considered by the Trustees. Probably we may take the avenues first; the Queen Street and the Yonge Street Avenues and the smaller one leading to Bloor Street. These Avenues are vested in the Crown for the benefit of the University with all that that means. The land is theirs, the right to use it is theirs, and no question of user of the Park by the people can arise, for, as your Solicitor will tell you, the right being vested in the Crown, no rights can arise adverse to the Crown. It will be well if we can devise some scheme whereby friction will be removed and the question placed beyond dispute for all time to come. Our suggestion is this: That the matter of these avenues and the interests of the University therein shall be the subject of arbitration; that the City shall take them over out and out and pay what may be determined upon by arbitration. That will enable the City to deal with all those who front on those avenues. Many are under the supposition that they have the right to open their gates upon these avenues whether the University is willing or not; of course, they have no such right. Some have paid for