

6. The centre of student life is unquestionably the old Campus as in addition to the Faculties of Arts, Science & Music, the first <sup>2</sup> *Second* year students of the Faculty of Medicine have most of their work in these buildings.
7. If the gymnasium is to be used as a convocation hall, theatre, concert or examination hall until proper facilities are erected, it would be much more accessible if built on Sherbrooke St.
8. General Heating:- It was proposed to extend the system of central heating from the power house to the buildings erected on Macdonald Park. This question was carefully gone into as contrasted with a separate heating system in the gymnasium building. It was found that the cost of the heating system of the gymnasium would amount to about \$40,000 and entail an annual charge for separate administration reserve boilers, etc. Against this the development of the central heating to Macdonald Park would cost in the neighbourhood of \$50,000 or \$60,000 as it would have to be carried out on a scale to provide for the dormitories when erected, while if building was erected on the Campus next to the Conservatorium of Music, the mains for the steam heating and the conduits for the lighting are at present extended as far as the Physics Building and it would only mean 100 ft extension to meet the requirements of the gymnasium and dormitories. The possible extra cost of the building on the campus on account of the foundation and the use of stone instead of brick would probably offset this saving. Of course any other building erected on this site later would have to bear these expenses, so that they are only anticipated.

#### ARCHITECT'S REPORT

In order that all possible information might be forthcoming concerning the location of the building, the Architects were asked to prepare sketch plans and report upon the two possible sites, namely University St. in the rear of the Conservatorium of Music and facing Sherbrooke St. just west of the Conservatorium.

The Architects' report dated January 30, 1922, stated that the property on University St. could be used only if the 60 ft lot north of this side were added and then only with more inconvenience than the Sherbrooke St. site. The report continues, "In each scheme the ~~location~~ accommodation is identical in area; the cubic contents are about the same; there is little (if any) difference in the cost of construction; there is a considerable degree of convenience in one scheme over the other in the matter of relation of parts to existing buildings and possible future buildings; and there is very great architectural advantage in one scheme over the other, such advantages as there are being all in favour of the Sherbrooke St. site. We therefore have the honour to recommend the Sherbrooke St. site as a solution for the general acceptance at this time."

#### MEETINGS since January 1, 1922

Since Jan. 1, 1922 eighteen (18) different meetings and conferences have been held at which the various aspects of the problem have been discussed. These meetings included the Deans of the various Faculties, members of the teaching staff, Students' Council, Students' Athletic Association and Alumnae Society.

#### RECOMMENDATION

After several meetings and careful consideration of the facts of the case, the Gymnasium Committee came to the unanimous decision to recommend to the General Building Committee that the gymnasium be erected on Sherbrooke St. adjacent to the Conservatorium of Music. After fully discussing the matter the General Building Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the General Committee with the request that it be submitted to a meeting of the Deans of the Faculties. This meeting was called to which the Deans and some half dozen other professors were invited, and after discussing the matter they also unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Gymnasium Building Committee which was finally approved by the Board of Governors.