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14 Phillips Square
Montreal.

December 20, 1920.

Dr. Lomer,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Re: Library Extension, McGill University

Dear Dr. Lomer:

1. I have pleasure in furnishing you with the following information as to the cost of an extension of your stack, as requested by you on Saturday, 18/12/20.

2. We assume the following requirements:

	Vols.
Accession, 10 years, at 15,000 vols.	150,000
Arrears in storage	20,000
Relief in existing stack	<u>30,000</u>
	200,000 vols.

3. Supposing the new stack to be of similar general dimensions to that existing, and 40 ft. wide inside, then the unit of book accommodation in the new stack would be 5 storeys x 15 ft. shelf x 4 x 7 x 8 vols. = 1,700 vols. To provide for the 200,000 vols. 12 units are therefore required. The internal length of the new stack would thus be 65 feet.

4. The size of the new stack building would be 44 ft. x 67 ft. x 70 ft. or 210,000 cubic feet, and assuming new walls on three sides this work might be expected to cost 40 cents per cubic foot for building, say \$85,000.00
and for equipment for 200,000 volumes, say 50,000.00

Total - \$135,000.00

5. A block three-fifths as large, to provide for present congestion, and four or five years' accession, would cost, with equipment, about \$90,000.00.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) PERCY E. NOBBS