

applied for affiliation for one year in Arts. The application was favourably received by the Corporation of the University and the affiliation consummated.

In both the above mentioned cases the affiliation was sought for by the local educational authorities and not by McGill University; in both cases it was granted after it had been made clear that the cause of education could be served under such conditions.

About the beginning of the Session of 1904-5, as the result of a conversation between the Principal of the University and myself regarding the affiliated colleges, I was requested to visit the West, to study the conditions prevailing and to determine whether it would be possible to extend and develop our connections. Not long afterwards Mr. L. Robertson, B.A., a McGill graduate, one of the teachers in Vancouver College, who was on leave of absence for a year taking a course of advanced study in McGill University, suggested that it would be possible to make the Vancouver College a College of McGill University, if the University was willing to find the money necessary to put it on a proper footing. He stated further that such a move on our part would, he believed, be welcomed by the people of British Columbia. The duty of studying this particular phase of the question was added to my mission in the West.

April and May 1905 were spent in British Columbia studying the question at first hand. After interviewing the Government, the Department of Education, the Vancouver School Board, representatives of various other School Boards, and many influential men in all parts of British Columbia, men interested in the cause of education, a report on the whole matter was submitted to the Board of Governors. This report recommended that there should be established in Vancouver in connection with Vancouver College, a College of McGill University; that at first the College should confine its operations to two years in Arts and two years in Applied Science, with courses in Chemistry and Biology as foundation courses for the study of Medicine; that the Board of Governors of the College should be composed of local men including representatives of the Department of Education, of the School Board, and the Principal of McGill University. It was believed, after careful inquiry, that such an arrangement would commend itself to the Government, to the authorities in Vancouver City, and to the general public.

The whole matter was reported to the Faculty of Arts on November 8th, 1905. The Faculty by a unanimous resolution commended the plan to the Corporation and the Board of Governors. On December 13th the Corporation also approved. On December the 16th the Board of Governors of the University also expressed approval provided a special fund for the purpose could be secured. On December the 17th, Sir William