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THE MACDONALD PHYSICS BUILDING

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Once again there is a misguided movement to make a railway or tramline along University Street!

This is such a serious menace to education, and therefore to the citizens of Montreal, that it is almost certain that such an erratic step could not have been even contemplated except through ignorance or oversight.

Past and present men and women of Montreal have with a great effort with their own money devotedly erected and maintained a splendid University and a great High School in their midst.

They have consistently supported these institutions by their influence as well as by their liberality and they have regarded them with respect and justifiable pride.

Now they are face to face with the problem - shall they maintain the efficiency and security of their great educational system, or shall they permit the crime of their decadence through preventable causes?

It is admitted that the congestion of street cars at the junction of St. Catherine and Bleury demands additional lines of street railway to carry the traffic northwards. But a very eminent engineer, most competent on street railways and electrical problems, maintains that the University Street line is not necessary, and that such a solution is not the correct one. Certainly it is not the only solution.

Under any circumstances a region devoted to the cause of education should be sacrosanct as a great public park, secured by the people for the people and for all time.

This is not the place to enter into the details of grave disturbances due to noise, vibrations and especially electric effects, which will prevent efficient teaching, hinder scientific work, and utterly destroy the possibility of many domains of research work.

It is sufficient to state that the methods involved in scientific work are becoming more refined at the same time as the importance of research work is receiving more recognition from