

11. It seems to me that we should have no grounds to discourage the Graduates' Society if they came to us as they do, and said "We are going to make a sincere try to raise enough money among the graduates of McGill University to build a gymnasium of size, dimensions, facilities, equipment, quality, suitable to the needs and requirements of McGill University and acceptable to the Board of Governors. We ask you to say you will provide the necessary area of university owned grounds on Pine Avenue. We propose, in the matter of preparations of plans, to throw it open to all graduates of McGill School of Architecture and Mr. Nobbs." Would we be justified under these circumstances in saying we shall not accept such a building unless you have Mr. Nobbs and Mr. Nobbs only as your architect? If so would we lay ourselves open to the charge that no contract with McGill University can be regarded as sacred? How would such action on our part be regarded by others not graduates? Mr. Nobbs says he would be forced, for the sake of his reputation, to resign his chair as professor of architecture and to enter suit against the University for damages to his credit and reputation. Would others make it an excuse for not subscribing when we next appeal for funds, and would those graduates not successful in competition turn and rend us? It seems to me we should be particularly careful to see that an absolutely impartial authority should judge the competition and who would pay the arbitrators?

Mr. John Ross, Mr. Paul Sise and myself have constituted your committee to consult with representatives of the Graduates' Society. It is not an easy job. I would like an expression of opinion and perhaps we should have others on the committee. The Chancellor might be good enough to serve and perhaps Mr. Southam.

12. The architects for the Neurological Institute?

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