

CXXXI.

PARK AND AVENUES.

TORONTO, May 11th, 1888.

John Blevins, Esq., City Clerk, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the University of Toronto have arranged to meet the special City Council *re* Park and Avenues on Monday next, 14th inst., at 4 p.m., at the Board Room of the Building and Loan Association, corner of Toronto and Court Streets. I have written to the Honorable the Attorney-General asking him to attend.

Your obedient servant,

J. E. BERKELEY SMITH,
Bursar.

CXXXII.

CONFERENCE *RE* LEASE OF QUEEN'S PARK AND AVENUES.

On Monday afternoon, May 13th, 1888, the Special Committee of the City Council held a conference with the Board of Trustees of Toronto University in reference to the Queen's Park Lease. The meeting took place in the Board Room of the Building and Loan Association, on Toronto Street. Those present for the City were: Mayor Clarke, Alds. Hallam, McMillan, Baxter, Irwin, Roaf, Gibbs and Maughan, City Solicitor Biggar, and Assistant Clerk Littlejohn. For the University: Dr. Daniel Wilson, Mr. John Hoskin, Q.C., Dr. Larratt W. Smith, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Solicitor Wm. Macdonald and Bursar J. E. Berkeley Smith.

Mayor Clarke stated that they were present to ascertain upon what terms the Lease of the Queen's Park might be restored.

Mr. Hoskin said: Four of the Trustees are present, and two others, Col. Gzowski and Mr. Justice Patterson, who have taken an active part in this matter, are unavoidably absent. The Board thought it advisable to hear what proposition the City has to make. As the matter now stands, the Board of Trustees are possessed of the Park and the Avenues leading thereto. We are Trustees just the same as though we were Trustees for any one of you. No question of sentiment can enter into this question at all. It may be as well to know two things: We desire to meet the City fairly—as fairly as we can, regard being had to the duties imposed upon us. You must bear in mind that we represent the University; that the funds are very low, and that the University is not in a position to give away any of its estate. While wishing to deal fairly and equitably, it is just as well to know that this question comes down to a matter of dollars and cents. You might as well know this now as six months hence. I am ready with my colleagues to enter into any necessary explanation of this matter, and in the meantime if you have any propositions to make we shall be very happy to consider them. We have met you the very first opportunity we had. Our Board does not meet regularly, and the moment your communication came, we called a meeting and the result is our conference to-day. I reserve any explanation of the position we take, and I hope we

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