

THE GRADUATES' SOCIETY OF
McGill University

April 12th, 1922.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:

Referring to our recent conversation, I attach hereto, for your information, copies of the letters I have written to Mr. C. D. Fraser, Secretary of the Students' Council, and Mrs. A. Fry, President of the Alumnae Society, which I think are self-explanatory.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee of the Graduates' Society that the Building Committee of the Governors had given the matter every possible consideration and that in spite of the general disappointment at the abandonment of the stadium site, their decision should be accepted as being in the best interests of the University.

If I may be permitted to say so, I think that perhaps it is unfortunate that Dr. Lamb did not discuss his recommendation with the Standing Committee on Physical Education, on which the Graduates and student body are represented, before he submitted it to the Governors' Building Committee as it is my understanding that the Standing Committee on Physical Education is supposed to act in an advisory capacity to the Physical Education Department. I mention this as I feel that the opposition to the Governors' decision is very largely based on the fact that for several years we have all been accustomed to thinking of the new gymnasium as the beginning of the development of Macdonald Park, and if the difficulties involved in following out that programme has been described to the various interested organizations before the final decision was reached, I doubt if the present unfortunate agitation would exist.

I mention this as I think you will agree with me that at the present time, not only the student body and the graduates, but also the public, are more keenly interested in the development of the University than ever before. This interest is a valuable asset to the University and, while it may at times display an undue curiosity in regard to University affairs, it can only be maintained by the feeling that it is given consideration by the University Authorities.