

Montreal, before the Donalda department was opened, is perhaps as near to the university extension idea as any that has been done in Canada.

The University of Toronto has also given free lectures, of a useful and popular character, in Toronto, but not university extension lectures. The work of the council on university extension, which recently met in Toronto, consisted in forming an executive and in committing to that executive certain duties and in making to that body certain recommendations with the real weight of instructions. The executive elected by the council consisted of the representatives of the universities upon the council, together with certain officers of the council. Representatives were present from McGill, Lennoxville, in this province; from Fredericton, N.B.; from Queen's, Trinity (Toronto), McMaster and Victoria in Ontario. The resolutions agreed to were mainly as follows:

No lecturer or examiner to be appointed unless first endorsed by the faculty or acting body of some one of the universities represented on the council.

A rule as to the minimum sum to be guaranteed by a local centre and the minimum remuneration of a lecturer was also passed. A local committee is formed in a town and a certain sum is guaranteed. Public spirited citizens will often guarantee the required sum, and if there is any deficit in the fees paid the difference is made up. In the city of York, England, in six years, only once were the guarantors called upon, and then for about one-third of their guarantee.

The scheme to be followed was that of the Oxford and Cambridge system, which has been so successful. It was, however, resolved that the lecturer should be one of the examiners in any subject. As regards carrying out the scheme, sub-committees of the executive were formed for the different provinces, consisting in each case of the representatives of the universities of each province. Thus the sub-committee of the executive council for the province of Quebec will consist of the representatives of McGill and Bishop's College, Lennoxville. These universities have worked together for a considerable number of years by means of a joint board for conducting the school examinations, or A. A. examinations as they are called. No doubt if these universities find that they are able to organize extension courses the sub-committee will readily assign suitable districts for the exercise of their activity. The city of Montreal itself might easily benefit by the work of the McGill staff and graduates, and places near Montreal and to the west: