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The announcement is made in the newspapers that the matter of a new science building for the University of Manitoba is now in the hands of the Hon. Mr. Sifton, Minister of the Interior, who will have the final decision as to whether the proposed plans will be carried out. To those students of the University taking the science course the prospect of a science building, in which this most important subject could be taught, will be welcome indeed. Science is the one course in the University which fits a man to enter into some definite work wherein he can expect to earn a living, but owing to the very unsatisfactory laboratories and equipment now provided by the University, the student who spends two years in a vain attempt to acquire some knowledge of any department of science finds himself little better off after the effort than before. The importance of science as a study cannot be over estimated. It prepares, or should prepare, a man to accept a position as mining engineer, assayer,

or practical electrician, while the department of geology should fit a man to take a position with the government as a geological surveyor. In conversation with Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, the explorer, and a member of the Dominion geological survey, the writer was informed that the survey has to draw all its assistants, and this is no small number of men, owing to Canada's varied and unknown geological formation, from one college, owing to the inefficiency of the teaching in all the others.

"Winnipeg is situated," said Mr. Tyrrell, "in the geological centre of Canada. No more central point for the study of the subject of geology could be found."

Of what still remains within a few miles of the city, it may be stated that until a week ago the relation of the Stony Mountain limestones to the Stonewall limestones had never been determined, and the source of the artesian water which rises to the surface within a few miles of the city, making a most interesting natural phenomenon, had never been ascertained, though the clearing up of the mystery was one of the easiest geological problems. A vast area of our province still remains to be explored. Not a hundred miles from Winnipeg lies a vast region, into which a geologist, or even a white man, has never set his foot. From surface indications taken on the edges of this region, there may be large deposits of galena or gypsum in it somewhere. To the northeast of the city, and within a similar distance, can be found a formation containing gold, and perhaps other precious minerals. A nice problem for the Winnipeg student would be the discovery of a cheap process of reducing