

PART I.

Introductory.

The Members of the University Location Commission.

Gentlemen: Upon hearing of the nomination of the University Sites Commission by the Provincial Government of British Columbia, representatives from all organizations and institutions of the Lower Mainland interested in the location of the Provincial University met, and, finding that they were agreed in their belief that the University would be placed with the greatest advantage in the Lower Mainland, formed a General Committee to investigate, arrange and present to the Commissioners any such data as might be of service in helping them to form their decision.

This General Committee accordingly desires to present to you the results of its investigations and the arguments based thereupon, realizing indeed that much of this information could be obtained by, and many of these arguments are already familiar to you, but with the hope that some new matter of interest and importance, which might otherwise have been overlooked, will thus be brought to your notice, and your task as a whole greatly facilitated.

The Committee has devoted itself mainly to the collecting and arranging of such information concerning the Lower Mainland as would naturally be of importance in its relation to both faculty and students of the Provincial University, aiming to show that the institution would have by far the greatest educational value, prosperity and influence if placed in this section of the Province. However, in addition, it has endeavored to collect such data concerning the establishment and progress of other universities, as might prove of some assistance in determining the present issue.

Therefore, this Committee has endeavoured, as far as possible, to present in fullest detail the true conditions as at present existing and the prospects for the future, with full knowledge that in questions of this nature each man's opinions are necessarily influenced by his own experience. Although our convictions may be influenced by enthusiasm for our own environment, still the people of the Lower Mainland are profoundly convinced that the success of the University depends in great measure upon its being placed in this locality.

Accordingly, Gentlemen, we beg leave to lay before you the case of the Lower Mainland.