

contract, Nobbs has in my opinion ample grounds for damages. He has an honoured place among architects, he is our own professor of design and for twenty years has counted on this work.

6. Now a proposal comes from the Graduates' Society to University to supply, free of any charge on university funds, gymnasium, complete with swimming tank, skating rink, which would do for convocation hall, possibly a solarium, armory, etc., to be built on university property. Nothing has been said of maintenance charges. The building to be satisfactory to Governors, plans to be passed by them etc.

7. The graduates wish that preparation of plans be thrown open to competition among McGill graduates and Nobbs,

a) Because in their opinion campaign more likely to succeed as any cause of criticism would be removed.

b) Because they believe more likely to get better plans.

c) They add that they think Nobbs should agree, especially as twice has he been remunerated for plans not proceeded with.

They say the feeling is very strong, and they believe the fact that the proposed gymnasium being a gift to University, frees the Governors from any obligation to Nobbs. They practically make it a condition of the gift.

8. A suggestion has been made that Nobbs be made associate architect. Nobbs thinks this a waste and likely to lead to friction. I am inclined to agree.

9. I am enthusiastically hopeful that the graduates will build the gymnasium. Unless they do I have little expectation that one will be built in the next ten years, in view of present needs of the University of which a gymnasium is one of the most outstanding. Unless this proposal is accepted I am afraid the graduates will not proceed with the project. We more often than not allow donors to attach conditions to gifts. Unless we agree we give the graduates the chance of saying that they offered a large and valuable gift which was refused because of pernickety conditions and their enthusiasm will be forever dampened. There is no doubt much ill feeling will be engendered and the repercussions may last a long time.

10. Nobbs contends that legal rights and moral rights are on his side. I suppose moral and legal rights are on the side of the United States in the matter of war debts and reparations. But what is the good of moral and legal rights if war debts and reparations cannot be paid. What is the good of Professor Nobbs' legal and moral rights if the gymnasium is not likely to be built and it is not likely to be built for many years to come if we cannot come to terms with the graduates now? And we do need the gymnasium very very badly.