

TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Instructions: Gentlemen:-

IT will be remembered that on the occasion of the last meeting Dr. Lamb submitted certain recommendations regarding the placing of the Gymnasium on the lower Campus, which were accepted, and passed to the General Building Committee for approval, the exact site to be applied for being left for determination when sufficient progress had been made with the sketch plans to indicate requirements. It was understood we were to get in touch with Dr. Lamb as to the interpretation of his requirements of 19 December, 1921, and proceed with sketch plans and the study of the site problem.

Sequence of  
Events.

A few days later, a meeting of the Deans accepted Dr. Lamb's views with regard to the abandonment of the Pine Avenue site. By the time the question came before the General Building Committee and the Board of Governors on January 19th, 1922, we had made such progress as to enable us to state to Mr. Glassco that "as to your direct question, the 220 foot property on University Street immediately above the Conservatorium lot is found to be inadequate; but if the McEachren 60-foot property be added, the thing can just be done, but not with the same convenience as on the other site", and also that the accommodation that Dr. Lamb asked for, together with the Dormitory Unit, involved construction to the extent of fully 2,000,000 cubic feet, whereas the Gymnasium Building Committee had placed the limit of 1,500,000 cubic feet as the size of this building. Mr. Glassco then informed us that the General Building Committee was also of the opinion that this figure should not be exceeded and requested sketch plans for two possible sites (A) Sherbrooke Street, and (B) University Street, on that basis. After some interviews with Dr. Lamb, a reduction in probable cubic contents to 1,700,000 cubic feet was effected. Taking the view that further reduction would, from the nature of the problem, have to take the form of a temporary omission of part of the scheme, and with the concurrence of Mr. Glassco we proceeded with the