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provisions of the Civil Code.

As Messrs Ross & McDonald state that the charges they have mentioned are the minimum in the scale set out in the Charter of the P.Q. Association of Architects, I think it is unlikely that you would be able to obtain more favourable terms, particularly as they assume responsibility for Mr Nobbs' fees if he is associated with them.

As the alterations to the Arts Building and the extension to the Library are not to be commenced until the Spring of 1922 there will be ample time for the preparation of the plans for these buildings but the urgency is in respect to the plans for the alterations and extension to the old Medical Building on which the work is to be commenced this coming Spring and I am particularly anxious to get Messrs Ross & McDonald into touch with Professors Tait, McCallum, Willey and Lloyd as soon as possible, for the reason that Professor McCallum, who is perhaps the most directly interested of any of the McGill staff, is leaving next month to be absent I understand for one year and he should have an opportunity of discussing the plans with the architects before he goes.

In the meantime these four Professors are, I understand, themselves preparing a rough sketch of what they think is required.

Could you arrange to have a meeting of the General Committee within the next two or three days to finally approve of the arrangement with Ross & McDonald unless it is necessary to submit the matter to the full Board of Governors before the agreement is signed, in which event I think a special meeting of the Governors should be called to give their approval as soon as you have reached definite terms with Ross & McDonald.

I hope you will not think I am pressing this matter unduly but as Chairman of the Committee appointed to deal with the Old Medical Building I feel that I am responsible for the getting out of the plans as soon as possible in order that the commencement of the building operations may not be delayed.

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Yours sincerely,

" A.J.BROWN "

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