

“The new calendar will announce a change in the closing of the session next year, when lectures will continue to the 3rd of April, and Convocation will be on the same day as that of the other faculties. There will be no summer session. The reasons which induced the faculty to continue the six months session have passed away. It is a matter of regret to many of us that hereafter there will not be a medical convocation, but with the lengthened session it seems inadvisable to hold two convocations within a few days of each other.

“Shortly after Convocation, a year ago, negotiations were entered upon with the Ontario Government for a provincial grant in aid of the scientific work of our school. As a very large grant had been made towards the advancement of medical education in Toronto, the way was opened to present our claim for proportionate assistance. Several interviews with the members of the government have been held, and as a result Mr. Whitney and his colleagues have frankly acknowledged the justice of our claim and have promised to make an announcement very soon as to the amount which will be available. Our proposal is to erect a new building, to contain laboratories and class-rooms for biology, pathology and the allied subjects, and rooms for public health work and research.

“For such work we can surely claim public assistance. The fees derived from the education of medical students cannot possibly make adequate provision for buildings, equipment and maintenance for the preliminary scientific work upon which medical education depends. The fact that so many other interests are involved besides the education of the medical student only adds to our claim. The public health work, the scientific work for the dairy school, the investigations in reference to fish life, all carried on in our laboratories and by our professors, are not sufficiently well-known, but are not the less important to the welfare of the country. Few realize that the prosperity of the dairy interests in Eastern Ontario depends very largely upon the scientific work which has been done in the bacteriological laboratory of the Medical College, and the possibilities are very great for increased usefulness with increased facilities and equipment.

“Laboratories and discoveries are co-relative terms.