

and respective rights and obligations of all the parties, but I am authorized to state to you that the lessees would consent to a reasonable temporary public use of the private residence upon the understanding and condition that the consent would not interfere with, affect or prejudice the rights or obligations under any of the leases.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board is a judicial body with judicial power, subject to appeal, and the location of offices which would be adjacent to Osgoode Hall or the City Hall would be a great public convenience.

I have referred to the University Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario, chapter 279, and to section 12, which declares that the land in question adjacent to the Park and vested in the Board shall be subject to the police regulations of the City, and the council—and the by-laws,—and to section 15, which declares that the land vested in the Board is not subject to compulsory expropriation; and to section 12, constituting the Board of Governors a body corporate; and to section 32, which gives a power to the Board to purchase and acquire all such property as the Board may deem necessary for the purposes of the University or University College, or either of them, and this power shall include that of purchasing the interest of any lessee for the use of the students of the University or University College.

These powers under section 32 have not been exercised, and the Committee do not suppose they will be exercised for several years.

It appears to the Committee from the examination of the old statutes, orders and plans approved by the executive government that a large district has been appropriated for educational purposes, and that the leases and the rights and obligations under the leases have been intended for educational purposes, and not for legislative purposes.

The disapproval of any derogation from the lease of 47 Queen's Park was strong and decisive; and I have therefore been authorized to offer to purchase the rear of No. 47 Queen's Park and to undertake the payment of the proportionate rent and the payment of the proportionate taxes, and to remove the garage altogether and replace it with a private residence on a plan subject to the approval of the Governors of the University.

I will on my part be well pleased to facilitate a reasonable arrangement for the temporary public use of