

Sir Arthur Currie, in opening the discussion, said that he rejoiced to be present at a meeting where representatives from the Board of Governors and from the Graduates' Society sat together to consider a project of such vital importance as the provision of a university gymnasium. He felt that of all the physical requirements of McGill none was more urgent than a gymnasium, which would not only increase the facilities for the bodily development of the students and the care of their health, but would prove to be a centre of student life and so assist in the development of more general university spirit. He pointed out that at present, after the students left the university precincts at the close of lectures, there was nothing to draw them back until the lectures began the next day.

Sir Arthur said that when the erection of a gymnasium was last considered on the Sherbrooke Street site, the estimates were high, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$700,000 or \$750,000. Such a building, of course, involved construction in stone, and it also was designed to provide dormitory accommodation for 100 students. He felt that any gymnasium erected should be complete in all respects and should include a swimming pool and quarters for the C.O.T.C. He estimated that the cost of a gymnasium and equipment, together with an endowment for maintenance, would be in the neighborhood of \$1,200,000.

With the sum of \$100,000 available from the sale of the property given by Lord Strathcona for C.O.T.C. purposes, it would mean that nearly \$1,100,000 would have to be raised.

Sir Arthur did not think it necessary to have a stone building if the site were located facing Pine Avenue in Macdonald Park.

The fact that the graduates had given over a \$1,000,000 in the 1920 Centennial Campaign encouraged him to believe that they would give as much now, if a definite proposal like this were made, and he was sure that the Board of Governors would be favourable to the suggestion that the Graduates' Society make the attempt. He gave it as his opinion that they should confine their appeal, at least for a time, to graduates only: by confining the collection to graduates it would not be so likely to "muddy the stream" for a General Campaign for funds for the university to be conducted in the near future.

Mr. John W. Ross expressed his appreciation of the need of the University for a gymnasium, recounting briefly the history of other plans made in the past for this purpose, none of which had materialized. He hinted at the possibility of including dormitories in such a plan in order that the Douglas Fund of \$200,000 might be thus utilized for the scheme. He likewise referred to the sum of \$60,000 left by Lord Strathcona for the erection of an armoury, and this sum, too, might be reasonably appropriated to this project.

Mr. Walter Molson, in discussing the question of a stone building, estimated the extra cost thereof at \$85,000.

In further discussion of the subject, Sir Arthur suggested that in view of the extension to the Royal Victoria College, there would be no necessity for including quarters for women in any new gymnasium, and that this might be cared for in the Royal Victoria College itself.