

service, also to observations carried on as to sun-spots and soil-temperatures. A very important matter now engaging attention is the direct telegraphic determination of the difference of longitude between the Montreal observatory and that of Greenwich. The Astronomer Royal has cordially entered into the project and a grant has been secured from the British Government. It is hoped that the Dominion Government will also aid: the services of our observatory will, of course, be gladly given toward this important object. Application has also been made for an observatory site on the Mountain Park. This has been recommended by the Park Committee, and it is hoped will be granted by the City Council. In connection with the longitude determination, this will be an important gain to the city and to scientific education.

BOTANIC GARDEN.

It was stated in last report that a portion of the grounds had been set apart as a Botanic Garden. It was found, however, that much of the space devoted to this purpose would be required for the new buildings, so that other arrangements had to be made. In these circumstances the Trafalgar estate on the Côte des Neiges Road was leased from the Trustees of the Trafalgar Institute, and the plants, as far as possible, transferred thither. This property will thus become the Botanic Garden of the University under the immediate direction of the Professor of Botany. The arrangement, it is hoped, will be beneficial to the Trafalgar Institute as well as to the University, as the Trustees of the former propose to retain the property and to continue thereon the Conservatory established by Mr. Ross, the founder, and students of the Institute will have the benefit of the garden for their instruction in Botany. A report on the Botanic Garden is appended, with a list of donors to its support, to whom we are under great obligation.

The statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the University for the financial year ending June 30th is appended.

While the deficit shown in the account should stimulate our friends to furnish additional endowments, not only to meet this