

"The relation of Trinity College to the University and its precise position in the federal system, have entailed special inquiry and consideration.

"The Act of 1901 provided for the entry of Trinity College into federation. Trinity, like Victoria, was to suspend its degree-conferring powers except in theology, and its removal to a site near the Queen's Park on the University land was contemplated, provision for the delivery of University lectures at Trinity College in the meantime being made. The Act empowered the Board of Trustees of the University to make an agreement with the governing body of Trinity College for its federation on these terms, authority being also given the Trustees to agree to such other terms, subject to the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council as might be deemed best in addition to or in lieu of the provisions of the Act. This agreement was to possess, and now possesses the force of a statute. When it was framed in 1903, the policy contemplated by the Act, namely, the removal of Trinity to the Queen's Park, was changed, and the conclusion reached was that this policy should be abandoned and that Trinity should continue to occupy its present buildings, provision being made for, amongst other things, the permanent duplication there of lectures, the expense of which was to be borne by the Province, and for the setting aside of land on which Trinity might erect a building for the use of its students while attending lectures at the University.

"The basis of federation then reached is not, in the opinion of the Commission, a satisfactory one, and we have earnestly sought some means by which the whole situation can be relieved and simplified.

"To that end we invited the Provost and other gentlemen connected with and who are deeply interested in Trinity to discuss informally with us the possibility of an arrangement being come to by which Trinity would, as contemplated by the Act of 1901, remove to the Queen's Park and the necessity for the duplication of lectures be avoided.

"Several conferences with the Provost and members of the corporation and of the Board of Endowment of Trinity, for the informal discussion of the subject have been held, but unfortunately it has not been possible to arrive at a basis of agreement acceptable to Trinity, and one that we can recommend for adoption by the University.

"The removal of Trinity from its present seat to the University ground would entail a large expenditure for the erection of new buildings and Trinity is not unnaturally unwilling to provide for this expenditure by bringing present sale, its valuable property on Queen Street West, and it is open to serious doubt whether the proceeds of the sale would be sufficient to meet the outlay.