

consider what sort of a location should be chosen for the university which is to be founded soon in the Province of British Columbia.

As a matter of fact, the proposed University of British Columbia was mentioned in the letter which was written to the persons whose opinions have been quoted when they were asked to state their views concerning the ideal site for a university. British Columbia's University is being founded to provide higher education for a population of 289,516 people (March 31, 1909) who are distributed in small communities over an area of 255,000 square miles; a university which is intended to deal with present conditions and to teach this small people the best way of utilizing, of developing and of living in their enormous Province, of necessity, must not be placed within a large city, because the majority of the students graduating from it will live in the country. It can only teach them the best way of living in the country if it has a rural or, at least, a suburban situation.

The final paragraph of the opinion given by Sir Donald Macalister should be particularly suggestive to those who are associated with the establishment of British Columbia's University. He asks, in substance: What is the use of establishing a new university in a new country if, under these conditions, one cannot aim at realising the creation of a university which will take an ideal part in the development of the community it is to serve? In order that the university may attain this end, every influence must be avoided, from the beginning, which may tend to impair its usefulness and every precaution must be taken to secure every advantage for it. In order that the British Columbian University may have the sympathy of the people of the Province from its commencement, it must be established in a locality where they can perceive that it is in a position to attain its greatest usefulness and, later, through the provision of public lectures, university extension courses, and constant newspaper articles, it must be impressed upon British Columbians that their university is serving a useful purpose.