MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

of the

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF

CARLETON COLLEGE

Time: Thursday, January 15, 1953 at 12:30 p.m.
Place: Rideau Club, Ottawa

PRESENT:

Mr. J. E. Coyne, Chairman, Dr. McGregor Easson, Colonel C. M. Edwards, Mr. C. C. Gibson, Mr. C. H. Hulse, Mr. F. C. Jennings, Dr. M. M. MacOdrum, Mr. A. E. MacRae, Mr. W. D. McKewen, Mr. Justice I. C. Rand and Dr. J. E. Robbins. Also present: Mr. C. V. Hotson, Dr. E. F. Sheffield and Mr. F. J. Turner.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous (74th) meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. W. D. McKewen, seconded by Mr. F. C. Jennings.

BUILDING SITE:

(A letter outlining the building site situation was sent by the Chairman to all members of the Board of Governors on January 14. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes).

The Chairman reported that the College had purchased two additional parcels of property in the area south of Dow's Lake. The Executive Committee at its recent meeting had approved purchase of the first of these—26 acres, more or less in extent, to the southwest of the College’s original holding at a price of $53,000—and had also recommended purchase of additional land between the railway track and Bronson Avenue. Since that meeting the whole of the property between the railway tracks and Bronson Avenue and the Rideau River and the Government Ordnance Land, 65 acres in extent, subject to an outstanding option on 20 acres, had been purchased for $83,900.

The Chairman stated that, while action had been taken, both parcels of land could be sold back to the previous owners if the Board did not approve the purchase.

Discussions as to the necessity of enlarged accommodation for the Science Departments had led to consideration of an alternative site for the College. Because of a renewed interest by the Federal District Commission in this area quick action had been necessary.

The main apparent reason for this revived interest was the request of the Recreation Association for land just south of Dow’s Lake on which to build recreational structures. Preliminary conferences with the Association indicated the possibility of cooperation between the College and the Association.
Mr. Greber was reported to have felt that our original site (37 acres) was altogether too small to be a permanent site for the College. Dr. MacOdrum stated that in his view the present holdings of 130 acres would be adequate for at least the next hundred years.

The question of the National Capital Plan was raised and the meeting felt that the development of Carleton College or this site would fit into the Plan.

There had been as well, an oral understanding that the College would sell this property back to its previous owners at the same price, if it was not used for College purposes or required by the Federal District Commission.

It was moved by Mr. McKewen and seconded by Dr. Hasson that the Board approve the purchase of an additional 92 acres approximately, at a price of $135,900, to be used together with the original holding of 37 acres as the site of the Carleton College campus, and that the Board record its appreciation of the assistance given to the College by the former owners of the land in making this land available to the College and in setting such a reasonable purchase price. Carried unanimously.

The receipt of an offer from the Federal District Commission was reported, in which the F. D. C. formally offered to purchase the College's original 37 acres of land at a price of $37,200. The Board instructed Mr. Gibson to reply that the College was not willing to sell this land.

Dr. MacOdrum directed the attention of the Board to the recently announced promotion of Mr. W. D. McKewen to Third Vice-President and Assistant General Manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The Board extended its congratulations to Mr. McKewen.

Dr. MacOdrum notified the Board that Dr. H. H. J. Nesbitt, Associate Professor of Biology, had recently been elected to fellowship in the Entomological Society of America, and that the University of Leiden had recently conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science for his published works.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

C. C. Gibson
Secretary

J. E. Coyne
Chairman