Minutes

Of the

Eighth Meeting

Of the

Board of Governors of

Carleton College

Time: Wednesday, November 25, 1953, at 12:30 p.m.
Place: The Rideau Club, Ottawa.

Present:
Mr. J. E. Coyne, Chairman, Mr. V. S. Castledine, Mr. W. M.
Connor, Mr. A. A. Crawley, Dr. McGregor Easson, Colonel C. M.
Edwards, Mr. K. A. Greene, Dr. W. C. Macartney, Mr. T. R.
Montgomery, Dr. J. E. Robbins, Mr. F. W. White, Mr. A. E.
MacRae, Mr. C. H. Hulse, Senator N. F. Lambert, Mr. H. R. T.
Gill, Mr. C. C. Gibson and Mr. F. G. Patten and Dr. M. M.
MacOdrum. Also present were two members of the Development
Fund Committee: Mr. George Gowling, Mr. K. DeMorest, and Mr.
C. V. Hotson and Dr. E. F. Sheffield.

Minutes:
The minutes of the previous (79th) meeting were approved.

Mr. W. D.
McKewen:

On a motion by Dr. MacOdrum, duly seconded, a resolution of
sympathy was passed in connection with the death of Mr. W. D.
McKewen. It was agreed that Mr. MacRae and Dr. MacOdrum
should draft the resolution to be forwarded to Mrs. McKewen.

Dow's Lake
Site:
The Chairman reviewed the negotiations with the Federal District
Commission. He reported that discussions with the Federal
District Commission and the National Capital Planning Committee
began in January, 1953. By April it appeared that the
Federal District Commission staff and Mr. Greber all were in
favour of the College's use of the Dow's Lake property.
Accordingly, a formal letter was sent to the Chairman of the
Federal District Commission inviting approval. This letter
was considered at the June, 1953 meeting, the result of which
was that the Federal District Commission declined to revise its
earlier decision to expropriate the land. At that meeting the
Mayor expressed the opinion that the College should not develop
the site because of the likelihood that the cost of providing
water and sewage would be great and would involve much expense
to the City.

Following the advice of this decision, a Committee of the
Board of Governors of Carleton College met with the Chairman of
the Federal District Commission and members of its staff from
whom was obtained assurance that the matter would be reviewed at the next full meeting of the Federal District Commission. That meeting was held November 19, 1953, and before it appeared Mr. Coyne, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Dr. MacOdrum, President of the College. They explained that the cost of servicing the site would be much lower than the sum mentioned at the June meeting of the Federal District Commission, but apparently the College's estimates were regarded with scepticism. The Mayor pointed out that existing trunk sewers could not take the additional load. The result of that meeting was that the Federal District Commission deferred final decision but arranged that costs of development should be investigated jointly by the technical staffs of the Federal District Commission, the City and the College. Subsequently the Chairman of the Board issued a public statement explaining the College's position, quoting reliable estimates of the small cost of development and pointing out that the Federal District Commission should not concern itself with costs of development. His statement drew from the Chairman of the Federal District Commission a response which admitted that the issue was development costs, but assured the College of careful investigation.

Following Mr. Coyne's review there was a lengthy discussion during which it was revealed that no data has been set for further review of the matter by the Federal District Commission. One member asked whether the College's charter would protect it from expropriation and was informed that the Federal Government probably could take action which would enable it to expropriate. It was pointed out that the Federal District Commission had approved the development of the RA recreational centre in the same area with no reference to costs. It was pointed out, too, that the additional flow into trunk sewers resulting from development of the Carleton College site would not be great and that City engineers had not made an exhaustive survey of the problem. It was suspected that the Mayor was worried not only about the capacity of the sewers that might serve Carleton College but about the total City sewage system—rapidly becoming overloaded. The Chairman indicated that our desire should be to be treated as citizens of Ottawa and not get involved in the battle between the City and the Federal government, that we want the Federal District Commission to admit they do not need this land, and to approve our use of it as proposed. He felt that we should hear from the Federal District Commission before long and we should wait a reasonable time, letting public opinion "simmer", before getting in touch with them again.

One member pointed out that in 1944 the Federal District Commission was given plenary powers and that two matters were considered of high priority: development of the new railway
terminal and the creation of a sewage disposal plant. It was felt that the Federal District Commission should be reminded of its power and of the fact that the people of Canada have waited nine years for action.

There were suggestions that local papers should be encouraged to state some of these points in editorials but in the end it was decided to take no immediate action, although the Chairman agreed to talk with Mr. Duncan McTavish, formerly Chairman of the Federal District Commission, in the hope that he might give some assistance.

At the conclusion of the discussion on a motion by Mr. Patten, seconded by Dr. Fasson, the Chairman's stand was confirmed unanimously.

1954 CAMPAIGN: The Chairman reminded the Board that it had been planned to stage a one-year campaign for about $100,000 in February, 1954, with concentration on corporations and on those who had subscribed in 1951, and that it had been planned to launch a major campaign for building funds in 1955.

After some discussion it was agreed that the 1954 campaign should be carried on but that development of the Dow's Lake site should not be used as the basis of the appeal—rather that subscriptions should be sought in support of general expansion of the College.

It was agreed that the Development Fund Committee should be asked to proceed in line with this discussion.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NEW YORK: At the invitation of the Chairman, the President reported that he was one of six Dalhousie graduates, now chief administrative officers of Canadian universities, who were guests of the Dalhousie Alumni Society of New York on November 20 and 21. He said that he had been invited to appear on television and radio while in New York and that there was great interest in Carleton College. Illustrative of the work which can be done by small colleges, he said, was not only the affair staged in New York but also comments made to him within the past several days. The President of the University of Toronto had told him that he (Dr. MacOdrum) was considered "the chief guardian of academic standards in the universities of Ontario." Dr. Robbins added that in his contact with university people across Canada he found that Carleton College is respected and that it is thought of as having the best people for its staff and the best standards for its students.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

C. C. Gibson,
Secretary.

J. E. Coyne,
Chairman.