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that an embankment would be necessary if Pulteney street were extended to Frome? Mr. Glover—The City Engineer can no doubt cope with it.

Mr. Homburg asked that the question be brought before one of the permanent committees so that the council could keep in touch with the progress.

Mr. Glover—It will be brought up at the earliest opportunity.

Cr. Hawker asked if the plans of the University for the building of the Great Hall opposite Pulteney street could be interfered with other than by Act of Parliament. He understood that the University held the fee simple of the land.

The Lord Mayor—The University authorities will be consulted. It is a question whether they will agree to anything that may be done.

Probable Discussion by Council

Business interests in the eastern section of the city believe that the Government or the Adelaide City Council should take steps to call a conference of parties interested to consider the future extension north of Pulteney street.

It was stated today that a meeting of business executives would probably be called to consider the suggestion made in "The Mail" that land should be reserved so that Pulteney street might be continued from North terrace to Frome road.

Questions are likely to be asked in the Adelaide City Council meeting on Monday by members who believe that it will be necessary ultimately to extend Pulteney street northward, and that the construction of the proposed great hall for the University would definitely block such a move.

No official step has been taken to call a conference of the parties interested. They are:—The Government, Adelaide City Council, University, Municipal Tramways Trust, and the Commissioner of Police as the traffic authority of the city.

It is felt that it is the duty of either the Government or the council to call a conference; many say that the council, to forestall the future problem of congestion caused by lack of sufficient north-south arteries, should act in the matter. The attitude of the council on this point will probably be made clear on Monday.

Ald. J. R. Cain said today that now was the time to prevent a mistake being made. In the past serious mistakes had been made. Buildings had been erected without thought for future traffic requirements. A case in point was Gawler place, which would cost thousands of pounds to widen.

Several years ago he had advocated that the council should be given power to resume frontages for street widening purposes. An effort had been made to secure that power, but the Legislative Council had declined to give its consent.

Whatever was done in the city or suburbs should be done with an eye to a future greater Adelaide with a much larger population, said Mr. Cain.

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LORD MAYOR WILL ACT Pulteney Street Extension

"FULL ENQUIRY"

The Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover) announced today that he would approach the University authorities and the Government on the future extension of Pulteney street to Frome road.

This is the first official step towards an enquiry by the authorities concerned whether the University's Great Hall should be built in such a position that it would form a barrier to any future extension north of Pulteney street.

This point has recently been given publicity in "The News" and "The Mail," and a conference of authorities suggested.

In reply to questions by Ald. Rees at the Adelaide City Council meeting this afternoon Mr. Glover said:—

"I have noticed the press reports on this question, and as a first step towards ensuring its fullest consideration as far as it may affect the development of the city, I propose to approach the University authorities and the Government. Following this the subject will be brought before the council."

Ald. Rees had asked if the Lord Mayor's attention had been drawn to the proposal. He said:—

"As it is the opinion of ratepayers interested that the outlet in question should be preserved, and as a northern traffic artery through the present Exhibition grounds is shown in Col. Light's plan of the city, printed in 1838, do you think that a meeting should be called of all authorities interested to consider the proposal before actual building operations begin? If so, will you take the necessary steps to ascertain whether such a meeting can be arranged?"

The proposal to preserve a northern outlet has the support of many business men and members of the council.

Ald. McEwin asked if it were a fact

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EXTENSION OF CITY STREET

Traders Don't Want Obstruction Built

If a petition opposing the construction of the University Great Hall opposite the northern end of Pulteney street is arranged, the Rundle Street Traders' Association will give the move its whole-hearted support.

At a meeting of members, said the president (Mr. H. W. Parks) today, the question of the future northern extension of Pulteney street was fully discussed. Everyone present was opposed to any obstruction being built.

The meeting left it to Mr. Parks and the secretary (Mr. G. J. Pridham) to take whatever action is considered advisable. It is probable that they will place their views before the Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover).

Mr. Glover promised the Adelaide City Council at its last meeting that he would bring the question before the notice of the University authorities and the Government. He is waiting for an opportunity to consult the University before approaching the Government.

The next meeting of the University council will be held on March 31.

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Suggestion Opposed By University

COUNCIL LETTER

In a letter to the Adelaide City Council, the council of the Adelaide University has strongly opposed the proposal for an extension northward of Pulteney street through the University grounds.

"It would be disastrous if the idea were put into effect," the acting vice-chancellor of the University (Prof. Chapman) said today.

"The proposal has no merits in it, and only a few yards would be saved by the extension."

"The block of educational buildings bounded by Kintore avenue, North terrace, Frome road, and Victoria Drive is unique in Australia. The effect would be badly spoiled by a road extension through the block."

"It would be disastrous also to the Barr Smith Library, which is one of the most beautiful buildings in Adelaide. If an elevated road were erected alongside the library it would lose almost all its beauty."

Meantime, no delay is occurring in the plans for the building of the Bonython Hall. It is proposed to erect this building on the site which many people believe should be reserved for the extension.

Within a few weeks it is expected that tenders will be called for the building of the hall.

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"University Attitude Not Surprising"

WHAT STEP NEXT?

Sponsors of the proposal to reserve for the future northward extension of Pulteney street, land on which the Adelaide University plans to erect its great hall, are not surprised that the University Council is opposed to such action, and can see no merit in the move.

The University having expressed its opposition to the proposal, much now depends on the attitude the Government will take, and this cannot be ascertained until after the State elections on Saturday.

It was suggested today that the City Council might take advantage of the provisions of the Compulsory Acquisition of Land Act, 1925, which gives all such bodies as municipal and district councils, the Municipal Tramways Trust, the Railways Commissioner, and any other public utility concern power to take land for the purposes of its enterprise.

But this would entail the question of compensation for the University, which under the University Land Act, 1920, had the land vested in it "for an estate in fee simple." It is contended that the land having been given to the University by the Government, the Government might reasonably be expected to request its return if such action is considered necessary in the interests of the future traffic requirements of the city. And there are many who hold that it is necessary.

AFFECTS COMMUNITY

It is pointed out that it is a question that affects the whole community because provision will have to be made for more north-south arteries to carry the normal increase in traffic which is expected as the metropolitan area grows.

That was the reason that prompted the suggestion that negotiations should be opened with all the authorities concerned—the University, Adelaide City Council, Municipal Tramways Trust, and traffic authorities.

TENDERS SHORTLY

It was in reply to an interview with the Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover) that the University advised the City Council that it was opposed to the proposal.

It is not certain whether the University's letter will be placed before the council at its next meeting on April 18, or whether it will be withheld pending the result of an interview between the Lord Mayor and the Government. But with an election campaign in its final stages and voting on Saturday, it is felt that no progress can be made at the moment on the Government side.

Meanwhile plans for the great hall are being completed, and within a few weeks tenders will be called for the building of the hall.

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THE following were appointed by Executive Council today as members of the Advisory Council of Aborigines:—Archdeacon Bussell, Prof. J. B. Cleland, Mesdames W. Ternent Cooke and Harvey Johnston, the Rev. J. H. Sexton, Pastor J. Wiltshire, and Mr. T. E. Yelland.

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DR. J. W. Mayo, of North Adelaide, who has been studying in Britain for three years, returned today as assistant purser of the Moreton Bay. While abroad Dr. Mayo secured the degree Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh).

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Why University Opposes Idea

The council of the University has sent a letter to the City Council, setting out its objections to the suggested extension of Pulteney street northward through the University grounds to Frome road.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor Chapman) said yesterday that in 1929, Parliament, realising that the University needed more land for new buildings and other purposes, passed a Bill which ensured that the area bounded by Frome road, Victoria drive, and North terrace should eventually come under the control of the University council and the School of Mines.

"After the Bill was passed, the University Council made plans for the most effective utilisation of the land, and buildings erected since then have been in accordance with those plans, notably the Barr Smith library, which is in the centre of the block, to make it equally accessible to all students," said Professor Chapman. "If Pulteney street were extended, as suggested, it would completely neutralise the value of the plans. The thoroughfare would pass close to the library, and because of the sharp fall in the ground, it would be necessary to erect a high wall opposite the building, which would then have the appearance of being in a hollow."

Avenue Planned

"The suggested extension would go right through land on which the University Council hopes to place additional buildings," said Professor Chapman. "The construction of an avenue northward to Frome road from the Library is being contemplated. On either side of this more buildings will be erected. The Library has been so placed that it will face this avenue. The suggested extension of Pulteney street would prevent the carrying out of the scheme."

"Quietness is essential to successful study, and the noise of traffic along the road would have a detrimental effect on students. It would be necessary for them continually to cross the road when going from one building to another. That would be undesirable."

"If the suggested extension is to be of any value to the community, the council might look upon it more favorably, but, in my opinion, an additional outlet to the north is not necessary at present. It would shorten the distance from the northern end of Pulteney street to Frome road by only a few yards, and would cost many thousands of pounds. No evidence has been adduced that the extension is warranted."

Bonython Great Hall

"Unless it can be shown that outstanding advantages would accrue from the extension, the University grounds should not be spoiled. There is no reason why Frome road should not in time be made a beautiful highway. The galvanized iron fences on either side of it detract from its appearance at present. The University Council hopes to place the iron railings from Victoria square along a line from Kintore avenue to the Frome road boundary when it acquires the land, and to beautify it in other ways."

"If the extension is made, it will interfere with plans and specifications already prepared for the Bonython Great Hall. It is intended to place this on the grounds opposite Pulteney street north, and to adopt a style of architecture that will make it harmonise with other University buildings facing North terrace. Preparations for the erection of the hall are well advanced, and it is intended to call for tenders soon."