THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD'S BUILDINGS.

Looking Forward.

Additional Space Asked For.

A deputation from the board of govern- ers of the University Library, the Museum, and the Art Gallery waited upon the Acting Minister of Education yesterday afternoon to urge the granting of their claim to additional land for extension purposes at the rear of the present buildings. Their request was made by Mr. J. H. W. Smith, the acting president of the board of the Library, Mr. W. J. S. Solomons, Mr. Walter How- bourn, Mr. E. H. A. Adams, the acting president of the Art Gallery, and Mr. J. K. L. Adams (general secretary of the Board of University.

Mr. Solomons said the members of the deputation had not visited the newly acquired headquarters, because they felt it better to avoid any possible misunderstanding of the committee of the future.

It had been assumed, he said, that the application for additional land was made because there was no more room for the present buildings at the rear of the grounds. It had been assumed, he said, that the application for additional land was made because there was no more room for the present buildings at the rear of the grounds.

In the circumstances, he thought it was only right they should point out the exact position of the matter and that they were attempting to prevent themselves from any blame they might receive.

In the present circumstances, he was not prepared to discuss the matter further. He was satisfied that the question of additional land would be urgent. As a matter of fact, judging by the present state of things, it was by no means certain that the requirements of the next 15 or 20 years would be satisfied. There was all the more reason for the claim to be made on the present buildings.

The popular thought was that the Public Library Board's institutions were not in a position to ask for additional land, because they had no funds. The Library Board's financial position was such as to allow them, and not to force them to ask for additional land. The claim was that the University gave the Public Library Board a great deal more than the Public Library Board had asked for. The University Board was not in a position to ask for additional land.

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