

December 18th, 1924.

Mrs. Norman Holland,
193 The Boulevard,
Westmount, Que.

My dear Mrs. Holland:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of December 17th informing me of the terms of the resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Montreal Municipal Chapter of The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, with reference to the War Memorial Hall which we hoped it would be possible to erect at the corner of MacTavish and Sherbrooke Streets.

I am glad to note that the Daughters of the Empire have not entirely abandoned the idea. Let me give them the assurance that when they consider the time opportune we shall be very glad to co-operate with them.

With all kind wishes for the success of the Order, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire

Montreal Municipal Chapter

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December 17th, 1924.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

I am requested to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the Montreal Municipal Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, held on the eighth of December:

Resolved:

"That a letter should be sent to McGill University from the Daughters of the Empire in Montreal, thanking them for the courtesy and generosity of their long-standing offer of land for the site of a proposed War Memorial Hall, and stating that owing to the impossibility of obtaining a Provincial or Municipal grant at present as a basis for the erection of such a Memorial, the scheme must necessarily be held in abeyance; also requesting that before the proposed site be set aside for any other purpose, the Daughters of the Empire might be notified."

This resolution was the result of discussion following a report submitted by a committee appointed to interview the Mayor and the Honorable Mr. Tachereau relative to civic and provincial grants. In the former case the delegation was informed that a grant from the City would depend altogether upon the action

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taken at Quebec, and a letter later received from the Premier stated that present conditions of unemployment and hard times generally would render such a grant impossible this year.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Ermine C. Holland

Honorary Secretary,
Montreal Municipal Chapter.

Mrs. Norman Holland,
193 The Boulevard,
Westmount.

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14 PHILLIPS SQUARE
MONTREAL

November 29th, 1917.

Walter Vaughan, Esq.,
Secretary,
McGill University,
Montreal.

re: McGILL CONVOCATION HALL

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Sir William Peterson's enquiries the other day as to the probable cost of a Convocation Hall on the lines and scale of the model we have prepared, I have to say that estimating at this time is apt to be "wild work" but the following notes will I hope give the general information required.

It would be quite easy to spend one million dollars or more on a monumental structure of the size without any very apparent elaboration or extravagance.

The main fabric could however I think be constructed for a little over half a million dollars. Proper additional allowances for sculpture (not stone carving) would be \$50,000, and for mural decorative painting (not ornament) would be \$25,000. The furnishing would not cost less than \$25,000, and the organs would come to another \$25,000. Then you can add another \$75,000. for such unforeseen contingencies as the foundations might involve, or the

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November 29th, 1917.

Walter Vaughan, Esq.

additional ideas (such as luncheon accommo-
dation in the basement or what not) which get
attached to a building scheme between the
preliminary and the contract stages.
That brings us up to \$700,000. or \$233. a
sitting.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

P. G. Hobb

PEN/

November 10th 1919.

Mr. F. L. Bishop,
Sec'y S.P.E.E.,
University of Pittsburg,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

All the Faculties of McGill University now have Honor Rolls which have been put up in their several Buildings. These are, for the most part, temporary and will be replaced by permanent Honor Rolls later when we know that the record is absolutely full and correct.

The form which the final memorial will take has not, as yet, been decided. It will probably be a great Memorial Convocation Hall, on the walls of which the Honor Rolls will be placed engraved on brass tablets.

Yours very sincerely,

FDA/MC.

Acting Principal.



National Chapter of Canada
Imperial Jurisdiction

Toronto 28th March.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G. K.C.B.
McGill University
Montreal

Dear Sir,

The Imperial Order
Daughters of the Empire,
one of the largest women's
patriotic organisations in
Canada is holding its
Annual Meeting in the
City of Toronto during the

Week 2nd to 7th June.

I am instructed by the
National Education Committee
to ask if it would be
possible for you to honour
the members with an address
one evening during that week
preferably Tuesday -
(His Majesty, the King's birthday)
Wednesday or Thursday.

It is hardly necessary
to say how inspiring it would

be and how much pleasure
it would give the
members who will come
from every part of
the Dominion, to have
an opportunity of hearing you.

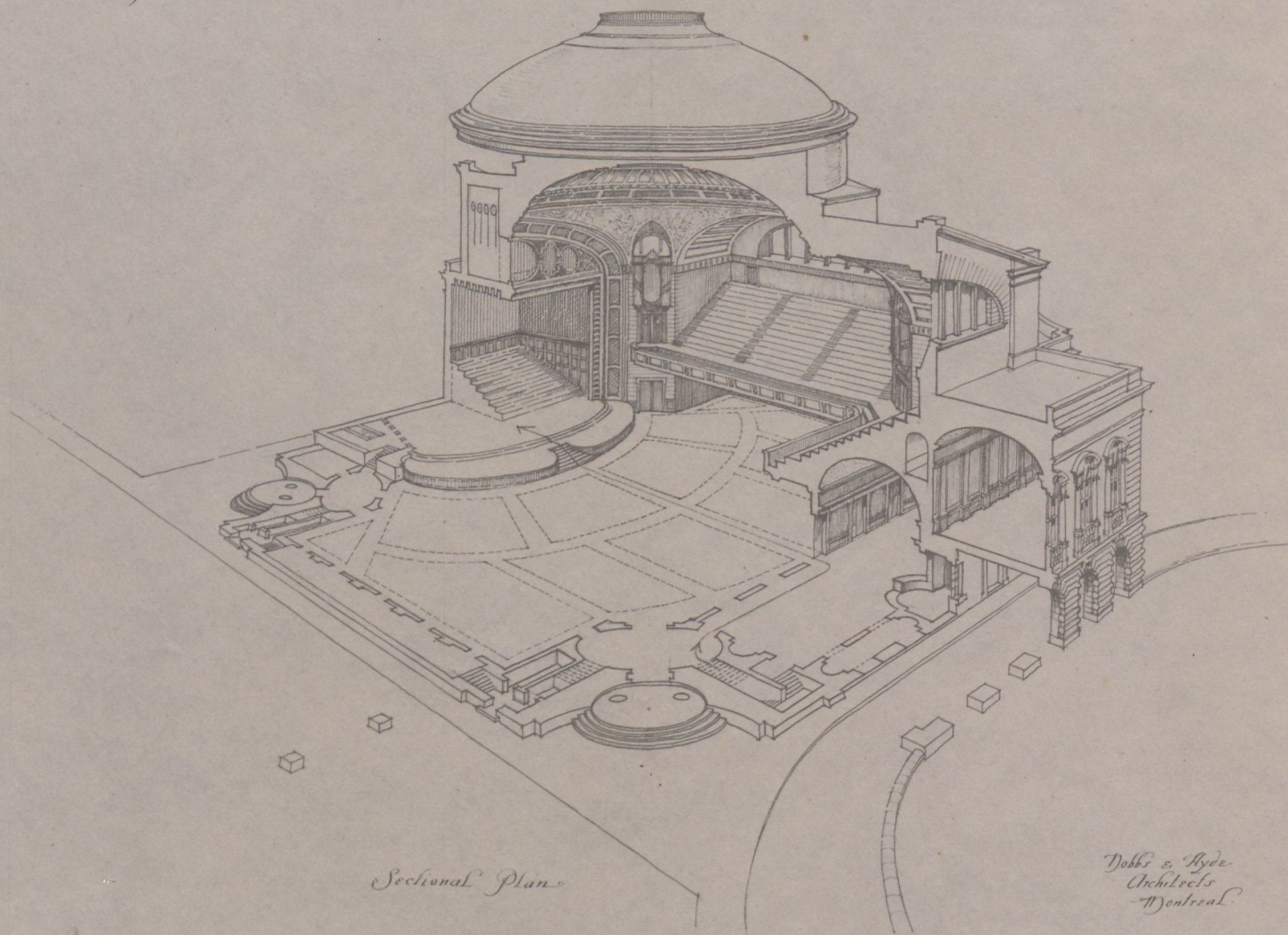
I am enclosing a pamphlet
setting forth the aims
and ideals for which
the Order stands, and
the kind of work
undertaken by this organization.

Yours faithfully,

A. Stewart Galt.

National Secretary.

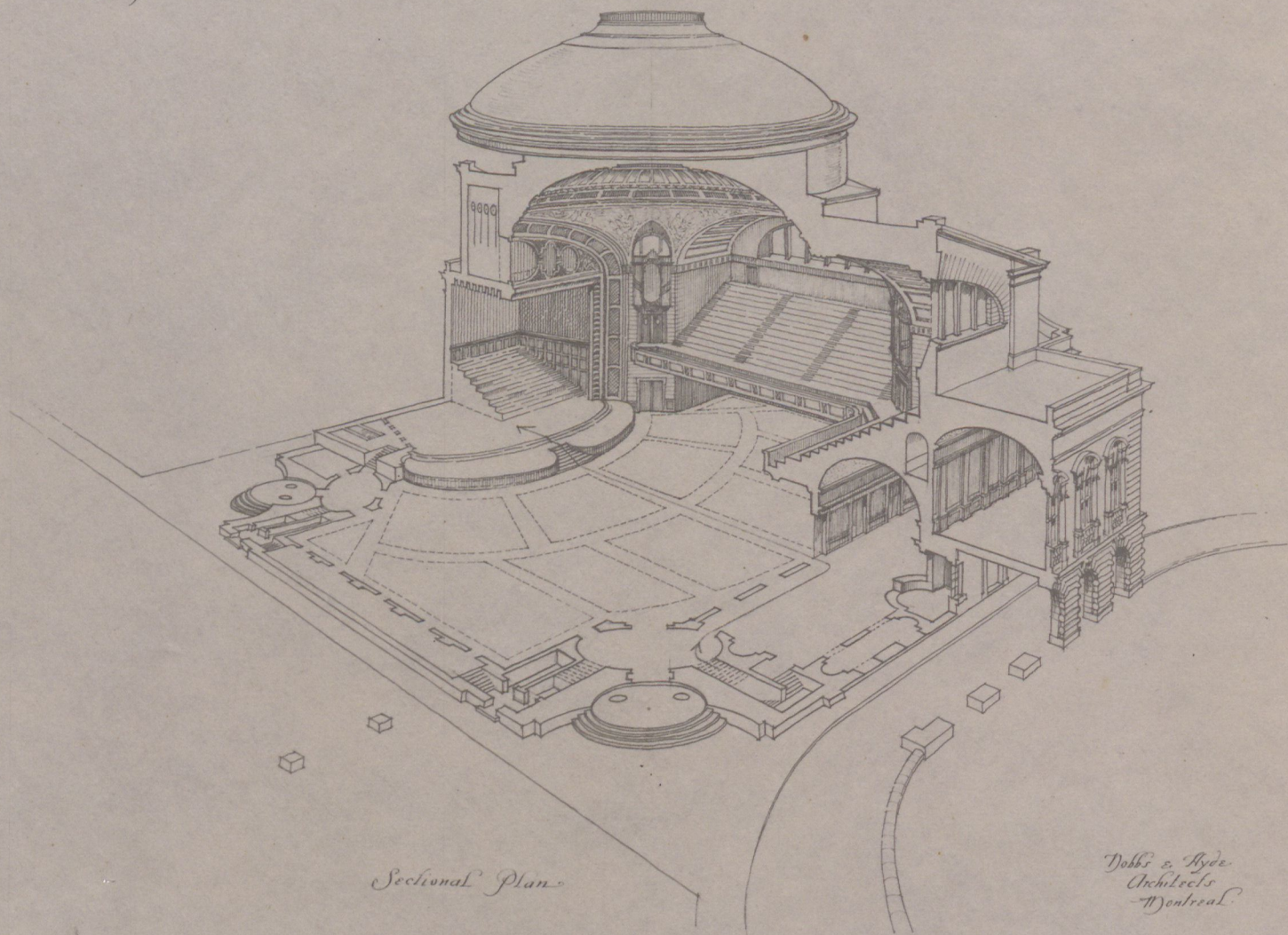
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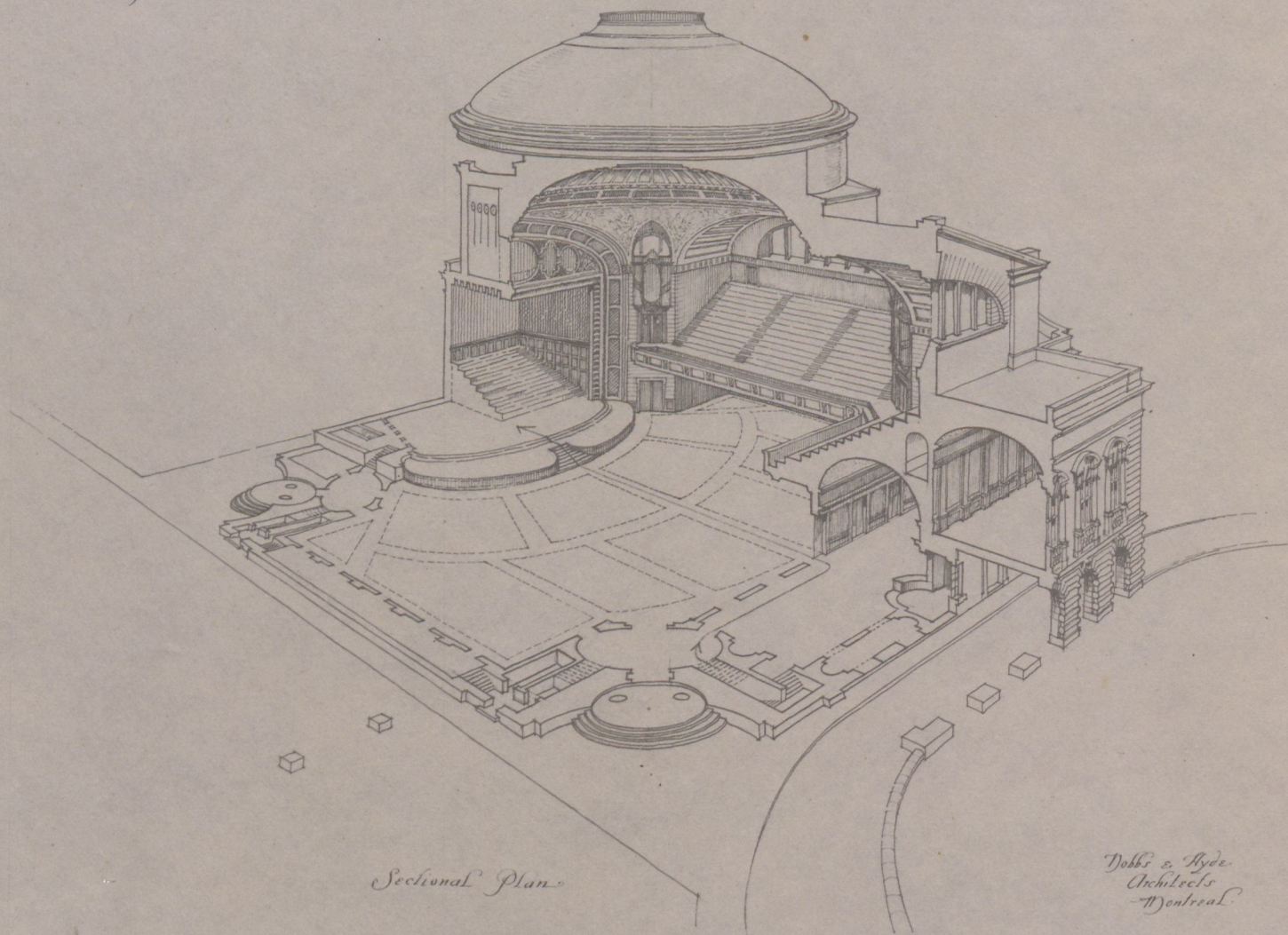
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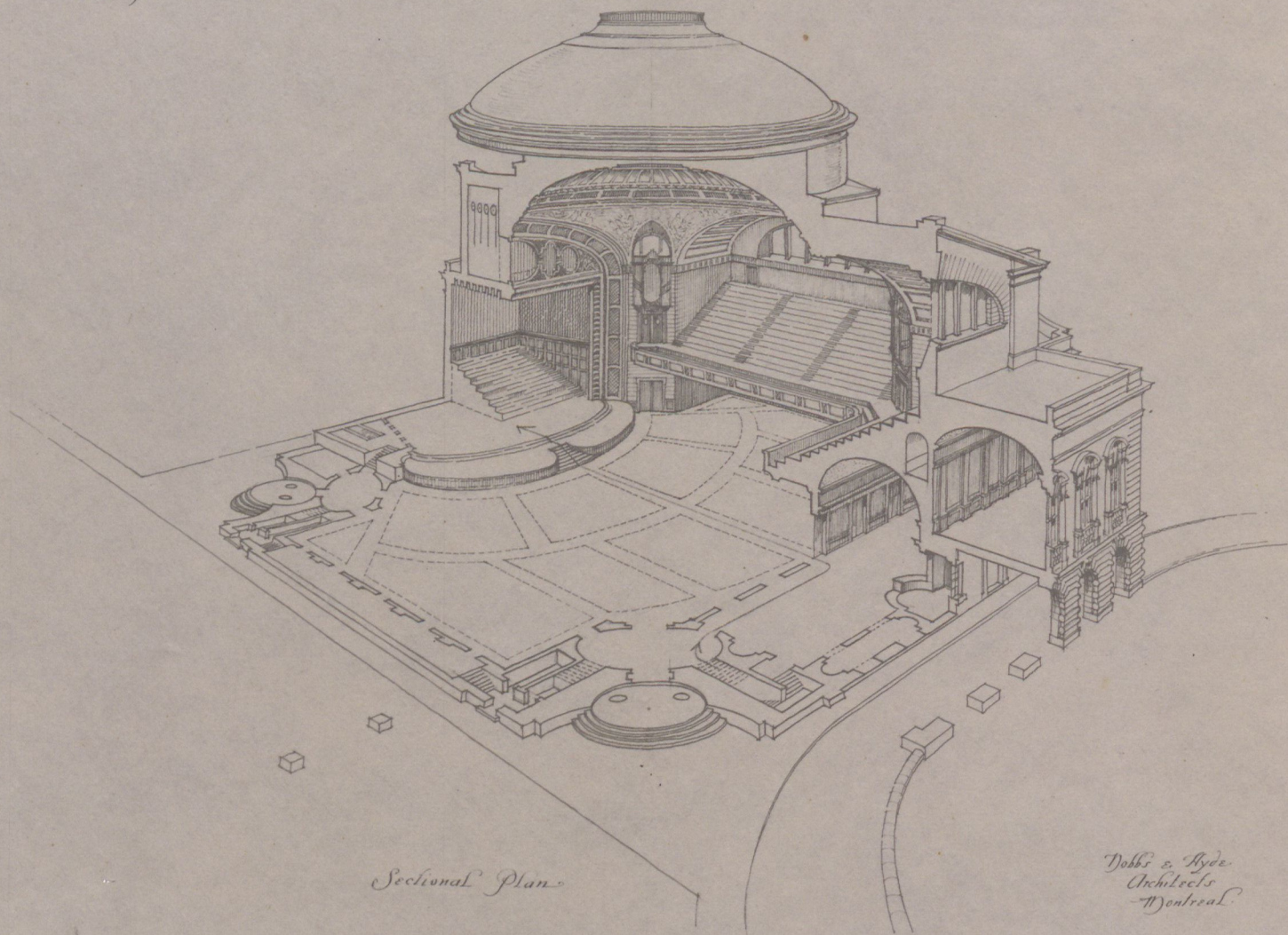
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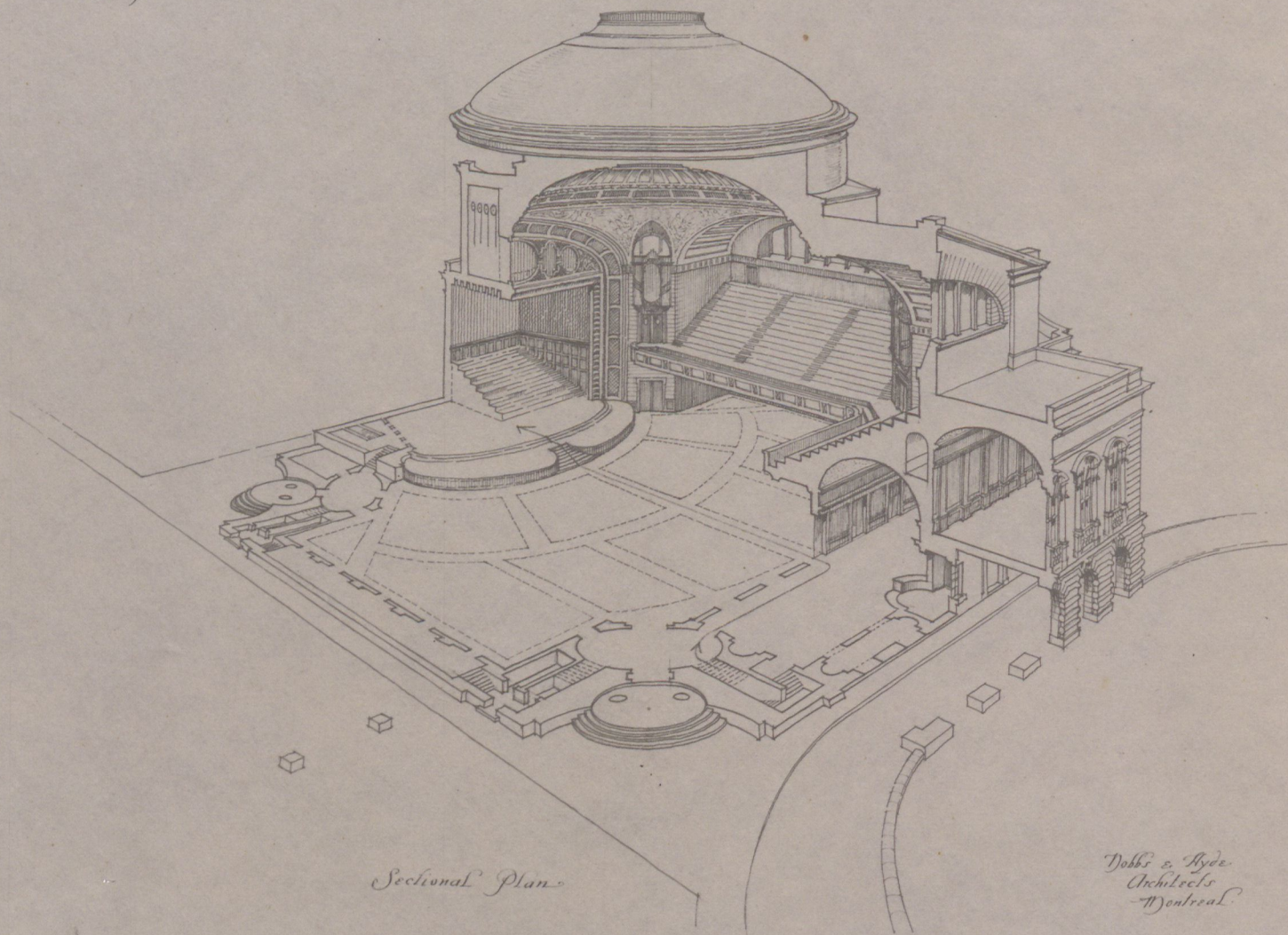
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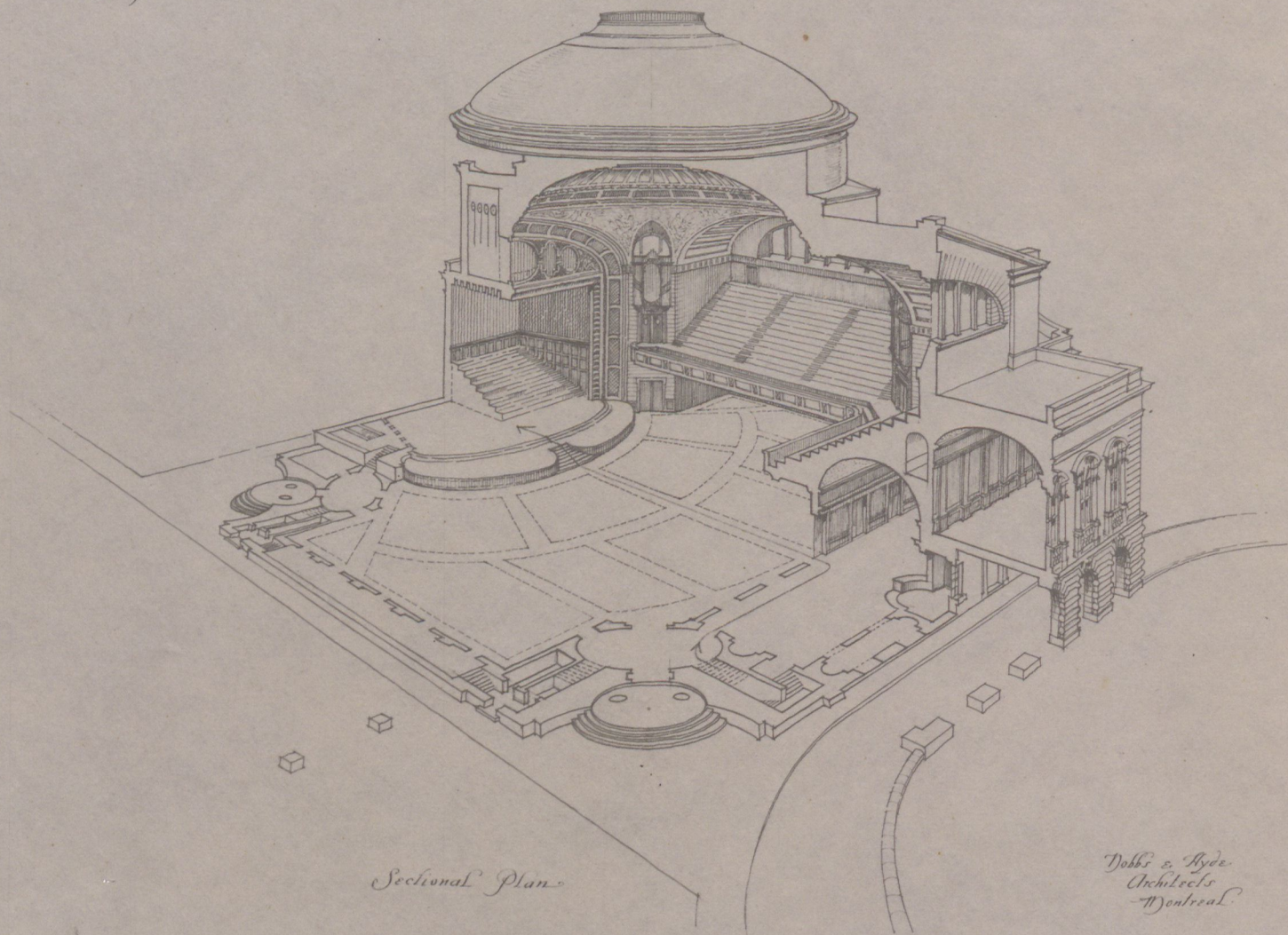
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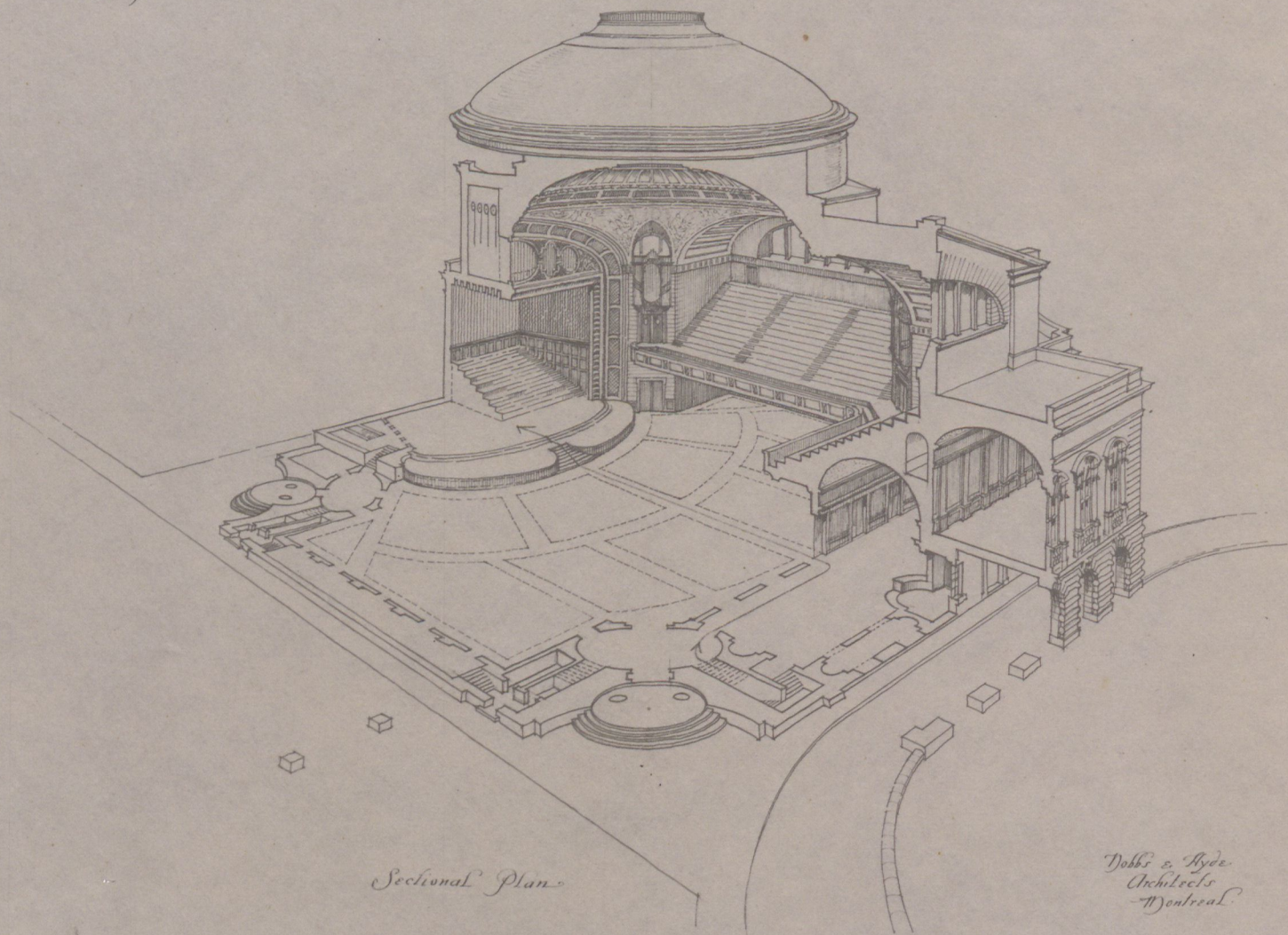
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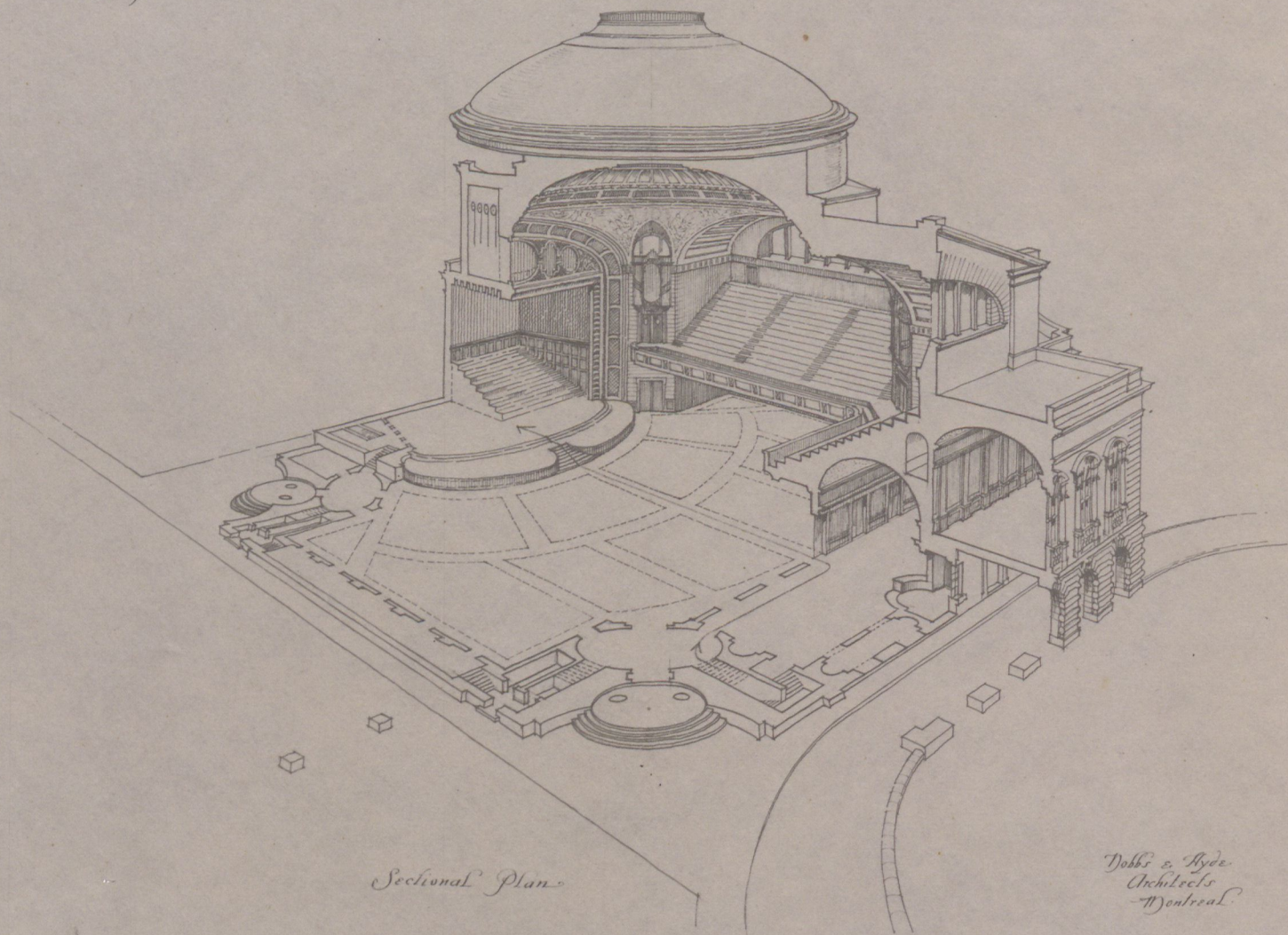
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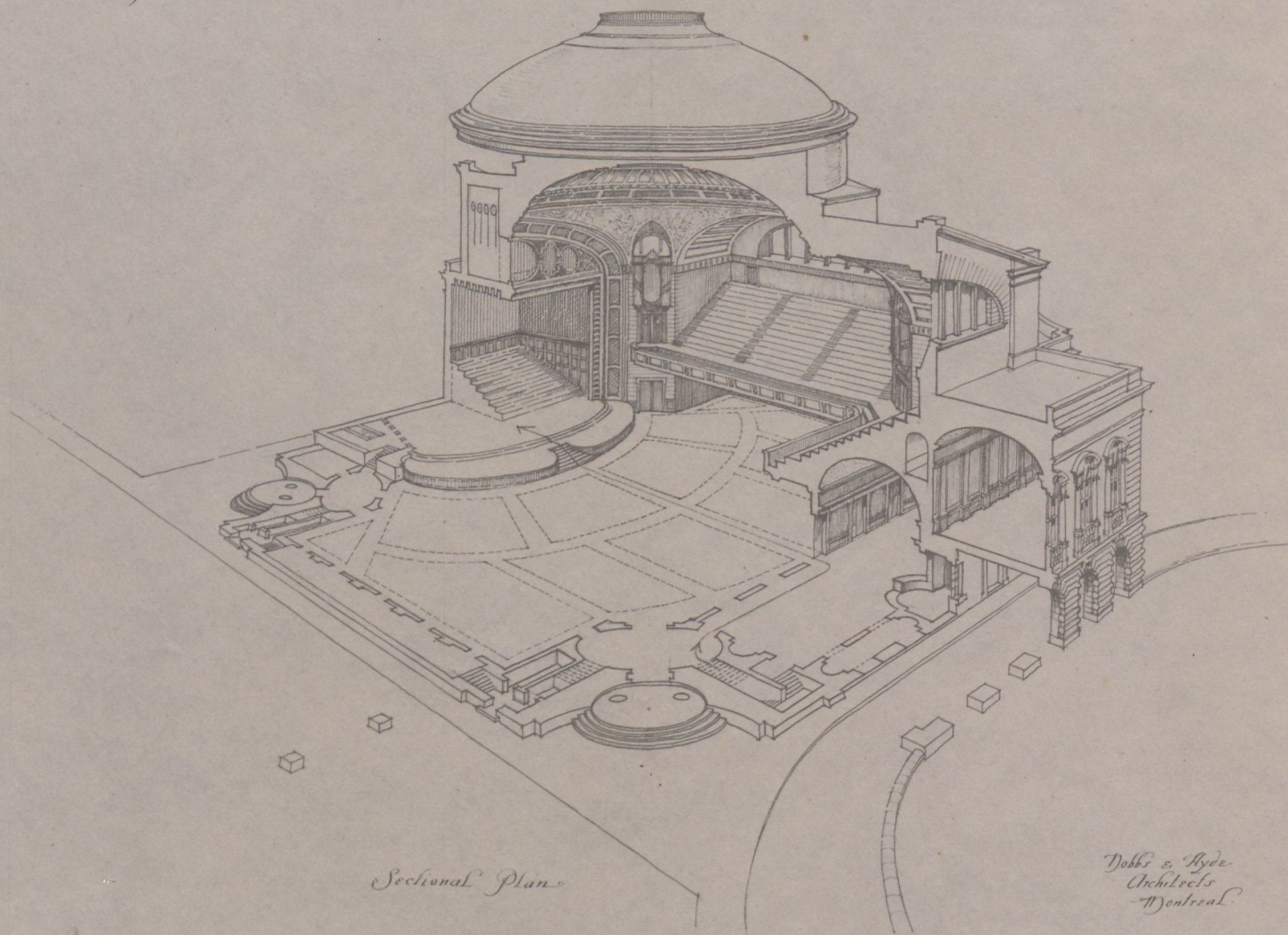
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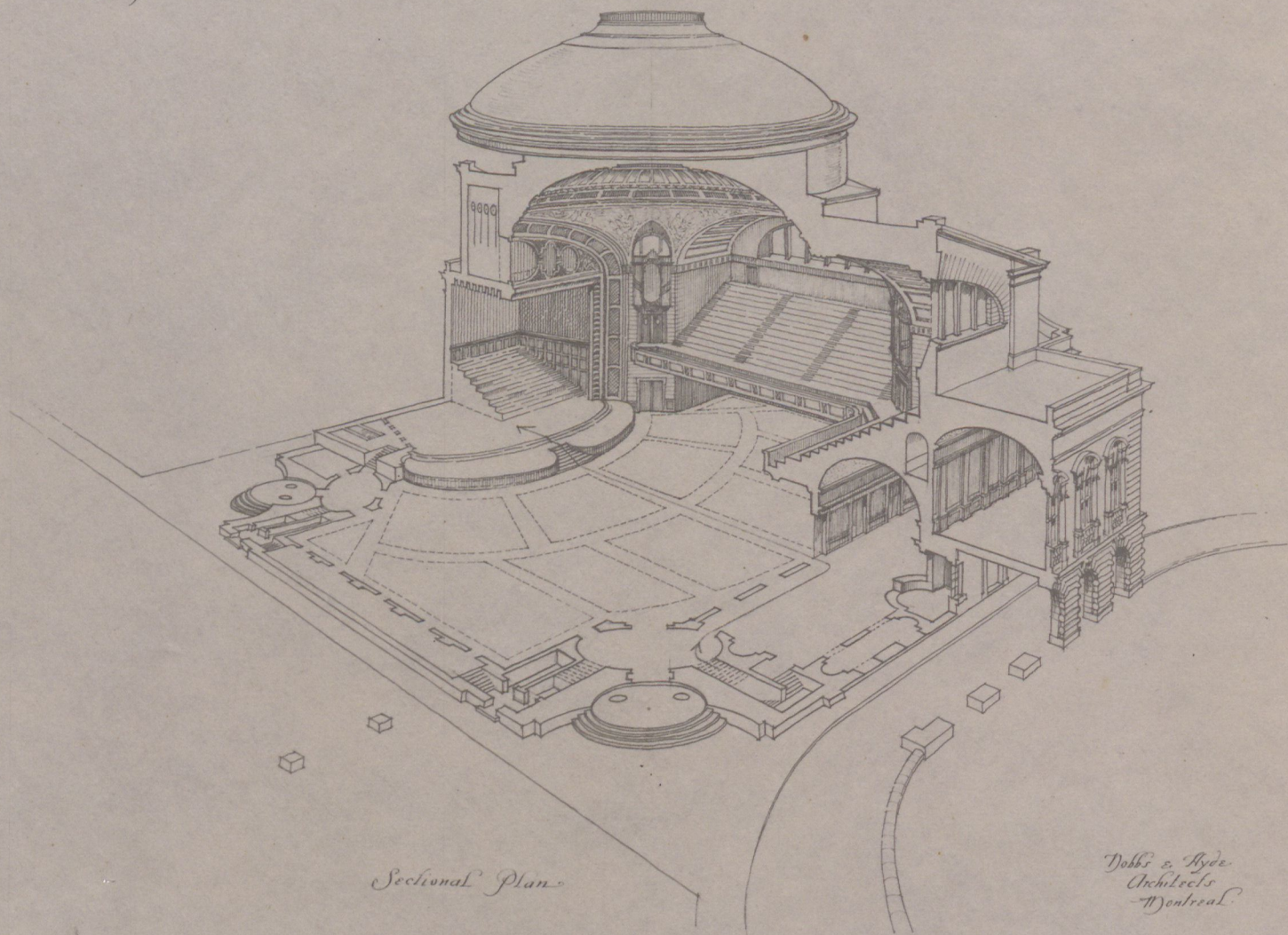
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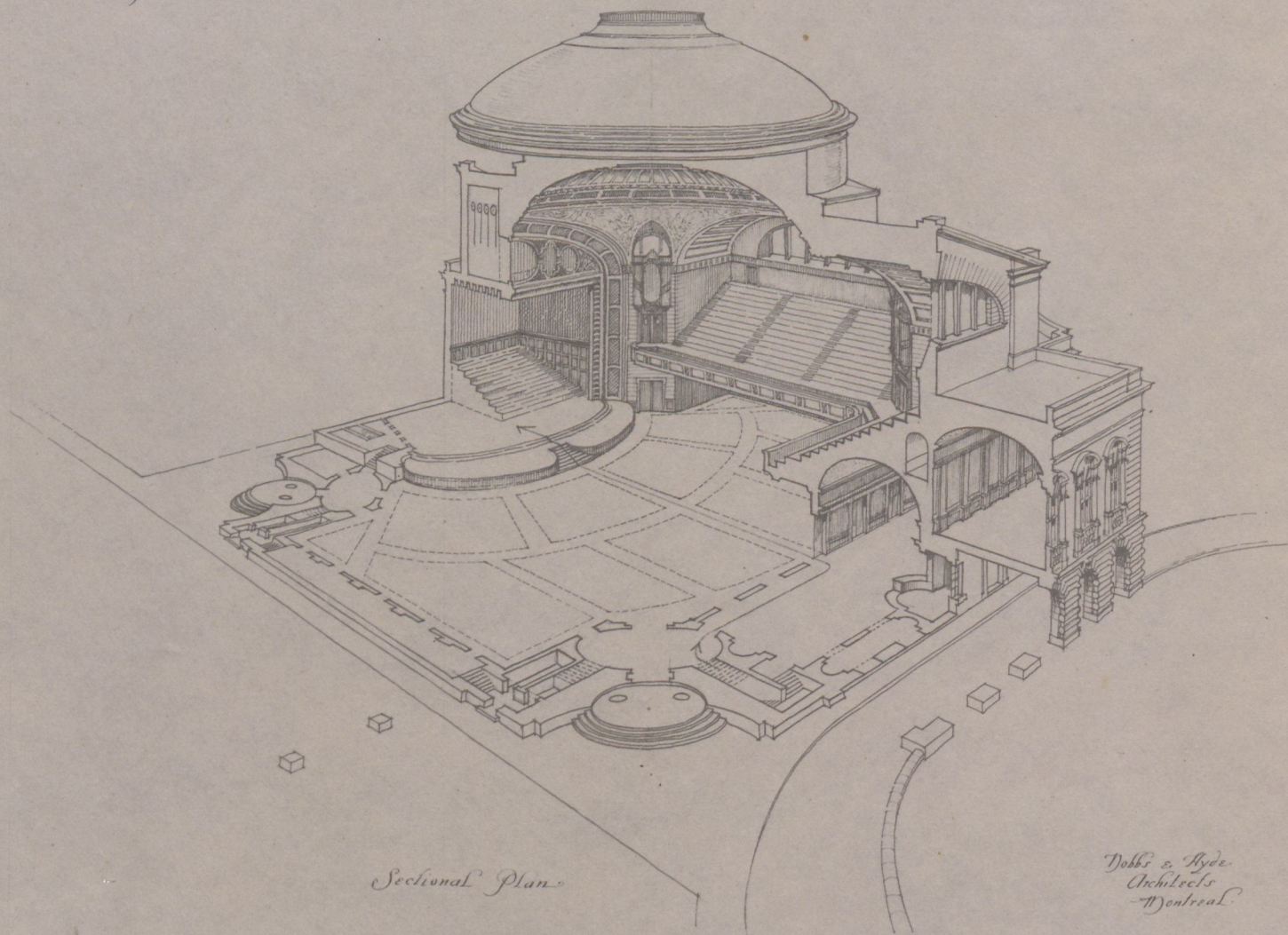
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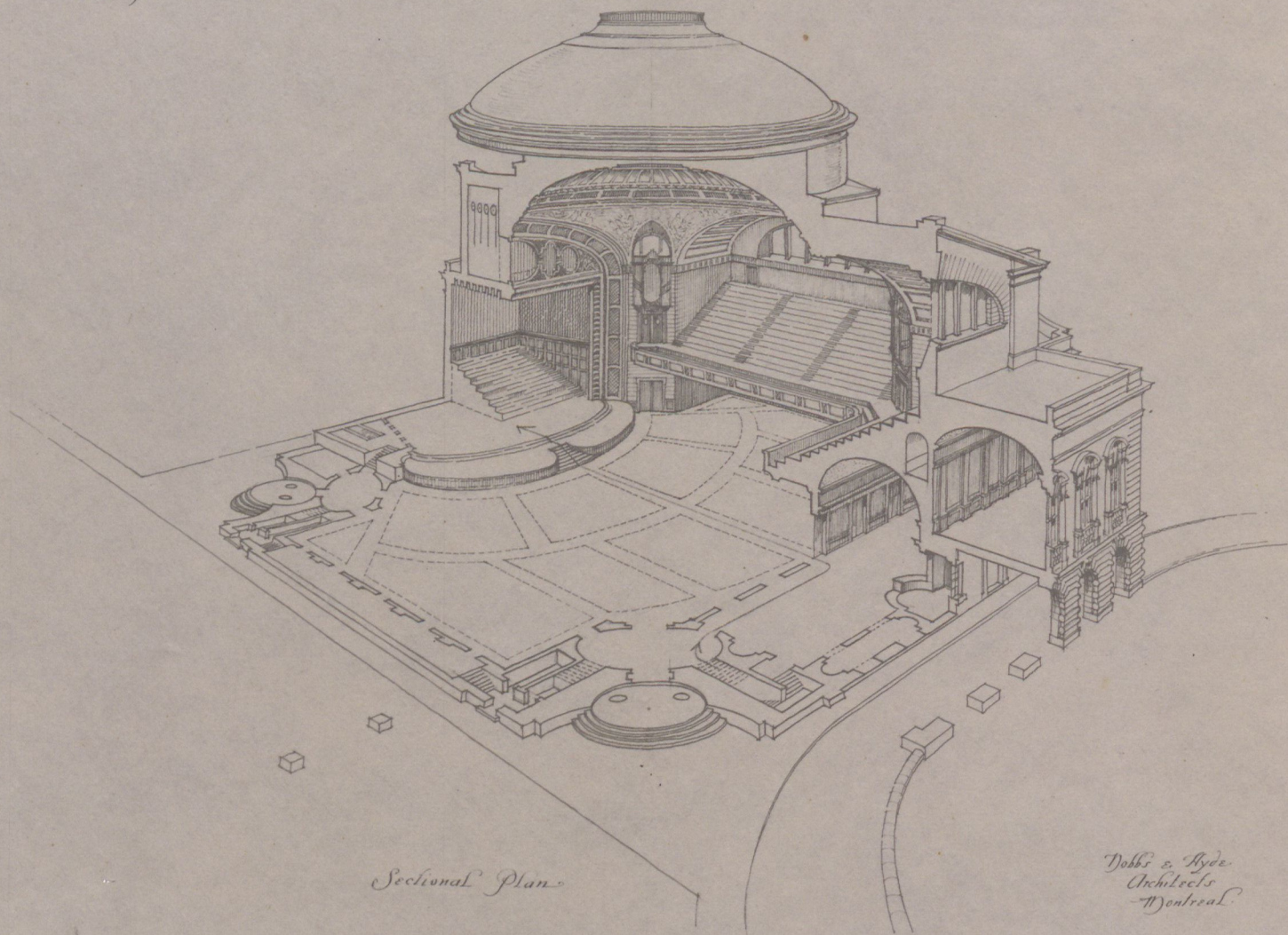
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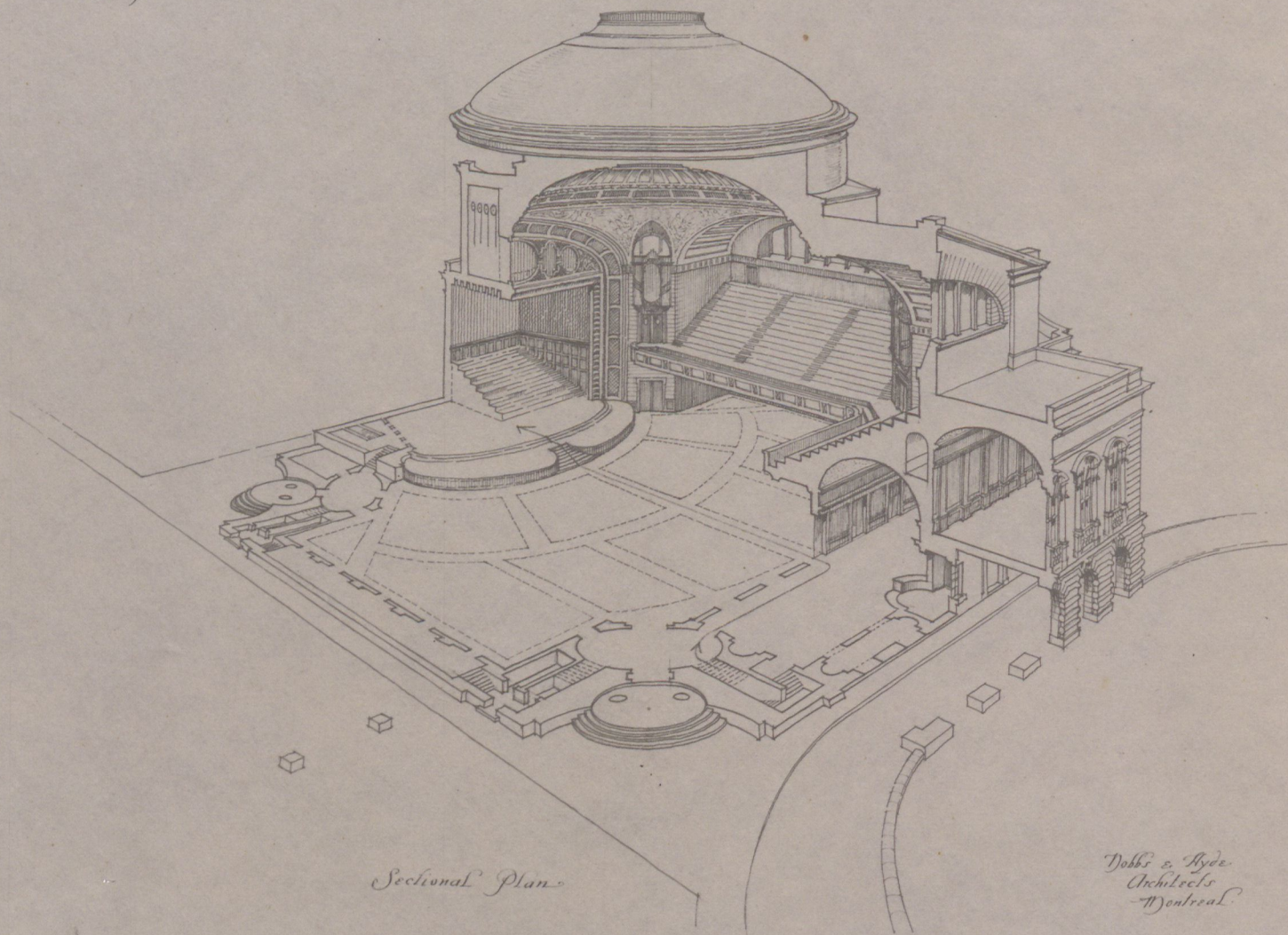
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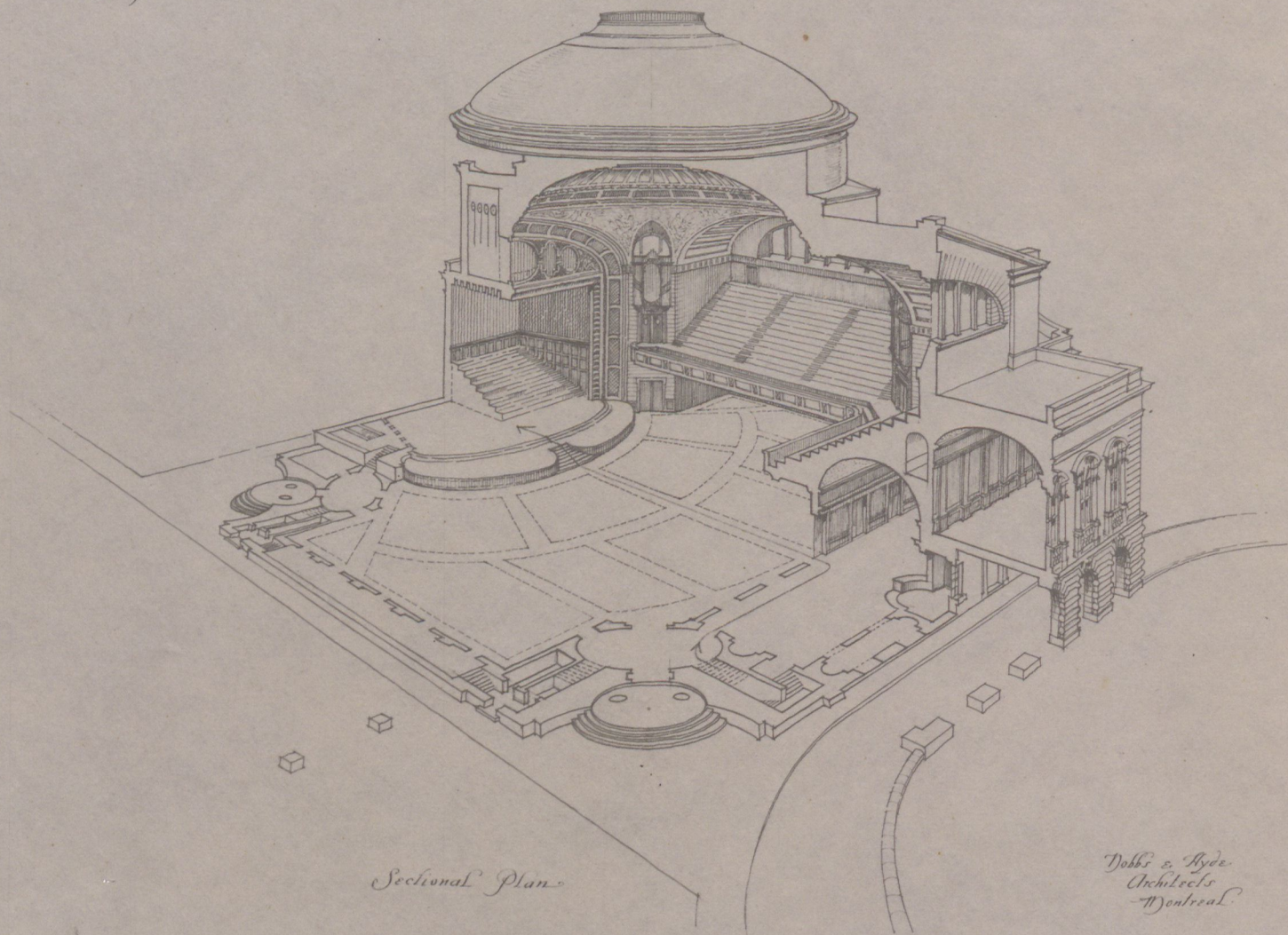
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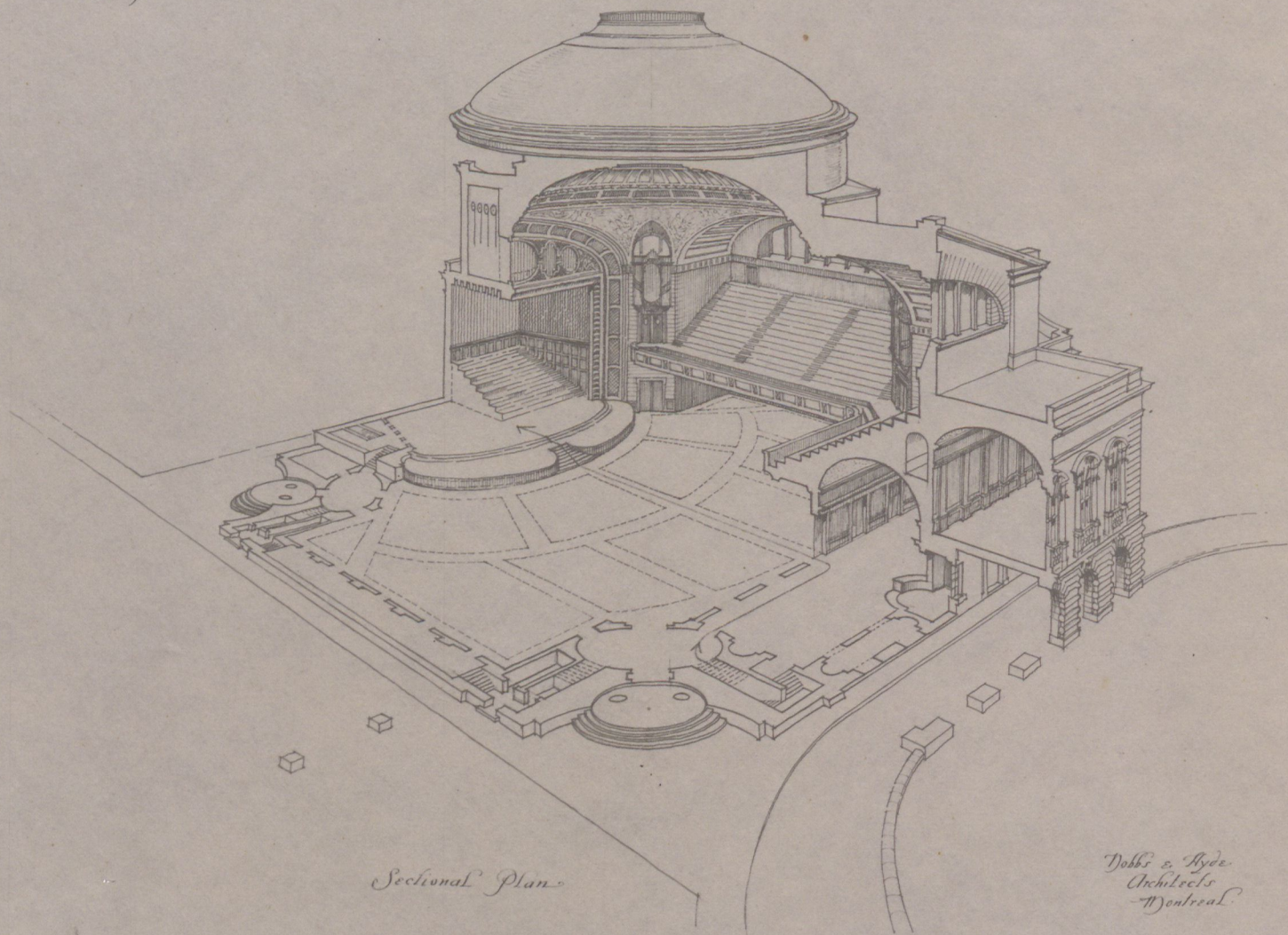
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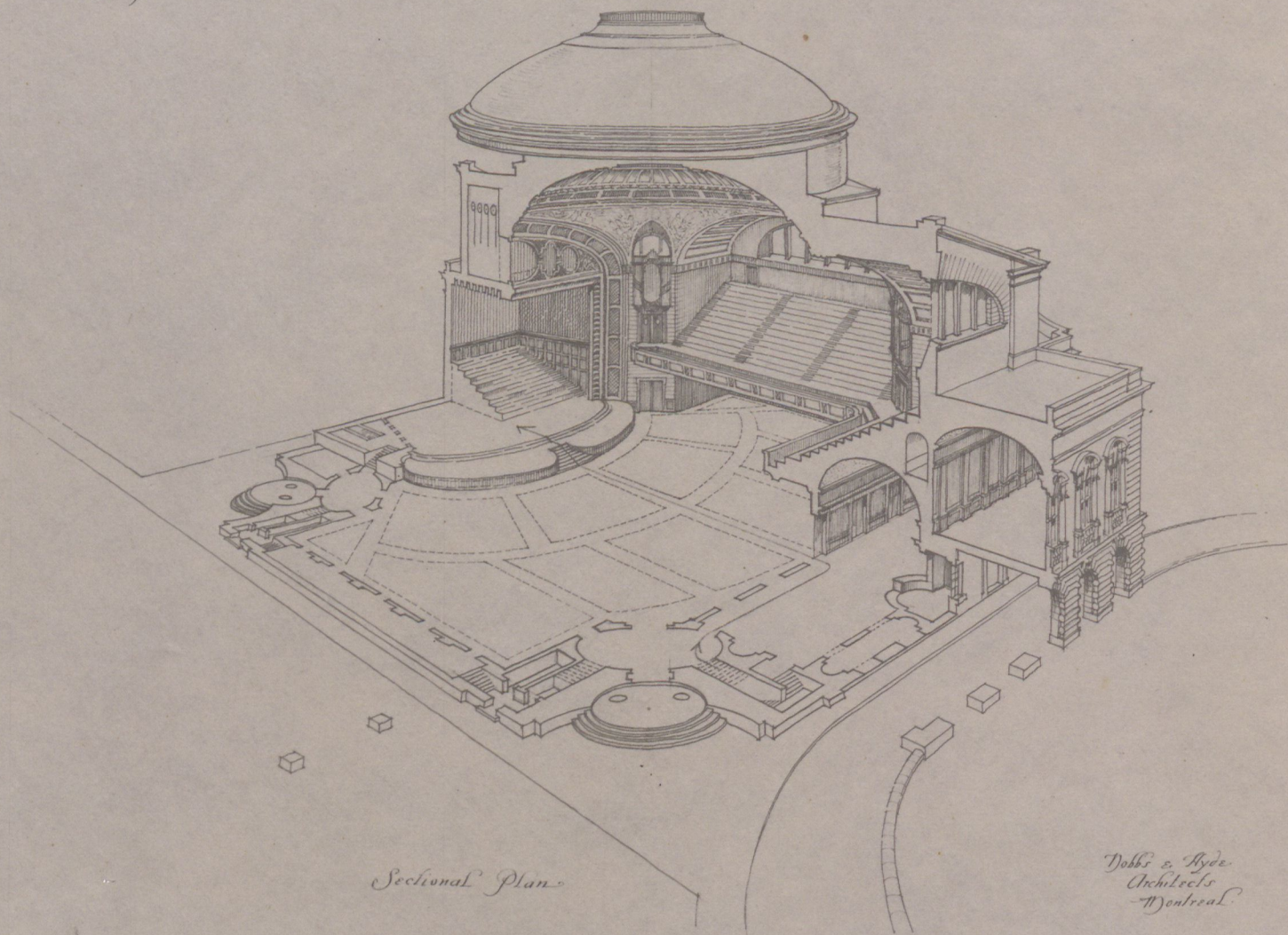
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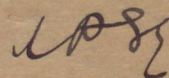
May
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Dear Mrs. Enright:

Confirming this morning's telephone conversation with Mrs. R.A.E. Greenshields, I have now to say that the proposed site of the War Memorial Hall at the corner of Sherbrooke and McTavish Streets contains a frontage of 180 feet on Sherbrooke Street and a depth of about 200 feet. Any greater frontage on Sherbrooke Street would mean the destruction of some very fine trees. On the other hand, however, more depth could be granted if necessary. This would mean, however, the loss of the Tennis Courts.

As to the Governors of the University to be appointed on your Committee, I am not able to say anything. The Principal will write you later on this subject.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

Mrs. F. T. Enright,
Hon. Secretary, Municipal Chapter,
The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire,
615 St. Catherine Street West,
Montreal.

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire

Montreal Municipal Chapter

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MONTREAL, May 9th. 1923

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Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I am instructed by the Executive of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., to ask you if you will be good enough to forward the cadastral description and measurement of the land which you have suggested that the University will be prepared to furnish as a site for the construction of our proposed Memorial Hall. It is necessary for us to have this information before discussing architect's plans.

It is the opinion of the Executive that the formation of an advisory Committee should now be considered. In this connection, we think that two members of the Committee should be selected from the Governors of the University.

I am instructed to say that it is our desire that you and the Chancellor, Mr. E.W. Beatty should consent to act upon this Board. If it should be impossible for

you or Mr. Beath~~ge~~ to act, we would ask you to suggest the names of others.

As we are holding a meeting on the 21st. instant, we would be glad to have the above information for that occasion.

Yours very truly,

Edith C. Swright

Hon. Secretary Municipal Chapter.

April
Twenty-sixth
1923.

Mrs. F. T. Enright,
Honorary Secretary,
Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E.,
615 St. Catherine St. West,
Montreal.

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 19th of April.

With reference to the paragraph
in my letter to Mrs. Greenshields providing for
the reversion of the War Memorial Building to the
University and your comment thereon, I have only
this to say that I feel sure the University
authorities will meet the wishes of the Daughters
of the Empire.

I think all will agree that the
building should after some period of years re-
vert to the University. When it does I am sure
the University will agree that it shall always
be known as the I.O.D.E. War Memorial Hall and
that it will serve the purpose intended by its
founders.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Sir Arthur Currie,
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Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

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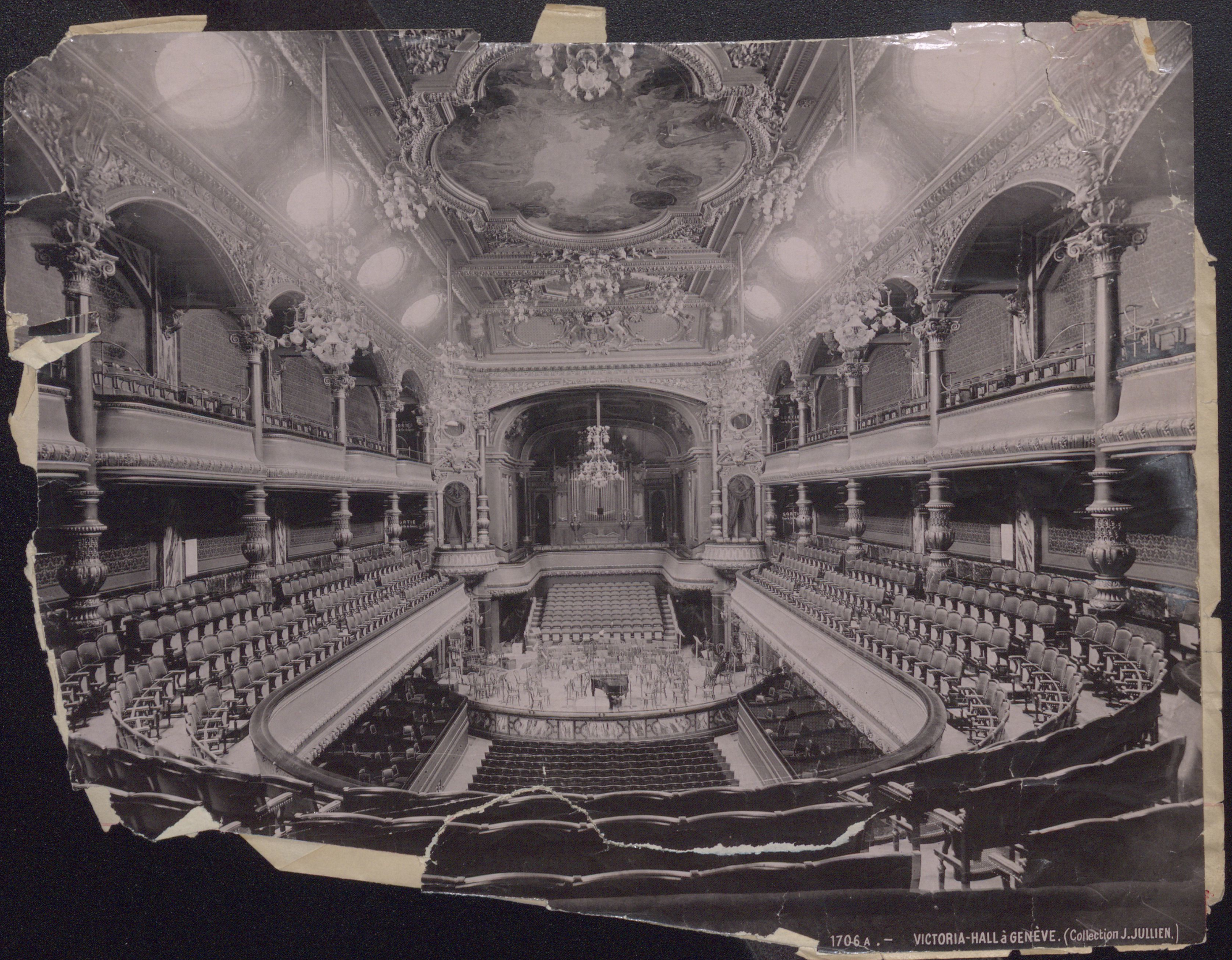
With reference to the paragraph providing for the reversion of this building to the University as its property, I am instructed to say, that this would necessarily be upon the understanding that the original idea of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire be perpetuated, - namely, that the building shall always remain an I. O. D. E. War Memorial Hall and that it shall be for the use of the public - our slogan being a building erected " by the people for the people. "

Yours very truly,

Edith C. Enright

Honorary Secretary,

Municipal Chapter



1706 A . - VICTORIA-HALL à GENÈVE. (Collection J. JULLIEN.)

53 Simpson Street,

June 17th, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur :-

I wanted you to know that on Friday last we interviewed Mr. Brodeur, Chairman of the Executive of the City Council regarding the I.O.D.E. Memorial Hall, and today we had a very satisfactory interview with Mr. Taschereau, the Prime Minister. These two gentlemen have promised to bring the matter before their Executive, and will give it their hearty support.

Yours sincerely,

Maed. Feecehreed

COPY.

April
Thirteenth
1923.

Mrs. R.A.E.Greenshields,
53 Simpson Street,
Montreal.

My dear Mrs. Greenshields:-

I am sorry that I have not before this submitted to you a memorandum as promised as to the University's attitude in regard to setting apart a suitable property on which the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire could erect a War Memorial Hall.

At the meeting held in the Chancellor's office some time ago, you, on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire, stated that it was the intention of that organization to raise about \$1,000,000., which would be used for the erection of a Hall and that this Hall would be placed at the disposal of the University whenever the Governors desired if the University provided the property. I am authorized to give you the assurance that the University will permit you to erect the building on its property if the amount of money raised is sufficient to erect a building, which, from the point of view of architecture, design and accommodation, will be suitable for the purposes for which it is intended and if it meets with the approval of the Board of Governors. It is to be understood that the building will make provision for a Convocation Hall and such other facilities as usually accompany such a hall.

Furthermore, our understanding is that after a certain period has elapsed, and I think the time mentioned was twenty-five years, the building will revert to the University as its property.

I am quite sure the terms of management of such a building could be made agreeable to all concerned.

The Governors are aware that the building site under consideration is that of the "Joseph Property" on which at present stands the McCord Museum. As this particular site has been set aside for a Convocation Hall there is, I think, no question but that they would consider this the most suitable location for the proposed War Memorial.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

March 17th, 1926.

Mrs. R.A.E.Greenshields,
53 Simpson Street,
Montreal.

My dear Mrs. Greenshields:-

I am very sorry that I have not before this written to you with reference to the memorandum you left with me, but I wished to consult the Chancellor and some other members of the Board of Governors.

I have now done so and there is nothing to add to my letter of April 13th, 1923, addressed to you. The University will stand by everything set forth in that letter. Under the circumstances I suggest that the sixth paragraph of your memorandum be altered, because it is hardly correct to refer to the offer of McGill as a gift of a site. The University, of course, can not alienate any property, but it is quite willing, and even anxious, to enter into a mutually satisfactory agreement with you and your associates.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

March 29th, 1924.

Mrs. A. Stewart Galt,
National Chapter of Canada,
Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Galt:-

I appreciate very much the kind invitation contained in your letter of March 28th to address the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire on the occasion of the Annual Meeting which will be held in Toronto during the week 2nd to 7th of June.

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept this invitation, as the Board of Visitors of the Royal Military College, of which I am chairman, meets that week in Kingston and I have also an engagement to unveil a tablet in a Toronto church.

I assure you of my deep appreciation of the devoted services of the Daughters of the Empire in every patriotic endeavour and I wish the Order continued success.

Yours faithfully,

Suggested memoranda and plan for
various clubs. handed me by
Mrs Greenshield.

At a recent meeting held under the auspices of the Independent Order Daughters of the Empire, which was largely attended by representatives of a large number of the women's and men's clubs of the City of Montreal, for the purpose of considering the erection of a Concert Hall or Auditorium for the City, a small committee was selected to prepare a short questionnaire to be sent to the various women's, men's, and service clubs and prominent citizens asking their co-operation in this very worthy cause.

This Committee is unanimous in its opinion that a Concert Hall or Auditorium is a vital necessity and submits the following suggestions for your kind consideration:

That a Hall or Auditorium be erected in a suitable locality, large enough to accommodate in the main hall at least four thousand people, with various rooms surrounding the main hall to take care of smaller meetings ranging from a seating capacity of fifty up to one thousand.

That the halls be rented to women's and men's clubs, service clubs, etc., for meetings, luncheons, etc., and that the halls will be available to concerts, recitals, lectures, political meetings, conventions, and convocations.

It is estimated that a suitable building can be erected for approximately \$1,000,000.00.

The Independent Order Daughters of the Empire have been offered a gift of a very wonderful site by the Governors of McGill University, namely the former Joseph property on the corner of Sherbrooke and McTavish Streets. This locality is well adapted for such a building. The surroundings are beautiful and it is far enough removed from the noises of a large city and yet close enough to transportation lines to take care of the handling of large crowds.

We are anxious to know whether your Club approves of the erection of this Hall.

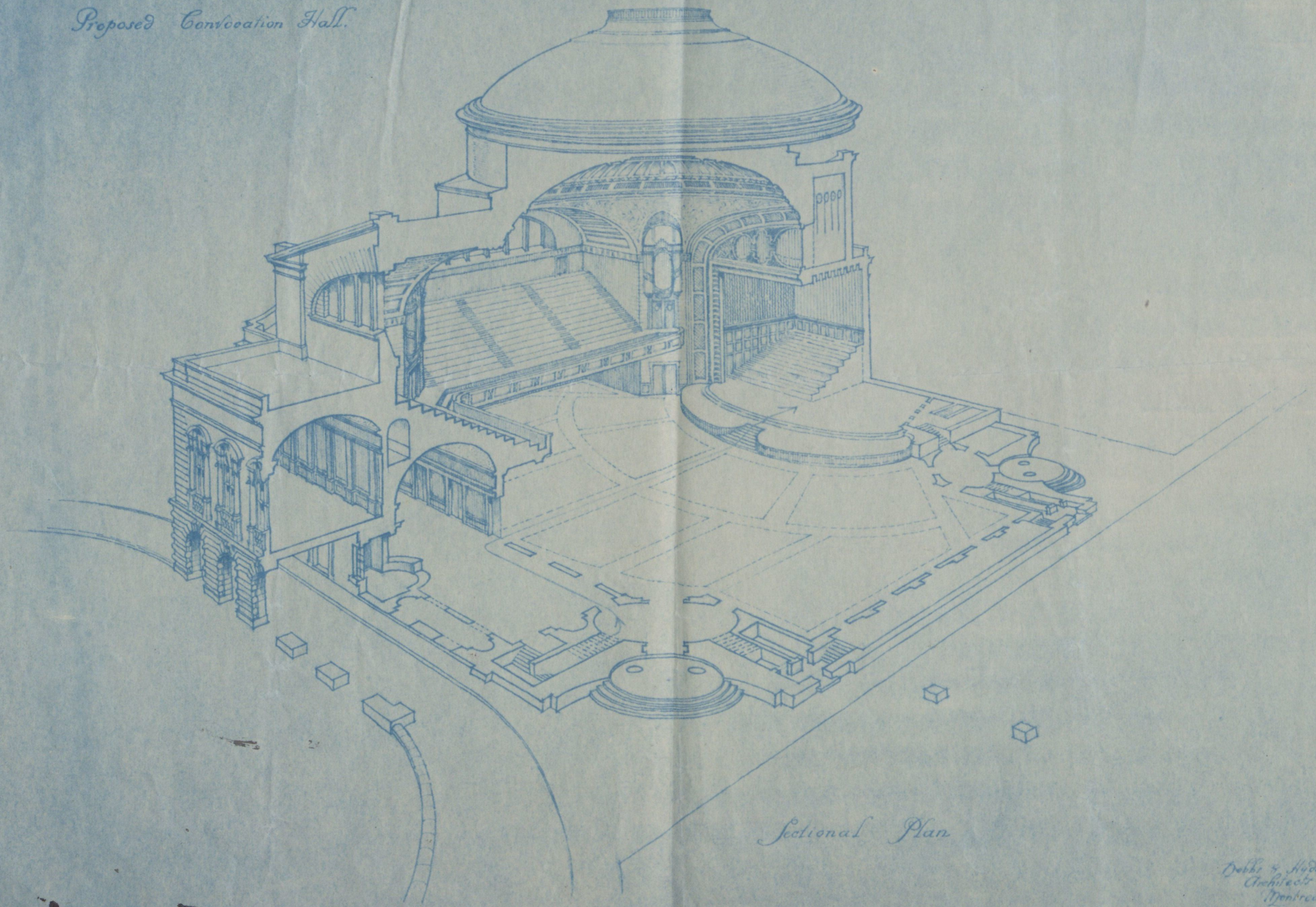
Shall it be erected as a War Memorial to our heroes who fell in the Great War, with funds to be raised by public subscription, or shall it be erected as a straight commercial proposition?

It is felt by the Committee that this Hall can be made self-sustaining in view of the splendid offer from the Governors of McGill University and with the co-operation of the many women's and men's clubs in the City.

Will your Club advise us of your attitude in this matter, and whether you will be willing to assist us in the erection of this Hall?

To Mr. Beauty,
Could we have a word about
this on Tuesday?
Attached is copy of
letter to Mrs Greenshield
april 13th 1923
A.W. Currie.

Proposed Convocation Hall.



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My dear Mrs. Greenshields:-

I am sorry that I have not before this submitted to you a memorandum as promised as to the University's attitude in regard to setting apart a suitable property on which the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire could erect a War Memorial Hall.

At the meeting held in the Chancellor's office some time ago you, on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire, stated that it was the intention of that organization to raise about \$1,000,000., which would be used for the erection of a Hall and that this Hall would be placed at the disposal of the University whenever the Governors desired if the University provided the property. I am authorized to give you the assurance that the University will permit you to erect the building on its property if the amount of money raised is sufficient to erect a building, which, from the point of view of architecture, design and accommodation, will be suitable for the purposes for which it is intended and if it meets with the approval of the Board of Governors. It is to be understood that the building will make provision for a Convocation Hall and such other facilities as usually accompany such a hall.

Furthermore, our understanding is that after a certain period has elapsed, and I think the time mentioned was twenty-five years, the building will revert to the University as its property.

I am quite sure the terms of management of such a building could be made agreeable to all concerned.

The Governors are aware that the building site under consideration is that of the "Joseph Property" on which at present stands the McCord Museum. As this particular site has been set aside for a Convocation Hall there is, I think, no question but that they would consider this the most suitable location for the proposed War Memorial.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

The Special Act could make a special provision
covering an Emphyteutic Lease for a longer term
under which the ^{building} ~~property~~ would revert to
the University with the land. ✓

Exemption from taxation. ✓

Meeting before X