

Van Hise, C.R.  
(Pres. U. of Wis.)

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C.K.Leith to James J. Hill.

Re proposition to do away with the Board of Regents and to have its work taken over by a central board which will manage all of the educational interests of the state.

States that, "of all the measures proposed, the most dangerous to the University from our viewpoint is that of a central board, as it will give the governor and his group full control over the institution during his period of office, making it possible to do almost anything desired in the direction of shaping

the university to meet their openly expressed views."

Also states: "The fact that President Van Hise's own tenure of office is threatened makes it difficult for him personally to fight this measure as effectively as he otherwise might, for the reason that it will be taken for granted in adverse circles that personal interests play a part in his fight to maintain the status quo. I doubt if the President fully realizes this himself, for he has always regarded his own fortune as a mere incident in comparison with the larger interests involved."

Geneeal correspondence by date