

FILE 799

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY : HISTORY OF
(INCLUDESS MATERIAL ON MCGILL
FAMILY)**

1865 - 1936

DOCKET STARTS:

R.G.2 C.55, File 799 - 2 photos of one year old
Daxton 'Spauld', July 25, 1917, sitting in James
Mc Gill's chair. Photos with letter of May 11, 1925,
from Fred. J. Daxton to Sir Arthur Currie.

Photos removed Oct. 14, 1987.

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and grandfather of Mr. Brooke Claxton, Law 1921. This chair is now

in the possession of Mr. Fred J. Claxton of San Francisco, California.

The baby in the chair is Claxton Searle, grandson of Mr. Fred J. Claxton.

to be left in abeyance as I am not prepared to make a present of it to Mc Gill just yet .

I have all along intended that it shall go there in the end , either by my will , or by directions to my children, You see Sir Arthur, that chair has been part of my life for many years, it was in my room on University st in the house now used by the Theological College , before my marriage, and before that in my Father's Library , in the house on University St, where you have been holding Law lectures , my Nephew Brooke Claxton having received his course in Law there . My Father owned both those houses.

Our garden backed upon that of Sir William Dawson 's and I well remember him walking about in the sun admiring his flowers , stopping and meditating , with his hands clasped at his back , I knew his family , S^r George; William; Rankin, & his daughter , Mrs Harrington,

My school boy days were spent in and around the " College grounds" as we used to call them , from playing Lacrosse on the Western portion, to hunting sand larks and swallows in the sandy mounds which fringed the University st side . Eating Haws and hiding among the Haw trees of the North end , and being chased by old " Hamilton " the Porter when we knocked down butter nuts from the fine old trees which faced the Medical Building.

When the Medical Faculty decided to erect a college on the grounds adjoining the Mc Gill building (there was only one in those days) the neighborhood were up in arms at the idea of bringing those Hoodlums up there , they evidently had a bad reputation for noisey pranks , but the result was not so , and my Father entertained the graduating class at dinner at the end of the first year, in recognition of their gentlemanly behaviour.

Among that Class were George Ross and William Osler and I think Frank Shepherd , The former was afterwards my family Physician, and Osler my Father's. Both splendid men , and among Mc Gill's shining lights.

You can see Sir Arthur from all this that I have a warm spot in my heart for Mc Gill , and you may rest assured that the Mc Gill chair will ultimately find a resting place in the University . I can never succeed you , but you may succeed me in the chair.

I use it daily , doze in it, read in it, and also meditate in it , and my Grand-son been photographed in it, and if I can get a copy will enclose it for you to see .

My home is full of sentiment , every stick of furniture was made in Montreal for me before my marriage , or for my Father many years previous, the pictures on the walls, from the old Fort at Chambly to the wharf at Murray Bay , my parchments , countersigned "Dufferin" appointing me Ensign and Lieutenant in the First Bat^y Prince of Wales Regt , now the Grenadier Guards I think, my sword hanging among my collection of canes, Pictures of the carnival at Victoria Rink 1870 and Opening of the Caledonia Curling rink 1870 , with all the men of that day watching , including H.R.H. Prince Arthur , now Duke of Connaught , (whom perhaps you were named after) show that although twenty four years a resident of this State, I am still a British Subject , and sleep with a Union Jack over my head.

I have rambled on too far Sir Arthur and will conclude with best wishes for old Mc Gill , and hoping that we will be able to manage that little scheme referred to in the first part of my letter , I am

Yours faithfully.

Fred Claxton

N.B. No prints available of the chair, will have them printed and send to you later.

#2119 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

May 11. 1925.

Sir Arthur Currie; G.C.M.G;K.C.B.

Principal , Mc Gill University.

Montreal. Que.

Dear Sir Arthur;

Confirming my letter of 21st April , and acknowledging yours of thirtieth, I herein enclose you two snap shots of my Grand-Son Claxton Searle, seated in the Mc Gill chair , on his first birthday , July 25 1917 at that time he was the principle object in the picture, but the chair will loom large with you.

It is of mahogany, now well darkened by time , was originally upholstered in black Horse hair , note the old fashioned brass casters , its weight is I should say all of one hundred pounds, and when one moves it , it seems much heavier.

As nearly as I can recollect, it was bought by Father in the emrly sixties, since which time it has been in constant use in his home or mine .

I was glad to hear that you and my brother George are frêands, we correspond regularly, and are pretty good pals. As for my Nephew Brooke , I know of his war record , and admire him greatly. In 1915-16 we. (Mrs Claxton and I) had twenty Nephews, Nieces, and cousins, with the Canadians in France, Five are still there , R.I.P.

Assuring you of my continued interest in anything Canadian, and particularly in old Mc Gill, I remain,

Yours faithfully.

Fred J. Clayton

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April 30th, 1925.

Fred J. Claxton, Esq.,
2119 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Claxton:-

Thank you very much for your
delightfully interesting letter of April 21st.

I think if I were in your shoes
I would feel exactly the same as you do about McGill's
chair. It is nice to know, though, that some time it
will find a permanent resting place in the University.
On behalf of everyone interested I thank you very
much for your decision in this respect.

I am exceedingly sorry that I shall
not be here when your friends from California makes his
trip through to Montreal. I have not been away for four
years and have arranged to sail for the Old Country on
June 5th. I do not suppose there is any likelihood of
his being here before that date. However, I think I
can promise you that he will be well looked after in
Montreal and shewn that McGill is always glad to see
and to have the interest of her graduates.

I know your brother George very
well. He has honoured me with his friendship and I
have on more than one occasion dined with him, while
we have had many golf contests. Your nephew Brook had
a splendid war service with me in France and is one
whom I number among my younger friends. He is taking

Fred J. Claxton, Esq.

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an interest in the right sort of things in Montreal.

I hope that I may some time have the pleasure of meeting you personally. I note that you are an old soldier and this will prove a bond between us additional to our association with McGill.

With all good wishes to you personally, with many thanks for your letter and an assurance that we will look after the old graduate, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

April 14, 1925.

F.J. Claxton, Esq.,
2119 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Claxton:-

I was much interested to hear from Mr. Alex Robertson of the contents of your letter to him of the 22nd of January last.

We at McGill cannot help being very deeply moved by the knowledge that such a relic as the chair of James McGill is still in existence. So much indeed is this so that more than one of our staff and friends have earnestly begged me to appeal to you to let this chair find a last and honoured resting-place within the walls of this University. I know that this is asking a great deal of you to part with something which you must value very highly, yet I do not suppose there is any single article which would mean so much to us or which would be treated with such respect. Round this chair would gather a set of traditions which would form, as it were, the heart of all our University customs. It would be used by the Chairman at our Annual Convocation and during the rest of the year would be kept in such a place as might best show the honour with which it was regarded. I need hardly say that a suitable inscription, indicating what this chair is and its connection with yourself would be placed upon it.

Trusting that you will not feel that I have gone too far in transmitting to you the request received by me from so many sides, and expressing again with what gratitude the University would receive so precious a relic of its Founder.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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GERHARD R. LOMER, M.A., PH.D.,
LIBRARIAN

April 8, 1925.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

James McGill Armchair

Dear Sir Arthur,

As directed by the Committee of the McCord National Museum I transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Fred. J. Claxton of San Francisco to Mr. Alexander Robertson which was brought to the attention of the Committee by Mr. W. D. McLennan.

The Committee is of the unanimous opinion that an effort should be made to obtain for the University the armchair which belonged to the Hon. James McGill and it feels that an appeal to Mr. Claxton could most appropriately be made through you.

As the next meeting of the McCord Committee is on April 15th, it would be a convenience to be able to report that a letter had been sent.

Faithfully yours,

G. R. Lomer.

Enc.

Secretary to Museum Committee.

C.O.P.Y.

2119 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.
Jan. 22nd, 1925.

Dear Alex:-

I am this morning in receipt of notices of meetings of the Natural History Society of Montreal which you sent on, and for which I thank you.

It has been my intention to write you about this matter since seeing the report in the Star of the proposed handing over to McGill of the Assets and liabilities of the Society :

The object of writing you was to say that I believe I am the last but one, if not the last surviving "Life Member" of the Society: My certificate is signed by (Sir) J.W. Dawson, (Sir) W.E. Logan, and J.F. Whiteheaves, I believe, is framed in oak, and the thought occurred to me that it might possibly be the only one extant, in which case, and if it is of any value as a souvenir, I would be willing to pass it on to McGill, along with the other archives which no doubt will go to them.

Advise me at your leisure on this point.

Do you know that I possess the arm chair which the Hon. James McGill owns and used in his home? Have had it in my rooms for at least fifty years, and it was in Father's house as far back as I can remember. He bought it at the auction sale of Mr. McGill's effects. It is of fine old mahogany, very heavy, and was originally upholstered in black horse hair. It has very fine old brass casters, the like of which are not made now-a-days.

Writing of archives, reminds me that I would like the opportunity of going through said archives in the hope of finding some of the older issues of Canadian postage stamps, which in the early days were often kept on the envelopes, as I am still a Philatelist - or stamp crank.

I note that "it is essential to the validity of the meeting on February 2nd that a substantial number of members attend", so I am enclosing my proxy in case you can make use of it, and I would like to be present through your representation for "auld land syne"

When my father lived on University Street (our property was carved out of the College grounds) I used to see Sir Wm. strolling around his garden with his hands behind his back, in deep thought, and I knew Dr. George, William and Rankin well. Their garden and ours backed on one another, with Burnside brook winding its way between I have the original receipts for the payments on that property, back in the sixties.

When in Montreal in Sept. 1922, I visited our old home, which has been used by McGill as a lecture hall for Law for years, and was greatly interested to see the old bell pulls still in place, and in what used to be my room, there were the marks on the wall where screws used to hold up two brackets, on which I had two full rigged ships, the holes had been filled with plaster and tinted, but the marks were still visible to my eyes.

Trusting that you and yours are well as are mine here,
I remain,

my dear Alex,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Fred J. Claxton.

To Alex. Robertson, Esq.,
Montreal, Que.

*No other corresp. on
file in 1934 - DM.*

April 9th, 1925.

Dr. G. R. Lomer,
Redpath Library,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Lomer:-

With reference to your letter
of the 8th of April and the Arm Chair of James
McGill, I am to-day writing Mr. Fred Claxton of
San Francisco.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
A. E. MORGAN

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

Colonel Bovey

12th November 1936

I attach herewith a letter from Dr. Mighthall and a note from Professor Macmillan on the subject of the relationship, if any, of the John McGill now in Montreal to our founder. Can you track this down and endeavour to settle the question for me?

February 19, 1936

Dear Doctor Lighthall,

Thank you very much for the pamphlets which reached me today. I am very glad to have in print the article which I was most interested to read in typescript.

Yours sincerely,

Doctor W.D.Lighthall,
Transportation Building,
MONTREAL.

February 4
1936

Dear Dr. Lighthall,

Thank you for leaving with me your copy of the interesting article on the McGill Journal of 1797. I have read it with great interest and return it to you now, with many thanks. I hope that I have not kept it unduly long.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. W. D. Lighthall,
Transportation Building,
St. James St. W.
MONTREAL.

DOCKET STARTS:

Professor Cyrus Macmillan.

January 14, 1936.

Thanks for your memorandum regarding the McGill genealogy.

I think it would be kinder not to send it forward to the lady, who seems quite happy in her romantic ideas.



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MONTREAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Mrs. Windsor is probably confusing two men - the Hon. James McGill of Montreal and the Hon. John McGill of Toronto. James McGill left no descendants. Peter McCutcheon was apparently not a kinsman of James McGill; the kinship is at least doubtful, or remote. His family were natives of Galloway, Scotland; he was born in Wigtonshire, Scotland in 1789 and came to Canada in 1809. He later became a partner in the firm Porteous, Hancox, McCutcheon and Corrigan. His mother's name was McGill. The Hon. John McGill of Toronto, a kinsman of his mother, made him his heir on condition that he take the name of his mother's family, and he is thereafter known as Peter McGill.

Peter McGill was the first Mayor of Montreal under the new constitution of 1840. He was President of the Bank of Montreal from 1834 to 1860. He was a member of the Legislative Council, and later of the Executive Council under Lord Elgin in 1847-48. He declined the proffered Speakership of the Legislative Council. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all ranks and conditions of men.

Lord Strathcona was never Governor-General of Canada, as Mrs. Windsor's letter suggests.

Bm.

January 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

TO Professor Cyrus Macmillan.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

January 8, 1936.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed correspondence.

If the relationship is genuine and if the boy is of any academic promise I think the least the University can do is to give him a free studentship.

Bevan

To Mr. Grimson: Are there any of these booklets downstairs?

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TEL. GOSPORT 8226.

LEE WAY,

BURNEY ROAD,

ALVERSTOKE.

Hants.

November 11th 1938

To the Principal
Dear Sir

I hear that your University had a Centenary Celebration a short-time ago; as it has a relation of mine who founded the M^cCoill University I am naturally very interested in its history and wondered if you would be so good as to send me the booklet of the Centenary.

I do hope you will not mind being bothered by this.

Yours truly

Margery Windsor (née M^cCoill)

November 26

1935

Dear Mrs. Windsor,

I am very happy to enclose herewith two booklets which were issued at the time of the Centenary Celebration, and I am also sending you a copy of our last Annual Report.

We on our part are most interested to hear that you are a descendant of James McGill, and I should be glad if you care to write again and tell me the relationship exactly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Margery Windsor,
Lee Way, Burney Road,
Alverstone, Hants,
ENGLAND.

TEL. GOSPORT 8226.

LEE WAY,

BURNEY ROAD,

ALVERSTOKE.

Dear Mr Morgan

Thank you very
much for sending me
the booklets on the
W. Sill University, I have
found them very
interesting, I hope that
one day my son will
go to the University to
graduate.

James W. Sill the
founder of the University
was the Uncle of my

great-grandfather Sir Peter
 M^r: Sill who I understand
 was a governor of the
 University - as well as being
 Mayor of Montreal & Speaker
 to the Assembly. James
 M^r: Sill was a bachelor
 he adopted his nephew
 Peter M^r: Cutcheon who
 changed his surname to
 M^r: Sill by deed. pol.

Sir Peter's son John
 was a Capt. in the 60th rifles
 + ADC to Lord Strathcona
 when he was Governor
 General of Canada.

TEL. GOSPORT 8226.

LEE WAY,

BURNEY ROAD,

ALVERSTOKE.

This was my grandfather
I am the daughter
of his eldest son with
issue - Duncan M^c Gill
now living in New Zealand.

Thank you again
for your letter I think
it was very nice of you
to send the booklets - they
are much appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Margery Woodrow

DOCKET ENDS:

January 8
1936

Dear Mrs. Windsor,

Thank you for your letter in which you give me the interesting relationship which you bear to our founder James McGill. I am particularly interested to know that you propose to send your son here. I shall be glad to have some particulars about him as soon as you care to send them - his age, school, and, if he has any, his ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Margery Windsor,
Lee Way, Burney Road,
Alverstoke, Hants,
England.

Professor Cyrus Macmillan.

January 8, 1936.

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Value of immoveable property \$10,491,191.85
 Provincial government grants \$128,035.00
 Year's expenditures \$2,197,261.82
 Number of volumes in library, 455,000.
 From annual report to the Provincial Government, Dept.
 of Public Instruction. Total Men students 656.

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MEN		WOMEN
Total professors, lecturers and démonstrators,	656	56
less twice listed	193	
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Total men students 2981
 Total women students 1269 Total 4250.

Principals of
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	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age at taking office</u>
Rev. G. G. Mountain.	1789.	40
Rev. Dr. John Beckme	1791	44.
E. A. Meredith	graduated in 1837	30-35
Sir Wm Dawson	1820	35
Sir Wm Peterson	1856	39
Sir Arthur Currie	1875	45



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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES OF MCGILL.

✓ Sir William Osler (Med. 1872), LL.D. (Hon.) (Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Harvard, Liverpool, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Toronto), D.C.L. (Trinity College, Toronto), D.Sc., F.R.S.P. (London).

Probably the most distinguished of all McGill's graduates. Scholar and teacher of Medicine known throughout the world. Writer and bibliophile. Donated Osler Library by his will.

✓ Thomas D'Arcy McGee (Law 1861).

"Father of Confederation". A distinguished Irish-Canadian, statesman and poet. Took a leading part in the Confederation movement, was very influential in keeping the Irish population loyal and was assassinated by one of the disaffected.

✓ Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Law 1864, LL.D. 1898)

Liberal Prime Minister of Canada. Represented Canada at the Diamond Jubilee. On many occasions proposed policies of support for the British Empire.

✓ Dr. William Henry Drummond (Med. 1905). N.B. Conducted clinics in Montreal, but obtained his degree from Bishop's University in 1886. Received his ad eundem degree from McGill in 1905.

A doctor known throughout North America as the author of a charming series of poems illustrating French-Canadian life.

Sir Thomas George Roddick (Med. 1868).

One of the leaders of Medicine in Canada and a Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. (Married niece of Peter Redpath, donor of Redpath Museum and Library). Was principal figure in the organization of the Canadian Medical Association and was president at one time of the British Medical Association.

✓ Hon. Sir John Abbott (Law 1854).

Attorney-General of Canada. Lieutenant of Sir John A. Macdonald, first prime minister of Canada.

Eugene Lafleur (Law 1880)

Probably the most distinguished graduate of the Faculty of Law, and until his recent death the leading member of the Canadian Bar, known not only in the British Empire, but internationally.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Griffith Evans (Med. 1864)

✓
Oldest living graduate of McGill, has just celebrated his hundredth birthday. Well-known for his researches.

Other distinguished Medical Graduates.

Dr. Palmer Howard (father of the present professor of Medicine),
teacher and practitioner in Montreal.

Dr. George Fenwick, also a distinguished teacher.

N.B. If any mention is to be made of Hon. LL.D's, Their Majesties the
King and Queen received this degree in 1901, the Prince of Wales
in 1919.

**THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

7 Linden Court, Jersey City, N. J., March 7, 1925.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons to whom this sorrowful announcement may come:

Companions:—

It is with the most profound sorrow that I announce to you the death of our dearly beloved friend and associate, Most Excellent Companion

Peter McGill

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary,

who passed away yesterday afternoon, March 6th, at the Post Graduate Hospital, New York City, where he was taken about a month ago for observation and treatment for heart trouble and Arterio-sclerosis, and where all the skill known to medical science was exerted in his behalf, but he failed to respond to every treatment and death finally brought an end to his suffering. Most Excellent Companion McGill was born at Simcoe, Norfolk County, Canada, July 16, 1854. Of his ancestry and boyhood life we are not informed. In 1873 he entered the employ of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company as operator, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and was later employed in the General Mercantile business of A. S. Mann & Co., Rochester, N. Y., as bookkeeper. He then took up the study of medicine and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1879. He was also later graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College with the degree of D. D. S.

Doctor McGill was highly regarded as a physician and practiced for a number of years at Tremont, Pa. Later he removed to Lambertville, N. J., where he was most successful and greatly esteemed by a large clientele. About fifteen years ago he accepted the important position of Medical Examiner for the Relief Department of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, New York City, and removed with his family to his late home at Bound Brook, N. J. This position he held until a few months ago, when he was compelled to retire on account of ill health.

On October 3, 1884, he married Sara Martindell, of Trenton, N. J. Of this union there were two children, both of whom, together with his wife, have passed away within a few years. A daughter, Margaret McGill, a young woman of more than ordinary accomplishments and the idol of her father's heart, died October 12, 1917, following an operation for appendicitis. The son, Clarence McCutcheon McGill, a young man with great promise of a brilliant future, having risen to the position of Commander in the United States Navy, fell a victim to the "flu epidemic" during the World War and died September 30, 1918, while en route to France. His body was subsequently brought to this country and buried with naval honors in the family plot at Bound Brook. Sara Martindell McGill, his wife, died a little more than a year ago, on January 5, 1924, after a long and painful illness from cancer of the throat.

The doctor, while nearly overwhelmed by these seeming strange Providences, bore his sorrows with marvelous fortitude, but to those who knew him best it was clearly observed that his own decline dates from these events. Bereft of all his loved ones, left entirely alone except for loving friends, broken in spirit and health impaired, he gradually failed until he, too, has been called home to rejoin them in the Great Beyond.

Most Excellent Companion McGill was brought to Masonic Light in Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. and A. M., Tremont, Pa., in May, 1882, and held office in that Lodge in 1884.

He later demitted and held membership in the following Lodges: Trenton Lodge, No. 5, Trenton, N. J.; Amwell Lodge, No. 12, Lambertville, N. J., in which he served as Senior Warden; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 105, Bound Brook, N. J., and later in Hopewell Lodge, No. 155, Hopewell, N. J., which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master and retained his membership until his death.

He was exalted in Tremont Chapter, No. 221, R. A. M., Tremont, Pa., in 1883, and demitted to Wilson Chapter, No. 13, A. A. M., Lambertville, N. J., in 1889, which Chapter he served in the various stations and was eventually elected its High Priest.

In the Grand Chapter he was elected Grand Royal Arch Captain and in 1900, and by regular promotion became Grand High Priest in 1906, when he had the distinction of presiding at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter held May 9th of that year. In 1911 he was elected as Grand Secretary and has since held that office. For several years he had been Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near that of New Jersey.

He was also a member of St. Elmo Commandery, Knights Templar, Lambertville, N. J., and served in all the offices from Warder to Commander. In the Grand Commandery he had filled all the offices from Grand Warder, in 1895, to Grand Commander, in 1901.

He was a member of all the Consistorial Bodies of Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Trenton, N. J.

Doctor McGill was an exemplary citizen and a true patriot. He enlisted in the Medical Department of the U. S. Navy in the Spanish American War and was assigned to the U. S. S. "Resolute" and served in the Cuban and West Indian Campaign. He was still a member of the Reserve Corp of this Division.

The many good acts and charitable deeds of our beloved Companion cannot be recorded in these pages. One of his favored benevolences was the care and education of French children, orphaned by the World War, to which cause he contributed most liberally.

He was a man of most agreeable personality, keen of intellect, a great reader and deep thinker. A delightful and entertaining companion. One whom to know was to love. His end was unostentatious and refined as was his whole life. What he once wrote of another may be well said of him:

"Death had no terrors for such a man as was our loved and revered Companion; it was but the transition from a temporal existence to an immortal one. His faith was supreme, his hope sufficient, and his courage endured until the end."

"Alone his soul must tread the new, strange road
That leads so far from all the simple things
He knew and loved. Unburdened of its load
Of earthly care, may it not soar on wings
Of faith and hope to some far happier star
Than this of ours? His day of toil is past,
His duty done. Now let him fare afar
And taste of freedom, fairly won, at last."

The funeral services, to which you are invited, will be held from his late residence, 225 Somerset Street, Bound Brook, N. J., Wednesday, March 11, at 2.30 P. M.

The Masonic burial service will be in charge of Hopewell Lodge, No. 155, F. and A. M., of Hopewell, N. J., of which he was a Past Master, assisted by members of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 105, F. and A. M., Bound Brook, N. J. Interment will be in the family plot in the Bound Brook Cemetery.

To the sorrowing friends and relatives we tender our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

As a tribute of respect to our beloved Grand Secretary, it is our order that this memorial be read in each Chapter of this Obedience at the first Convocation after its receipt, and that the usual symbols of mourning be displayed for a period of thirty days.

Sincerely and fraternally,

FRED E. TILDEN,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:
ABRAM A. REGER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

March 20th, 1925.

Benjamin Sumergrade, Esq.,
Recording Secretary,
2089 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Sumergrade:-

May I thank you very much for your interesting letter of March 14th regarding Dr. Peter McGill. I presume you have some record of his birth-place, age and so forth and that we may expect to find this in your bulletin. I shall look forward to receiving the material with interest.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Principal.

OF GREATER NEW YORK

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OF EACH MONTH



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HON. CHARLES E. CHALMERS, 33rd

New York City,

March 14, 1925

*Mc Gill University
Prov. of Ontario
Canada.
Gentleman*

*Am here inclosing some
information which might interest
your college in reference to late
Dr. Peter Mc Sill, whom I under-
stand was from the family who*

*founded your University and ~~is~~ was the
last one of Mc Sills family left until the
time of his death March 6, 1925. His
late residence was 225 Somerset St, Boney
Brook N. J. He was a member of the Masonic
Lodge (Hopewell 155, Hopewell, N. J) and was
born on the 16th day of July 1854, at Simcoe,
Prov. of Ontario Canada. He was Post Grand
High Priest and Post Grand Commander of the
Knights Templars of N. J.*

*His last position was as Medical Doctor
for the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. 165 Bway
N. Y. C. We publish a monthly Bulletin*

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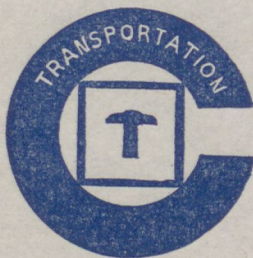
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and anything - that it will
certain in reference to our
late Brother Mc Gill of this Club
will mail it to you, so you
can have a record of same,

Yours sincerely
Benjamin Sumergrade

Brother Mc Gill's funeral took place in
Bound Brook N.J on Wednesday March
11th 1925 at 2:30 P.M.

His wife died about a year
ago, and understand he has a niece
in Chicago.

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HON. CHARLES E. CHALMERS, 33°

New York City, March 3, 5, 1925
Mr. Bill University
Principal
Montreal
Canada.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of March 2nd
received, and contents noted.
Herewith is the information that
I have on his application in our
Club.

Dr. Peter McGill was born on the 16th
day of July 1854 and died March 6th 1925.
He was born in Simcoe Prov. of Ontario
Canada. He was employed as a Physician
with the Cluteborough Rapid Transit Co. 165 Bway,
N.Y.C. Suggest that you write to Mr. Charles Smith
I.R.T. Co. Room 505, 165 Bway, N.Y.C. N.Y. for any
information you may desire. Also to Hopewell
Lodge # 155, Hopewell N. J. order of Free & Accepted Masons
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of N. J. and
The Grand Commandery of Knight Templars
State of N. J. ^{from} all of which you may be able to
get some valuable data for your records.
Any thing that I will come across of in print will

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mail to you,

*I am sincerely
Yours*

*Benjamin Sumergrade
Secretary*

DOCKET STARTS:

Principal Meredith
1846

January 19th, 1928.

The Editor,
The Montreal Herald,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

On the Financial page of last Monday's issue of the HERALD there appears an article on Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., in which reference is made to a Mr. Edmund A. Meredith, who, you say, was Principal of McGill University in 1864.

As a matter of fact Mr. Meredith was appointed Principal on July 7th, 1846 and continued to act in that capacity with great credit to himself and benefit to the University until he tendered his resignation in October 1849. Owing to the difficulty of finding a successor it was not until 1851 that he finally withdrew. In recognition of his services the University conferred on him the Honorary Degree of LL.D. - a degree also conferred upon Sir Vincent in October 1927.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Montreal Herald.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th inst. relative to reference in the Herald to Mr. Edmund A. Meredith.

I examined our biographical files which I find are correct and the manuscript which was sent out was correct but unfortunately the typesetter transposed the figures to read '64 instead of '46 and the proof reader missed it.

I regret very much that this error has occurred.

I am, Sir Arthur,

Yours very truly,

H. A. Somerville

City Editor.

HAS/M

DOCKET ENDS:

DOCKET STARTS:

August 16, 1932.

Professor A. H. Young, M.^{A.}, D.C.L.,
President, Ontario Historical Association,
Trinity College, Toronto.

Dear Professor Young,

In reply to your letter of August 8th, I am attaching herewith certain extracts from Minutes of the Meeting held by the Board of Governors of McGill University on the 13th of July, 1843, and a further extract from the Minutes of the same body on the 4th January, 1845. You will find therein the information sought.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING
TORONTO

Professor Lundy.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER
J. MCE. MURRAY, B.A.

Trinity College,
Toronto, August 8th, 1932

Dear Sir: Will you be kind enough to tell me the dates between which the Rev. H. F. Lundy held the professorship of classics at Mc Gill in the cities of the last century? I should like also to know the reason given for his resigning. I am publishing in "Papers and Records" of this society excerpts from his diary for the years 1849-1850.

The Principal,
Mc Gill University.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. Young.

To Mr. Matthews
answer
from please
A.W.C.

Governor's Minutes - 13th July 1843

It was resolved that the Rev. Francis James Lundy, B.C.L. of the University of Oxford and D.C.L. of this University is now elected Prof. of Classical Literature in McGill College and is now further appointed Vice-Principal of the said college.

Governors' Minutes - 4th Jan. 1845

That whereas the Rev. Francis James Lundy D.C.L. was heretofore elected Professor of Classical Literature in this college during pleasure and Vice Principal thereof during pleasure and whereas the pleasure of the Governors now present in this behalf hath ceased and determined, the said Rev. F.J.Lundy be removed from the said two offices on and after this day and that he be notified thereof.

That the aforesaid Rev'd F. J. Lundy be allowed his current quarter's salary say £75. reckoning from the 9th day of November last past and further that in consideration of the inconvenience to which his family would be subjected by a removal in winter, he be allowed to occupy his present lodgings in College until the 1st day of May next.

That Prof. Wickes be appointed ad interim to the offices of Vice Principal of McGill College, and of lecture in Classical Literature therein.

The Rev.F.J. Lundy was then called in and the resolutions referring to himself were read to him, upon which he requested and obtained permission to enter the following protest upon the minutes.

"The Rev. F. J. Lundy begs leave respectfully to protest against the "power of dismissing him from the offices he now holds in McGill College" assumed by the acting Governors of McGill College resident in Montreal, viz. the Honorables the Chief Justice of Montreal and the Rev'd John Bethune, acting Principal of McGill College".

A list of complaints against the Rev'd F. J. Lundy from Prof. Wickes and Mr. Chapman jointly as resident officers of the College dated this day, and from Mr. Chapman dated January 3rd 1845 were presented but it was not thought necessary to have them read or entered into.

15 Aug 1972.

Nothing sent to Toronto yet.

J.H. Matthews.

DOCKET ENDS:

TRINITY COLLEGE
TORONTO

August 17th, 1932.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

I thank you very
much for your courtesy in
sending me the two
transcripts from the Governors'
Minute-Book in regard to
the Rev. Francis J. Leudy, D.C.L.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Young.

Sir Arthur W. C. Currie, F.C.M.P., K.C.B.

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F.J.L. by
The protest was presented to the Resident officers of the College dated this day, and from Mr. Chapman dated January 3rd, 1845, were presented, but it was not thought necessary to have them read or entered into.

William McGill

October 26th, 1929.

Napier Moore, Esq.,
Editor, Maclean's Magazine,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Moore:-

With regard to the enclosed letter, we know nothing of any William McGill as the brother of James McGill. It is true, however, that there is one of James McGill's brothers whose name we do not know, but he was not younger than James. Perhaps your correspondent can tell you the source of her information. The stamped envelope to which she refers in her letter was not enclosed, so I presume you still have it.

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to find out something about the journalist whose name is enclosed. He has asked permission to write a sketch of Sir Arthur and we do not know very much about him.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

P.S. I am also enclosing letter from Judge
Surveyer who is an authority on James McGill.

Returns to Principal's Office

MEMORIAL

OF THE

Governors, Principal, and Fellows

OF

McGILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Presented to His Excellency the Governor General, and to
the Legislature, February, 1865.

Montreal :

JOHN LOVELL, PRINTER, ST. NICHOLAS STREET.

1865.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY VISCOUNT MONCK, Baron Monck of Ballytrammon in the County of Wexford, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc., etc.

The Petition of the Governors, Principal and Fellows, of McGill College and University—

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

That your Excellency's Petitioners, in view of the present condition of the University and its limited resources, feel themselves justified and called upon earnestly to press upon the Legislature its claims for a permanent endowment, in support of which they beg leave to make the following statements :

In an educational point of view, the growth of the University under its new charter, has surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its friends. It was in the past session instrumental in the education of 928 persons, of whom 305 were Students in Law, Medicine and Arts; 74 Teachers in training; 249 pupils in the High School, and the remainder were pupils in the Model Schools. It has in the Faculty of Law 6 Professors; in the Faculty of Medicine, 9 Professors; in the Faculty of Arts, 10 Professors; in the High School Department 10 Masters. There are also two Professors, two Teachers and several assistants, in the McGill Normal and Model Schools.

In its buildings, the University was long inadequately accommodated; but recently by the exertions of the Board of Governors, and the liberality of one of them, Wm. Molson, Esq., this disadvantage has been in a great measure removed. By the liberality of some leading citizens of Montreal, it has recently been endowed with gold Medals in Law, and in most of the principal branches of Study in Arts.

The University now challenges comparison with any other in North America, in the efficiency of its staff and the thoroughness of its courses of study, and is prepared to carry the scientific and literary education of young men to a degree of perfection not heretofore attainable in Lower Canada, and comparable with that of the British Universities.

While these results, so creditable and useful to Canada, have been attained, your Excellency's Petitioners have, from the first, had to complain that the important objects committed to their care, have not received an adequate amount of Provincial pecuniary support, and that their labours have, in consequence, been prosecuted under many disadvantages.

The total expenditure of the University for the past year, including \$588 of interest on its debts, and \$2018 for repairs, &c. of building (but exclusive of the Normal School and of Fees paid to Professors in Medicine and Law), may be stated at \$31,411; and that an institution of this character, with so many instructing officers, should be supported on such a sum, must be regarded as an instance of economy scarcely equalled in any other similar case.

Of the above sum, \$6,702 are paid by the revenue of the original endowment of Mr. McGill; \$2,846 by the interest of the Endowment Fund contributed by the citizens of Montreal; \$6,019 by the fees in the High School, and \$713 by the fees in the Faculty of Arts. Toward payment of the balance the Province contributes as follows:

- (1.) A sum of \$1,000 per annum to the Medical Faculty, being the same amount paid to each of the other Medical Schools, none of which equals that of McGill in the number of Professors and Students.
- (2.) The sum of \$1,128 to the High School Department, on condition that it shall educate, free of expense, thirty pupils appointed by the Government, and whose education at the annual rate of fees would cost \$1,320; the High School being distinguished from every other Superior School in Lower Canada by receiving no free grant.
- (3.) The sum of \$2,803.97 to the College, in aid of the University generally, and of the Faculties of Arts and Law. The sum thus granted has been progressively diminished from 1854 up to the present time, as stated in the following table, though in the meantime the number of students at the University and its annual expenditure for their benefit have largely increased.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND PUPILS OF MCGILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY, FROM 1854 TO 1863, WITH THE ANNUAL GRANTS FOR THE SAME YEARS.

STUDENTS.	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863
in Arts.....		38	42	47	47	60	53	65	72	82*
in Medicine..		57	96	90	97	108	124	146	175	177
in Law.....		15	16	30	30	37	47	45	55	48
Total Students	97	110	154	167	174	205	229	256	302	307
Pupils in H. } School..... }	185	215	225	242	250	252	281	271	262	249
Total.....	282	325	379	409	424	457	510	527	564	556
Grants to the } University. }	\$ 7000	\$ 4167.77	\$ 3071.06	\$ 3001.07	\$ 2932.82	\$ 2932.82	\$ 2862.28	\$ 2932.82	\$ 2862.28	\$ 2803.97
Grants to the } Medical } School. }	1000	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Grants to the } High Sch. } for Educa- } ting 30 free } Scholars... }	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128	1128

* Including 15 Students of Morrin College.

Note.—74 Teachers in training in the Normal School, and 300 Pupils in the Model Schools are excluded from the above table, these institutions not deriving any pecuniary support from the College.

Taking into account all these sources of revenue, an annual deficiency remained in 1863, of \$10,141, not provided for by the income; and this deficiency appeared so alarming that the Governors were under the necessity of withdrawing the aids formerly given to the High School, and of discontinuing the course of Engineering in the Faculty of Arts. They were also obliged further to postpone the just claims of several Professors for increase of their salaries, and to abstain from all additions to the Library, Museum, and Apparatus.

It should also be stated that the extension of the University renders additional expenditure necessary for examinations and printing, which there are not means to defray.

Your Excellency's Petitioners would further state that an inspection of the accounts will show that the utmost economy has pervaded the expenditures of the University, and that its efforts have been steadily directed to the provision of means of education not otherwise accessible in this

country, and of a higher character than those afforded by the ordinary Academies and Colleges; thus fulfilling the wise and benevolent intentions of the founder, and giving to our young men the opportunity of raising their mental culture to the level of that in older countries. It has further been an object of solicitude with the Governors to promote practical scientific training bearing on the more important professions, and they would gladly do more in this direction did their resources permit.

The following statements, contained in a former memorial, may be here repeated, as enforcing the claims of the University to public aid.

First:—The late Mr. McGill undoubtedly made his bequest under the expectation and implied promise that a further and sufficient endowment would be made by the Provincial Government. This is apparent from the circumstances under which the bequest was made. The Governor in Chief in 1801 laid before the Provincial Parliament a message in the following terms:

“That His Majesty had been graciously pleased to give directions for the establishment of a competent number of Free Schools, for the instruction of children in the first rudiments of useful learning, and in the English tongue, and for foundations of a more enlarged and comprehensive nature, and that His Majesty had been further pleased to signify His Royal intention that a suitable proportion of the lands of the Crown should be set apart, and the revenues thereof appropriated to such purposes.” As a preliminary step, the Act incorporating the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning was passed, containing this message in its preamble; and thereafter, it was intended that the “liberal grant of Crown Lands,” referred to in the message, should be transferred to its control, in trust for Free Schools and “Foundations of a more enlarged and comprehensive nature,”—but no grant was ever made.

The late Mr. McGill was not only an active Member of the Legislature at this time, but an Executive Councillor, and therefore, must be presumed to have been thoroughly conversant with the intentions of the Imperial and Provincial Governments. By his last will he bequeathed a sum of money and his Estate of Burnside to the Royal Institution for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a University; but his endowment, liberal as it was, was yet quite inadequate for the object

contemplated, and it is reasonable to infer that he looked beyond it to the Royal Institution, to whom he believed that a liberal Grant of Crown Lands was to have been entrusted for a kindred purpose.

His Endowment was long anterior to the establishment of any Protestant College in the Province, and still is the only one made in it for that purpose. Since that time hundreds of thousands of pounds have been bestowed by annual grants on Roman Catholic Educational Institutions in Lower Canada; while, in Upper Canada, several Universities have been founded, all of them participating more or less in the grants of public moneys. One of them, the University of Toronto, enjoys an endowment of 226,201 acres of land conferred by Royal Grant in 1828, from which a sum exceeding £293,883 has been already derived, and in addition to this, it received during many years for the College connected with it, a grant of \$1,111 annually. Upper Canada College, established in 1832, was endowed by various grants between that year and the year 1835, with 63,805 acres of land, which has yielded £55,434, and has also received an annual grant of £1000, which still continues. It is further to be observed that the Universities of Queen's College and Victoria College, in Upper Canada, have had their grants raised to \$5000 each, beside the usual aid to their Medical Schools. Yet no permanent provision whatever has ever been made for McGill College; and all the moneys received by it from public sources (of which the first was in 1854) do not together amount to one-fourth of the annual revenues of the University of Toronto, or to one-tenth of the value of Mr. McGill's bequest.

The largeness of that bequest and the munificence with which the fund has since been increased in the sum of £15,000 by subscription in the City of Montreal, and the completion of the College buildings by Mr. William Molson, coupled with the character of the University, justify your Memorialists in the hope that a corresponding spirit will be manifested by the Legislature, and that after so much has been done by private beneficence, the work may be completed by granting the relief now sought, and providing for the future a permanent public Endowment. These donations also show how urgently the want of a Protestant University has been felt, and how highly its benefits are esteemed by the English population.

Secondly :—Not only was the late Mr. McGill warranted in believing that his exertions to establish a University would be supported by a Grant from the Crown Lands, but the Members of the Royal Institution, subsequently, were led to expect that they would have been saved the heavy expense of erecting the College buildings, and that the endowment would have been rendered available for its future support. In the early part of 1819, the Lord Bathurst, then Colonial Secretary, instructed the Governor General, the Duke of Richmond, to adopt, with as little delay as possible, the necessary measures for erecting upon Mr. McGill's property an adequate building for the instruction of youth, and His Grace was authorized to defray the expense thereof from the funds which might be in the hands of the Receiver of the Jesuits' Estates.

But for reasons unknown to the Governors, these liberal intentions on the part of His Majesty were not carried into effect.

Thirdly :—The University of McGill College is the only one in Lower Canada which is non-sectarian. As such it is entitled to claim, and as your Excellency's Petitioners believe, it possesses, the confidence of the Protestant community of every religious denomination. This is shown by the list of subscriptions to the Endowment Fund, in which are to be found the names of Members of the English and Scotch Churches and of the Free Church, Methodists, Congregationalists, American Presbyterians, and Unitarians; Members of the Jewish faith have also contributed.

Fourthly :—The University is not a mere private Institution founded by individual benevolence, but is public and provincial in its character. It is prepared to confer degrees not only upon the Students of its own Colleges, but, under just and salutary rules, upon those of any others which may be established in the Province,—thus rendering it unnecessary, as without doubt it is inexpedient, to multiply the number of Educational Institutions possessing that power.

A large number of scholarships in the Faculty of Arts are at the disposal of your Excellency, as also the presentation to thirty scholarships in the High School Department.

Fifthly :—This Provincial character of the University, and the prosperity and influence which it has attained, mark it out as the great centre and support of the higher Protestant Education in Lower Canada. As

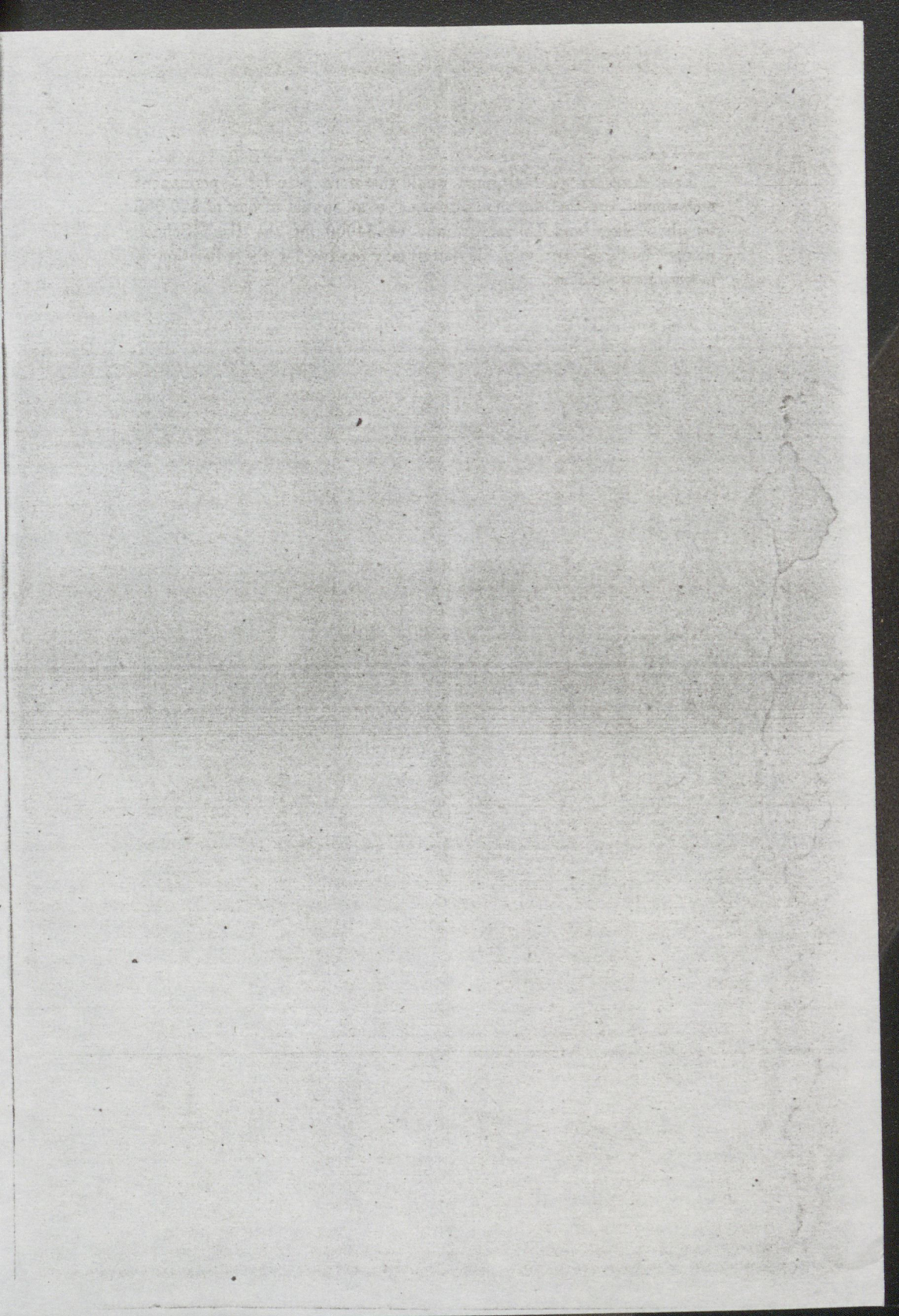
such, the management of the Provincial Normal School has been confided to it with the approbation of the whole community; and the confidence has thus far been justified by complete success. A further indication of the same nature is afforded by the affiliation with it of the St. Francis College, Richmond, under the liberal terms provided by the Statutes of the University. Still more recently, Morrin College, Quebec, has been affiliated, and has already sent up eleven students who have passed creditably the preliminary examinations of the University; and arrangements are now in progress for affiliating the Congregational College of British North America.

The affiliation of other Colleges and Theological Schools is expected; and thus the aids to higher education, which this country so much needs, will always be available to all who may require them, and that in the amplest form; for it is to be observed that this University offers to its students not only an ordinary liberal education, but the means also of high scientific culture, and of thorough instruction in the professions of Law and Medicine, and that its present position in this respect will enable it, with additional pecuniary resources, to extend itself still further in the direction of professional education.

The importance and claims for support of such a Central Institution are too obvious to require argument; and these, great as they now are, will be augmented by the increase of population, wealth, and intelligence, bringing with them an appreciation of the value of learning and a demand for the means of its general cultivation. The McGill University ought not then to be confounded with the ordinary Schools and other Educational Establishments, sectarian or non-sectarian, which abound in Lower Canada. It stands alone in its character and objects, and requires from the Government a direct and special support adequate to its importance and its wants. To place it, in the distribution of Legislative aid, upon the same footing with those minor establishments which share in the fund placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Education, is an error and an injustice, not only to the University itself, but to the whole Protestant community of Lower Canada. Your Excellency's Petitioners would further, in view of the proposed Federation of the Provinces, urge the necessity of an immediate consideration of the claims above set forth, and of a permanent provision for the support of the University.

Your Excellency's Petitioners would therefore pray for a permanent endowment, and that this should be equal to an annual income of \$20,000 for the College and University, and of \$4000 for the High School, independently of any sum the latter may receive for the education of Government scholars.

And your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.



MCGILL AS VIEWED IN 'GOOD OLD DAYS'

Reminiscences of University in 'Nineties Given by Prof. N. N. Evans

NO CO-EDS AT THAT TIME

Students Had No Cabarets, Movies and Other Distrac- tions to Interfere With Studies

Delightful glimpses of McGill as it was fifty years ago were conjured up by N. N. Evans, B.A.Sc., '86, M.Sc. '92, and now professor of chemistry at the university, in a radio broadcast sponsored by the McGill Graduates' Society over Station CKAC last evening.

McGill in "the good old days," Prof. Evans showed, combined a pastoral peacefulness with the activity of a bee-hive. Principal Dawson cultivated his garden in the northeast corner of the campus and, besides performing the duties of principal, taught all the geology, zoology and botany in the calendar. The students, a bearded and moustachioed group of mature young men, with no cabarets or co-eds to distract them, worked hard and seriously.

Fifty years ago the university grounds were separated from Sherbrooke street by a wooden fence of somewhat ancient character, in the middle of which were unpretentious wooden gates, at the foot of the college avenue, Prof. Evans stated in opening his address:
On the west, or left, side of the avenue was the playing-field where in those days the football matches and other games took place, and where were held the annual college sports. As far as I remember, there was no seating accommodation, the spectators standing around and thus viewing the various events as best they might. The present tennis courts had not been thought of.

On the east side of the avenue was some level ground with trees and a circular bandstand; and the upper end was Dr. Dawson's private garden, where he might often be seen at work in the spring and fall. Down the east side was a pretty little wooded glen through which ran a tiny stream.

The shade trees along the avenue were much smaller than they are now, most of them having been planted not so many years before by the principal, Dr. Dawson, with his own hand and assisted by Robert Hamilton, the efficient and respected janitor of the Arts Building.

The main building stood across the head of the avenue, with McGill's tomb in front, and outwardly looked much as it does today, thanks to the skill of those who had charge of its reconstruction a few years ago. In this building almost all the academic work of the faculties of arts and applied science was carried on. The west wing was known, after its donor, as Molson Hall, and housed the library and reading-room on the ground floor and the Convocation Hall above. The east wing, now occupied by the college offices, was originally intended to be a dormitory; but some time before the period of which we speak, it had been converted into two dwellings, the one in front being the residence of Dr. Dawson, the principal, and the one behind that of the secretary, registrar and bursar, O'Hara Baynes; there too he had his tiny office—the only college office—presided over by himself and one clerk.

There were but three other buildings: the little observatory, the Redpath Museum (which had been opened only that summer), and the old medical building, a rather handsome structure which was afterwards burned down, and which stood on the site of the front of the present biology building.

MANY LIMITATIONS.

Had one entered the main building, it would have been obvious

that it was rather in need of repairs and that it was lighted after dark by means of gas (and not much gas!). During lecture hours, professors and students wore gowns, both in class and about the building; and a large proportion of these individuals—there were no women; they were not admitted till two years later—also wore moustaches, whiskers and even full beards. Most of the not very numerous teaching staff were full professors, there were few lecturers and no demonstrators; and certain of these worthy gentlemen were characters indeed. Some of the limitations under which the institution struggled will be apparent when it is mentioned that there were no laboratories, except a very small chemical laboratory; and that practically none of the professors had private offices—their classrooms serving for this as well as other purposes. Most of the members of the staff were devoted men, conscientiously doing all they could, with in many cases most limited resources, for the promotion of the study of their particular branches. Not a few of them had to give instruction in a variety of subjects.

At that time too the staff in applied science being exceedingly limited (as was also the number of students), outside engineers very generously delivered technical lectures at the college in the evenings.

For instruction in freehand drawing, the engineering students were obliged to attend the evening classes of the Council of Arts and Manufactures, held at the east end of St. James street, more than a mile from the college; and it will be remembered by many of them that they were experimenting during the winter of 1882-83 on that thoroughfare with the first electric arc lamps used for street lighting (about four of them).

And what about the students themselves? It is difficult for one who was of their number to compare them unprejudicially with those of today. The districts from which many of them were drawn were very much more sparsely settled than they are now; and outside a very few of the cities and towns, the school instruction was inadequate. Hence, many, perhaps most, of the men coming up to McGill were poorly prepared, and in addition they had very little money. (I very much doubt if there were more than three dress suits among the lot!) Quite a number had been obliged to work for a few years after leaving school for the small funds which they had, with the consequence that there was a larger proportion of students of rather mature years than there is today. I think that the majority worked harder than they do now, but this was made easier by the fact that there were almost no outside distractions; there were no lady students, no radios, no movies, cabarets, class dances, junior proms. There was not even a Strathcona Hall or a Students' Union. College athletics were exceedingly amateurish and did not take much time, and athletic coaches were an unknown quantity in those benighted times. Strange as it may seem, there was a gymnasium, on University street, below Cathcart; but physical training was not obligatory, and not a very large number of students availed themselves of what there was.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT Custody of Child Sought After Divorce Judgment

The validity of a judgment of the Supreme Court of Ontario, which divorced Vincent Rinaldi and his wife, Oliva Lauzon, may be challenged in habeas corpus proceedings which Rinaldi yesterday instituted in the Superior Court here. The Ontario tribunal awarded him custody of a seven-year-old boy, but the wife, he claims, has refused to surrender the child. Rinaldi's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted and will be argued upon in due course.

Rinaldi and Oliva Lauzon were married in the Roman Catholic church at St. Louis de Terrebonne, Que., in 1919. Two children were born to the marriage but only Adrien, aged seven, survives. Two weeks ago the couple were divorced by the Ontario court in an action brought by Rinaldi, who was awarded custody of the child. Rinaldi now claims that his former wife is in Montreal and has been living with her, and through habeas corpus he seeks to have the judgment of the Ontario court

HARPELL CASE TO COME UP MONDAY

Arrangements Made to Avoid Delay—Chief Justice to Preside

So as not to delay the hearing of the Harpell trial in the Court of King's Bench on Monday morning, Mr. Justice Charles A. Wilson will pass sentence on two prisoners found guilty during the present term of the Assizes in one of the Court of Sessions court rooms.

The men to be sentenced are Sebastian Vaitz, convicted of indecent assault, and J. E. Lalonde, found guilty of manslaughter in connection with a death arising out of an automobile accident. Five other prisoners remain to be sentenced by Chief Justice Greenshield who presided at their trial, and who, it is expected, will handle the Harpell case, and their sentences will be deferred until the completion of the libel hearing. The men are: Louis Miller, Charles Feigenbaum, Max Finklestein, Julius Levine and Julius Cohen. Feigenbaum pleaded guilty to the offence of smuggling goods into Canada from the United States, the remaining four being found guilty of the offence by jury.

As far as could be ascertained the Harpell trial will proceed on Monday. E. A. B. Ladouceur, K.C., Clerk of the Crown, stated yesterday that the case was on the roll and that the arrangements made for Mr. Justice Wilson to sentence the prisoners in one of the Court of Sessions rooms lent weight to his belief that the case would go on. He recalled also that the Chief Justice had signified his intention of finishing the case during the November Assizes and had made that clear to counsel.

VANCOUVER MARKET Gains and Losses Were Fairly Well Divided

Vancouver, December 16.—Gains and losses were fairly well divided on the Vancouver Stock Exchange today. Total sales were 35,500 shares, slightly above yesterday. Closing bid price on Bralorne was 1.12, six cents below yesterday's close but sales were all at 1.18. Pioneer Gold was down five cents at .45. Reno closed at .61, up one cent. In the oils, A. P. Con. gained one cent at .06½ and Mercury ¾ cent at .07%.

Turtle Soup King Busy

London, December 16.—Britain's turtle soup season has been officially opened by the Lord Mayor's banquet, and James Coffey is consequently a very busy man. Mr. Coffey is London's high priest of turtle soup and has a precious 200-year-old secret formula for the turtle consommé which heralds important aldermanic dinners. In olden days London aldermen used to consume vast quantities of turtle soup. Mr. Coffey says such is not so true these days.

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FLEW 25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Graham Bell's Machine Made in Baddeck Workshop

(Special to The Gazette.)
Baddeck, N.S., December 16.—Twenty-five years ago this month, to be exact, on December 13, 1907, an item appeared in the press to the effect that Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's flying machine rose to a considerable height after being taken from the workshop at Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The machine, which had not then a motor installed, but was used as a glider, was in charge of the late Lieutenant Selfridge, U.S.A., for whom Selfridge Field, Mount Clements, Mich., is named. Previous to this, F. W. "Casey" Baldwin, a grandson of Hon. Robert Baldwin, Premier of Canada before Confederation, made what is claimed to be one of the first public flights of an airplane in North America when he flew a machine powered with a gasoline motor at Baddeck which was the joint effort of himself as chief engineer, with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, J. A. D. McCurdy, Glenn H. Curtis and others, who organized an effort at Baddeck for the purpose of producing a successful flying machine.

On this flight of March 12, 1907, it is stated the plane, which was named the Red Bird, raced 150 feet, then took off and at a general altitude of from ten to twenty feet flew for a distance of 319 feet and alighted without mishap. In the next flight he crashed the Red Bird.

Mr. Baldwin designed a machine, the White Wing, which made a world's record flight of 339 yards in 1908. Baddeck figures prominently in the early history of aviation and the late Dr. Alexander Graham Bell is buried at the top of the hill overlooking the town and beautiful Bras d'Or Lake, a simple boulder marking his last resting place. During the tourist season, according to the tourist and convention bureau of the Canadian National Railways, many tourists make a pilgrimage to the grave to see where the remains of the man who gave the world the telephone and who also contributed largely to the development of the heavier-than-air flying lies. Dr. Bell was so entranced with the beauty of the scenery around Baddeck that he built a summer home there and carried on many experiments in the laboratory which he established close by.

Skating Accident Is Fatal

Chicoutimi, Que., December 16.—Edmond, nine-year-old son of Arthur Bergeron, of this town, is dead from a broken spine, received in a fall while skating.

Norbeck Bill Favored

Washington, December 16.—A favorable report on the Norbeck Bill giving the Secretary of Agriculture power to adjust seed, feed and crop production loans was issued today by the United States agriculture committee.

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Dec. 29
Jan. 5

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA

Ottawa March 4th 1933

Personal.

Lt. Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

My dear Colonel:-

We have here in the S Series, Provincial Secretary's Office, Canada East, three volumes of Documents relating to McGill University. They have been used by Dr Abbott to write her history of McGill, Faculty of Medicine, but I do not know whether you possess a complete transcription of its contents. I am engaged just now in examining it for a member of Parliament. While some documents are being copied, it would be easy to have a duplicate made. If General Currie would just drop me a line or two stating McGill's interest in securing such copies, it would pave the way to its being done. Of course, this is only a suggestion I am offering as I have a weakness for McGill, the Library of which has always been open so generously to me for my work.

Yours sincerely,

Gustave Lanctot

March 6th, 1933.

Major Gustave Lanctot,
The Public Archives,
O t t a w a.

My dear Major Lanctot:-

I understand that you have in the Archives three volumes of documents relating to McGill University. We have no complete transcription of these and should be very glad indeed, if at any time you were having copies made, you would have an additional one prepared for donation to the University.

We have always appreciated very highly the assistance which the Archives give us and, if it were possible for you to help us in this case, we should be very much obliged.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

Wm. Perkins Bull

Meredith Crescent

Toronto - Canada

Randolph 9020
Cables: "Bulwiper" Toronto

17 December, 1931.

General Sir Arthur Currie,

McGill University,

Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I think we have not met since you were at my little hospital effort in London.

Let me say "Hello" and wish you and Lady Currie the compliments of the season.

Having done this, let me tell you my troubles:

As you possibly observed in the press, Premier Henry made the formal presentation to my son Michael of a Canadiana library which was autographed as far as possible by the authors, the illustrators, and the subjects or parties treated in each volume.

We have been unable to get the signatures of Sir Daniel Wilson and the late Principal Grant of Queen's.

Possibly among the McGill papers there may be some inconsequential holographs, or documents, or papers, or letters, not of vital importance which could be given me or from which signatures could be taken.

The library goes to London, where my son is practising in the Inner Temple.

He was married to Sir George Hennessey's daughter there in July past.

Another matter I am engaged in is an effort to write a History of the County of Peel.

Trusting that I am not a nuisance, I am, with kind personal regards

Yours sincerely,

Wm Perkins Bull

WPB:F

March 4, 1933.

A. B. Chaffee, Esq.,
President, The International Railway Publishing Co.,
1100 Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal. P. Q.

My dear Mr. Chaffee,

I am indeed very grateful for your kindness in sending me copy of the first McGill Song Book. This souvenir I shall prize highly. It was also very interesting to me to receive a copy of the University Gazette, as published on the 15th December, 1877. I read Mr. MacLean's article with much interest. Mr. MacLean was quite correct in his opinion that the establishment of a French medical school in Montreal could do no harm to McGill, neither can I see that our Arts School has suffered, nor our Law School. Regarding the latter, I think it has been possible for us to devise a better and more complete course, unhampered by French influence. As you may know, we have not always agreed with our French compatriots on the manner of giving a legal education. I hold strong views that our own plans are the better.

Wishing you the best of good luck, and with renewed thanks,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

P.S. If, by any chance, you have another copy of the song book to spare, it might be interesting to the MCGILL DAILY or the NEWS.

DOCKET STARTS:

10th Sept. 1931.

220 St. Sacrament Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur

We enclosed very interest
Jaw. I hope you and Lady
Birnie had an enjoyable
Summer.

Yours sincerely
Henry Joseph

Gen Sir Arthur Birnie G.C.M.G.
McGill University -

Historical

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MONTREAL, APRIL 1, 1909 19

COPY

Dear Mr Peterson,

In order to keep to my promise, made to you
sometime ago, I intend giving an option to purchase the properties
on the North East corner of Sherbrooke and MacTavish Streets at
noon tomorrow, unless you desire to buy them. The price for
Lot cadastral No 1806 St Antoine Ward, with the Building thereon
is \$125000, for the Lot 1805 (vacant) \$2,00 per foot.

Yours truly,

Signed Henry Joseph.

DR PETERSON,

MONTREAL.

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MONTREAL, APRIL 2, 1909 19

COPY.

Henry Joseph, Esq.

Messrs Henry Joseph & Co.
16 St Sacramento St.
MONTREAL,

Dear Mr Joseph, -

Thanks for your letter of yesterday's date
the courtesy of which is highly appreciated. I have reported the
substance of your communication to the Treasurer of the Finance
Committee. We regret that it would not be possible for us to make
an offer for the properties in question at the price named.
For the present, our main interest would be in that part of the
vacant lot which adjoins the Library and if you do not carry
through now the sale of the whole property, I shall be glad to
hear from you again on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

signed W. Peterson.

Principal.

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MONTREAL, APRIL 2, 1909 19

COPY

HON. LIONEL GUEST.

MONTREAL.

Dear Sir,

We herewith give you the option until Noon Friday the 17th April, 1909, to purchase the properties on the North East corner of Sherbrooke and McTavish Streets, known as lot cadastral No 1806 St Antoine Ward, with the buildings thereon for \$125000, and, lot 1805 St Antoine Ward, which is vacant, for \$2.00 per square foot. You can take either or both. You are to have the privilege of extending this option until Friday the 30th April, 1909, on payment of \$1000.

Yours truly,

Signed H. Joseph & Co.

September 16, 1931.

Henry Joseph, Esq.,
220 St. Sacrament Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Mr. Joseph,

Let me acknowledge with many thanks
copy of correspondence with reference to the interest-
ing negotiations for the purchase of the Joseph property
by the University. This will make a welcome addition
to our records.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

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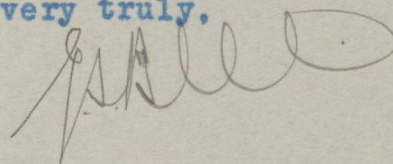
Principal McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:

While going through the effects of my Father, Robert W. Bell, who died about a year ago, I came across a few old photographs of some of the professors at McGill University, who were there during Father's term. It is quite likely you have in the records of the University, photographs of these gentlemen but it occurred to me that they might be of some interest to somebody there, and I am, therefore, enclosing them for you to dispose of as you see fit.

I also have a photo of the graduating Medical Class of 1873, and will be glad to forward it to you if you would care to have it.

Yours very truly,



GSB/GH

August 2nd, 1924.

The Library,
McGill University.

I am sending you herewith
complete set of photographs of the McGill
Medical Faculty of 1870, which have been
presented to the University by Mr. G. S. Bell.

The collection was made by
Mr. Bell's father, the late Dr. Robert W.
Bell of Toronto, Medicine 1873.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

July 17th, 1924.

G. S. Bell, Esq.,
C/o. Gundy & Gundy,
Canadian Pacific Railway Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Bell:-

I am very much obliged for your
letter of the 11th instant with the photographs
enclosed therein.

These are of especial interest
in view of the fact that they constitute a complete
set of photographs of the Medical Faculty at the
time your father was working there and I am very
glad indeed to have them. They will be published
in the Saturday edition of the Star and I shall
have a copy sent to you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DOCKET ENDS:

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Historical

September
Twenty-ninth
1921.

J. C. Ballantyne, Esq.,
Clerk of Faculties,
The University,
Glasgow, Scotland.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt this morning of your letter of September 15th to which were attached photographs from one of the old Matriculation Albums of Glasgow University, which disclose that James McGill was a graduate of that institution.

I am indeed grateful to you and to Sir Donald MacAlister for sending these interesting cuts to us. Will you please convey my thanks and good wishes to the Principal and say to him that we are sorry he will not be with us on the occasion of the Reunion. Also say to him that I shall write him after the event takes place.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



J. C. BALLANTYNE,
Clerk of Faculties.

The University, Glasgow.

September 15th 1921.

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., etc., etc.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal,
CANADA.

Dear Sir,

At the request of Principal Sir Donald MacAlister,
and with his compliments, I send to you the accompanying
photographs from one of the Old Matriculation Albums in
regard to James McGill the Founder of McGill University,
Montreal.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Ballantyne

CLERK OF FACULTIES.

Enclosure.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Historical

Dean's Office:

FRANK D. ADAMS., PH.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.—DEAN.

MONTREAL

April 18th. 1923.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In a recent catalogue of second-hand books issued by one of the booksellers in England I saw a book entitled "The Journal of a Visitation in a portion of the Diocese of Quebec by the Lord Bishop of Montreal in 1846". It is quite a small book and I sent for it. In it there is a rather interesting reference to McGill College which he visited officially in this year.

I have thought that you might like to read what His Lordship had to say about McGill at that time, and have, therefore, had that portion of the Journal dealing with McGill University typewritten and I am enclosing a copy of it to you herewith.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

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October
Eleventh
1922.

John Horn, Esq.,
16 Fort Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Horn:-

I wish to thank you for your letter
of the 8th of October.

The matter that you mention will
receive immediate and proper attention.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Judson

November
Twenty-second
1921.

Colin H. Livingstone, Esq.,
American National Bank Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Livingstone:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
yesterday of your letter of November 18th and
to-day of the copy of the first Song Book prepared
for the use of McGill students.

I thank you most warmly and sincerely
for your thoughtful kindness in sending this book
to us. I am having it placed in the Library, as I
consider that the proper place for such an historical
document.

Most cordially reciprocating your
good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

COLIN H. LIVINGSTONE
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 14, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
the 10th instant addressed to my father, Mr. Colin H.
Livingstone.

He is still absent from town and upon his return
your letter will be laid before him.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth M. Livingstone

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DOCKET STARTS:

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History

September
Twenty-second
1921.

George Wilson, Esq.,
5621 So. Ashland Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 20th of September.

The latest history of McGill will
be on sale here about the 13th of October. If
you will send \$3.00 to the University I shall be
pleased to mail you a copy of the book.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Chicago Illinois

Sept 20-21

President Mc Gill University

Dear Sir -

I am writing to ask you a great favor. You have in your Library a short sketch of the life of Peter Mc Gill founder of the University. He was related to my mother and with an estate she received a miniature of the Late Peter Mc Gill. I have promised to permit an art exhibitor to display it and He would like a little history

about him I can find nothing
ing in our public library
but know you have in your
Genealogy as I looked thru
it some years ago when
in your city on a visit
With sincerest thanks for
your kindness I am

Very Sincerely
George Wilson
5621 So. Ashland
Ave.
Chicago
Illinois

DOCKET ENDS:

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McGill
History

May
Sixth
1921.

Rev. Canon Jarvis,
8 Sussex Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Reverend Jarvis:-

I thank you for your letter of May 4th and for the information it contained. I shall place the letter before the Committee in charge of the arrangement for the Centennial ceremonies to take place next Fall.

I very much appreciated receiving the other day a copy of a photograph of the Rev. George Mountain, who was the first Principal of McGill, a position he held from 1829-35. The original photograph is, I am told, in the possession of Archbishop Bond.

You speak of having some old documents which throw some light on the period of his Principalship. When they come to light again I would appreciate very much your letting me know and perhaps you might let us have a look at them, in order that we might add to our files anything of interest.

With all good wishes and many thanks for your thoughtfulness, I am,

Yours faithfully,

8 Sussex Ave

Toronto May 21st 1921

To the Principal
University of McGill Coll:

Dear Sir

A notice in today's
Morning paper (Mail & Empire)
tells us that a search is being made
to discover a descendant of the
founder of McGill, with a view
to securing his attendance at
the Centennial celebration next
Autumn.

May I suggest that it
might be fitting to have present
on that occasion a representative

of the first Principal - the late
D. J. Mountain Bishop of Quebec,
at that time (1821) Archbishop of
Montreal?

If it was who is said to
have initiated the plan to convert
the College into a University, and
this was accomplished largely
through his instrumentality, in
1823 he was appointed a professor
and Principal.

The Authorities at my dis-
posal are not very clear as to
whether there was a Principal
of the College in Authority
during the transition period,
but the implication is that, under
the new foundation, D. J. Mountain,
who had been recommended for
the post, is to be recognized as

the first Principal of McGill in
its status as a University, and that
he retained the office for some
ten or twelve years.

I have some correspondence
covering the date in my possession
which might throw light on the subject,
if there is any such of information,
but owing to a recent change of
residence these papers are in a state
of confusion & it would be difficult
to consult them.

Some time ago I was engaged
upon an investigation of the history
of the Mountain family and
discovered that there are now no
male descendants, bearing the
name Mountain, of the first
Bishop of Quebec (father of Bishop
S. J. Mountain of whom we are proud

speaking) nor of his Elder
Brother the first official Rector
of Montreal, my Great Grand-
father. If it is desirable to have
a representative of the first Principal
Present at the Celebration, and
assuming that Bp. Mountain
was the first, the Rev. Gustave
Nichols, now resident in Montreal,
a son of the late Principal Nichols
of Bishop's College, Lennoxville and
Grandson of Bishop G.D. Mountain
is his Senior, if not sole representative
living - I am related, only by
way of Cousinship.

With apologies for bringing this
matter to your notice

I am

Yours sincerely

Attendant

My address is

Rev. Lawson Jarvis

as above