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## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF A GREAT NEWSPAPER

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\$300,000,000; then it was a slowly growing town amid somewhat sleepy surroundings, today it is still the commercial and financial centre of the Dominion. The Star developed with the City and the nation, Mr. Graham grew with the growth of both. But the struggle at first was one which combines the romance of history with the stern realities of modern life. George Murray, in an article written in 1909, said: "The fight to set that paper on its feet would afford material for a journalistic epic. Before long the two partners differed. Lanigan, backed by a local capitalist, wanted to advocate annexation with the United States, presumably in order to attract attention to the paper. But Graham objected; his father had taught him better than that. So Lanigan withdrew and Graham went on alone. An offer from his principal creditors to give him, as sole proprietor, a clean sheet was refused; and the young proprietor announced

his intention to pay every cent of the overwhelming debt of his paper, with interest. And this he did, but not until he had tasted every experience that comes to the man who insists upon making bricks without straw." Credit at times was very low, as was the circulation. Both, however, grew gradually and steadily.

### Early Successes

In April, 1870, the business office was removed to 89 Little St. James Street, and in August, to 91 St. James St., where it remained



*The Montreal Star's Second Building*