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Lord Strathcona's benefactions were on a scale commensurate with his wealth and material achievements. He gave liberally to educational institutions and charities, both in the Mother Country and in Canada. McGill University profited greatly by his munificence, also Aberdeen University, while hospitals in London, Montreal, and elsewhere never appealed to him in vain. Public honours were showered upon him. He was honorary LL.D. of Cambridge, Victoria (Manchester), Yale, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Toronto Universities, and a D.C.L. of Oxford. In 1899 Aberdeen University elected him Lord Rector, and in 1903 he became its Chancellor. When the fourth centenary of the university was celebrated he gave a great feast that was the talk of the kingdom. He had residences in London, Glencoe, N.B., Colonsay, N.B., Knebworth (rented from Earl Lytton), Essex, Pictou (Nova Scotia), Winnipeg, and Montreal. At several of these places he gathered almost priceless treasures of art. He was fond of pictures, and particularly fond of Chinese and Japanese curios. The Japanese Government offered immense prices for some of his possessions, but he would not part with them. At Knebworth he dispensed a liberal hospitality, and Canadians visiting London were freely invited to his garden parties. Those of Lord Strathcona's many friends who have had the privilege of being his guests at Knebworth Castle, Deben House, Glencoe, or Grosvenor Square, will never forget the genial and warm-hearted hospitality of Lord and Lady Strathcona and their daughter the Hon. Mrs. Howard. Lord Strathcona was a member of the Athenaeum Club, and his hobbies included yachting, in virtue of which he was Hon. Commodore of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. He was also President of the Quebec Rifle Association.

He made a notable addition to the record of his munificence by giving £100,000 in 1909 to McGill University, of which he