

The Right Hon. the Earl of Bessborough
Governor General of Canada. Visitor of McGill University

~~Acceptance by Lord Bessborough.~~

Mr. Vice Chancellor,

As Visitor of this University I have pleasure on behalf of the University in accepting this fountain, in the spirit in which it is offered, and I charge the Vice Chancellor to have it in his safekeeping.

Sir Arthur Currie

~~Reply of the Principal and Vice Chancellor~~

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I need not say how very gladly and proudly we accept this gift, so solemnly committed to our care. We believe that there is no place where such a gift could be more properly placed than at McGill. McGill is an educational institution, and, I hope, will always remain a seat of learning. Education stands for these principles of friendship and of understanding, to the sacredness of which this gift of Mrs. Whitney's bears witness. At McGill we have always had very close and friendly relations with many American institutions. It is impossible for me to say how much we owe to two great Foundations of the United States - the Rockefeller and the Carnegie Foundations. Members of our Faculties keep in very close contact with their brothers in the United States. We have in our own way tried to give evidence to this feeling of friendship. Many of our graduates are now in the United States, living and labouring there, filling very important positions in the educational and the commercial and the professional life of that country. At the same time many Americans are living in our country, filling very important positions here and helping