

Benefactors of the McGill College, Montreal.

THE HONORABLE JAMES MCGILL, by his last Will and Testament, under date 8th January, 1811, bequeathed the Estate of Burnside, situated near the City of Montreal, and containing forty-seven Acres of Land, with the Manor House and Buildings thereon erected, and also the sum of ten thousand pounds in money, unto "The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning," constituted by Act of Parliament in the Forty-First year of the reign of his Majesty, King George the Third, to erect and establish an University or College, for the purposes of education, and the advancement of learning in the Province of Lower Canada, with a competent number of Professors and Teachers to render such Establishment effectual and beneficial for the purposes intended requiring that one of the Colleges to be comprised in the said University, should be named and perpetually be known and distinguished by the appellation of "McGill College."

The value of the above mentioned property was estimated at the date of the bequest at.....£30,000.

At a meeting called by a number of the influential citizens of Montreal, and held at the Merchant's Exchange 6th December, 1856, for the purpose of taking into consideration the financial condition of the University of McGill College, —The following Resolution was adopted:

"That an effort ought to be made for increasing the Endowment of McGill College in such a manner as to extend its usefulness, and to place it for the future upon an independent and permanent footing."

Whereupon, in pursuance of the above Resolution, the following Donations were enrolled for Special or General objects connected with the University,—the Royal Institution granting Scholarships in perpetuity according to the value of the Donations.

In 1860 the sum of £200 presented to the College, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was applied to the foundation of a Gold Medal, to be called the "Prince of Wales Gold Medal."

In 1861, the "William Molson Hall," being the west wing of the McGill College Buildings, with the Museum Rooms, and Chemical Laboratory and Class Rooms, was erected through the munificent donation of the founder whose name it bears.

In 1864, the "Anne Molson Gold Medal" was founded by Mrs. John Molson, of Belmont Hall, Montreal, for an honour course in Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

In the same year the "Shakspeare Gold Medal" for an honour course, to comprise and include the works of Shakspeare and the Literature of England from his time to the time of Addison, both inclusive, and such other accessory subjects as the Corporation may from time to time appoint,—was founded by Citizens of Montreal, on occasion of the three-hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Shakspeare.

In the same year, the "Logan Gold Medal," for an honour course in Geology and Natural Science, was founded by Sir William Edmund Logan, LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., &c.

The Honorable John Molson, Thomas Molson, Esq., William Molson, Esq., for the formation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language and Literature.	}.....£5,000.
John Gordon Mackenzie, Esq.....	£500.
Ira Gould, Esq.....	500.
John Frothingham, Esq.....	500.
John Torrance, Esq.....	500.
James B. Greenshields, Esq.....	300.
William Busby Lambe, Esq.....	300.
Sir George Simpson, Knight.....	250.
Henry Thomas, Esq.....	250.
John Redpath, Esq.....	250.
James McDougall, Esq.....	250.
James Mitchell, Esq.....	250.
James Torrance, Esq.....	250.
Honorable James Ferrier.....	250.
John Smith, Esq.....	250.
Harrison Stephens, Esq.....	250.
Henry Chapman, Esq.....	150.
Mr. Chapman also founded a Gold Medal to be given annually for the greatest general proficiency in the graduating class in Arts.	
John James Day, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Peter McGill.....	150.
Thomas Brown Anderson, Esq.....	150.
Peter Redpath, Esq.....	150.
Thomas M. Taylor, Esq.....	150.
Joseph MacKay, Esq.....	150.
Augustus N. Heward, Esq.....	150.
Donald Lorn McDougall, Esq.....	150.
Honorable John Rose.....	150.
Charles Alexander, Esq.....	150.
Moses E. David, Esq.....	150.
William Carter, Esq.....	150.
Thomas Paton, Esq.....	150.
William Workman, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Alexander T. Galt.....	150.
Luther H. Holton, Esq.....	150.
Henry Lyman, Esq.....	150.
David Torrance, Esq.....	150.
Edwin Atwater, Esq.....	150.
Theodore Hart, Esq.....	150.
William Forsyth Grant, Esq.....	150.
Robert Campbell, Esq.....	150.
Alfred Savage, Esq.....	150.
James Ferrier, Esq., Jr.....	150.
William Stephen, Esq.....	150.
N. S. Whitney, Esq.....	150.
William Dow, Esq.....	150.
William Watson, Esq.....	150.
Edward Major, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Charles Dewey Day.....	50.
John R. Esdaile, Esq.....	50.

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