

BENEFACTORS OF THE McGill University, Montreal.

THE HONOURABLE 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 purpose 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 Merchants' Exchange 6th December, 1863, 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.

The Honorable John Molson	}.....£5,000
Thomas Molson, Esq.,	
William Molson, Esq.,	}.....500
for the formation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language & Literature.	
John Gordon McKenzie, Esq.	500
Ira Gould, Esq.	500

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 the 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 Science.

In the same year the "Shakespeare Gold Medal," for an honour course, to comprise and include the works of Shakespeare 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 Shakespeare.

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.

In 1865 the "Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal" was founded by John Torrance, Esq., of St. Antoine Hall, Montreal, in memory of the late Mrs. John Torrance, for the best student in the graduating class in Law, and more especially for the highest proficiency in Roman Law.

In the same year the "Holmes Gold Medal" was founded by the Medical Faculty, as a memorial of the late Andrew Holmes, Esquire, M.D., LL.D., late Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to be given to the best Student in the graduating class in Medicine, who shall undergo a special examination in all the branches, whether Primary or Final.

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 Torrance, Esq.	250
Honourable James Ferrier, Esq.	250
John Smith, Esq.	250
Harrison Stephens, Esq.	250
Henry Chapman, Esq.	150
Mr. Chapman also founded a Gold Medal to be given annually in the graduating class in Arts.	
John James Day, Esq.	150
Honourable Peter McGill.	150
Thomas Brown Anderson, Esq.	150
Peter Redpath, Esq.	150
Thomas M. Taylor, Esq.	150
Joseph McKay, Esq.	150
Donald Lorn McDougall, Esq.	150
Honourable John Rose, Esq.	150
Charles Alexander Esq.	150
Moses E. David, Esq.	150
William Carter, Esq.	150
Thomas Paton, Esq.	150
William Workman, Esq.	150
Honourable 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 Stephens, Esq.	150
N. S. Whitney Esq.	150
William Dow, Esq.	150
William Watson, Esq.	150
Edward Major, Esq.	150
Honourable Charles Dewey Day.	50
John R Esdaile, Esq.	50
Mrs. G. Frothingham, for the "Carpenter Collection" of shells.	\$233
C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P., in aid of the chair of Practical Chemistry.	\$1,200
Principal Dawson, in aid of the same	1,200
P. Redpath, Esq., do., do.	266
William Molson, Esq.	\$500
J. H. R. Molson, Esq.	500
Peter Redpath, Esq.	500
George Moffatt, Esq.	250
Andrew Robertson, Esq.	100
For the purchase of Philosophical Apparatus.	

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