Desrivières family. To enable this essential condition to be realized, the lecturers of the Montreal Medical Institution, now an active teaching body of established reputation, was "engrafted on" the University of McGill College as its Medical Faculty. This event happened at the meeting of June 29th, 1829, and the first session of the Medical Faculty of McGill University took place in the winter of 1829-30.

The Faculty remained on St. James Street for some years after this event, and then removed to a house on St. George Street, near Craig, where they remained until 1845. From 1845 to 1851, they occupied the central part of the Arts Building, which, with the east wing, was the only portion of the present Arts Building then standing. In 1851, they again returned to the heart of the city, to No. 15 Coté Street. In 1872, the front block of the present Medical Building was erected, and the Faculty returned to the university grounds not to leave them again. The building of 1872, was extended and renovated in 1885, in 1895, and again in 1901, when the present new building was completed.