

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Principal
and Vice Chancellor.

To Their Imperial Highnesses
Prince & Princess Takamatsu of Japan
Greeting.

McGill University feels that you have conferred upon her a distinguished honour by your visit to her halls to-day. With all Canada we rejoice that in your wide travels you have included a visit to our country. Compared with yours in age, ours is but the child of yesterday, with all the ambitions and aspirations of youth. Yet we do not forget that the people of Japan have shown a freshness, a vigour, an enthusiasm and an adaptiveness of which any young country might be proud. With all this, they have retained the grace of life and the loyalty of heart and purpose that go with an ancient tradition. We appreciate your interest in us, an interest most warmly reciprocated.

McGill University, one of the oldest institutions in this old city of Montreal, has its roots and interests in Canada as a whole and extending far beyond our national boundaries. Students come from and graduates go to all parts of the world. We belong to an Empire whose seat and mighty heart lies across the Atlantic, yet we are not unmindful of our Western gateway opening out to the Pacific and the Far East. We have long had an active interest in that world. We are interested in the fast-increasing trade with those peoples, ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ their history, their culture and their way of life. Above all are we interested in having the widest of oceans live up to its name. The peace of the Pacific ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ will largely depend on the mutual good will, respect and understanding of ^{those} the ~~peoples~~ who live by its shores.