

Sir Arthur Currie

May 29, 1931.
Whitney Friendship
Fountain.

On another occasion, today I endeavoured

I have already ventured to express to Your Excellency our warm appreciation of this, Your Excellency's first official visit. It is with great joy that we welcome you to the precincts of the University and look forward to your part in the ceremony of this afternoon.

As I intimated the morning
McGill University carries on its functions under a royal charter granted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and we trust that our existence will forever rest upon ^{such a} ~~the same~~ ^{sure and safe} foundation. We at McGill feel that ~~we~~ ^{it} has a place of ~~its own~~ ^{its own} in the Empire, that we are not limited by the bounds of ~~the~~ ^{any} province, or even of ~~the~~ ^{any} country.

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~~Country~~ Dominion, and we regard Your Excellency's authority over our organisation as a constant reminder of our great duty to the Empire.

It is a ^{very} happy occasion which brings your Excellency here to ~~receive~~ ^{receive} ~~the~~ ^{on behalf of the} ~~University~~ ^{University} gift which the artist and our friends on the Committee of Sponsors have offered to the people of Canada, ~~choosing as their trustee this University,~~ ^{having asked McGill University} (of which Your Excellency, as representative of His Majesty, is Visitor) to act as their trustee.

We await Your Excellency's acceptance, and disposal ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{of} this magnificent gift.