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### Editorials.

#### VICTORIA HALL.

The citizens of Montreal have as yet made no arrangement for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. In Ottawa, Lady Macdonald, it is said, has originated the idea of erecting a permanent art museum and industrial science college, to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. In our own city we have the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, better known as the McGill University, an institution unsurpassed in the Dominion in any course and unexcelled by any other university in its Medical teaching. What

could be more appropriate than to celebrate the Royal Jubilee by endowing the Royal Institution? At the present time McGill University is sadly in need of extra accommodation, if not for its class-rooms, at least for the students themselves. The many men who come from other parts of the Dominion and from the United States now board in different parts of the city, often at a disagreeable distance from the college, and take their meals wherever they can get them. These boarding houses are under the supervision of the University authorities, yet we feel assured that both parents and faculty would be glad to have the student closer still under the Academic wing. The students themselves are eager for such a change, but the University, though flourishing, is not yet wealthy enough to erect suitable buildings. At the present time the College Y.M.C.A. is collecting funds to erect a building with reading rooms, gymnasium and other conveniences for the students, especially for those who are not natives of the city. Why not add to this building? Let the city show its loyalty to the Queen by building a students' wing to McGill College containing dormitories, dining hall, gymnasium, reading rooms and a science laboratory for the engineering faculty. The building might be erected in front of the Principal's House, as a companion to the Redpath Museum, and contain a large hall fitted for lecturing and convocation. The Molson Hall has had its day. It is a good place for holding examinations in, but is far too small to accommodate the students and those interested in them on convocation day. If McGill had a good lecture hall easily accessible to the public, there would then be no excuse for the lack of lectures by our professors, and a series of discourses might be inaugurated which, delivered by men so capable as are our own professors in their own departments, could not fail to bring the University into greater prominence than now, and redound to an immense intellectual advantage to the citizens of Montreal. The College is cosmopolitan in creed and race, so that there can be no sectarian or race cry raised against the proposal of commemorating the Queen's Jubilee by the erection of a Students' building in connection with our University. The loyalty of English men of wealth has already shown itself in the endowment of colleges, one having received from one person the sum of £15,000 to erect a Jubilee building.