

his being questioned by the Principal about his vocation, he answered that he did not think he was called to the priesthood, his only ambition was to study medicine. He therefore entered, in 1864, the Laval University, as a medical student. It was here that his talents showed in a remarkable manner, by carrying off, three years successively, the first Morrin Prize from such brilliant students as Gill and Larose. On the 20th May, 1867, he entered the Military School and, in the incredible space of three weeks, obtained the first class certificate after undergoing a most honorable examination before Lord John Russell. He seemed to have had no difficulty in studying, for he not only found time to pursue his own studies, but also to give lessons, which he did, three times a week, in the family of the Hon. Judge Caron—our present Lieutenant Governor, and if he had any leisure moments, he passed them with his mother whom he tenderly loved. He was naturally of an original, proud and independant disposition, admirably mild and full of energy, he had hardly begun the practice of medecine when fortune smiled on him. In a very short time he had an immense practice and probably, if he had been spared, he would have been, in a few years, the leading physician of the city. Whilst a student, though poor, he was never discouraged.