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### THE COLLEGES OF CANADA.

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#### The McGill University.

(Continued from our last.)

In addition to the buildings we have described, the members of the Faculty of Medicine hold a two story brick house of plain exterior situated in Côté street. On the ground floor there are two large rooms occupied as a library, museum and lecture room. Above, are dissecting rooms and anatomical lecture rooms. It is intended by the University to acquire this building and to enlarge and improve it to meet the increasing demands of the Faculty for additional accommodation."

There is no accommodation at present for the Faculty of Law in any of the buildings belonging to the University; but its lectures are given in the court house. There is at present no Faculty of Theology in existence.

The Faculty of Law consists of five professors. The present Dean is professor Abbott. The annuary of the University thus states the principles on which the courses are framed: "The officers of this Faculty have felt that the Law of Lower Canada though in many of its details purely

local, retains as its leading characteristics the noble and imposing features of the civil law, and that the principles established in the Roman jurisprudence, still form the groundwork of many of its departments. The lectures therefore though prepared with especial reference to the Law of Lower Canada have been as far as consistent with their primary object divested of any purely sectional character, and are made to inculcate such comprehensive principles as form to a great extent the basis of every system of jurisprudence. It is considered that this system will afford students of the Laws of Lower Canada a better foundation for their subsequent studies, and tend to give them a more extended and comprehensive grasp of legal subjects, than a course of instruction conducted solely with reference to local Law; while it is hoped, in view of the increased importance which the study of the civil Law is every where assuming, that the advantages offered, and the mode of education adopted by this Faculty will open to it an extensive field of usefulness.

The complete course of study in this Faculty extends over three years, but may be shortened to two years when the student graduates in the fourth year of his indentures.

Professor Aylwin lectures on public and constitutional Law, and on criminal Law, the latter only to the students of the third year. Professor Abbott lectures on obligations and on the general principles of the Law of contracts, to the students of the first year, on commercial contracts, agency, bailments, partnerships, bills and notes and insurances, to the students of the second year; on the Law of shipping, on pleading and on practice, to the students of the third year. Professor Torrance lectures on the rights of persons under the Roman Law, to the students of the first year, on actions, to those of the second year, and on international Law, conflict of Laws, corporations and evidence, to those of the third year; Professor Lafrenaye lectures on the origin and history of the Laws of France, of England, and of Lower Canada, to the students of the first year; on the bibliography of