

time he had been a member of the Quebec Legislature, he had had occasion to see the other side of the story in connection with this Institute, but now he was glad to be given an opportunity of witnessing its higher side. He sincerely complimented the trustees on the devotion they had shown, and said they had rendered society a signal service. He hoped all nationalities would unite on this question, and so secure for all an intellectual success.

Mr. Hugh McLennan felt that Montreal had long wanted an institution of the kind which had proved of such benefit to the greatest cities. He believed it was an inestimable boon to the present generation, and its influence would be felt in coming generations. He hoped the Library would meet with such help and encouragement, as would enable it to become a circulating library, and he felt certain that citizens could not do a better deed than give it their hearty support. (Applause.)

Mr. Justice Mackay said he had been favorably impressed with the excellent, and, indeed able, report made by Mr. Abbott, of the standing of the Institute. He considered the opening of the Library as an intellectual awakening which could not but be of great benefit to the city. He felt in this respect that citizens who wanted to do so, should make gifts during their lifetime, and thus preclude the possibility of the litigation which almost always ensued after the death of the testator, as had been the case in this instance, and in that of McGill University. The utility of the Institution would be greatly increased when it would be made a circulating library, and he hoped that time would soon come. He said that the works of art he had given to the Library were ready at any time the Governors wished to take them away, and he trusted that other citizens who had the welfare of the city at heart, would follow his example in making donations. (Applause.)

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