

McGill University set out to raise \$1,000,000 for an endowment fund. The committee having this work in charge raised \$1,500,000 in a few days. With a good cause and enthusiastic workers, it does not seem to be very difficult to secure money in large sums. The students in science gave \$2 per head, and those in medicine \$3.

The late Dr. James Bell, of Montreal, who died April 11 last, left an estate valued at \$34,574.02, his will being filed for probate in the Surrogate Court the other morning. His estate in Ontario consists of 200 shares of Crown mining stock and 10,000 shares of Silver Leaf mining stock. He bequeaths all his medical apparatus and books to his brother, Dr. John H. Bell, of Montreal. His widow, Edith Mary Bell, is left the rest of the estate.

Very definite steps are being taken throughout Quebec to lessen the sickness and death rates from tuberculosis. Organizations are being formed in various parts of the province.

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#### WESTERN PROVINCES.

An amendment to the Public Health Act of Saskatchewan makes it obligatory on hospitals of 25 beds and over to employ a resident medical officer.

Dr. J. C. Henderson has been appointed Medical Health Officer for Chilliwack, B.C.

A new hospital is to be erected at Stratheona, and the physicians of the town have approved of the plans.

The Alberta Medical Association has already begun active preparations for the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association.

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#### FROM ABROAD.

In the year ending on June 30, 1911, no fewer than 10,396 people were killed on the railroads of the United States, and 150,159 injured.

A striking falling-off in the natural increase in the population of England and Wales is shown in the report just issued by the Registrar-General of the United Kingdom. In the quarter ending Sept. 30 births exceeded deaths by only 81,645, as compared with 123,022 excess of births over deaths in the corresponding quarter of 1910, and 123,309 and 124,054 in the third quarters of 1908 and 1909 respectively. The number of births registered in England and Wales in the third quarter of 1911 was 222,601, a rate of 24.4 annually a thousand of population,