

The affiliation of other College and Theological Schools may be expected, and thus the aids to higher education, which this country so much needs, will always be available to all who may require them, and that in the amplest form; for it is to be observed that this University offers to its students not only an ordinary liberal education, but the means also of high scientific culture and of thorough instruction in the professions of Law, Medicine and Engineering, and that its present position in this respect will enable it, with additional pecuniary resources, to extend itself still further in the direction of professional education.

The importance and claims for support of such a Central Institution are too obvious to require argument and these, great as they now are, will be augmented by the increase of population, wealth and intelligence, bringing with them an appreciation of the value of learning and a demand for the means of its general cultivation. The University of McGill College ought not then to be confounded with the ordinary Schools and other Educational Establishments, sectarian or non-sectarian, which abound in Lower Canada. It stands alone in its character and objects, and requires from the Government a direct and special support adequate to its importance and its wants. To place it, in the distribution of Legislative aid, upon the same footing with those minor establishments which share in the fund placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Education, is an error and an injustice, not only to the University itself but to the whole Protestant community of Lower Canada.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF
MCGILL COLLEGE, FROM 1854 TO 1860.

MATRICULATED	1854-5	1855-6	1856-7	1857-8	1858-9	1859-60
in Arts,.....		17	30	35	40	55
in Medicine,.....		57	36	33	97	108
in Law,.....		15	16	30	30	37
Occasional in Arts,.....		21	12	12	7	5
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Total Students,.....	97	110	154	167	174	205
Teachers in Training in } Normal School,..... }			52	70	83	76
Pupils in High School,.....	185	215	225	242	250	252
" in Model Schools,.....			210	230	300	300
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Total,.....	282	325	641	709	807	833
Grants to the University,...	\$7000	\$4000	\$2800	\$2730	\$2661.75	
" to the High School } for Educating 30 } free Scholars,..... }	\$1128	\$1128	\$1128	\$1128	\$1128	

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