

A. (Exhibit No. 1.)
Report of McCord Committee, June 4, 1919.

The Committee to consider the acquisition of the collection of books and historical objects relating to Canada and the British Empire owned by Mr. David Ross McCord, and re-considered by the Board of Governors in February, 1919, begs to report:-

1. The Committee is decidedly of the opinion that Mr. McCord's collection should be acquired if possible, since it affords an almost unique opportunity for offering very extensive courses at McGill on the history of Canada and the Empire.

Note. The value of an historical museum as an adjunct to historical courses in a University is well recognized both in Europe and the United States, as has been illustrated at Harvard by the widely-known Germanic Museum which was being developed before the outbreak of the recent war by the German Kaiser.

2. The Committee have not re-valued the collection since the valuation was made about five years ago, but Mr. McCord has been adding steadily to it ever since, so that it must be worth more now than it was when the valuation was made.

The Committee's valuation in 1909 was \$75,000. \$ 75,000.

Mr. W. D. Lighthall put the value at \$100,000.,

a fact which he wishes recorded.

Mr. McCord promises ^{to provide by will for a "substantial" endowment.} ~~an endowment of not less than~~

~~\$150,000.~~

~~150,000.~~
\$225,000.

Note. The conditions of Mr. McCord's gift are, in brief:- adequate accommodation, cost of maintenance, and the honorary curatorship.

3. After consideration the Committee recommends that the Joseph House be for the present used to house and exhibit the collection.

4. Cost of preparing the Joseph House for the exhibit.
Repairs and renovations, including cork carpet for floor

say \$5,000.

Cases for exhibition purposes

" 5,000.
\$10,000.