

The gentlemen named could not, and did not, hesitate to accept the responsible and honorable position indicated by Mrs. Pettes; and they immediately caused to be prepared a bill embodying her wishes, which was placed in the hands of one of their number, Mr. England, for submission to the legislature then about to assemble. The bill passed through its several stages, and on the 8th January, 1894, was sanctioned and became law, under the title of "An Act to incorporate the Pettes Memorial," and is now known as chapter 90 of the 57 Victoria.

The Trustees were fortunate at their first meeting on the 20th January, 1894, to secure the services of G. R. Cleveland, Esq. as their Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian. While they were anxiously considering, pending the completion of the building, what steps they could take to provide a certain number of books to place on the shelves of the library, as the starting point of their undertaking, the following letter reached them,—

TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE "PETTES MEMORIAL,"  
KNOWLTON, QUE.

GENTLEMEN,—

We, Frances Jane Davies and William Allen Davies, beg to inform you that we have great pleasure in hereby presenting to the "Pettes Memorial" the entire library of our late father William Henry Allen Davies, consisting of over 900 volumes, on the condition that it shall be known in the records of the "Pettes Memorial" as the "DAVIES COLLECTION," and that it shall, with the exception, of course, of books of reference, be absolutely free for purposes of loan, under the rules which the Trustees may, from time to time, frame for the lending of books from the "Pettes Memorial."

In doing this, we desire to manifest, as far as lies within our power, our deep interest in the welfare of the community, and this