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STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO ADDITIONAL
BUILDING REQUIRED FOR MCGILL NORMAL
SCHOOL.

The Committee of the McGill Normal School, while cordially thanking the Government for the important repairs recently effected, begs leave to present the reasons which in its judgment require that the additional accommodation also asked for should be given to the School, which is doing a very large and important educational work, and is the institution on which the Protestant population has to depend for its principal supply of trained teachers.

As evidence of the need of the desired additions to the building, the Committee would cite the following facts :

1. In the Normal School there is great want of a room expressly fitted up for the instruction of the drawing classes: because neither the mode of lighting nor the arrangement of the seats of an ordinary class-room suits the requirements of a class drawing from models, and this part of our work is of great and growing value.

2. In every school of the character of the Normal School there should be at least one large lecture-room or theatre, with raised seats, from which pupils can look down upon a demonstrating table. No such room can be provided in the present building.

3. The Library, originally too small, has had to be reduced in size in the course of the late repairs, to accommodate the new heating apparatus, and there is no reading-room nor space for it in the present building.

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