

tainable in Lower Canada, and comparable with that of the British Universities.

While these results, so creditable and useful to Canada, have been attained, the Board of Governors have, from the first, had to complain that the important objects committed to their care, have not received an adequate amount of Provincial pecuniary support, and that their labours have, in consequence, been prosecuted under many disadvantages.

The total expenditure of the University for the past year, including \$320 of interest on its debts, and repairs, &c. of buildings, \$1930, (but exclusive of the Normal School and of Fees paid to Professors in Medicine and Law,) may be stated at \$30,560 : and that an institution of this character, with 33 instructing officers, should be supported on such a sum, must be regarded as an instance of economy scarcely equalled in any other similar case.

Of the above sum, \$10,106 are paid by the revenue of the original endowment of Mr. McGill, and the interest of the Endowment Fund contributed by the citizens of Montreal, and \$8,597 by the fees in the High School and the Faculty of Arts. Toward the payment of the balance the legislature contributes as follows :—

(1.) A sum of \$1000 per annum to the Medical Faculty, being the same amount paid to each of the other Medical Schools, none of which equals that of McGill in the number of Professors and Students.

(2.) The sum of \$1,128 to the High School Department, on condition that it shall educate, free of expense, 30 pupils appointed by the Government, and whose education at the annual rate of fees would cost \$1200 ; the High School being distinguished from every other superior School in Lower Canada by receiving no free grant. The injustice of this is referred to in the Report of the High School Committee.

3.) The sum of \$2,862, 28cts. to the College, in aid of the University generally, and of the Faculties of Arts and Law. The sum thus granted has been progressively diminished from 1854 up to the present time, as stated in the following table, though in the mean time the number of students at the University and its annual expenditure for their benefit have largely increased.

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