

from one building to another and arranged in an orderly manner in so short a time. This was, no doubt, due in part to the care that had been taken to have the specimens in the old Museum and in Dr. Dawson's private collections mounted and arranged ready for removal. We had also to thank the architects and the contractors for the energy with which they pushed forward the interior arrangements to completion.

The result was that everything was ready for the formal opening on the evening of Thursday, the 24th of August.

In order that the occasion might be as agreeable as possible to our friends from abroad, Dr. Dawson had arranged to make the opening the occasion of his reception to the members of the American Association, of which he was President. Invitations were sent to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor and other official persons, and a large number of citizens were also invited. The guests, numbering about 2,000, found ample accommodation in the large hall and its galleries.

When the company had assembled, the Chancellor, Mr. Justice Day, took his place on a dais at the end of the large hall, along with Mr. Redpath, Dr. William B. Carpenter (of London), Dr. James Hall (of Albany), and Dr. Dawson. The meeting having been called to order, Mr. Redpath formally conveyed the building to the Chancellor, on behalf of the University, in the following terms:—

Mr. Chancellor, I fain would have had ceremony dispensed with on this occasion, but as some ceremony seems to be demanded, I am here by invitation for the purpose of transferring to you, as the representative of McGill University, in the presence of this distinguished company, all my right, title and interest in the building in which we are assembled. The conveyance, without other condition than that the building shall be maintained for the purpose for which it has been erected, will be found in the document which I now