

struggle, the University, with the exception of the Medical Faculty, was about extinct, and that it was without sufficient income even to sustain the scanty staff which it then possessed in the Faculty of Arts.

It was then, in 1852, that several gentlemen, citizens of Montreal, assumed the responsibility of its renovation, and secured an amended Charter under which its later work has been carried on.

As examples of the rapid strides which the University has taken since that time, we may mention, the Library, which in 1855 consisted of a small collection of historical and literary works and the Museum, which has since grown to be one of the finest University Museums in America, boasted of one specimen of common fossil coral.

The first degree in Law was conferred in 1850, while in Science the first degree was granted in 1858.

It was not, however, until 1878, that the Department of Applied Science was created a Faculty, it having previously been merely a Department of the Faculty of Arts.

In 1884, was founded the Donalda Department for the Higher Education of Women.

In 1890, the College of Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science became a Faculty of the University.

After many reverses, McGill University has, thanks to the energy and zeal of the Principal, Sir William Dawson, and to the benevolence of numerous friends, attained that eminence which places it second to no educational institution in America. The supreme authority of the University remains in the hands of the Crown, and is exercised by His Excellency the Governor-General as visitor.

In authority under him are :

The Board of Governors, which has under the Royal Charter, the power to frame Statutes, to make Appointments and to administer the Finances of the University.

The Principal, who, under the Statutes, has the General Superintendence of all affairs of the College and University under such regulations as may be in force.

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