

This he always did and handed over a certificate of burial, without any cost to them. I won't say as to the quantity of the remains buried but something always *was* kept and buried.

At one time the scandal of the "body snatching" enterprise became so great that public opinion was aroused. It is the custom in Eastern Canada in country places in winter, on account of the frozen state of the ground, to place the dead in vaults or dead houses in place of burying them, and in the spring when the ground thawed out they were interred in the ordinary way. Well, at one time the students in search of subjects broke open these vaults and removed all the bodies from them without disturbing the coffins, leaving the clothes behind. I have seen the French students bring in as many as ten or twelve bodies at one time, obtained in this way. Of course when the relatives came in the spring to bury their dead there were no bodies and an outcry was justifiably enough raised; but it was too late to trace the subjects that had long since disappeared, and the only remedy was to guard the dead more carefully in the future.

At one time the dead house in a nunnery in an adjacent village was robbed of its dead and this happened to be a school where many young ladies came from the States to be educated. There had been an epidemic of typhoid fever and many nuns and scholars had died and were awaiting removal or burial in the spring. One night thieves broke in and stole all these bodies. Unfortunately for the robbers the young American girls were awaiting removal to their homes and when the relatives came they found the coffins empty and then of course there was a great outcry. The bodies were never brought either to McGill or the French school, for the robbers, alarmed at the tremendous indignation which the robbery had aroused, hid the bodies in convenient snowdrifts, of which there were many that winter, and when there was danger of the search coming too near they moved them to other places. I was told that for some time they were buried in a large snowdrift near the medical school and in the college grounds. The bodies were not recovered until a large reward was offered. The perpetrators of the theft were so clever that they not only got the reward but were never found out. This affair so scandalized the community and the Catholic hierarchy that the Archbishops approached the Anatom-