

PROLOGUE

In accordance with a request from the Principal of McGill University transmitted to me through Sir Henry Miers, President of the Museums Association of Great Britain, I visited Montreal in November 1931 in order to examine and report (inter alia) on the Museums of McGill University.

My report deals with the character and significance of these collections, with their future development or reorganization, and with the possibilities of collaboration with institutions outside McGill University, with a view to providing the best possible Museum service for the City of Montreal.

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