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# MCGILL SALARY CUT REGALLS OLD TIMES

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## Report of 1865 Shows How Economies Were Also Necessary Then

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Reduction of salaries was the most common topic of conversation at McGill University yesterday, and in most cases the attitude of those affected was philosophical. One observant official pointed out that it was not a new thing for McGill to have financial troubles, and brought to hand as proof a copy of a "Memorial of the governors, principal and fellows of McGill College and University, presented to His Excellency the Governor-General and the Legislature, February, 1865."

This old pamphlet showed that the student registration which was 97 in 1854 had grown in ten years to 307 in 1863, with 177 enrolled in medicine, 82 in Arts and 48 in Law. Annual grants to the university over these years were shown as being in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The report said: "Taking into account all these sources of revenue (these being three in number) an annual deficiency remained in 1863 of \$10,141, not provided for by the income, and this deficiency appeared so alarming that the governors were in the necessity of withdrawing the aids formerly given to the high school and of discontinuing the courses English in the faculty of arts. They were also obliged further to postpone the just claims of several professors for increase of their salaries and to abstain from all additions to the library, museum, apparatus."

In 1865, the this official pointed out, the university was not forced to postpone just claims also to decree a general and temporary reduction in salaries on a scale that spread all the way from the principal to the low groundsman.

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