

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

appointed by the Board of Governors to examine and value

The Canadian Historical Collection

of

David Ross McCord, Esq., K.C.

The collection falls into the following main divisions:

(a) Over 1300 engravings chiefly of small size, but comprising numerous large and valuable prints, (some of them artist's proof and a few mezzo-tints) of historical personages, buildings, cities, etc. For instance, it ~~comprises~~ ^{includes} about 120 views of Montreal or of portions of the city or of important early buildings; about 50 portraits of General Wolfe or pictures relating to him; over 160 cuts illustrative of the Indians of North America.

These prints run in value from 1/6 to 4 guineas.
Averaging them at 4/-, a very low average, we get \$1300. \$1300
At the very low average price per print -

(b) Oil and water colour drawings by Henry Bunnett, illustrative of the history of Canada. All drawings have been made on the spot under the direct supervision of Mr. McCord and have been most carefully revised by both artist and collector. Their accuracy in all matters of detail is absolutely vouched for; also drawings by Duncan and Julien; also Mrs. McCord's, (the mother of David R.), drawings of Canadian plants and flowers; drawings by Peacock, miniature by Crowe and water colours by John Arthur Roebuck; in all 384 numbers. If these drawings could be made today, which could not be done inasmuch as most of the landmarks they represent have disappeared, it would cost approximately \$50 a piece to produce them. Value say \$19,200

(c) Original plans, maps, charts, etc., many by Royal Engineers, dating from 1756 to about 1860, nearly all of large size, about 20 small ones with a few facsimiles, (all certified) and very early and rare maps. Value \$8000 to \$10,000

(d) Indian silver, a very fine collection practically irreplaceable. Say 3,500

Wampum belts, excessively rare and very fine 2,000

(e) Autographs of Governors, Generals, Jesuit Fathers, Nor' Westers, McGill men and others. 2,500

(f) Sealing wax impressions of the seals of early French Governors and many others. - 1,000
\$39,5000