

BENEFACTORS OF THE McGill University, Montreal.

I. ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT--1811.

THE HONOURABLE JAMES MCGILL, by his last Will and Testament under date 8th January, 1811, bequeathed the Estate of Burnside, situated near the City of Montreal, and containing forty-seven acres of Land, with the Manor House and Buildings thereon erected, and also the sum of ten thousand pounds in money, unto "the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning," constituted by Act of Parliament in the Forty-First Year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, to erect and establish an University or College for the purpose of Education, and the advancement of learning in the Province of Lower Canada, with a competent number of Professors and Teachers to render such Establishment effectual and beneficial for the purposes intended, requiring that one of the Colleges to be comprised in the said University, should be named and perpetually be known and distinguished by the appellation of "McGill College."

The value of the above mentioned property was estimated at the date of the bequest at - - - - - £30,000

II. SUBSCRIPTIONS IN 1856.

At a meeting called by a number of the influential citizens of Montreal, and held at the Merchants' Exchange, 6th December, 1856, for the purpose of taking into consideration the financial condition of the University of McGill College,—The following Resolution was adopted: "That an effort ought to be made for increasing the endowment of McGill College in such a manner as to extend its usefulness, and to place it for the future upon an independent and permanent footing."

Whereupon, in pursuance of the above Resolution, the following donations were enrolled for Special or General objects connected with the University,—the Royal Institution granting Scholarships in perpetuity according to the value of the donations.

The Honourable John Molson	} £5,000	Thomas Brown Anderson, Esq.	150
Thomas Molson, Esq.		Peter Redpath, Esq.	150
William Molson, Esq.		Thomas M. Taylor, Esq.	150
for the formation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language and Literature.		Joseph McKay, Esq.	150
John Gordon McKenzie, Esq.	500	Donald Lorn McDougall, Esq.	150
Ira Gould, Esq.	500	Honourable John Rose	150
John Frothingham, Esq.	500	Charles Alexander, Esq.	150
John Torrance, Esq.	500	Moses E. David, Esq.	150
James B. Greenshields, Esq.	300	Wm. Carter, Esq.	150
William Busby Lambe, Esq.	300	Thomas Paton, Esq.	150
Sir George Simpson, Knight	250	Wm. Workman, Esq.	150
Henry Thomas, Esq.	250	Honourable A. T. Galt,	150
John Redpath, Esq.	250	Honourable Luther H. Holton	150
James M'Dougall, Esq.	250	Henry Lyman, Esq.	150
James Torrance, Esq.	250	David Torrance, Esq.	150
Honourable James Ferrier	250	Edwin Atwater, Esq.	150
John Smith, Esq.	250	Theodore Hart, Esq.	150
Harrison Stephens, Esq.	250	William Forsyth Grant, Esq.	150
James Mitchell, Esq.	250	Robert Campbell, Esq.	150
Henry Chapman, Esq.	150	Alfred Savage, Esq.	150
Mr. Chapman also founded a Gold Medal to be given annually in the graduating class in Arts.		James Ferrier, Jr., Esq.	150
John James Day, Esq.	150	William Stephens, Esq.	150
Honourable Peter McGill	150	N. S. Whitney, Esq.	150
		William Dow, Esq.	150
		William Watson, Esq.	150
		Edward Major, Esq.	150
		Honourable Charles Dewey Day	50
		John R. Esdaile, Esq.	50