

son Annuaire pour 1879-80, le Décret de la Propagande du 1^{er} Février 1876, la Bulle "Inter Varias sollicitudines", la nouvelle Loi de Médecine où il est fait mention de l'*Université Laval à Montréal*, l'Étude Légale de Monsieur l'avocat J. L. Archambault etc. etc., l'honorable Solliciteur-Général donna par écrit l'opinion légale dont je transcris ci-dessous les points suivants, croyant devoir passer sous silence, pour une raison facile à comprendre, ce qui, dans cette opinion, se rapporte aux moyens légaux à prendre pour contraindre l'Université Laval à se retirer de Montréal.

Répondant aux questions qui lui avaient été adressées, l'Honorable Solliciteur-Général s'exprime de la manière suivante :

RE UNIVERSITY LAVAL AT QUEBEC.

" I am of opinion that the Laval University at Quebec is
" not intitled under its Charter to establish itself elsewhere
" than in Quebec, or to establish faculties of Theology, Law,
" Medecine and Arts, to exist at the same time at Quebec and
" Montreal. I think the Charter by which it is incorporated
" establishes it as a local University at Quebec and that it
" acts in excess of the powers and privileges conferred upon
" it by the Charter when it establishes itself elsewhere.
" There are various considerations which point to this conclu-
" sion, amongst others, I may mention that the title is strictly
" local, that the visitor is the Archbishop of Quebec, that the
" Rector is the Superior of the Quebec Seminary and that the
" Council consists principally of the Directors of that Institu-
" tion. If it were in the power of the Laval University to do
" what is contended for, great inconvenience might arise :
" for all the senior professors who form part of the Council
" might at any particular time be professors of the branch
" at Montreal whilst the other *ex officio* members of the
" Council were all at Quebec. Further it is to be observed
" that express power is given to affiliate to and connect with
" the University Colleges, &c., anywhere within the province,
" and this I think is all that the Charter authorizes to be
" done outside Quebec. It is to be noted that the word
" connect" on which I understand reliance is placed as justi-
" fying the action of the University Laval is joined to the
" word *affiliate* by the conjunctive "and". The words are not
" affiliate or connect". It seems to me clear therefore that
" the Charter does not warrant a connection a part from an
" affiliation.