# McGill University

Daniel Alexander Murray was born in Scotsburn, Pictou
County, Nova Scotia, on May 23, 1862, the son of Angus Murray
and Jane (Mackay) Murray, both of that county.   He received his
early education at the Truro Academy and at Dalhousie University
where he was awarded his B.A. degree, graduating with honors in
Mathematics.  He then took a course of study at Johns Hopkins
University, where he gained his Doctor's degree.

From 1890 to 1894 he taught on the mathematical staff
of New York University, later going to Cornell, where he lectured
from 1894 to 1901.  Dr. Murray was then named Professor of Mathe-
matics at Dalhousie University and remained there until 1907,
when he joined the staff of McGill.    From that year until 1924
he was Professor of Applied Mathematics in the Faculty of Applied
Science (now the Faculty of Engineering).  On the death of
Professor James Harkness of the Mathematics Department of the
Faculty of Arts (now the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Mathe-
matics Departments of the two faculties were merged and Dr. Murray
became the first head of the joined departments, with the title
of Chairman of the Department of Mathematics.  On reaching the
retiring age in 1930, Dr. Murray was made an emeritus professor.
At McGill he won the high regard of all his colleagues, raising the
Department of Mathematics to a very high standard of excellence.

Dr. Murray was a member of the American Association for
the Advancement of Science; the American Mathematical Society;
The Mathematical Association of America; the Society for the
Promotion of Engineering Education; the Nova Scotian Institute of
Science; the Nova Scotia Historical Society; the Archaeological