

building. \$20,000 were advanced to the Board for the purposes of the exhibition of 1860, and out of that, prizes were paid, and all the heavy expenses incidental to the reception of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, were defrayed. Had the Exhibition Building not been erected, the temporary structures necessary for such an occasion would have cost as much as, or more, than the portion of the \$20,000.00 not expended in prizes and current expenses. The receipts at the door on that occasion were much below what had been confidently anticipated; the presence of H. R. H. in town, diverting attention from the exhibition to other festivities, —not drawing people to it. Out of the carefully husbanded petty annual grant made to this Board, a very considerable sum has also been paid towards the cost of the erection of this Building, and the interest on the debt. But we cannot suppose that the Executive Council will choose to reckon these moneys as advances towards the building, any more than the payment of rent for actual occupation by the Local Militia, can be properly so regarded.

The President and Sub-Committee also beg leave most respectfully to point out, that the title to the land ordered to be sold by the Hon. Mr. Ferrier is vested in the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, as a corporate body and not in Her Majesty, the Provincial Government only being a hypothecary creditor in consequence of the transfer to it of the *Bailleur de fond*, and hypothecary right of McGill College. They respectfully desire, therefore, to be informed if it is the intention of His Excellency in Council to enforce the College claims thus transferred to the Government, by legal process or otherwise, it being obvious that neither the \$20,000 granted for an exhibition nor the sum lately paid in express terms for rent, constitute any claim either in law or equity against the property of the Board.