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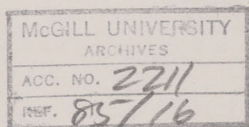
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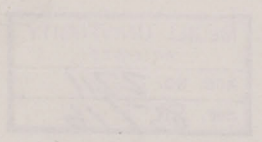
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The will of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields, whose death it was our painful duty to record a few days since, has been filed. After making provision for members of his family, Mr. Greenshields has made the following very liberal legacies, which will associate his name forever with some of our most prominent and most worthy institutions. The portion of the will in which the public are interested is summarized as follows:

To St. Paul's Church, to be invested and the interest expended by the minister for the poor.....	\$ 1,000
Montreal Thistle Curling Club.....	500
St. Andrew's Society.....	1,000
Mackay Institute.....	1,000
Protestant Orphan Asylum.....	500
Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	500
Hervey Institute.....	500
Trafalgar Institute.....	500
Boys' Home.....	500
Widows and Orphans Fund of the Presbyterian Church.....	500
Young Men's Christian Association.....	500
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Working Girls' Association.....	250
Montreal Sailor's Institute.....	1,000
Female Home.....	250
Art Association.....	500
McGill University.....	40,000
Montreal General Hospital.....	40,000
Morrin College, Quebec.....	5,000
Queen's University, Kingston.....	5,000
Home Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.....	10,000

These make a total of public legacies amounting to \$109,200. In the case of McGill University the testator has made no stipulation as to how the money is to be expended, but we presume that whether it establish a chair or be otherwise used the name of the testator will be associated with it. The executors of the will are the nephews of the testator, Messrs. Edward B. and Samuel Greenshields.

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