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MUNIFICENT GIFT TO MCGILL.

The announcement made at the meeting of the Corporation of McGill University yesterday afternoon that the Rockefeller Foundation has given to McGill the munificent sum of \$1,232,652 towards the establishment of a neurological institute is manifestly one of great importance and promise. The purpose of the Rockefeller Foundation is to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world, and the choice of McGill University as an agency to contribute to the fulfilment of this philanthropic end is more than a tribute to the high standards of the university and the efficiency of the work it has done through its medical school to advance medical study. It is, in addition, a signal mark of confidence in the institution's capabilities to attain even higher standards, notably in that branch of medical science which treats of the nervous system. This gift, we believe, is the only special award which the Rockefeller Foundation plans to make this year, and the preference shown towards McGill stands more noteworthy and significant as an appreciation of the university's merits and potentialities, because a number of the large universities in the United States are solicitous and constant in an ambition to pursue the type of research work which the Rockefeller donation will help to advance in Montreal through McGill, and for the benefit of the hospitals and all classes of the community.

McGill has a good foundation to build upon in the matter of neuropathology, and with the promised co-operation of the Quebec Government and the civic authorities of Montreal, and a financial support generously pledged by friends of the university, the Rockefeller gift will enable this institution to provide a new medical building, and set it aside adequately equipped and staffed to pursue a specific branch of study and become, it may be predicted, the leading centre on this continent for brain research, attracting as such eminent specialists and ardent students from all parts of the world.

Dr. Wilder G. Penfield, who was recently promoted by McGill governors from clinical professor of neurological surgery to professor of neurology and neuro-surgery, will be placed at the head of the work at the neurological institute when completed here. Dr. Penfield has seen three years' excellent service at McGill. His outstanding work in brain surgery has won him a world-wide reputation which he has enhanced by contributions to medical literature. It was because his leadership in the whole field of neurology and neuro-surgery was so outstanding that the McGill governors combined the two branches and placed the united department under his direction. The university is to be congratulated upon the signal recognition that has just come to it and upon the opportunity thus afforded to widen the scope and usefulness of its medical work. It all adds to the universal fame of the university's name.