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The Rutherford Museum

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The Rutherford Museum of McGill University contains a collection of about 35 pieces of original research apparatus designed and used by Ernest Rutherford during his tenure as Macdonald Professor of Experimental Physics from 1898 to 1907. In addition, there are documents, letters, photographs and other memorabilia. Until recently the museum was housed in a room in the old Macdonald Physics Building where Rutherford actually worked, although this building was converted into a library (Physical Sciences and Engineering) in 1977. In 1993 it was decided to move the museum to the new Physics Building, appropriately named the Rutherford Physics Building, on the upper campus. The museum was officially re-opened on October 1, 1993 by the University Chancellor, Gretta Chambers, and a public lecture on "Rutherford at McGill: Life and Science" was given by the Museum Curator, Professor Montague Cohen.

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Although the move entailed a break with the original Physics Building, the new location provides about 50 percent more space for the museum and this has been utilized to display photographs, documents and other items to advantage, Unfortunately, there are no additional pieces of original apparatus! The new museum is next to the McPherson Museum of Scientific Instruments (mainly late 19th century) and visitors can see both collections if they wish. Although neither museum has regular hours of opening, visits can be arranged by appointment at short notice. Visitors to Montreal should at least be aware that the city includes this unique treasure!