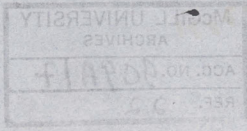


Montreal, 5 Dec. 1874

My dear Sir

Mr. Gilpin writes: "I had postponed the
 examination of No 49 & the last, & after prospecting
 45 & 102 was about to turn my attention to it
 when the order came to make the Survey. I
 therefore had to do most of the examination. I
 am sorry to say he could make nothing of it.
 In this case the Primaries thought it better not
 to take out the right of selection now falling due
 on No 49 at least. Will you please tell
 me what you think about it. There is one right
 already applied for on it, & 2 rights of selection.
 If the present right be allowed to slip, there
 can yet be two miles secured, namely the
 one already applied for, & the right of selection
 expiring in 1876. The Primaries also advise that
 on No 102 - where are 2 rights of selection,
 beside a mile applied for - one of the rights
 of selection be so placed as to cover all the
 or the other be allowed to lapse.
 This is a matter for serious consideration, -
 their idea appears to be that there will be
 difficulty in holding so many acres - Should
 operations be carried on I should not anticipate
 any difficulty, but they are people probably
 the best judges.



~~The report of the committee~~

Will you kindly attend to this, as no one here
can advise except yourself?

Yours truly
D. W. A. Prentice

D. Dawson M.P.

Prentice
Dec 1/74

P.S. Mackay reminds me of what I have
so often written about, the debt in England,
viz the report of work done & expenditure, such
as is required by Government. If you would
touch upon this point, perhaps Primrose &
Gilpin could be induced to send in a report.
The Government have paid much ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{respect} of

W. Selwyn has the Report for 1874
ready. I wish you would see it. In order
to know the terrible loss which I have still to
carry, & a series of short editorials (after
the elections) reviewing the Annual Government
Report, & pointing especially to what shall
be the ~~main~~ ^{main} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~great~~ ^{great} ~~source~~ ^{source} of Canada's
wealth, as it has been of England, - if the
new one it might help us much.
Et!?