

To J. W. Dawson L.D. F.R.S. &c
Principal of McGill College, Montreal

Vice-Chancellor of McGill University

Sir,

We, the undersigned Professors of the University of Montreal, (McGill College), have learned with regret, that as you have been proposed for the office of Principal in the University of Edinburgh, there is a possibility of your removal from us. We are fully sensible how great would be our loss if this should happen; but we should make a bad return for the great and eminent services you have rendered this University, if, through the desire to retain you which we feel, we should even passively resist your promotion to the head of one of the time-honoured Universities of the Mother Country by withholding our testimony to the remarkable qualifications which experience has shown you to possess for such an office.

Of your scientific reputation it is unnecessary for us to speak. To administrative ability of the highest order must be attributed the present state of this University and the high place it holds in the public esteem of Canada. The creation, practically, of the Faculty of Arts, the erection of a large part of the College Buildings, the establishment of new Professorships, of Museums, of a Laboratory for Practical Chemistry, of a Magnetic and Meteorological Observatory, the collection of Philosophical Apparatus, these, more especially, attest your indefatigable activity and zeal for the promotion of its interests. The liberality with which the citizens of Montreal have contributed to these objects is, we consider, due in no small degree to their appreciation of your exertions and to the great social influence which you have acquired.

Of no less value than the above acquisitions has been the harmonious action of the component parts of the University which has marked your internal administration of its affairs,

action so difficult to maintain amid the conflicting opinions on important points unavoidable in a young institution.

It has not a little contributed to this harmony, that while zealously attending to the duties of your own Professorial Chair, you have at the same time earnestly and ably promoted and advocated the interests of all other departments of learning.

Of your services to Education in general, and of your public position outside of the University, others can testify, we desire here solely to express our sense of those services which we have had the best opportunities of appreciating and our esteem as Professors for you as Principal.

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