

MCGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES	
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The Prince
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Principal Dawson

Sir

Last Wednesday after-
noon a person called with a parcel
for me which he said had come
to Father Point by the steamer that
morning. At once I said to myself
"What can be in it?" and then "Who
can have sent it?" But to these
questions I could receive no answer
I saw from the label on which
the address was written that it
had come from Mr Grafton's
store. I was satisfied that it
could not be a destruction ma-
chine and therefore I boldly pro-
-ceeded

to open it. Having done so I found
an excellent S. Sch. Library and
a large number of other things
suitable for S. Sch. scholars. Que-
tion No 1. was thus answered. Not
so No 2. Kitter on the parcel
nor within it could I find the
smallest clue to ~~these~~ enable me
to find out the sender. My sus-
picious fell on one who was with
us a short time in the summer.
I resolved however to "wait a
week" and then if I did not find
out the sender to try my hand
at the work of a detection. How-
ever your letter which I have
this day received answers Quest.
No 2. My mind is now at rest.
Speaking in name of the

S. Sch. teachers and children as well as for myself I return warmest thanks to you and the kind friends associated with you in the making up of the parcel referred to. It is very pleasant to us to receive this expression of your interest in us. I hope that it will stir up teachers and taught to greater vigour in the discharge of their respective duties. You say that Mrs Redpath of Town Bank is the principal giver I shall therefore send her a letter of thanks. As I do not know the names of the other friends I would respectfully request you if it is not trespassing on your goodness - to return them

our warmest thanks for their kindness.

The wants of the F. Canadian children whom we are teaching as well as those of the "Ecosais" ^{has been attributed to} the habitants here call them,

A word regarding our French School may not be uninteresting to you. We had about 20 at first. While my brother Mr Gibson was with us we had our Band of Hope Festival to which we invited the French children.

The curé heard of that, so he came down a day or two before and forbade them to attend. Some however did attend but others staid away. Ever since the school has not been so well

attended as it was before. But
the children who left as are coming
back bit by bit. I think that
the curi' here is not so bitter against
the Protestants as some of his bre-
thren about us are. I think that
he did what I have referred to
pretty much to keep up appien-
ances. The scholars are poor readers
We cannot teach them a great
deal in the course of an hour and
a half once a week. I am with-
ly opposed to a mere reading
exercise on Sabbath. We try to
teach them a little Divine truth.
At first the children were so ig-
norant that some could not
give any answer to the question
"Who made all things?" - others said
"Mame"

We do not interfere with their religion. We simply deal with them as sinners and seek to lead them to Jesus. If they become Christians there can be little doubt that they will become Protestants. If however they should - like good Martin Bood - continue in the Romish Church we shall be satisfied if they are in Christ. Godly Roman Catholics shall be saved but ungodly Protestants shall perish. Enough however on that subject.

Please accept a small photograph of the Falls of Mitis from a large water colour sketch of them which I did. The Fine

Arts are not altogether neglected here. The trees to the right are rather indistinct. That is the photographer's fault.

The Intercolonial railway will do much good to this part. There will be a station about 3 miles from the Manse.

Should we both be spared till then I shall be glad to see you here next summer. But many changes will take place during a year. Four who were at our Festival last year are now in the spirit world.

Professors Cornish and Johnson spent their holidays here last summer.

But - as Byron says

"The reader's tired and so am I."

I am, Sir

Yours most respectfully
Thomas Fenwick