

Hanks  
The Consolidated Bank of Canada  
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Montreal 7<sup>th</sup> April 1877

My dear Principie

I have looked over  
the petitions but I have grave doubts as  
to the expediency of moving in the matter. The  
subject has been fully discussed in both  
houses of Parliament and all that could  
be done for Montreal has been done -  
The Act is now virtually law and  
one appeal must be to the courts. What  
then is the necessity for hurrying the  
matter without discussion? It seems to me  
unlikely that any prompt action will  
be taken, and I am rather inclined  
to think that a formal petition

is more calculated to do harm  
than good. Surely, should not  
a little delay can do no harm

Yours  
Wm. Hanks