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Merchants Bank of
Ottawa 5th Moth '85

Dear Sir

On the strength
of a promise most kindly
made by you in a letter
written to my Mother in
1840, to the effect that
should a word from you
at any time be of use to
me, you be glad to give
it, I write to ask you
if ^{you} will do me the great
favour to give me a letter

of commendation now.

I am trying to get into
the Civil Service, certain
circumstances having
led me to do so, one
being our great desire to
remain permanently in
Ottawa. Mr. Beatty, M.P.
for Toronto West, is kindly
exerting himself on my
behalf, and Mr. J. Lorne
McDougall, the Auditor
General, has told him
that he may be able to
give me an appointment
in two or three months

in his department. My present position
is that of Accountant in the B. & O. Co.
here.

Begging kind remembrances to
Lady Dawson and all your circle

I remain Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully
W. M. Cross

Sir Wm Dawson
McGill University
Montreal

P. S. Unfortunately I have lost my College
Testimonial - the intermediate - which
might have been of some service
to me just now.

W. M. C.