

86 Shipman St. Newark N.J. April 24, 1895

To Sir William Dawson D.L.S.

Dear Sir William,

Accept my thanks for your early response to my long (and to you) must have been an uninteresting communication? It was that you would indorse me to the Premier? The troubles which have sprung up in the North West is quite enough to engross the attention of Sir John! I trust they may be adjusted, to give us peace with little fighting. I quite agree with you "as to the best source to apply." Also the Minister of Marine will be a fitting person to interest in our claim, which altho by the President & Sub Secretarys advise we cut our bill down from \$1000 to \$800 yst. There is more in the affair than the bare payment of the debt and interest. Will you oblige us by forwarding my letter to Mr Mc Gillan? I will also make application Having the decided declaration of the Hon D C Hill (the Pres Secy of N.S. and the President of the Centennial Managing Committee for N.S. appointed by the Dominion Government ^{at the time}) that the Dom Government were accountable for every dollar's expence in getting up the Natural Exhibits, particularly in the Mining and Quarrying departments and that the Sub Secy (the Custodian of the Halifax Museum) had nothing to do, either in affirming or denying the justice of the payment of any correct account rendered for approved work done. That Messrs McDonald and Edwards had done the work and it were only a just and graceful act in the Dominion Government to pay the same". I have a suspicion that some thing beneath the surface has caused the Sub Secretarys opposition to the prompt payment of our just demands! I should not have spoken of the Sub Secy. But seeing the name of Dr Honeyman amongst the Scientists at the Montreal meeting. I have just to say of Sir W Dawson has a jealous (would be) rival in N.S. He is one else why Sutton hole visits at the Museum in attempting to show that Dr Dawson was wrong in

in some conclusion relative to some trivial thing!"
I was so disgusted "that apart from the mysterious part he
has taken, in trying to keep Mr Edwards and myself out
of our dear earned money, I intended then and there to
write to you, but on reflection concluded you required
no person to defend the doctrines and facts in your Works
You will excuse this digression with this excuse
that nothing is much more highly prized than
the rising reputation of a Nova Scotia (out of the
province) and any attempt to undervalue the same
or fame of such persons is regarded as an insult to
an absent friend. Allow me to assure you Sir that
in your Native Province you have a great many
who rejoice at every stage of your literary career
May great success continue to attend your arduous
College labours.

Most respectfully

Yours truly
Geo J Mc Donald